

What qualities of Holliston do you value the most and want to see preserved and strengthened?

1. The great small town feel, the independent businesses, the community service endeavors, the volunteerism, the land / farms, community events /traditions
2. community, diversity
3. Love the farms, local shops and the rail trail. Love that it's cute houses and not a bunch of apartments in town.
4. Small town feeling, charm, not many HOA neighborhoods/large apartment buildings
5. Schools, farms, open space/parks, downtown businesses
6. I like the old town feel in terms of [downtown] but we need an increase in commerce whether it be additional locally owned shops or bars / restaurants. I constantly find myself spending money in Hopkinton on Medfield because of a lack of options in my home town.
7. The farms and open space
8. I would like to see the small town/tight knit community characteristic strengthened and preserved
9. Small businesses, community celebrations and gatherings, access and use of outdoor recreational activities and continued maintenance (rail trail, lake Winthrop, tennis courts, etc.), right to farm, keeping large transport vehicles off the local roadways, snow removal / continued maintenance of public walkways/sidewalks, strong sense of community and lots of opportunities to get involved
10. Small-town feel / agriculture / historic
11. Small community that supports its residents
12. I want to see Holliston accept new growth opportunities to grow commercial revenue to help support our operating budget
13. Architecture
14. Strong schools, community events, desirable parks & fields, walkable downtown
15. Strong schools, Holliston Rail Trail, Holliston Agriculture-the wonderful farms,
16. Excellent schools. Public spaces are also great, would actually like to expand them.
17. The sense of community
18. Quaint town, trees, farmland, natural resources
19. Education, sense of community, small town/historic feel, parks/green space/agriculture, safety
20. sense of community and this includes local shopping options [downtown]. [Some Retailers] are institutions in this town and I'm not sure there is anyone to pass the torch too.
21. Access to outdoor spaces, low crime
22. The schools and family feel
23. Pride in the community
24. Community, the mix of agriculture and suburbs, desire for high achieving schools, local businesses
25. Great schools, community environment and values.
26. Quaint, strong community feeling, safe, outdoors , stable house values
27. Local businesses, walkable downtown, rail trail, community activities
28. Quaint downtown, good schools
29. The quaint, New England look and feeling downtown
30. Rail trail, lakes

31. Family friendly
32. Sense of community and unity throughout our town and schools.
33. Hometown feeling, farm land in the suburbs, excellent schools, community ties
34. Friendliness, town spirit, small businesses
35. Schools, Public Safety, and community involvement while still maintaining a small New England town charm.
36. smallish town with close nit neighborhoods
37. Small town feel
38. Small town feel and sense of connectedness
39. There is an innovative mindset in our schools that allows educators to feel empowered to design personalized learning experiences for students. I hope we are able to continue to support and grow our educators so they feel confident to take risks, work together for students and create learning experiences that encourage student agency and self-discovery.
40. small town feel, good schools
41. Downtown local businesses
42. I very much love the sense of community and small business presence in town. The public school systems are also very important given my kids have many years ahead of them.
43. Support for local/small businesses
44. Rail trail, lake Winthrop, ability to walk downtown, schools and parks and Rec
45. Neighborhood feel, wonderful people
46. Small town vibe
 - (1) School quality/competitiveness, inclusive of funding, staffing, buildings, curriculum, inclusivity, etc. (2) Vibrant Downtown, inclusive of active landlords who care about this community not just their pockets; (3) Agriculture/Farming/Nature, "Farms Day" is a treasure! As is the Holliston in Bloom Committee and their efforts; (4) Rail Trail!!!! And all the celebrations & events on it and about it; (5) Arts, our artist community and thriving art programs at the schools and offered by local businesses; (6) Historical Preservation, inclusive of our town buildings, private homes, and landmarks, etc. (7) Inclusiveness, although there are some challenges here.
47. Progressive, community-oriented, family-friendly, small/close
48. Education/School, Community-we need to refocus on what that actually means.
49. I value the participation of Holliston's residents in decisions that are made and in town-wide activities and concerns and would hope to see that preserved and strengthened.
50. A sense of community by helping each other. Supporting the small businesses too.
51. Small town feel - community events
52. School system, parks, fields and trails, community events
53. Community involvement. Quality schools
54. The town/farm feel of the town. It's not over developed, plenty of land space, rail trail, farms, etc.
55. I love the feel of our downtown and would love to see new business fill in empty spaces
56. Quality education, community, safety
57. Generally quiet and friendly
58. I cannot answer this question effectively - it's an odd question - I like Chief Cassidy and Chief Stone.

59. small town, semi-rural, agriculture
60. Small Town Charm, Open Space, Downtown appeal
61. Good schools, environmental concern and sustainability
62. Quality of the school system.
63. "1. Small town feeling with good schools and (hopefully) diverse and accepting community
64. 2. Outdoor spaces preserved and expanded"
65. Small town favored for its high quality school system and infrastructure
66. Good school system
67. Safety/security
68. Small town, local feel, that we continue to drive out of our town by rising rent costs for local retailers. Parades, strolls, farmers market (would be great to expand)
69. Protecting our scenic roads and not allowing massive solar projects like the one under construction on Marshall Street.
70. Small town feel, family and education oriented community
71. I value a tight knit Holliston, one that remembers the past. I'm disgusted with the changes that have happened in Holliston over the years. This town has over compensated and bent over backwards for people that don't really don't care for Holliston but only care about themselves!!!!
72. Transparency, equity and more focus on walkability and active lifestyle
73. Strong community when others are in need
74. Education
75. Schools
76. The small town feel, the local businesses being what they are with nostalgia and personalized service, the people, the family first attitude, family activities like summer concerts, etc all contribute to the town's character.
77. Increased focus on valuing and diversity and inclusion in our community, community pride, supporting local businesses and agriculture
78. walkable downtown community. Small local businesses. trail
79. Downtown business district
80. Quaint New England downtown, historic homes, narrow streets, residential quality of life
81. School system and our charming downtown
82. Downtown, schools, & trails
83. The small town with aspects of being somewhat rural.
84. Having a vibrant downtown district of locally owned businesses, an attractive historical district, annual traditions and neighborly gatherings, commitment to outdoor spaces (Rail trail and other open spaces), not overbuilding, active participation in volunteer organizations.
85. Sense of community and caring for others
86. Good schools and property values
87. Downtown mixed use, improvements/access to open space, increased public meeting spaces
88. Outdoor space, Lake Winthrop,
89. Community, downtown, rail trail, schools
90. Small town character
91. The feeling of community. We are all neighbors.

92. Community and community events. Land preservation. We need more growth in downtown to include more businesses, better water purification system to support that.
93. Our town is bucolic, verdant, and tree-lined, with lots of pockets of open natural space.
94. Many long term residents have raised families here in Holliston, and have witnessed the changes - both good and poor- as time has moved on. Holliston has managed to keep it's New England charm, while in many communities uncontrolled growth has destroyed the landmarks of history and replaced with strip malls, generic franchises, traffic and warehousing facilities, obliterating their character and history. We are a small community and at risk to lose our sense of Community Pride to the need for cash flow. This is a very large concern for me.
95. Neighbors caring about neighbors, civic involvement and collaboration, Green Community efforts and climate mitigation, open space, good public schools
96. Historic Downtown and walkability
97. Our small town charm! Community, open spaces, safe streets, small and local businesses
98. Small town feel, open space
99. Strong sense of community
100. Safety/ low crime
101. Small town feel. Community. Open space.
102. Walkability, bikeability, local independent businesses and minimal chain stores.
103. Historic looking downtown, all the open space and trails
104. Historic downtown, quiet residential neighborhoods, family-centered community efforts
105. Urban village/agricultural mix
106. Neighborhood/small town/shop local
 - 1) Small town, semi-rural character; 2) Plentiful trees and nature
107. Historical homes, nature trails, agriculture, small town atmosphere - strengthen # if restaurants with downtown sewer.
108. The land
109. Its small town feel
110. Green space, small businesses, community
111. More robust downtown
112. Good sense of community, more modern school facility
113. great school systems and great public spaces
114. The open land, the small town feel, the farm community.
115. I love that Holliston is a quintessential New England town with strong local businesses, a sense of pride in the community and a robust farming identity.
116. Small town community feeling - people wave hello and make meals and provide support to those members in need. An approach to raising children that encourages independence (ex walking around the downtown after school) but with boundaries and support. It's also a very safe town - low on crime. I love it's small businesses like [downtown].
117. Strong schools and preservation of our strong community values and heritage.
118. Love the small businesses, rail trail and improvements to our park space by Woodland and Railroad Street.
119. Small, semi-rural, unpretentious, good quality of life
120. Our sense of community
121. Conservation of natural space

122. Strong, highly rated schools
123. Open-minded, progressive community.
124. Small community feel
125. Small town, personal relationships, caring community. Relevant educators who are not willing to adopt trendy ideas/programs/actions for stakeholders.
126. Strong school system
127. Friendliness and willingness to help others.
128. Small town atmosphere, good parks and trails, but with a good business climate.
129. Historic town center. Small town feel. Rail trail and conservation land.
130. "Historic buildings/look, especially in the downtown and along Washington St. I believe they are the best invitation to settle here and shop here. We need to maximize those.
131. The other biggest asset is our population of volunteers who serve in a million ways. I so appreciate the volunteers of town government - they are unique and so valuable. Imagine how much it would cost to hire the talents we get for free? I hope we will do everything we can to strengthen that with training and other benefits that might attract more and more volunteers. Encourage partnerships with non-profits to build capacity."
132. A small town that has friendly people and the local business people know your name.
133. downtown character and feel,
134. Conservation lands, historic downtown, and agriculture
135. It's small town feel
136. Public schools
137. Holliston is a very family friendly town, which I hope will always be true. There are many places to walk and bike. Playgrounds and fields are very important. I hope we always keep them beautiful and safe.
138. Quality of schools, charming downtown without chain stores, keeping store/business signs small, not overdeveloped with a rural feel, an engaged police force, growing diversity
139. Maintaining the picturesque downtown but encourage more business development to broaden the tax base. Strengthen the public school system to improve student achievement. Preserve existing open space and farm resources.
140. "--Open space for outdoor recreation, walking, biking, boating, swimming.
141. --Making Holliston a more walkable town (for instance, a walking/biking path connecting downtown to Stoddard Park).
142. --Good schools
143. --Small town/community atmosphere
144. --Support small business growth and target selected large businesses for industrial parks
145. --Support and expand on green energy (e.g. homeowner incentives to install solar, heat pumps, etc.). Convert town buildings to green energy.
146. --Continued community events (Celebrate Holliston, Holiday stroll, Farm Day, etc, maybe add a spring/summer event)
147. Quality of life, low crime rate, responsible citizens, community involvement
148. Historic, quiet, well kept, educational opportunities, good housing a sense of community
149. Nice downtown. Walkability. Friendliness.
150. small town community feel
151. The appearance of the main street

152. Community spirit
153. Sense of community and support for the middle class residents.
154. Sense of community
155. Community life, historical downtown , school system
156. The small town feel, the history and buildings that date back to the 1600s and 1700s, the sense of community, the rail trail, Town Forest, other outdoor properties.
157. Attractive downtown, good schools, active community, great volunteer force, arts community, farm community, parks, civic pride
158. A caring community that supports those in need when necessary. Reaching out family to family or neighborhood to neighborhood when someone needs assistance is what I have witnessed for the 43 years I have lived here and want to see that continue. I treasure the small town feel where you can be recognized at church, while shopping in the local stores, on the ballfields, library and town events.
159. Safe and volunteering community
160. The caring of the people to improve the towns history and social environment.
161. Quaint small town vibe
162. Wooded areas
163. Small town, everyone is supportive of small business
164. The sense of community, small new england town with small local businesses
165. Good schools, green space e.g. rail trail, quiet, openness to newcomers
166. The rural feel, space and farming history
167. Our unique New England charm, small-town beauty and sense of community must be preserved while strengthening our diversity.
168. Open space, community and volunteerism
169. Classic New England Downtown; excellent schools; community spirit; recreational opportunities
170. Very few fast food chain restaurants, no big box stores. The feeling of a tight-knit, small community is extremely important. The fact that Holliston is a farming community is a very important quality that must be preserved
171. Charm, down town area, scenic roads
172. The small town New England without being taken over by big money. Follow bylaws put in place to maintain this.
173. Education
174. our farms and history!
175. community welcomeness
176. Small town feel and charm
177. Walking trail. Quiet neighborhoods with good neighbors. Nature. Beautiful birds to watch. Roads not used as freeways, through ways. Privacy. Fewer massive and overwhelming developments.
178. Good school system, charming, small business, rail trail
179. Small town atmosphere
180. small town feel, aesthetic beauty in and around town, school ranking, good shops downtown

181. Conservation of open space for recreation, specifically walks and hikes. Also, but at least as significant: Holliston's disinclination to permit large-scale predatory development schemes such as at 555 Hopping Brook Road, that would do more harm than good. This disinclination needs to continue, because the predatory schemes certainly are going to continue.
182. The small town feel. When we moved to Holliston we felt comfortable letting our children bike and walk next to roads. I want to keep the roads free of semi trucks that can't see well around their vehicles. I want to keep the noise pollution at a minimum. Our house shakes when semi-trucks drive by and when they use their air brakes. Say NO to 555 Hopping Brook Rd development please!
183. The small town things like parades, town meeting, no giant warehouses with huge increases in truck traffic.
184. "Small town feel, open space, sense of community"
185. Holliston is a warm and lovely town with local businesses like Fisks and Janine's jewels downtown. Without [retailers] there is no Holliston. From what I hear his rent is ridiculously astronomical (and going up and up and up)
186. Small-town feel.
187. Historical perspective and preservation, community beautification projects, small business support
188. I value the safety I feel living in this town. I value the education my child is getting and the community here. I want to see the community strengthened.
189. Woods and green conservation areas, trails, the rail trail, Small town feel, farms and farmer's market, Highly rated schools.
190. I like the walkability of Holliston and it's care too protect its natural spaces.
191. Small town feel
192. I love the smallness of our town, that it is not commercialized
193. Historical building and areas, the feel of a small town
194. Sense of community
195. Our antique homes, our walking culture, our small town feel
196. Small town feel! Don't want Holliston to become the next Natick. Love the community feel and historical preservation we have.
197. The quiet, I appreciate not having noise from traffic or airports. The low crime rate. I moved from a high-crime City to Holliston because it is safer.
198. The small town feel.
199. I like the small town charm but would like to see downtown become more of a destination. A couple nice restaurants would go a long way towards bringing more money into the town as well as giving residents a place to congregate outside of bertuccis or that little cafe/bar on the corner.
200. Small town feel, friendly, caring
201. Sense of small town values
202. Small town feel and community events
203. No major commercial businesses. Town-wide athletics. Holiday events downtown.
204. History, community-focus
205. The small town feel

206. Keeping the small town atmosphere that attracted us to Holliston 35 years ago is a good start.
207. Open spaces, small town feel.
208. small town - small business - small roads
209. Open space, small downtown, older houses
210. The downtown supporting local businesses. The community feel.
211. Safety for children. Lake Winthrop. Downtown charm. Holliston in Bloom.
212. Small town community. Cooperation between school and churches. Local shops and celebrations
213. Quaint downtown. Open spaces and parks.
214. Small town feel
215. Small town with family centered values and top tier educational system
216. All the trails for walking in woods and rail trail
217. "* Scenic rail trail
 - Robust downtown businesses
 - Community events"
218. I value the small town atmosphere, the antique houses, the downtown small businesses, and the green/open spaces of all kinds.
219. A sense of community when brought together by supporting one another/town. Parades, Celebrate Holliston, Holiday/Spring Stroll, outdoor movie nights, concerts, etc.
220. Open spaces, independent stores and businesses, bike trail
221. Agricultural resources.
222. School system, charming downtown, controlled traffic, warmth and friendliness, growing diversity, rural atmosphere with lots of forest space, walking paths, and not too densely built up.
223. open land preserved, historic feeling to town
224. The historic parts. The beautiful downtown decorations (flowers in summer and lights during the holidays). The park. The lake.
225. Farming community, local businesses
226. The historic buildings and landmarks, the beauty of downtown
227. Historic buildings, local charm
228. Small town New England feel
229. Old buildings, large lots, rail trail, small businesses
230. Residential Community
231. The small town New England feel and the small business feeling of downtown.
232. The area of the rail trail where the farmer's market was held this year is a key area for the town and could be developed more for the purpose. For example, more parking, small stage(?), trash cans picked up by the city.
233. open space, agriculture, neighborhoods
234. School excellence, rail trail, lake winthroo
235. Small businesses, farms, public schools, community events/socials
236. A small town atmosphere that values its local identity. I love the plants that hang and grow in the summer, the celebration of lives hanging on Veterans Day And the festive lights. I

was against the super large development project and was glad it was rejected although I support smaller industry moving in. I love the local food options/farmland

- 237. The small town feel
- 238. Community, school systems
- 239. Small town feel...
- 240. Town-wide events, small local businesses, strong school system.
- 241. The neighborly feel
- 242. Small town feel with lots of open space
- 243. School systems, not over developed with housing
- 244. open space, welcoming of diverse people, size of the town, support for farms, support for the public schools
- 245. small town feel, strong community, excellent education, local agriculture and small business, town services
- 246. Quiet community, good schools, would like to increase open space,
- 247. Small town feel
- 248. Schools. Focus on quality of teaching. Rebuild the buildings/gymnasiums. Keep the small town small.
- 249. Sense of community and FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY
- 250. Rural Community
- 251. safety and good school
- 252. Agritown, small town feel. I like that chain stores aren't encouraged. But would definitely love for support of more mom and pop styles business in town.
- 253. Small town look and feel. No chain stores or chain restaurants ([redacted]).
- 254. small town feel with local shops and vendors
- 255. Parks, trails, woods
- 256. Family Friendly community
- 257. Small town community with good schools
- 258. Rail trail access to shops and businesses.
- 259. Schools and educational philosophies
- 260. Rail trail
- 261. Community days. Clean up some building downtown.
- 262. I like that it is a small community. I like that there are natural resources (lake, hiking trails). I like that there is a downtown but I would like to see more development i.e. resources for children/teens in the downtown area.
- 263. Community and small business
- 264. Downtown, small businesses
- 265. The community and the small town feel
- 266. I love the green space, but worry about over development. Small town community feel.
- 267. I love the quiet feel of the town. Living in the queens, it's like being separated from everything. Downtown is real nice and those that keep it up and decorate do a great job!
- 268. What I love about Holliston is that is it safe town with friendly community.
- 269. Town government, the school system, community action on projects, and more transparency on what goes on in town.

270. small town feel, neighborly atmosphere, open land/ conservation land and protected forests for trails and hiking.
271. It's focus on both conservation and progress
272. Community; preservation; responsible growth and development
273. Nice, safe
274. Quality of schools
275. Neighborhood stores, walkability, schools, recreation activities
276. Downtown retail and rail trail.
277. Strong schools, lots of green spaces, a family-friendly downtown, and the right to farm
278. "We value the rail trail and emerging downtown scene with family friendly events. "
279. I like the tight knit community feel. Everyone is just so willing to help (as seen on Facebook forums)
280. Historic character, green spaces/trees, conservation land
281. Family-friendly town, small town
282. Safety
283. Shops downtown, antique homes, small town atmosphere, professionalism yet empathy from police, fire , and town employees, looking out for each other.
284. Nice downtown
285. Small town rural feel
286. Good public schools, safety, community farms, local businesses
287. I like the outside areas that have been developed and promote community ie rail trail, community farm, Blair Square
288. Cozy feel with very friendly neighbors
289. The town center, goodwill park, rail trail
290. Small town feel
291. Small town character
292. Small town
293. Safe community. Good schools
294. Small town feel
295. How family friendly the character and spaces are and how rural yet modern it is
296. community and walkability
297. rural and family friendly
298. Rail trail, active community, great schools
299. Small town feel, community events,
300. Historic, small town feel and look. Open space conservation. Strong, competitive school system.
301. Natural environment
302. Walkability
303. School reputation and quality. Local feel but encouraging of both local and non local businesses that will serve the town.
304. Small town Americana. Lots of open space
305. The classiness and character of the town. I love the small town feel, farming community, small independent businesses of our awesome town center as well as the great parks and trails like Goodwill, Stoddard, and the Rail Trail. I love how the community comes together for town

programs like Light Up Holliston and the different Boy Scout / Girl Scout initiatives like the wreaths and senior gift collections.

- 306. I value the sense of community which is largely driven by great small businesses [downtown], our town wide events (celebrate Holliston, farmers market), the library and its programs, and great public services such as parks and rec that oversee the lake, rail trail, and offer great kids programs. I'd like to see more shops or restaurants open and more town events (assuming it's safe with Covid).
- 307. Sense of community and inclusiveness.
- 308. Community and environmental conservation
- 309. Small town with strong sense of community
- 310. A safe, family-friendly community that seeks inclusiveness, town activities for all ages, fiscal responsibility, and focus on educational programs for kids.
- 311. Holliston is a town that values it's excellent public schools, community & history, small businesses, farming roots and preserving the environment.
- 312. Sense of community
- 313. Trails and parks, tight knit community, and safety
- 314. I think the town center is beautiful and in general the pastoral nature of the town is lovely.
- 315. Agrarian character, small size
- 316. The small town feel with very little chain restaurants or businesses
- 317. Small town feel; safe walking around at any time, small local businesses
- 318. Excellent school system, "home town"/local feel, local businesses available for necessities
- 319. Small town atmosphere
- 320. Friendly and welcoming
- 321. Family friendly
- 322. Natural resources and small town character (stores, community events)
- 323. "Hometown feel, diversity accepted, friendly community,
- 324. Great volunteerism (town & school committees, sports organizers and coaches),
- 325. Great school system,
- 326. Enjoyable rail trail"
- 327. Sense of community, civic responsibility to one another, keeping our lake and beautiful green spaces healthy, small businesses thriving.
- 328. Love the small town feel.
- 329. Close knit community with lots of community events , where everyone looks out for each other and
- 330. I love our community and town wide events
- 331. Small town feel, great downtown
- 332. Small town feel, friendly people, not pretentious due to the various communities making it possible for different socioeconomic statuses to live here
- 333. Tight knit, small town community feel.
- 334. Open areas with farms and hiking trails, but close to shopping and highways. While we don't have children, the schools are still important to overall town value.
- 335. sense of community

- 336. Climate awareness, diversity, schools, public access
- 337. Conservation lands, green space, historical buildings and a healthy downtown environment with thriving local businesses.
- 338. Community feel
- 339. It's small town quality
- 340. Small town that is focused on being community-centric. We don't even have a grocery store! And I love it that way.
- 341. Small-town feel, strong community engagement, general commitment to inclusiveness and equity
- 342. Quiet rural qualities.
- 343. Sense of community - bigger is not necessarily better
- 344. Public services
- 345. Sense of community, good school system. Our neighbors are awesome!
- 346. The quaintness of downtown
- 347. Small town feel
- 348. Less developed spaces, conservation land, sense of community, unique public school programs.
- 349. "I love the colonial look on our main roads and would love to see these homes and buildings maintained and preserved. This could possibly require town contributions, maybe from CPA funds or other sources, to help prevent deterioration. An older historic home would probably be too expensive for an average income family to maintain properly. You can't build new historic homes.
- 350. I value the many areas of town that provide opportunities for residents to contribute to, that help maintain the small town feeling in our growing community.
- 351. I would like to see an agreement amongst the sports lovers to adjust schedules to allow church attendance on the weekends, especially Sunday mornings..
- 352. I value the education of our children but feel that the average child gets lost and the needs are not addressed to the same degree as the bright student or special needs child. Get rid of some AP classes and replace or expand hands on learning for certain eligible students. Motivated students ALWAYS continue to learn to satisfy their needs for knowledge. Not so with those not as motivated."
- 353. Excellent schools.
- 354. Moved here two years ago for the schools, the quaint feel, to be near family ; hoping to find a vibrant and active community. Have met many great and good people. People who care about the future of this town, the schools, the environment, and the "feel" of Holliston.
- 355. Open spaces and rail trail, small businesses
- 356. Downtown charm
- 357. Charm and character of the downtown, and the general historic feeling of our town. Also, the school system, and the Rail Trail.
- 358. A community that cares about our individuals
- 359. Downtown businesses. Friendly small town atmosphere
- 360. Home values, walkability, downtown
- 361. The small town feel, rail trail, downtown businesses.
- 362. Small town feeling within community members

- 363. Its history and simplicity
- 364. sense of community, safety
- 365. Conservation and Natural Areas
- 366. Historic, small-town charm of the downtime area, open green space
- 367. Walking trails, farms, parks/family places and local business
- 368. Features like the Rail Trail—good for seeing other people, getting exercise, and walking to destinations like food
- 369. Community resources (e.g. parks, rail trail, parks and recreation department, lake, library, etc.). Small town community/culture
- 370. Downtown charm; excellent schools; dedication to preserving open space, the rail trail, the environment, and farms; high level of volunteerism and connectedness between residents; pride in our town; Respect; diversity and acceptance. Keep the small town feel and make it attractive for small independent businesses.
- 371. "Qualities valued:
- 372. Our small town feel within a growing MetroWest suburb of Boston
- 373. Strength of community and volunteerism within the community
- 374. Strong and highly ranked school system relative to surrounding towns that ensures Holliston is a desirable place to move into MetroWest.
- 375. Strengthened:
- 376. Enabling and inviting a stronger business community within Holliston (this does not mean more used car dealerships along Washington Street (the number of used care dealerships says something about our community (cost of managing a business in town and leveraging the drive/pass through traffic that occurs through Holliston every day.
- 377. 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).
- 378. A Community Center that includes the Library or other town dept to consolidate into our infrastructure (managing costs).
- 379. Infrastructure (sewers system) to enable a stronger business community within the Center of Town that from a cost to serve perspective enables businesses to invest in downtown even if they are local or national chains vs. mom and pop stores. Members of our community are leaving town to go to local or national chains as they are not available within Holliston (future tax revenue).
- 380. Small-town feel
- 381. Small town feel
- 382. Community outreach, library, schools, ease of getting around, town-wide activities.
- 383. Small town charm (aesthetic and the people); increased and enhanced recreational assets (golf course, rail trail, Lake Winthrop, conservation lands with trails, community farm); Town Meeting (I like being a town)
- 384. Schools, local business, local charm
- 385. The schools

- 386. The closeness of community and the welcoming local environment
- 387. Small town feel in the best sense! Great local businesses, wonderful and supportive community, very kid-friendly wonderful people that make you feel welcome.
- 388. Friendly neighborhoods, excellent public resources, strong schools, natural beauty
- 389. small businesses, not the giant ones
- 390. schools/ downtown
- 391. game day, breakfast