



MetroWest Town Meeting Survey – Ashland

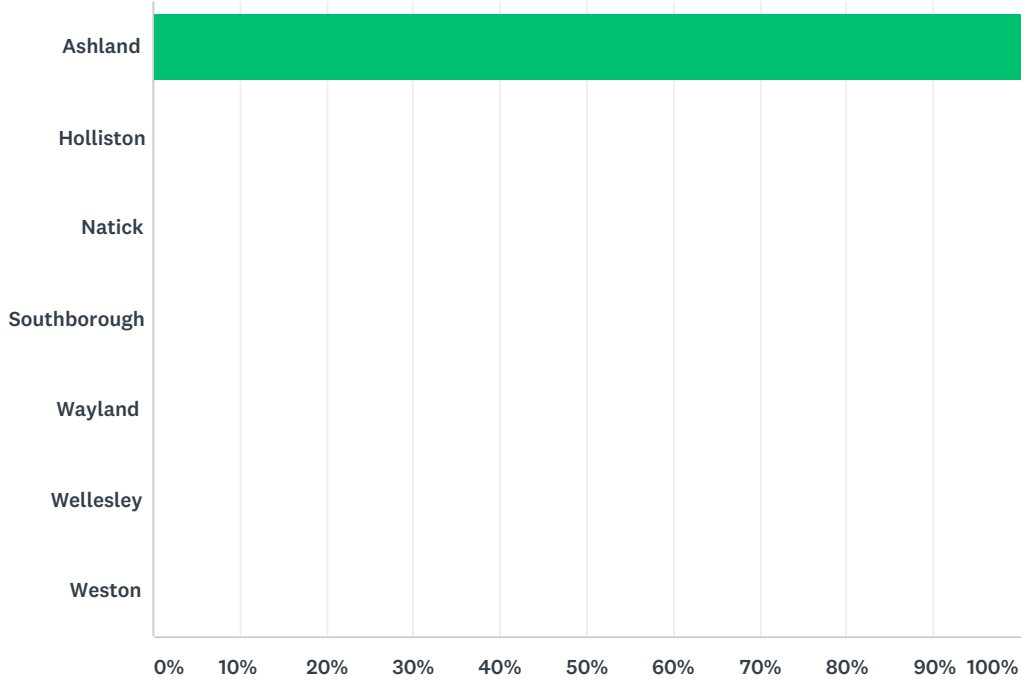
Monday, July 02, 2018

- 142 questions in total:
 - Q1 asked of everyone
 - Q2 - Q73: Open Town Meeting only, with Q6 – Q11 for “Rarely/Never” only
 - Q74 - Q142: Representative Town Meeting only, with Q75 - Q85 for current non-members only
- Not everyone fully completed the survey
- The results represent a small sampling, not a full cross-section
- Wellesley and Natick surveys open only a few weeks

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Q1 What town do you live in?

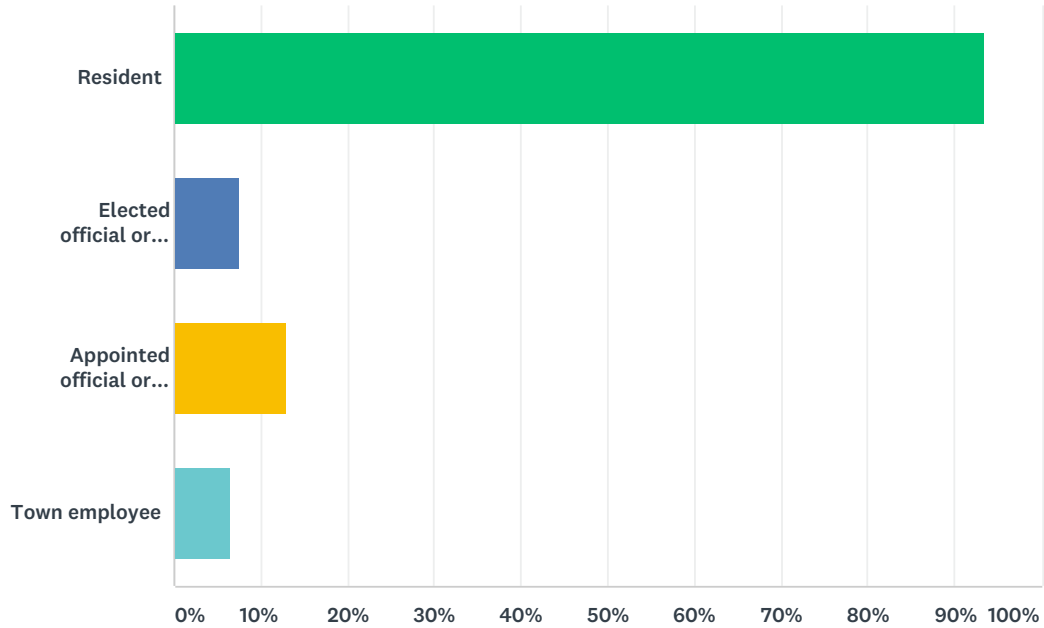
Answered: 95 Skipped: 0



| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|----------------|-----------|-----------|
| Ashland | 100.00% | 95 |
| Holliston | 0.00% | 0 |
| Natick | 0.00% | 0 |
| Southborough | 0.00% | 0 |
| Wayland | 0.00% | 0 |
| Wellesley | 0.00% | 0 |
| Weston | 0.00% | 0 |
| TOTAL | | 95 |

Q2 Which of the following best describes you? (check all that apply)

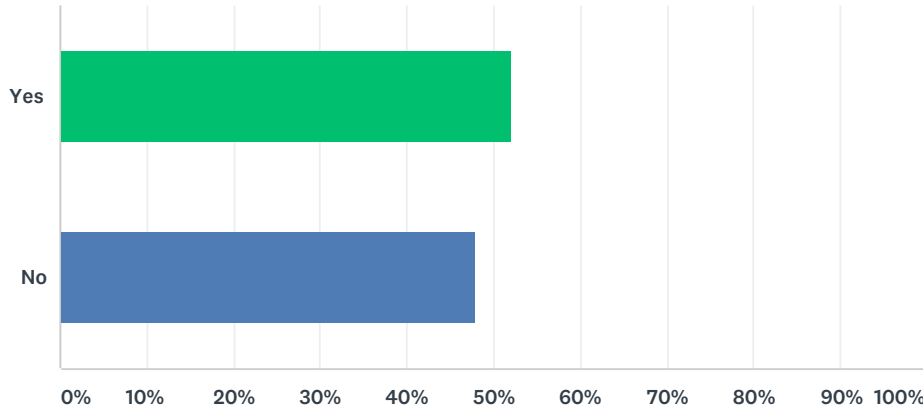
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| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|---|-----------|----|
| Resident | 93.48% | 86 |
| Elected official or town board/committee member | 7.61% | 7 |
| Appointed official or town board/committee member | 13.04% | 12 |
| Town employee | 6.52% | 6 |
| Total Respondents: 92 | | |

Q3 Do you think Town Meeting is an effective form of government?

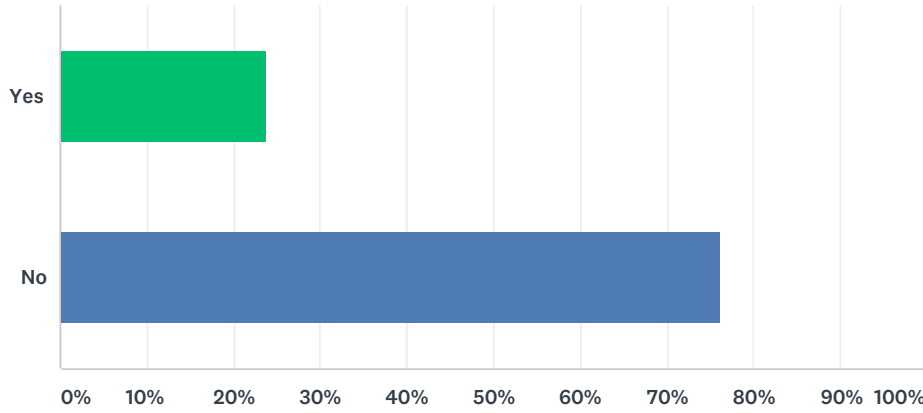
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| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|----------------|-----------|----|
| Yes | 52.17% | 48 |
| No | 47.83% | 44 |
| TOTAL | | 92 |

Q4 Do you think Town Meeting is an efficient form of government?

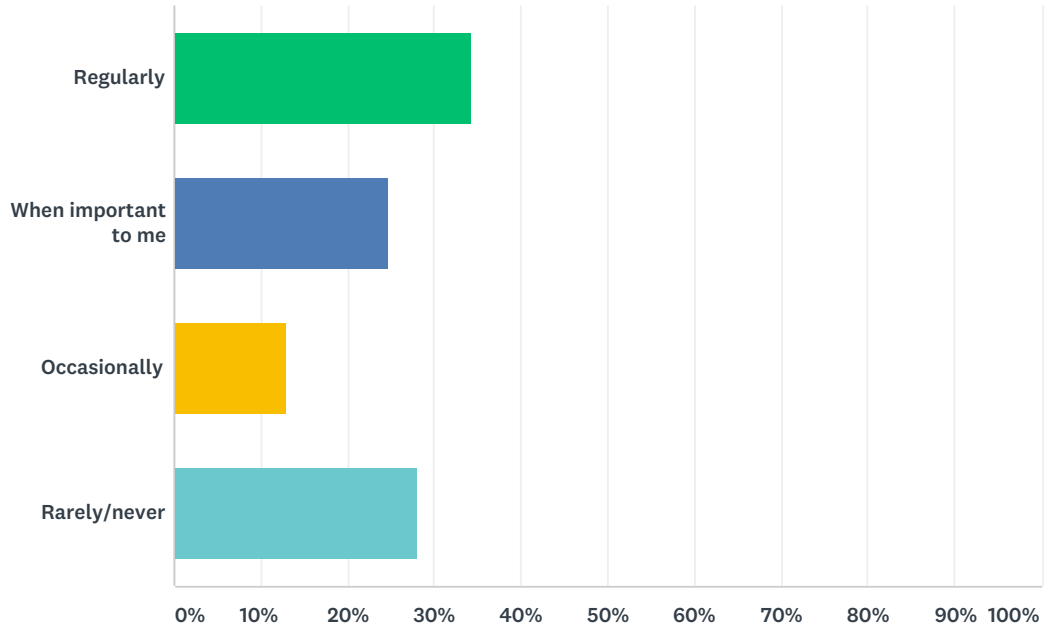
Answered: 92 Skipped: 3



| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|----------------|-----------|----|
| Yes | 23.91% | 22 |
| No | 76.09% | 70 |
| TOTAL | | 92 |

Q5 How often do you attend Town Meetings?

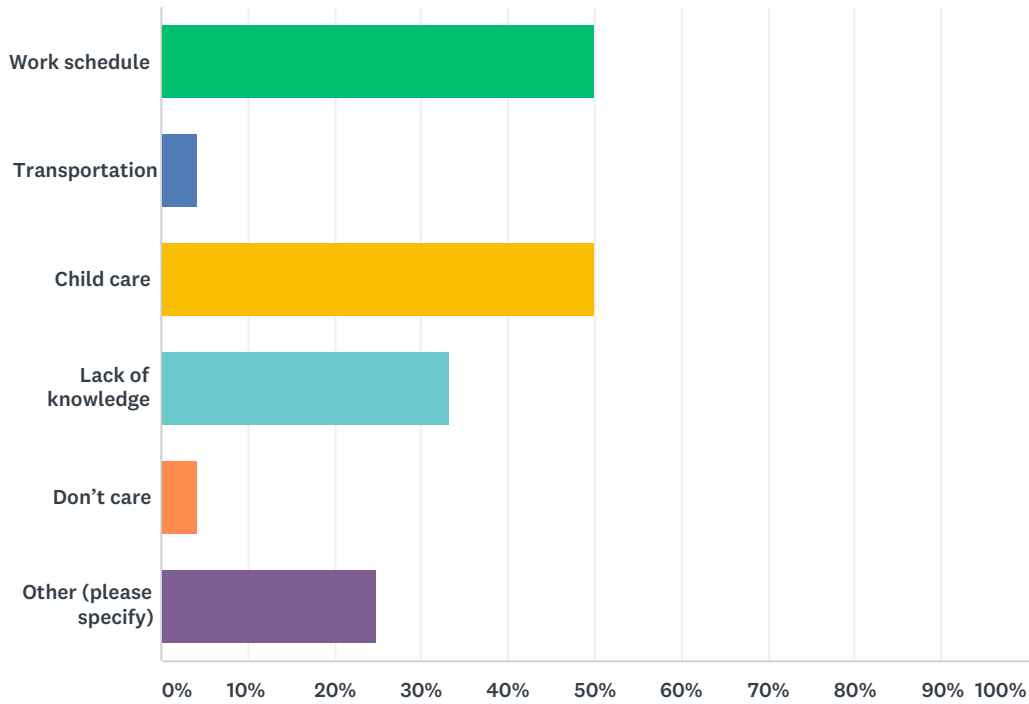
Answered: 93 Skipped: 2



| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES |
|----------------------|-----------|
| Regularly | 34.41% 32 |
| When important to me | 24.73% 23 |
| Occasionally | 12.90% 12 |
| Rarely/never | 27.96% 26 |
| TOTAL | 93 |

Q6 Why don't you attend? (check all that apply)

Answered: 24 Skipped: 71

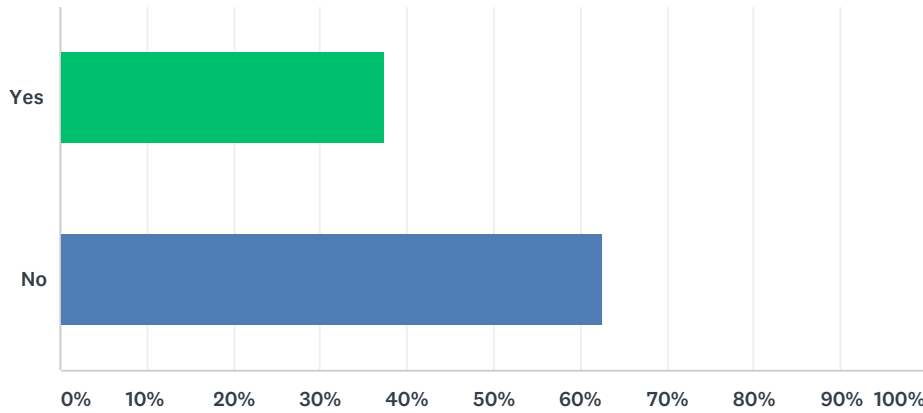


| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|------------------------|-----------|----|
| Work schedule | 50.00% | 12 |
| Transportation | 4.17% | 1 |
| Child care | 50.00% | 12 |
| Lack of knowledge | 33.33% | 8 |
| Don't care | 4.17% | 1 |
| Other (please specify) | 25.00% | 6 |
| Total Respondents: 24 | | |

| # | OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY) | DATE |
|---|--|-------------------|
| 1 | health issues, such as 9 surgeries over 30 living in town. Most have made it difficult to be aware from home and toilet facilities, especially the last 2 1/2 years ago requiring a feeding tube. I rarely leave home, no dinnerers out etc. But I have always cared about town and voted mailing yearly. I get frustrated have no voice at town meeting. My opinions would likely not have passed but it is the ability to participate that is important. | 5/15/2018 7:27 AM |
| 2 | Meeting attended mostly by complainers. | 5/15/2018 6:32 AM |
| 3 | Limited awareness | 4/4/2018 11:53 PM |
| 4 | Unacceptable time commitment (long and late at night) | 4/2/2018 7:54 PM |
| 5 | Kids activities | 4/2/2018 6:14 PM |
| 6 | Too late in the evening for my schedule and very inefficient | 4/2/2018 6:08 PM |

Q7 Do you watch Town Meeting via webcast or TV if you don't attend in person?

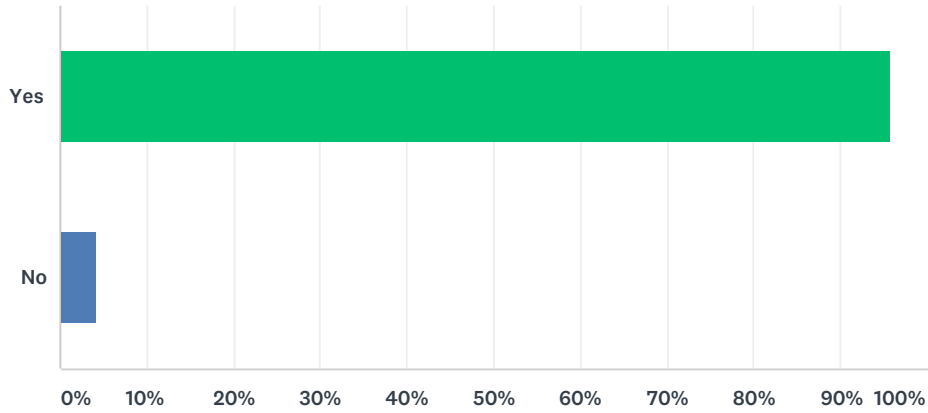
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| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|----------------|-----------|----|
| Yes | 37.50% | 9 |
| No | 62.50% | 15 |
| TOTAL | | 24 |

Q8 If remote internet-voting for registered voters were available for Town Meeting (from your home or anywhere) while viewing Town Meetings live via a webcast or TV, would you be more likely to participate?

Answered: 24 Skipped: 71



| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|----------------|-----------|----|
| Yes | 95.83% | 23 |
| No | 4.17% | 1 |
| TOTAL | | 24 |

Q9 What would make you more likely to attend Town Meeting?

Answered: 23 Skipped: 72

| # | RESPONSES | DATE |
|----|---|--------------------|
| 1 | Communication/awareness | 5/17/2018 10:22 PM |
| 2 | Remove viewing/voting options | 5/15/2018 7:48 AM |
| 3 | In my case, not really an option. | 5/15/2018 7:27 AM |
| 4 | Less open microphone time. | 5/15/2018 6:32 AM |
| 5 | Weekend time or shorter weeknight meetings with a deadline of 2 hours | 4/25/2018 9:51 PM |
| 6 | If they were shorter then I'd be more likely to hire a babysitter. There have to be ways to make it more efficient. Distribute info online; give the opportunity for online comments; make the meeting about voting only or something like that | 4/6/2018 1:19 PM |
| 7 | Open minded forums | 4/4/2018 11:53 PM |
| 8 | Ability to attend remotely | 4/3/2018 12:54 AM |
| 9 | Child care;high school students could earn community service credits if they hosted care for kids. | 4/2/2018 9:17 PM |
| 10 | Child care | 4/2/2018 9:08 PM |
| 11 | A vote on an issue that I feel strongly about | 4/2/2018 8:39 PM |
| 12 | More info | 4/2/2018 8:35 PM |
| 13 | If I could afford to pay for childcare to attend live, if residents could have a time limit on their statements or be held to asking questions only | 4/2/2018 8:24 PM |
| 14 | I just want to vote. I don't want to listen to hours of arguments. | 4/2/2018 7:54 PM |
| 15 | The timing just never works and they run for hours. Keep separate meetings for discussion and voting if this antiquated form must stay. | 4/2/2018 7:16 PM |
| 16 | Not sure | 4/2/2018 7:06 PM |
| 17 | IDK, the timing is awful for me, but probably better for most | 4/2/2018 6:14 PM |
| 18 | Nothing. It is an antiquated form of town govt and disproportionately effects working parents, caretakers, travelers, etc | 4/2/2018 6:08 PM |
| 19 | online voting watching meeting on tv | 4/2/2018 6:01 PM |
| 20 | Important vote relating to the budget or schools | 4/2/2018 4:58 PM |
| 21 | remote voting. better yet, move to representative town meeting.... | 4/2/2018 4:43 PM |
| 22 | Knowing the agenda ahead of time, plenty of notice, reminders on social media | 4/2/2018 4:43 PM |
| 23 | knowing when and what they were about | 4/2/2018 4:39 PM |

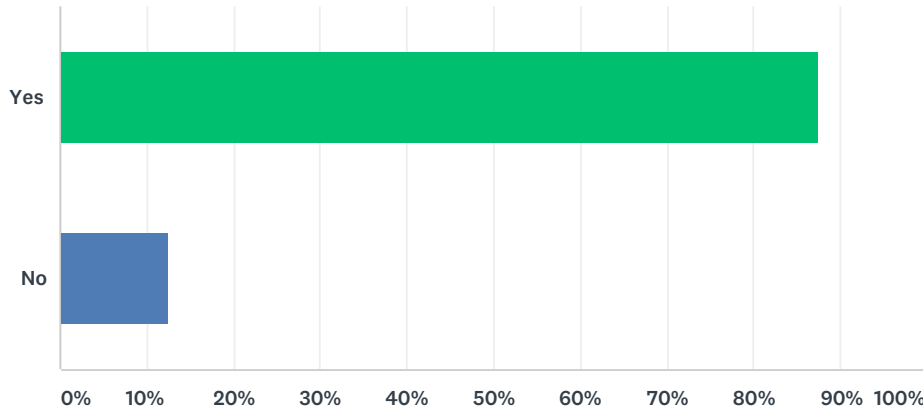
Q10 What would make others more likely to attend Town Meeting?

Answered: 15 Skipped: 80

| # | RESPONSES | DATE |
|----|---|--------------------|
| 1 | Awareness | 5/17/2018 10:22 PM |
| 2 | Remove viewing/voting options | 5/15/2018 7:48 AM |
| 3 | TODay's like makes it difficult, whether the meeting is once or twice yearly or not. I am not sure. Especially for young families. | 5/15/2018 7:27 AM |
| 4 | Weekend meetings or shorter meetings | 4/25/2018 9:51 PM |
| 5 | no idea | 4/6/2018 1:19 PM |
| 6 | Ability to attend remotely | 4/3/2018 12:54 AM |
| 7 | Unknown. I am new to town. | 4/2/2018 9:08 PM |
| 8 | No idea | 4/2/2018 8:39 PM |
| 9 | Availability and affordability of childcare | 4/2/2018 8:24 PM |
| 10 | Make it shorter. Move discussion to written/online forum | 4/2/2018 7:54 PM |
| 11 | Not so long. | 4/2/2018 7:16 PM |
| 12 | online voting watching meeting on tv | 4/2/2018 6:01 PM |
| 13 | remote voting. or getting rid of town meeting | 4/2/2018 4:43 PM |
| 14 | Tie in with local business - mini farmer's market or restaurant businesses offering samples ahead of time- good for those with no chance to eat dinner! | 4/2/2018 4:43 PM |
| 15 | same as above | 4/2/2018 4:39 PM |

Q11 Is it your understanding that Town Meeting is the legislative branch of your town and that only Town Meeting can approve a town’s annual operating budget and enact town bylaws relating to zoning and general operations of the town?

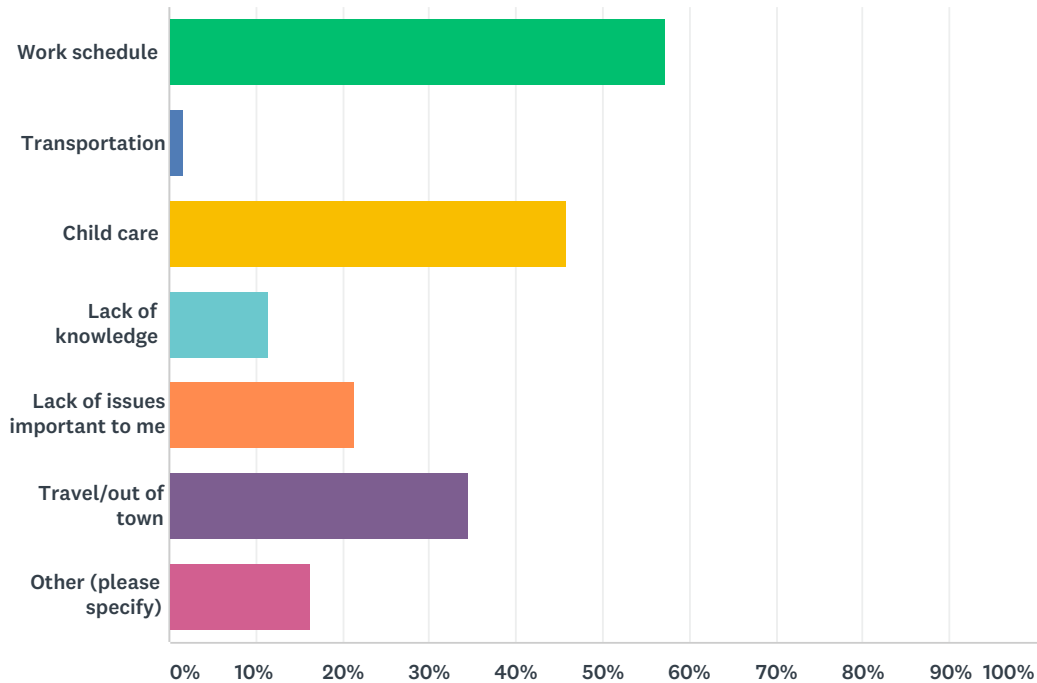
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| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|----------------|-----------|----|
| Yes | 87.50% | 21 |
| No | 12.50% | 3 |
| TOTAL | | 24 |

Q12 If you miss attending Town Meeting in person, what are the reasons? (check all that apply)

Answered: 61 Skipped: 34



| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|--------------------------------|-----------|----|
| Work schedule | 57.38% | 35 |
| Transportation | 1.64% | 1 |
| Child care | 45.90% | 28 |
| Lack of knowledge | 11.48% | 7 |
| Lack of issues important to me | 21.31% | 13 |
| Travel/out of town | 34.43% | 21 |
| Other (please specify) | 16.39% | 10 |
| Total Respondents: 61 | | |

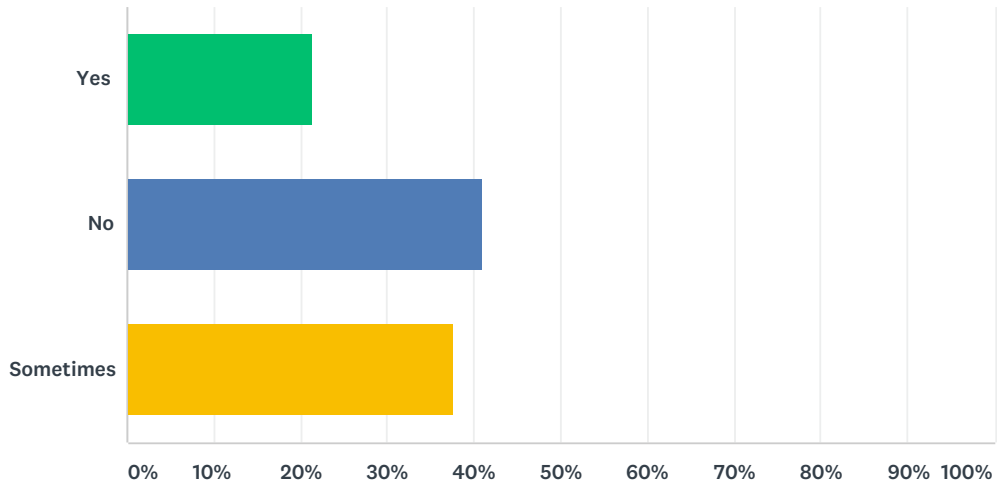
| # | OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY) | DATE |
|---|---|--------------------|
| 1 | Takes SOOOOO long | 5/15/2018 12:22 AM |
| 2 | Other schedule commitments | 4/3/2018 4:03 PM |
| 3 | Time | 4/2/2018 9:30 PM |
| 4 | Illness | 4/2/2018 6:53 PM |
| 5 | Don't think it is efficient or fair. | 4/2/2018 6:07 PM |
| 6 | Didn't plan ahead/know in advance to attend | 4/2/2018 5:49 PM |
| 7 | Don't want to sit through 5 looms turning a 60 minute meeting into a 6 hour meeting by ranting on every topic | 4/2/2018 5:29 PM |

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| 8 | sick | 4/2/2018 5:20 PM |
| 9 | illness | 4/2/2018 5:09 PM |
| 10 | goes too long and too late at night | 4/2/2018 4:30 PM |

Q13 If you miss attending Town Meeting in person, do you watch it via webcast or on TV?

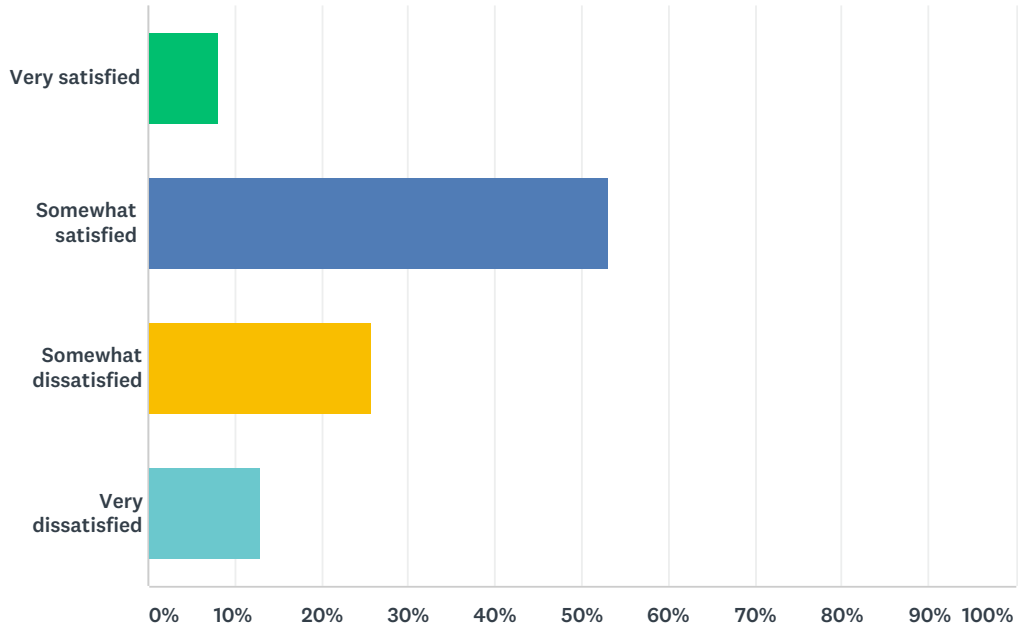
Answered: 61 Skipped: 34



| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|----------------|-----------|-----------|
| Yes | 21.31% | 13 |
| No | 40.98% | 25 |
| Sometimes | 37.70% | 23 |
| TOTAL | | 61 |

Q14 Overall, how satisfied are you with the way Town Meeting operates?

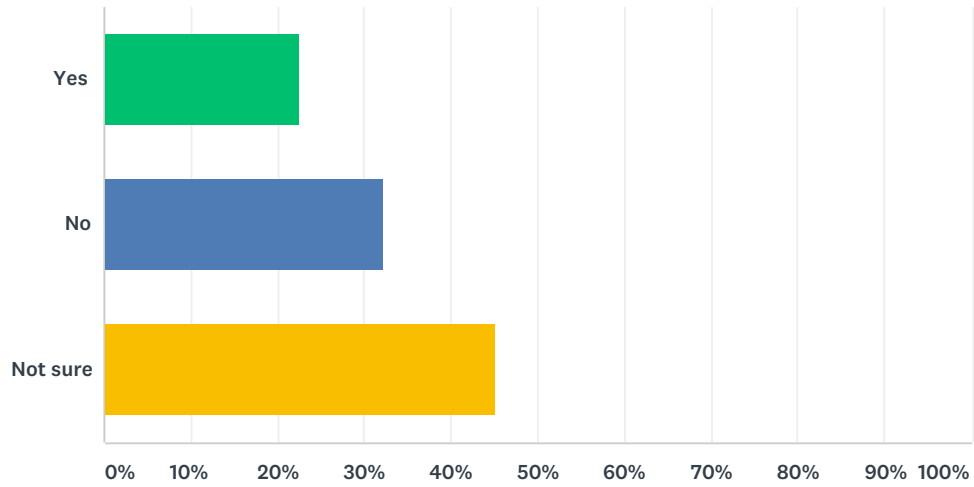
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| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES |
|-----------------------|-----------|
| Very satisfied | 8.06% 5 |
| Somewhat satisfied | 53.23% 33 |
| Somewhat dissatisfied | 25.81% 16 |
| Very dissatisfied | 12.90% 8 |
| TOTAL | 62 |

Q15 Do you think representative Town Meeting is more efficient than open Town Meeting?

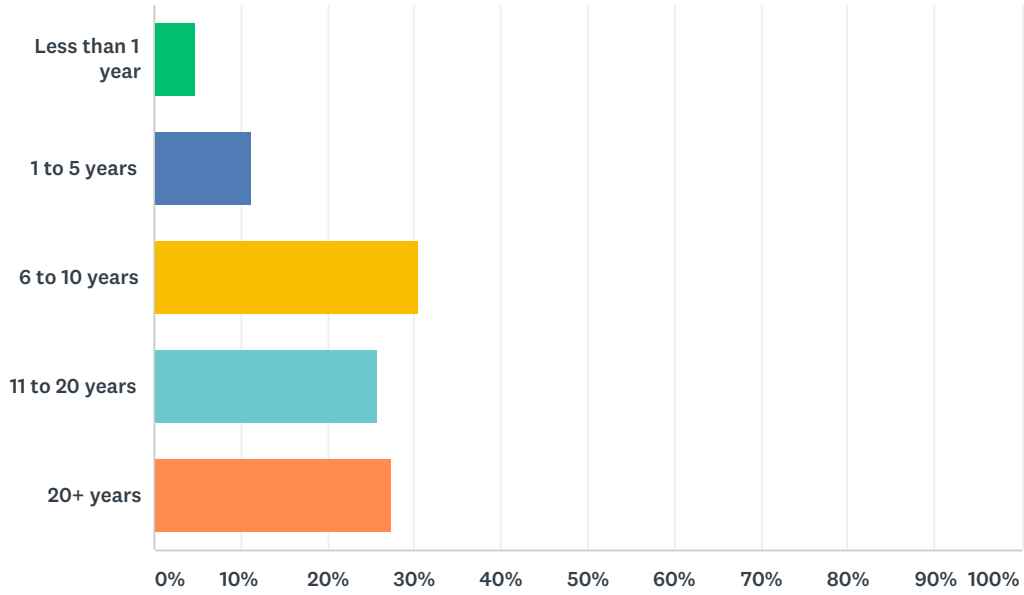
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| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|----------------|-----------|-----------|
| Yes | 22.58% | 14 |
| No | 32.26% | 20 |
| Not sure | 45.16% | 28 |
| TOTAL | | 62 |

Q16 How long have you lived in your town?

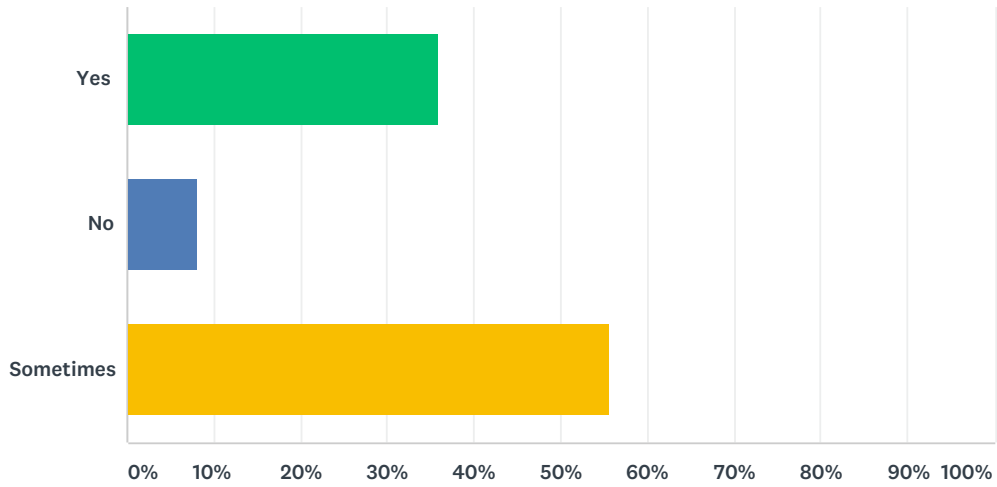
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| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Less than 1 year | 4.84% | 3 |
| 1 to 5 years | 11.29% | 7 |
| 6 to 10 years | 30.65% | 19 |
| 11 to 20 years | 25.81% | 16 |
| 20+ years | 27.42% | 17 |
| TOTAL | | 62 |

Q17 Special town meetings – do you feel that Special Town Meeting articles substantially are of an urgent nature?

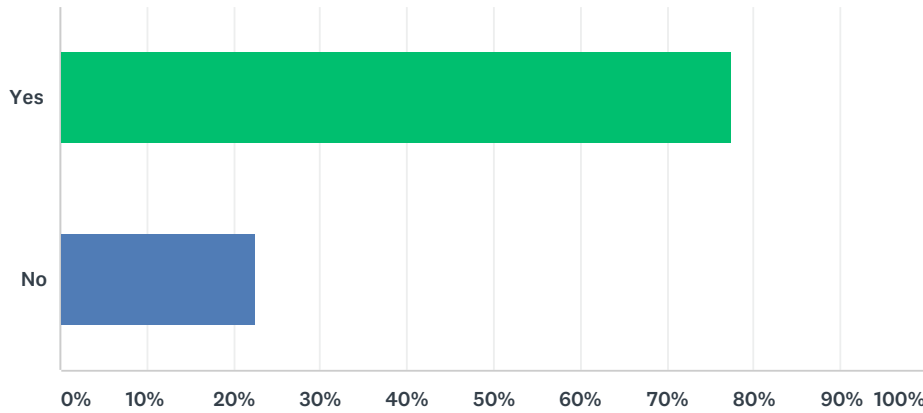
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| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|----------------|-----------|-----------|
| Yes | 36.07% | 22 |
| No | 8.20% | 5 |
| Sometimes | 55.74% | 34 |
| TOTAL | | 61 |

Q18 In thinking about the most recent Town Meetings, are you satisfied with the date of Town Meeting?

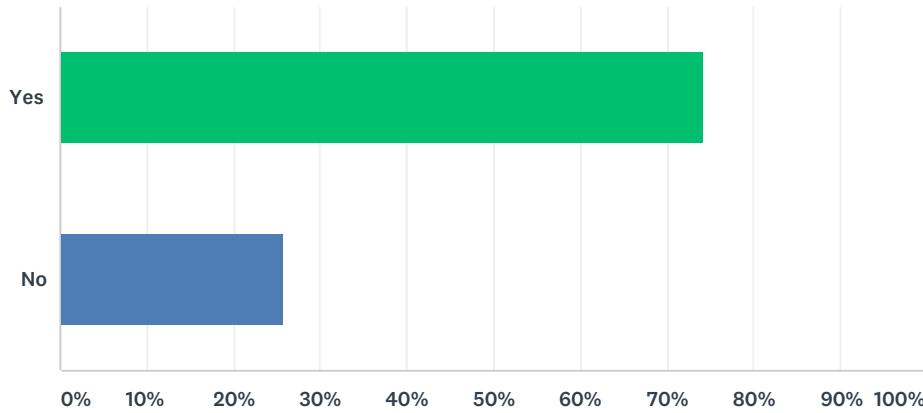
Answered: 62 Skipped: 33



| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|----------------|-----------|----|
| Yes | 77.42% | 48 |
| No | 22.58% | 14 |
| TOTAL | | 62 |

Q19 In thinking about the most recent Town Meetings, are you satisfied with the time of Town Meeting?

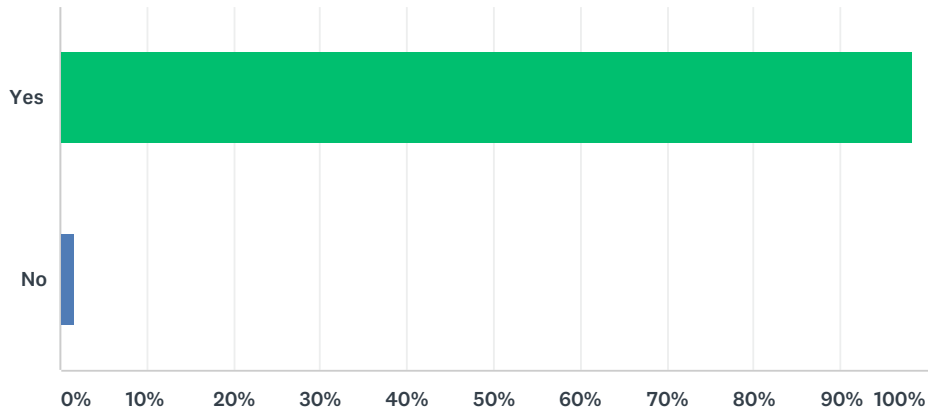
Answered: 62 Skipped: 33



| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|----------------|-----------|----|
| Yes | 74.19% | 46 |
| No | 25.81% | 16 |
| TOTAL | | 62 |

Q20 In thinking about the most recent Town Meetings, are you satisfied with the location of Town Meeting?

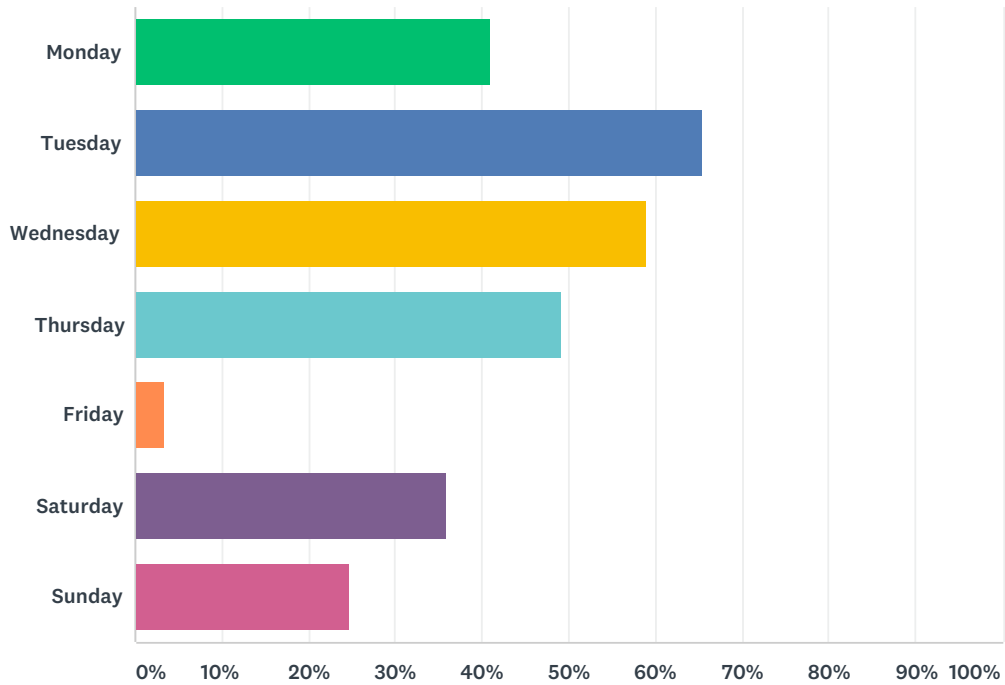
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| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|----------------|-----------|----|
| Yes | 98.39% | 61 |
| No | 1.61% | 1 |
| TOTAL | | 62 |

Q21 What days of the week do you prefer that Town Meeting be held? (check all that apply)

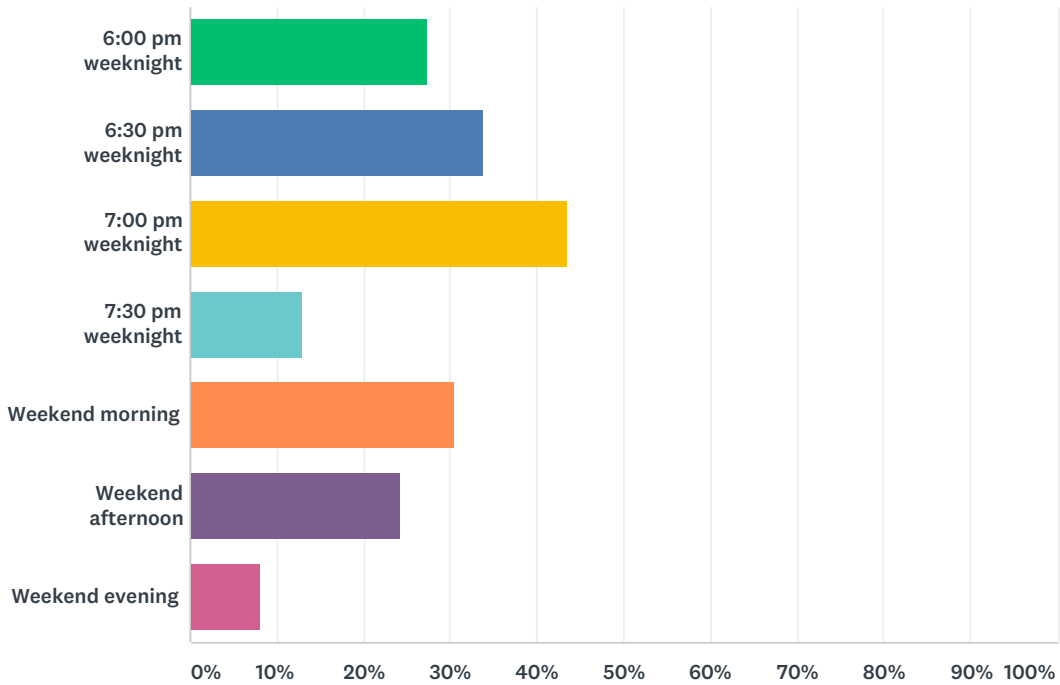
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| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|-----------------------|-----------|----|
| Monday | 40.98% | 25 |
| Tuesday | 65.57% | 40 |
| Wednesday | 59.02% | 36 |
| Thursday | 49.18% | 30 |
| Friday | 3.28% | 2 |
| Saturday | 36.07% | 22 |
| Sunday | 24.59% | 15 |
| Total Respondents: 61 | | |

Q22 What time do you prefer Town Meeting to start? (check all that apply)

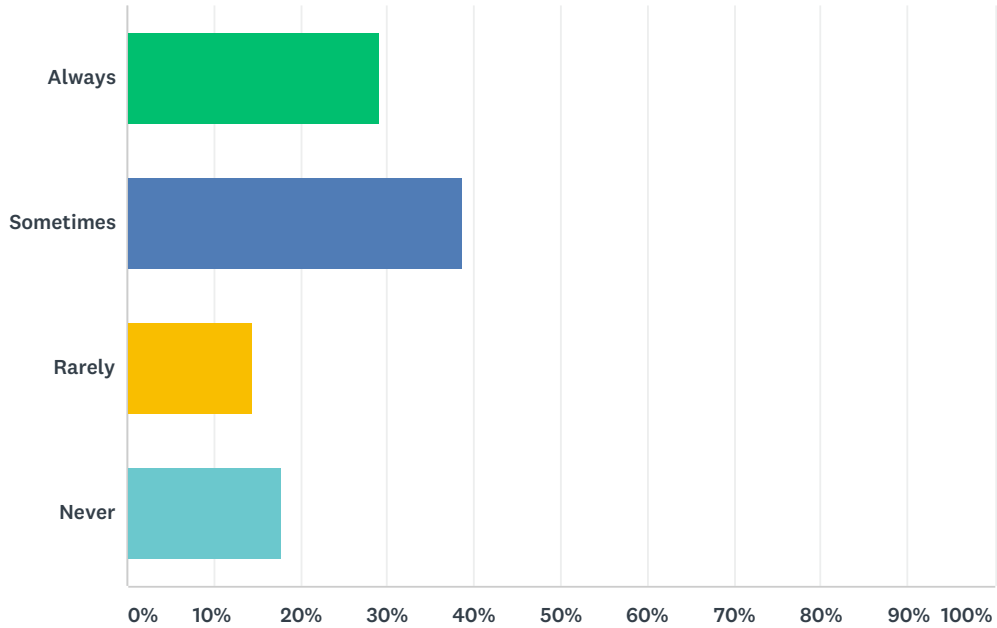
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| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|-----------------------|-----------|----|
| 6:00 pm weeknight | 27.42% | 17 |
| 6:30 pm weeknight | 33.87% | 21 |
| 7:00 pm weeknight | 43.55% | 27 |
| 7:30 pm weeknight | 12.90% | 8 |
| Weekend morning | 30.65% | 19 |
| Weekend afternoon | 24.19% | 15 |
| Weekend evening | 8.06% | 5 |
| Total Respondents: 62 | | |

Q23 How often do you leave Town Meeting early?

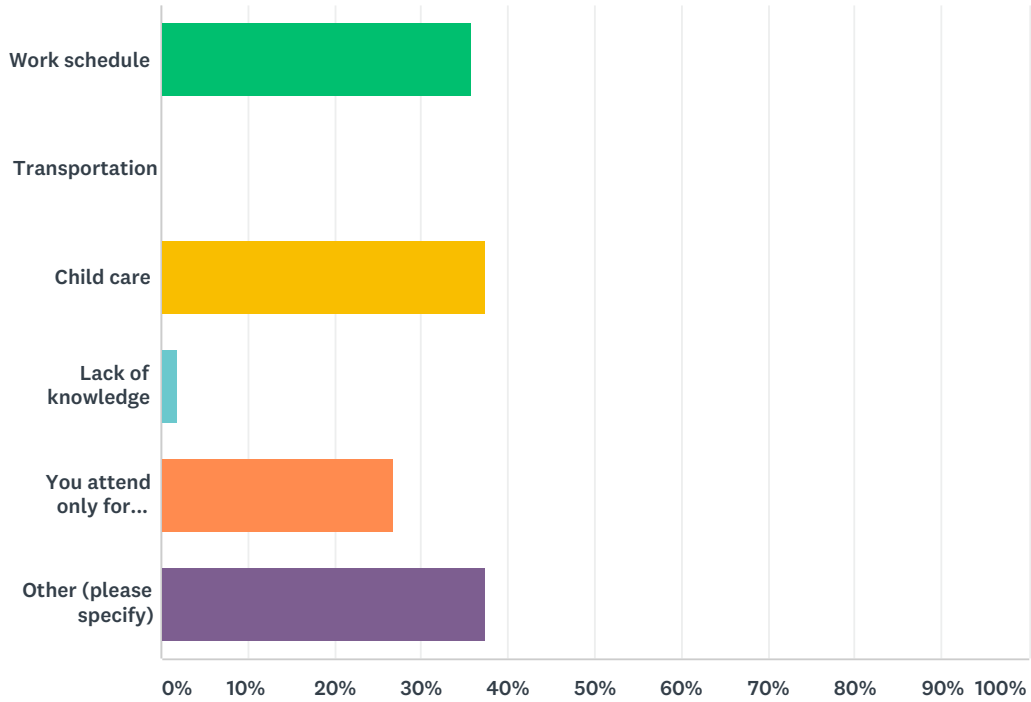
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| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|----------------|-----------|----|
| Always | 29.03% | 18 |
| Sometimes | 38.71% | 24 |
| Rarely | 14.52% | 9 |
| Never | 17.74% | 11 |
| TOTAL | | 62 |

Q24 If you do leave early, it usually is due to (check all that apply):

Answered: 56 Skipped: 39



| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|---|-----------|----|
| Work schedule | 35.71% | 20 |
| Transportation | 0.00% | 0 |
| Child care | 37.50% | 21 |
| Lack of knowledge | 1.79% | 1 |
| You attend only for articles important to you | 26.79% | 15 |
| Other (please specify) | 37.50% | 21 |
| Total Respondents: 56 | | |

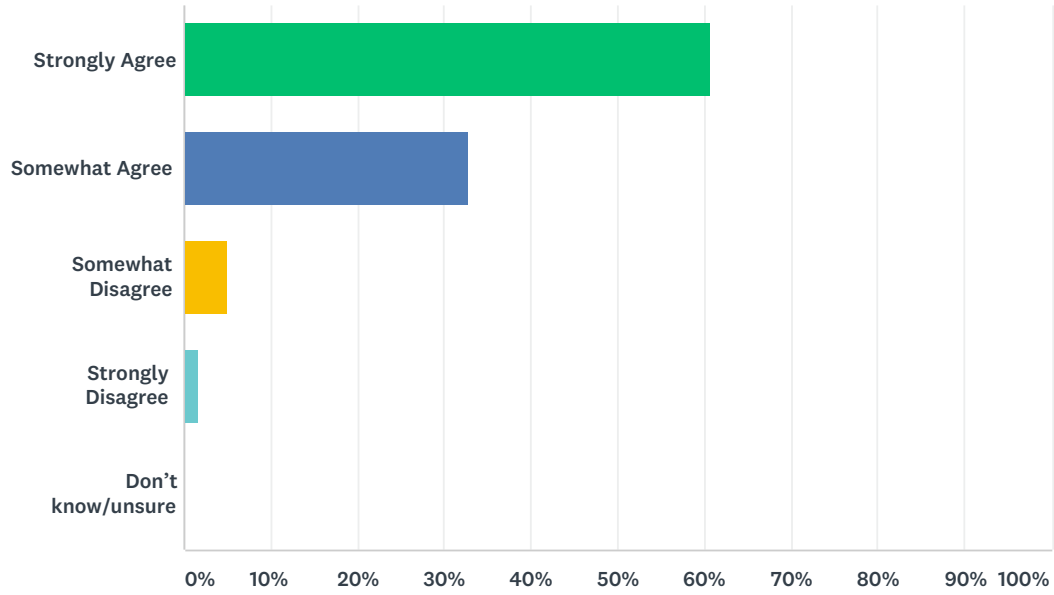
| # | OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY) | DATE |
|---|--|--------------------|
| 1 | past my bedtime, late at night. 10pm should be the deadline | 5/15/2018 10:02 AM |
| 2 | Tired | 5/15/2018 7:41 AM |
| 3 | Do not leave early | 5/15/2018 7:34 AM |
| 4 | Meetings last too long/lose focus/have to go to bed | 5/15/2018 12:22 AM |
| 5 | Nothing productive left | 4/3/2018 7:56 AM |
| 6 | don't leave early | 4/2/2018 10:27 PM |
| 7 | They go on for too long | 4/2/2018 9:30 PM |
| 8 | They are just too long, go too late, and I need to wake up early | 4/2/2018 8:47 PM |
| 9 | I am a morning person and 10 pm or later is too late for me. | 4/2/2018 8:00 PM |

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| 10 | Illness - can't stay for long periods | 4/2/2018 6:53 PM |
| 11 | Too late!!!! | 4/2/2018 6:26 PM |
| 12 | Running very late | 4/2/2018 6:07 PM |
| 13 | Too long, too tired | 4/2/2018 5:49 PM |
| 14 | People talking too much | 4/2/2018 5:29 PM |
| 15 | got too tired | 4/2/2018 5:20 PM |
| 16 | Need to get to bed | 4/2/2018 5:13 PM |
| 17 | it goes long...past 3 hours and I just can't take it anymore | 4/2/2018 5:09 PM |
| 18 | they run way too late as a result of too many Town "ramblers" | 4/2/2018 5:05 PM |
| 19 | Exhaustion | 4/2/2018 4:36 PM |
| 20 | Just goes on way too long and way too late at night! | 4/2/2018 4:31 PM |
| 21 | running too late | 4/2/2018 4:30 PM |

Q25 Town Meetings are too long:

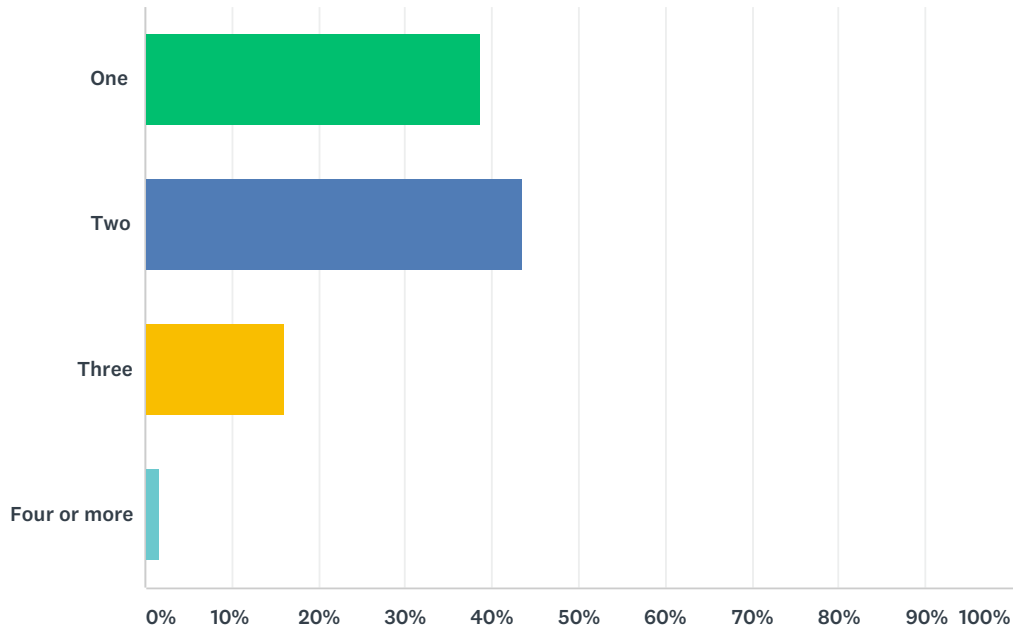
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| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|-------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Strongly Agree | 60.66% | 37 |
| Somewhat Agree | 32.79% | 20 |
| Somewhat Disagree | 4.92% | 3 |
| Strongly Disagree | 1.64% | 1 |
| Don't know/unsure | 0.00% | 0 |
| TOTAL | | 61 |

Q26 What is the maximum number days that you considerable to be reasonable for Town Meeting?

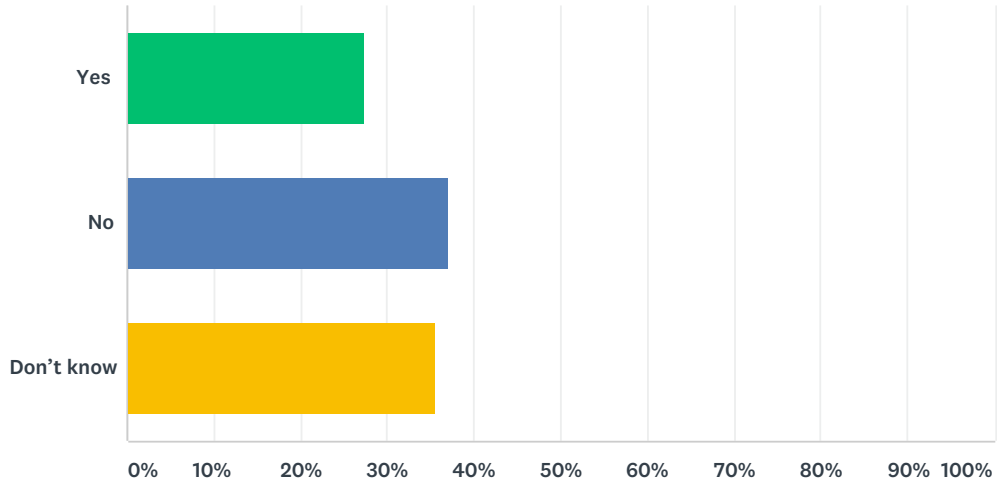
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| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|----------------|-----------|-----------|
| One | 38.71% | 24 |
| Two | 43.55% | 27 |
| Three | 16.13% | 10 |
| Four or more | 1.61% | 1 |
| TOTAL | | 62 |

Q27 Is a lottery system for the order of warrant articles a good idea?

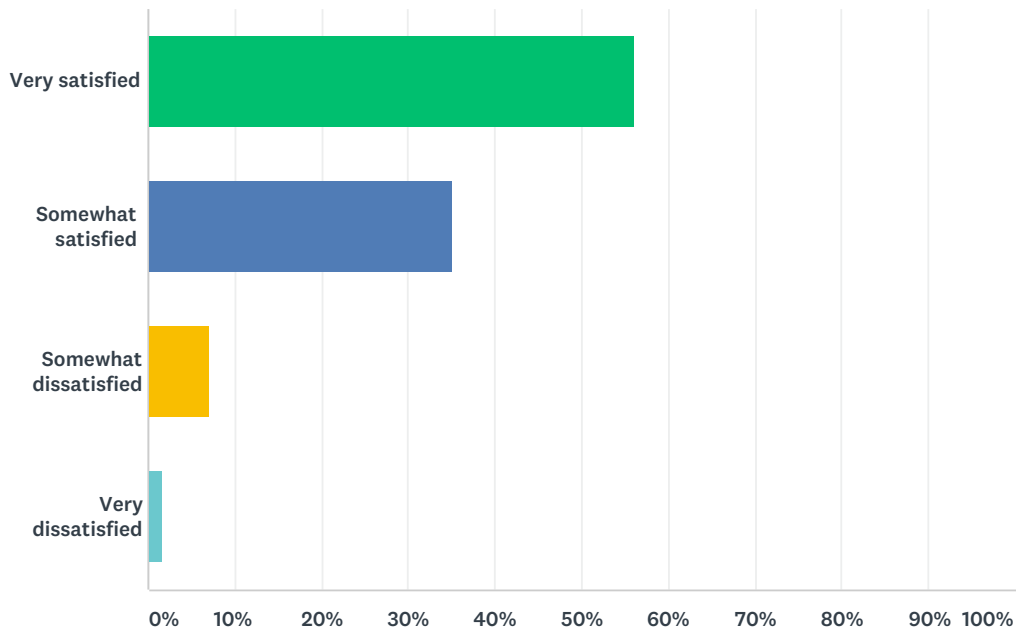
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| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|----------------|-----------|-----------|
| Yes | 27.42% | 17 |
| No | 37.10% | 23 |
| Don't know | 35.48% | 22 |
| TOTAL | | 62 |

Q28 How satisfied are you with how early you are notified of Town Meeting dates so that you can arrange your schedule?

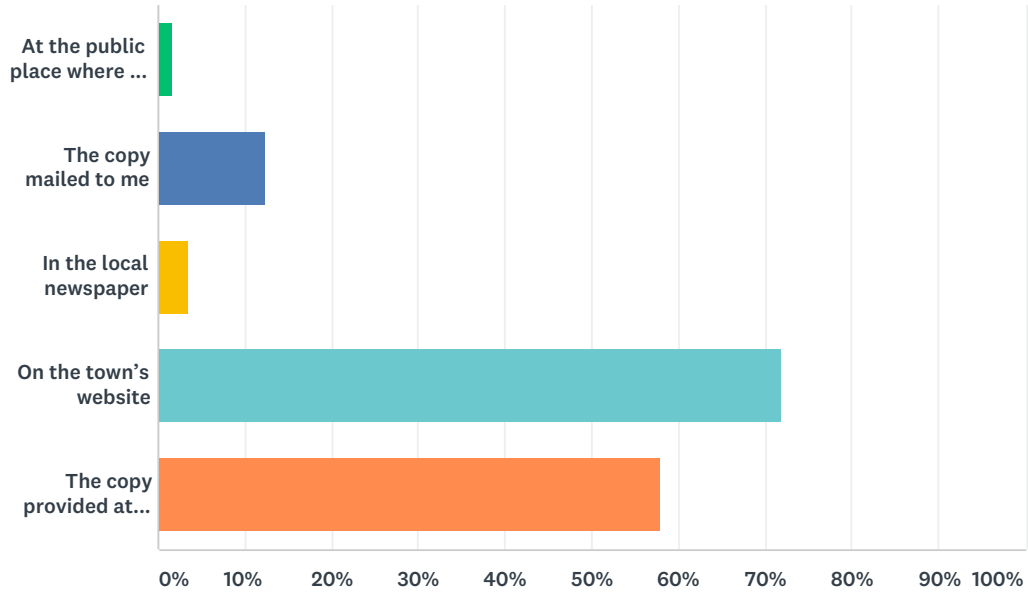
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| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|-----------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Very satisfied | 56.14% | 32 |
| Somewhat satisfied | 35.09% | 20 |
| Somewhat dissatisfied | 7.02% | 4 |
| Very dissatisfied | 1.75% | 1 |
| TOTAL | | 57 |

Q29 Where/how do you review the Town Meeting warrant/Finance Committee book? (check all that apply)

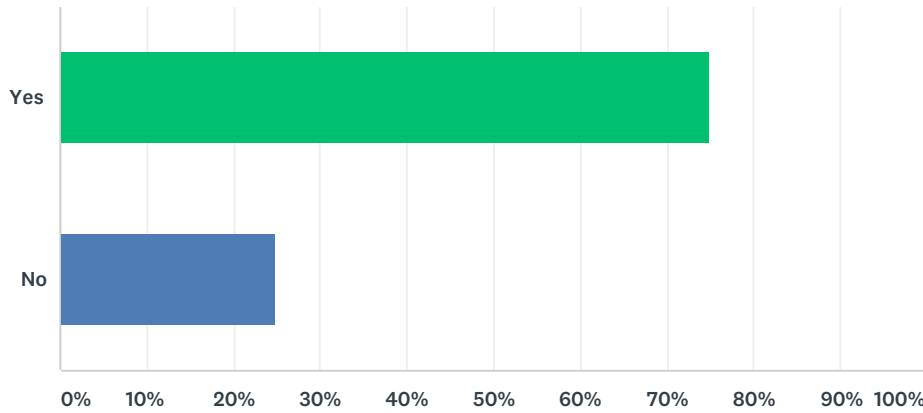
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| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|--|-----------|----|
| At the public place where it is posted | 1.75% | 1 |
| The copy mailed to me | 12.28% | 7 |
| In the local newspaper | 3.51% | 2 |
| On the town's website | 71.93% | 41 |
| The copy provided at Town Meeting | 57.89% | 33 |
| Total Respondents: 57 | | |

Q30 Do you usually read the Town Meeting materials before you come to Town Meeting?

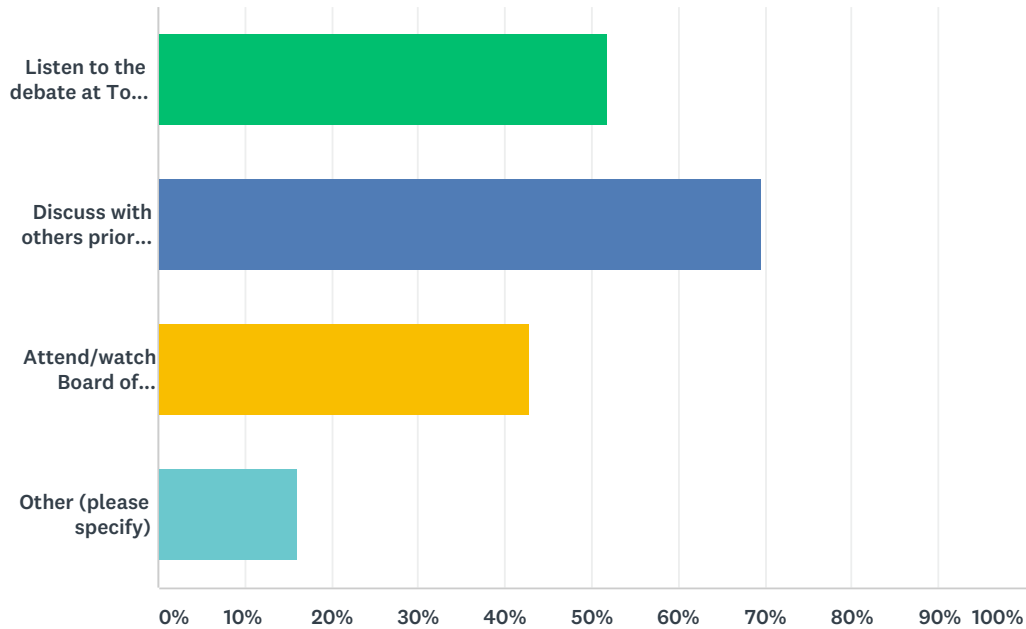
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| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|----------------|-----------|----|
| Yes | 75.00% | 42 |
| No | 25.00% | 14 |
| TOTAL | | 56 |

Q31 Other than reading the Town Meeting materials, how do you learn about the issues in front of Town Meeting? (check all that apply)

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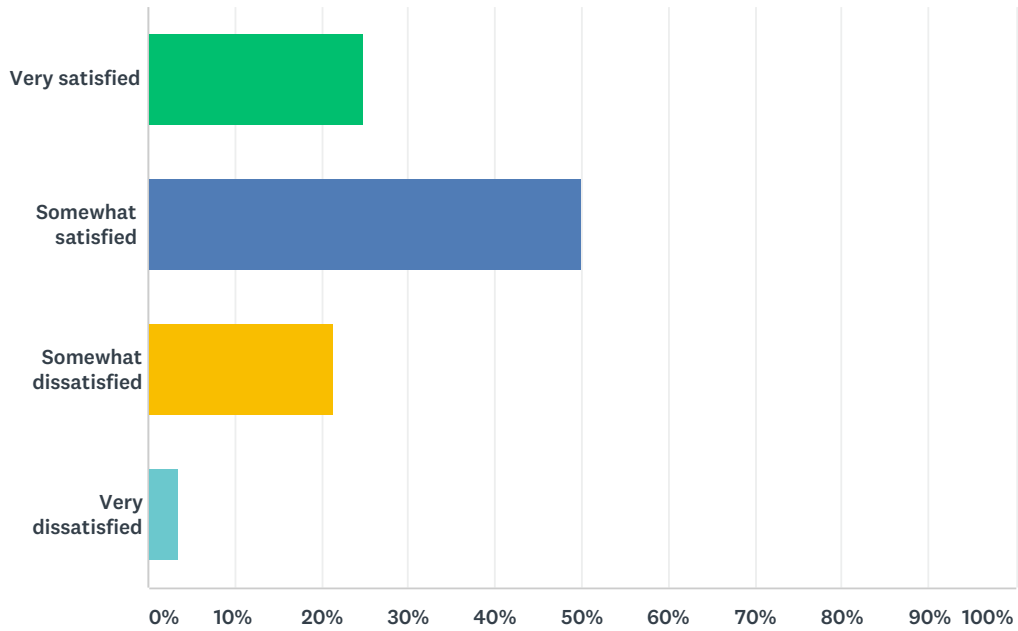


| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES |
|---|-----------|
| Listen to the debate at Town Meeting | 51.79% 29 |
| Discuss with others prior to Town Meeting | 69.64% 39 |
| Attend/watch Board of Selectmen/Finance Committee or other meetings | 42.86% 24 |
| Other (please specify) | 16.07% 9 |
| Total Respondents: 56 | |

| # | OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY) | DATE |
|---|-------------------------|--------------------|
| 1 | Friends. | 5/15/2018 8:08 AM |
| 2 | Social media | 5/15/2018 7:43 AM |
| 3 | emails, FB groups | 5/15/2018 12:24 AM |
| 4 | Facebook or friends | 4/2/2018 9:33 PM |
| 5 | Online | 4/2/2018 8:27 PM |
| 6 | Read newspaper articles | 4/2/2018 5:50 PM |
| 7 | Facebook | 4/2/2018 5:12 PM |
| 8 | newspaper | 4/2/2018 5:11 PM |
| 9 | Local paper | 4/2/2018 5:01 PM |

Q32 How satisfied are you that the materials you receive to prepare you for Town Meeting arrive in sufficient time for you to prepare?

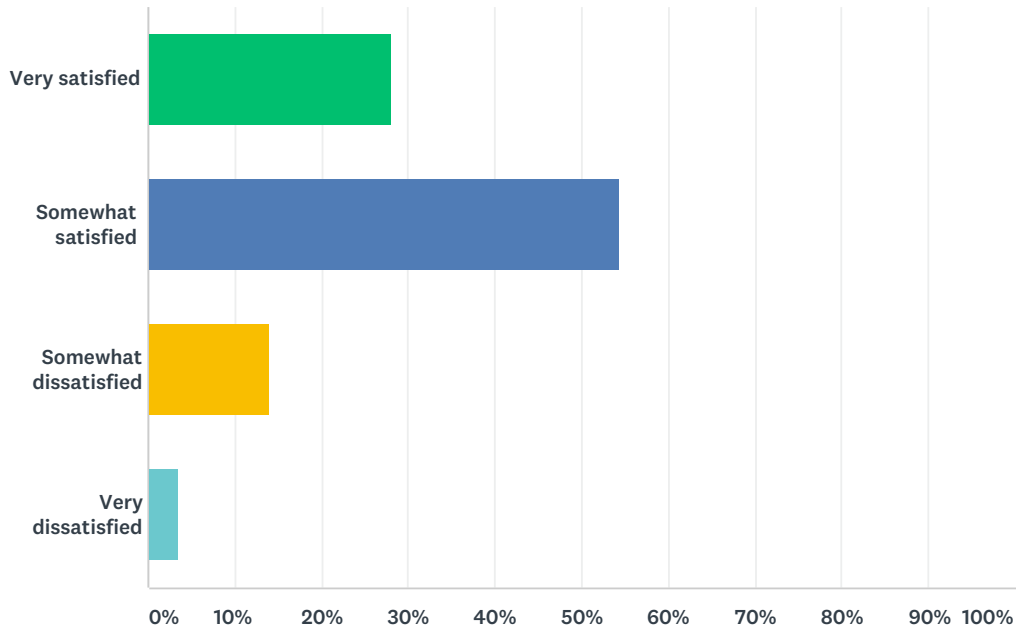
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| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|-----------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Very satisfied | 25.00% | 14 |
| Somewhat satisfied | 50.00% | 28 |
| Somewhat dissatisfied | 21.43% | 12 |
| Very dissatisfied | 3.57% | 2 |
| TOTAL | | 56 |

Q33 How satisfied are you that the materials you receive to prepare you for Town Meeting are complete and informative?

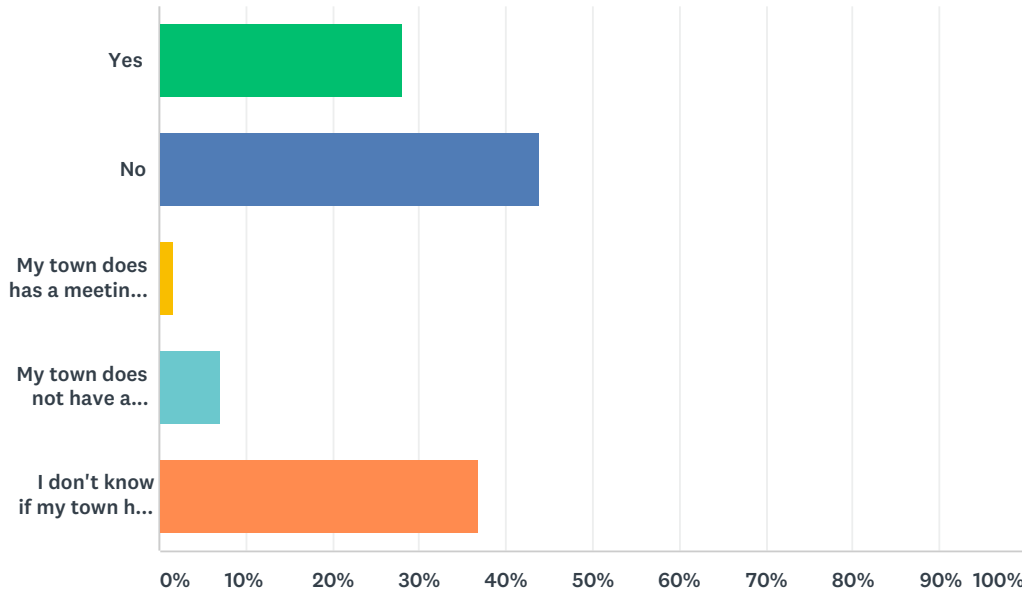
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| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|-----------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Very satisfied | 28.07% | 16 |
| Somewhat satisfied | 54.39% | 31 |
| Somewhat dissatisfied | 14.04% | 8 |
| Very dissatisfied | 3.51% | 2 |
| TOTAL | | 57 |

**Q34 Would you be interested in participating in a Town Meeting association to meet periodically and suggest ways to improve Town Meeting and communication about Town Meeting to town residents?
(check all that apply)**

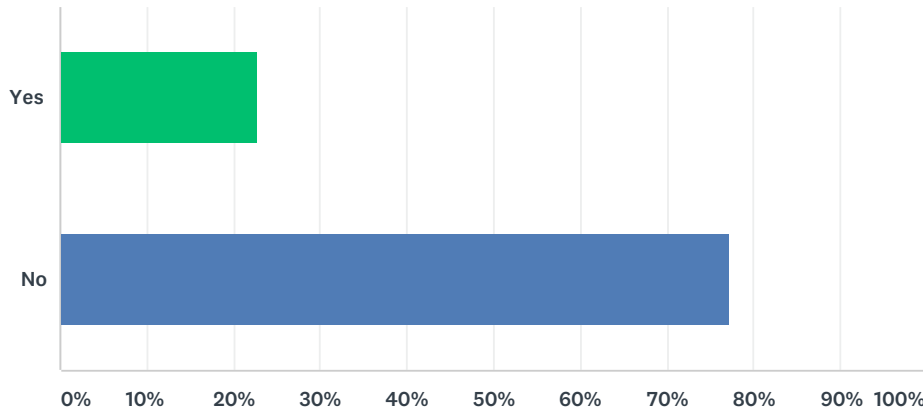
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| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|---|-----------|----|
| Yes | 28.07% | 16 |
| No | 43.86% | 25 |
| My town does has a meeting group | 1.75% | 1 |
| My town does not have a meeting group | 7.02% | 4 |
| I don't know if my town has a meeting group | 36.84% | 21 |
| Total Respondents: 57 | | |

Q35 Do you think that warrant article information/data changes too much between the date it is published and the day of Town Meeting?

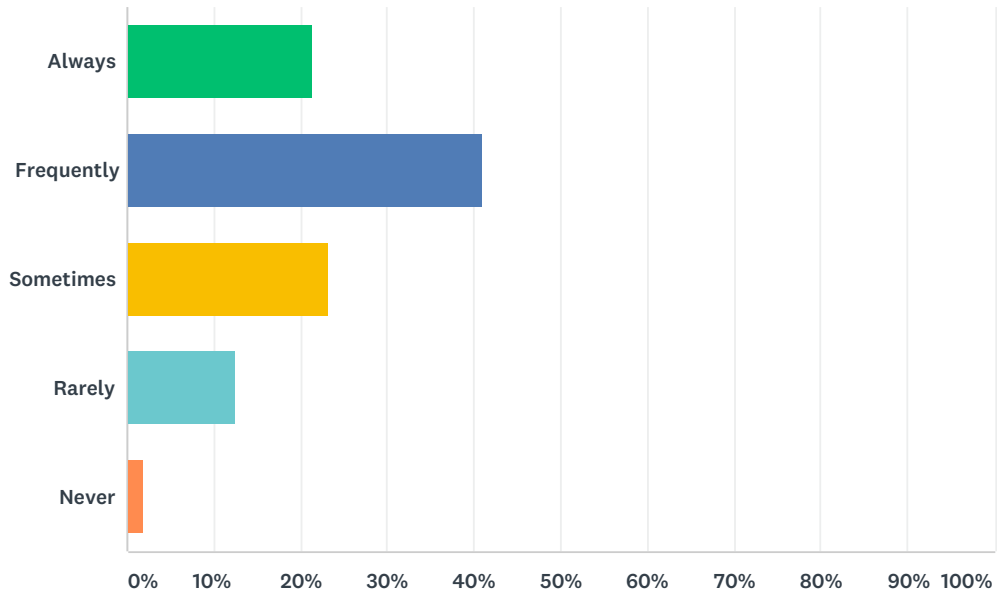
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| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|----------------|-----------|----|
| Yes | 22.81% | 13 |
| No | 77.19% | 44 |
| TOTAL | | 57 |

Q36 I come prepared for every Town Meeting to vote on all articles presented:

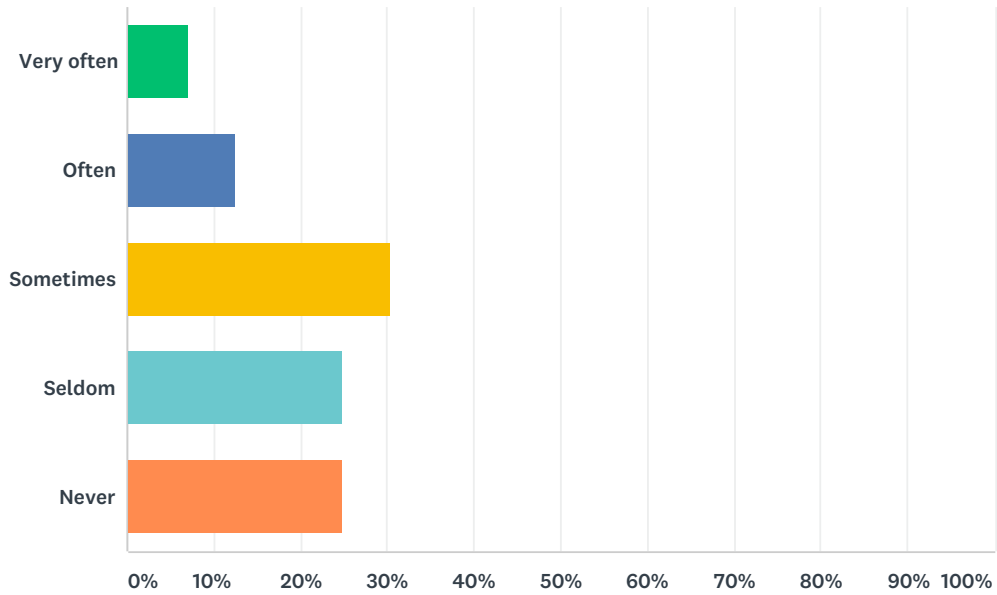
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| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|----------------|-----------|-----------|
| Always | 21.43% | 12 |
| Frequently | 41.07% | 23 |
| Sometimes | 23.21% | 13 |
| Rarely | 12.50% | 7 |
| Never | 1.79% | 1 |
| TOTAL | | 56 |

Q37 How often do you attend or watch on TV/video meetings or hearings of the Board of Selectmen in preparation for Town Meeting?

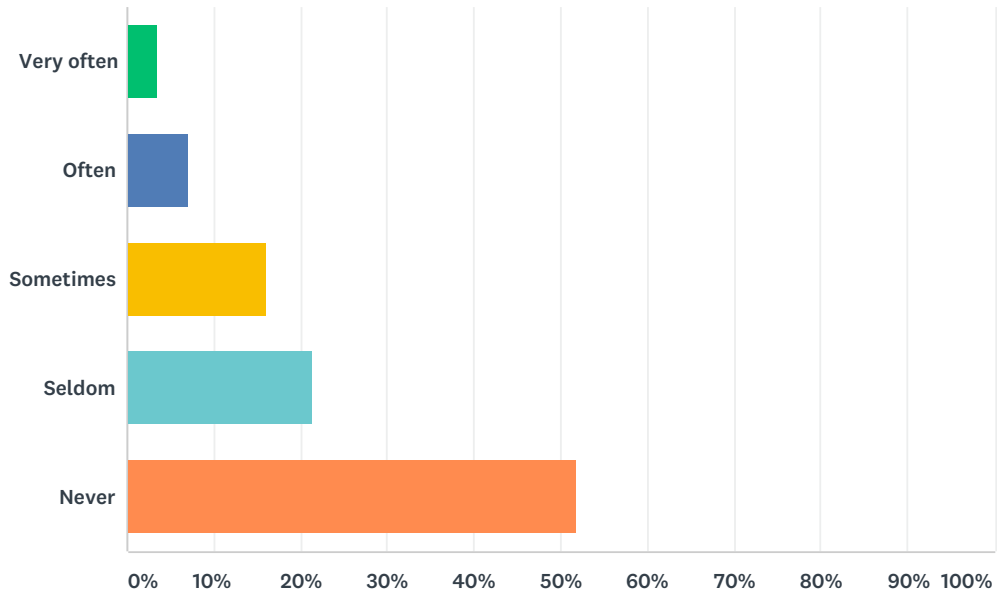
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| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|----------------|-----------|-----------|
| Very often | 7.14% | 4 |
| Often | 12.50% | 7 |
| Sometimes | 30.36% | 17 |
| Seldom | 25.00% | 14 |
| Never | 25.00% | 14 |
| TOTAL | | 56 |

Q38 How often do you attend or watch on TV/video meetings or hearings of the Finance/Advisory Committee in preparation for Town Meeting?

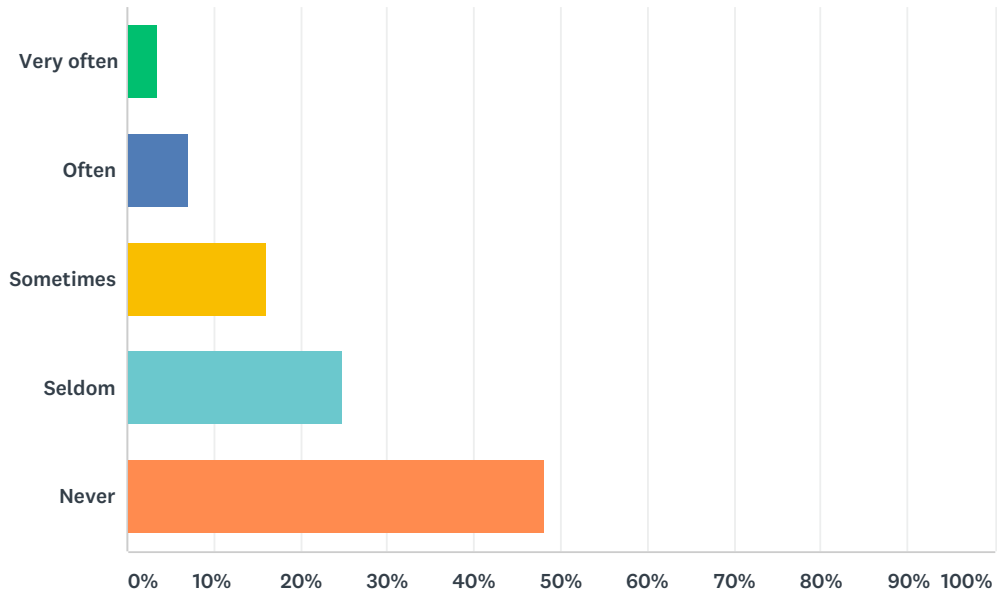
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| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|----------------|-----------|-----------|
| Very often | 3.57% | 2 |
| Often | 7.14% | 4 |
| Sometimes | 16.07% | 9 |
| Seldom | 21.43% | 12 |
| Never | 51.79% | 29 |
| TOTAL | | 56 |

Q39 How often do you attend or watch on TV/video meetings or hearings of the Planning Board in preparation for Town Meeting?

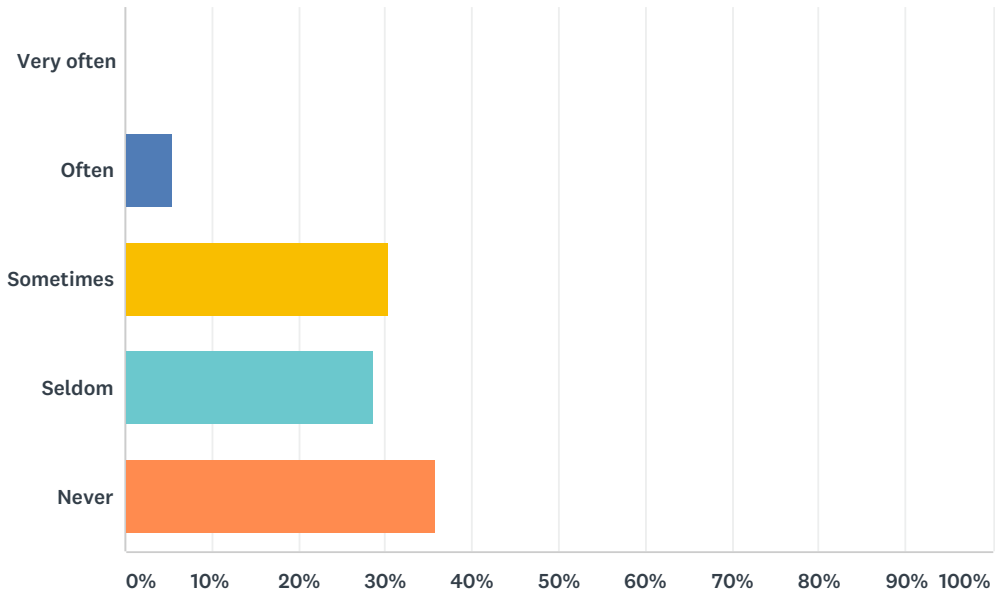
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| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|----------------|-----------|-----------|
| Very often | 3.57% | 2 |
| Often | 7.14% | 4 |
| Sometimes | 16.07% | 9 |
| Seldom | 25.00% | 14 |
| Never | 48.21% | 27 |
| TOTAL | | 56 |

Q40 How often do you attend or watch on TV/video meetings or hearings of the School Committee in preparation for Town Meeting?

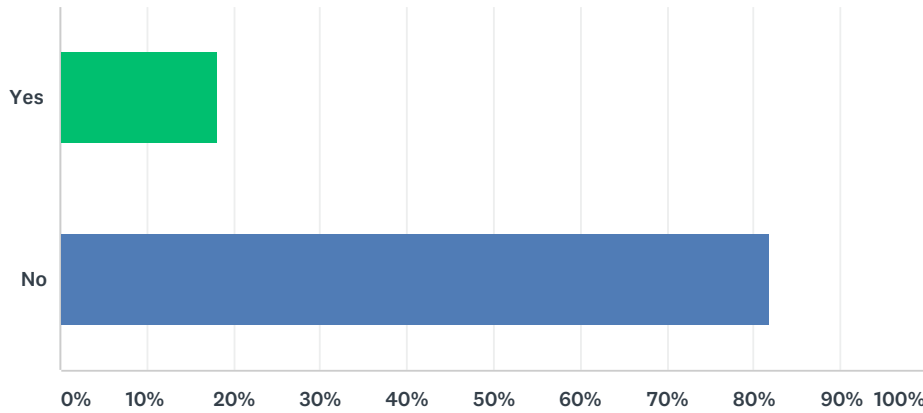
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| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|----------------|-----------|-----------|
| Very often | 0.00% | 0 |
| Often | 5.36% | 3 |
| Sometimes | 30.36% | 17 |
| Seldom | 28.57% | 16 |
| Never | 35.71% | 20 |
| TOTAL | | 56 |

Q41 Have you ever read a copy of the Secretary of State’s “Citizen’s Guide to Town Meetings”?

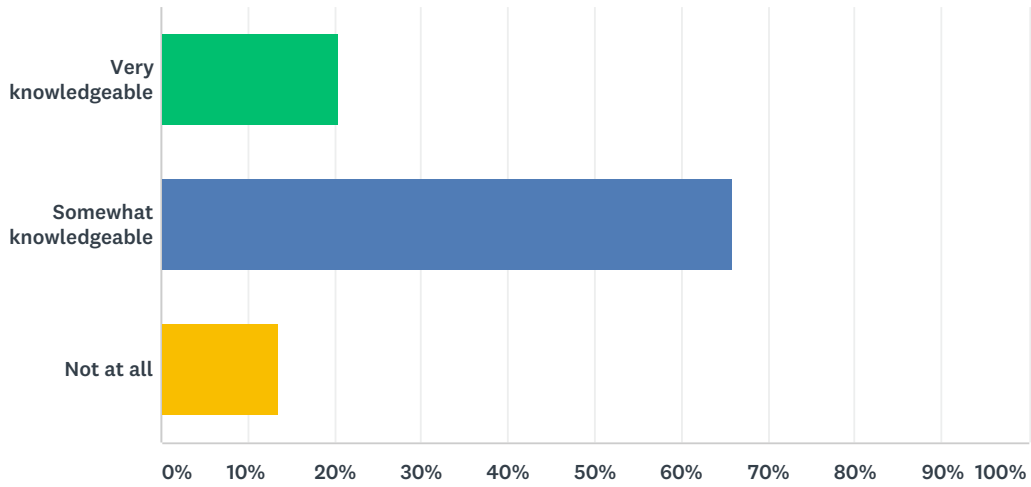
Answered: 44 Skipped: 51



| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|----------------|-----------|----|
| Yes | 18.18% | 8 |
| No | 81.82% | 36 |
| TOTAL | | 44 |

Q42 How well do you understand Town Meeting parliamentary procedure (for example, moving the question, a point of order, reconsideration)?

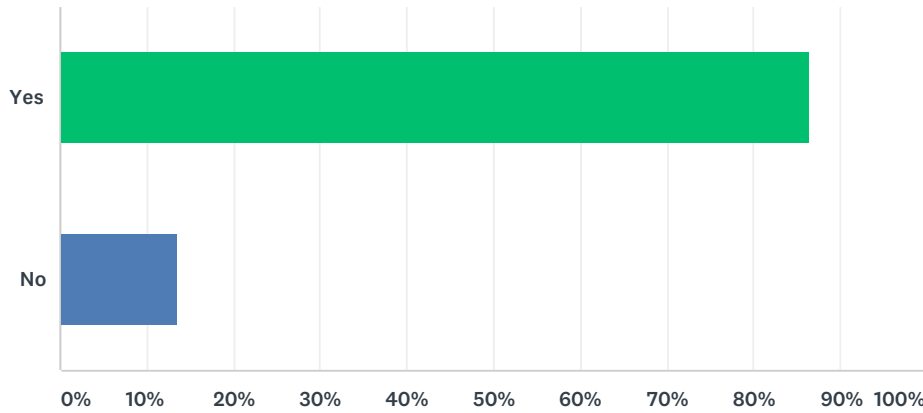
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| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Very knowledgeable | 20.45% | 9 |
| Somewhat knowledgeable | 65.91% | 29 |
| Not at all | 13.64% | 6 |
| TOTAL | | 44 |

Q43 Are you satisfied with the Moderator's explanation of the procedural rules of Town Meeting?

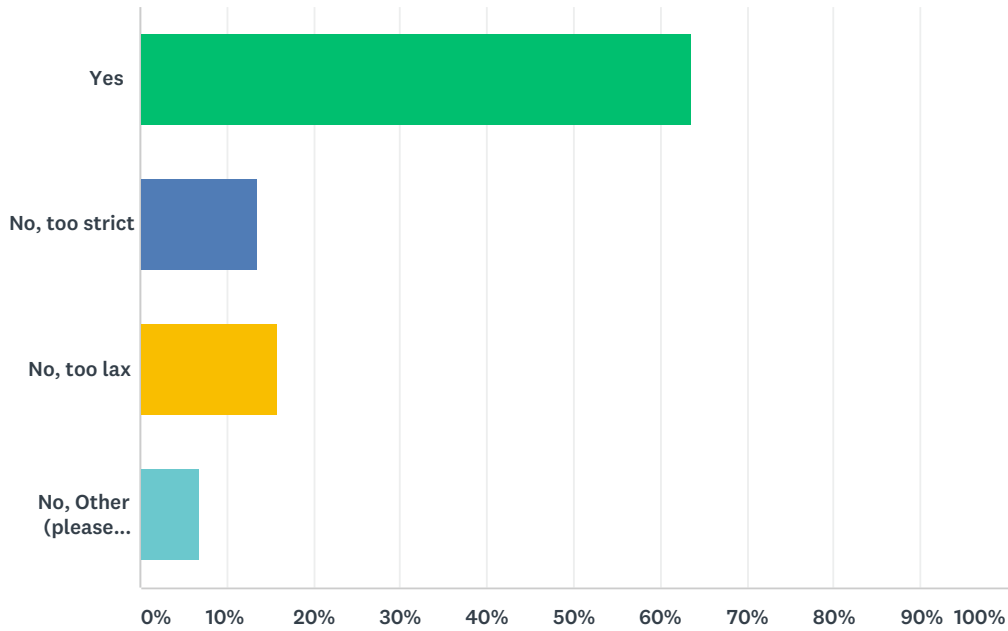
Answered: 44 Skipped: 51



| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|----------------|-----------|----|
| Yes | 86.36% | 38 |
| No | 13.64% | 6 |
| TOTAL | | 44 |

Q44 Are you satisfied with the rules for Town Meeting members to speak at Town Meeting?

Answered: 44 Skipped: 51

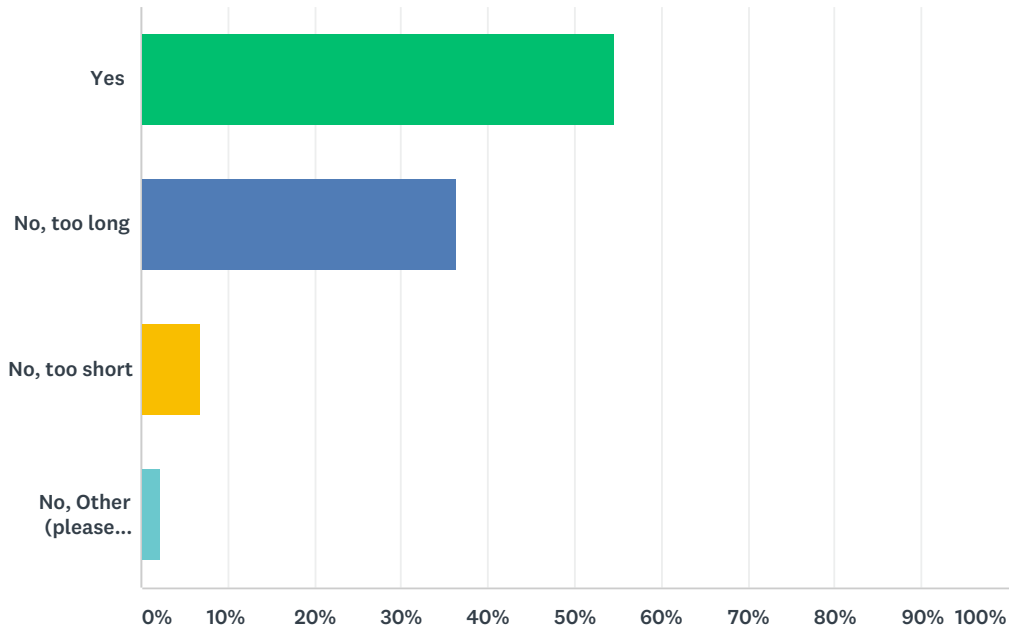


| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES |
|----------------------------|-----------|
| Yes | 63.64% 28 |
| No, too strict | 13.64% 6 |
| No, too lax | 15.91% 7 |
| No, Other (please specify) | 6.82% 3 |
| TOTAL | 44 |

| # | NO, OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY) | DATE |
|---|--|-------------------|
| 1 | Same people with constant complaints monopolize all the time | 5/15/2018 7:48 AM |
| 2 | Moderator not fair | 4/3/2018 6:01 PM |
| 3 | Too much discussion when everyone agrees - limit discussion to opposing views or closely split votes | 4/2/2018 5:52 PM |

Q45 Are you satisfied with the time allowed for Town Meeting members to speak at Town Meeting?

Answered: 44 Skipped: 51

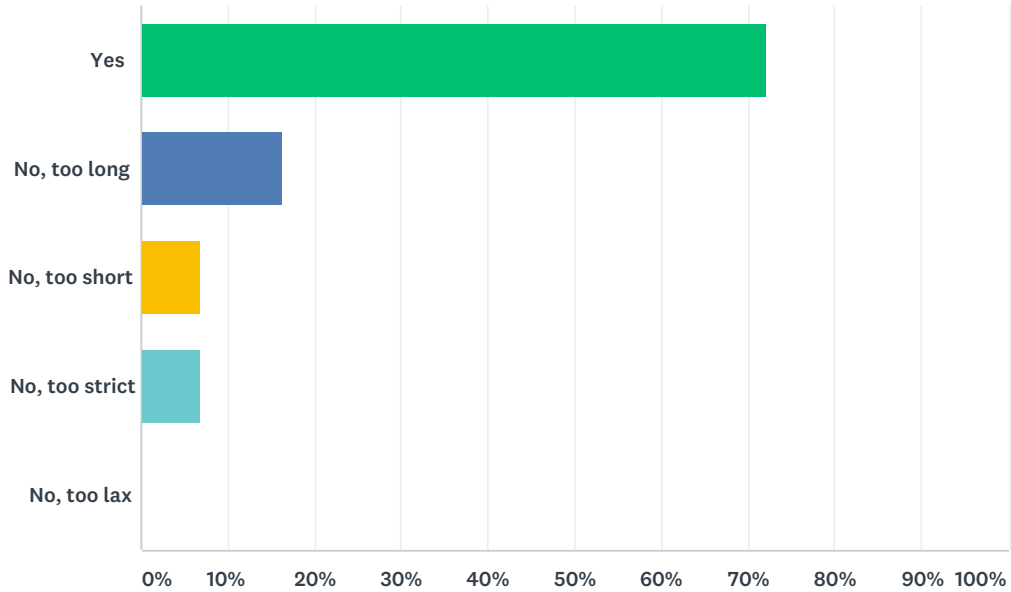


| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|----------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Yes | 54.55% | 24 |
| No, too long | 36.36% | 16 |
| No, too short | 6.82% | 3 |
| No, Other (please specify) | 2.27% | 1 |
| TOTAL | | 44 |

| # | NO, OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY) | DATE |
|---|----------------------------|------------------|
| 1 | Moderator unfair | 4/3/2018 6:01 PM |

Q46 Are you satisfied with the opportunity and rules for formal presentations by sponsors and opponents of warrant articles at Town Meeting? (check all that apply)

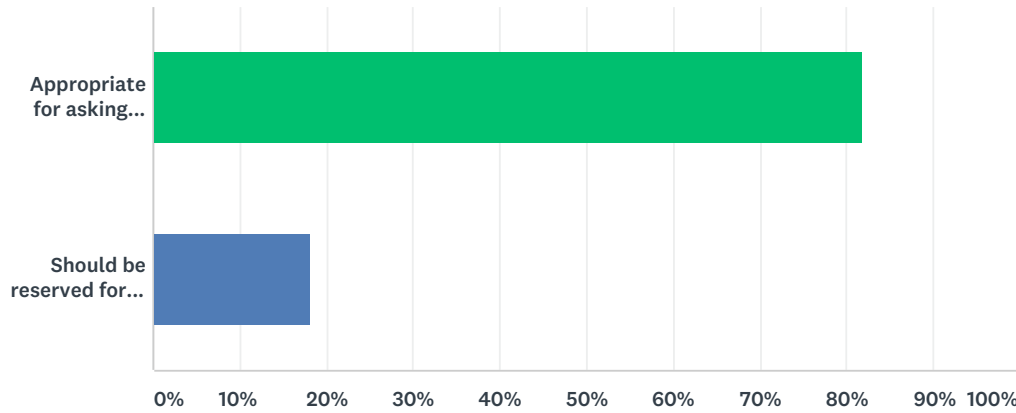
Answered: 43 Skipped: 52



| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES |
|-----------------------|-----------|
| Yes | 72.09% 31 |
| No, too long | 16.28% 7 |
| No, too short | 6.98% 3 |
| No, too strict | 6.98% 3 |
| No, too lax | 0.00% 0 |
| Total Respondents: 43 | |

Q47 Is Town Meeting the appropriate time to ask questions or should Town Meeting be reserved for opinions?

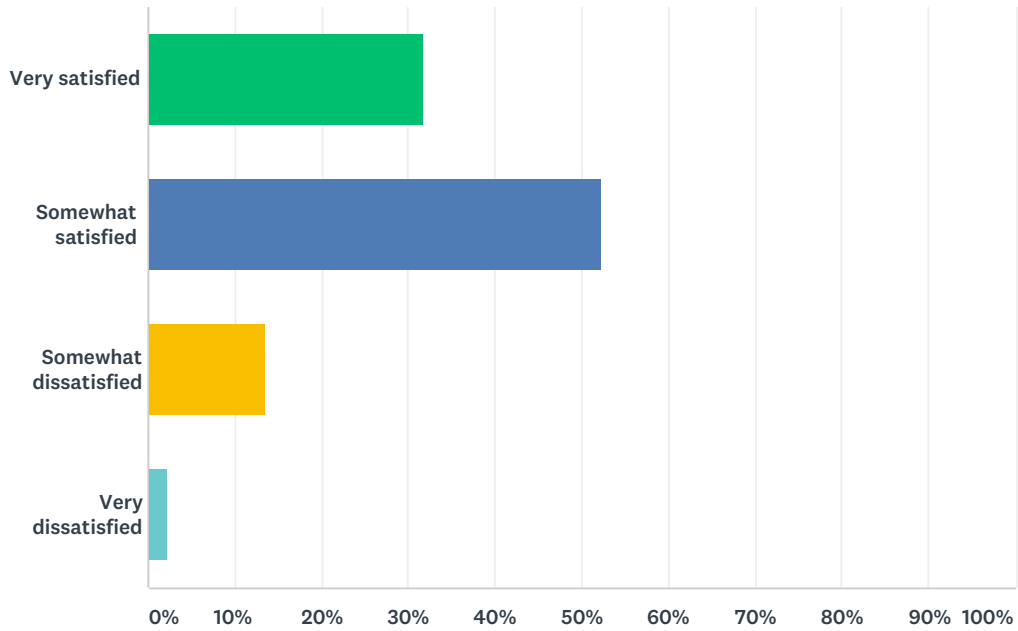
Answered: 44 Skipped: 51



| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|----------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Appropriate for asking questions | 81.82% | 36 |
| Should be reserved for opinions | 18.18% | 8 |
| TOTAL | | 44 |

Q48 How satisfied are you with the clarity of the information in the Finance/Advisory Committee presentations at Town Meeting?

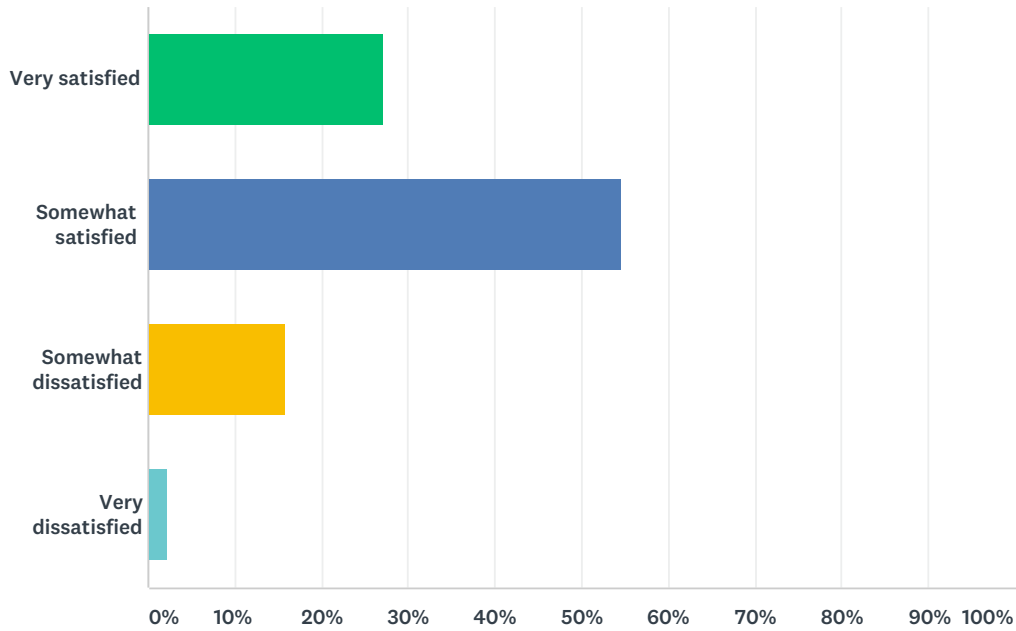
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| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|-----------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Very satisfied | 31.82% | 14 |
| Somewhat satisfied | 52.27% | 23 |
| Somewhat dissatisfied | 13.64% | 6 |
| Very dissatisfied | 2.27% | 1 |
| TOTAL | | 44 |

Q49 How satisfied are you with the clarity of the information in the Planning Board presentations at Town Meeting?

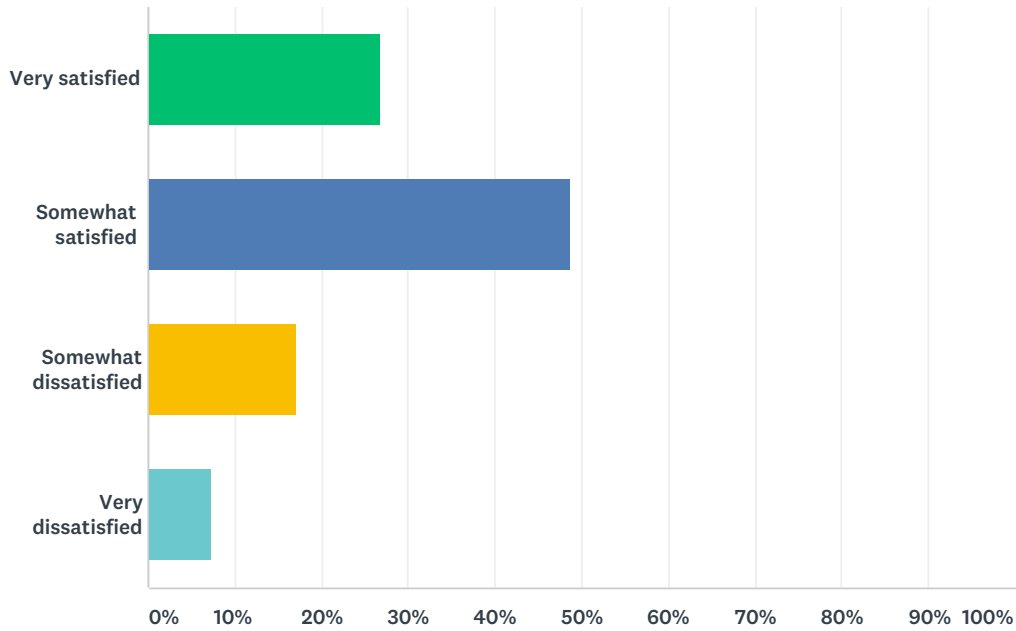
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| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|-----------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Very satisfied | 27.27% | 12 |
| Somewhat satisfied | 54.55% | 24 |
| Somewhat dissatisfied | 15.91% | 7 |
| Very dissatisfied | 2.27% | 1 |
| TOTAL | | 44 |

Q50 How satisfied are you with the clarity of the information in the Personnel Board presentations at Town Meeting?

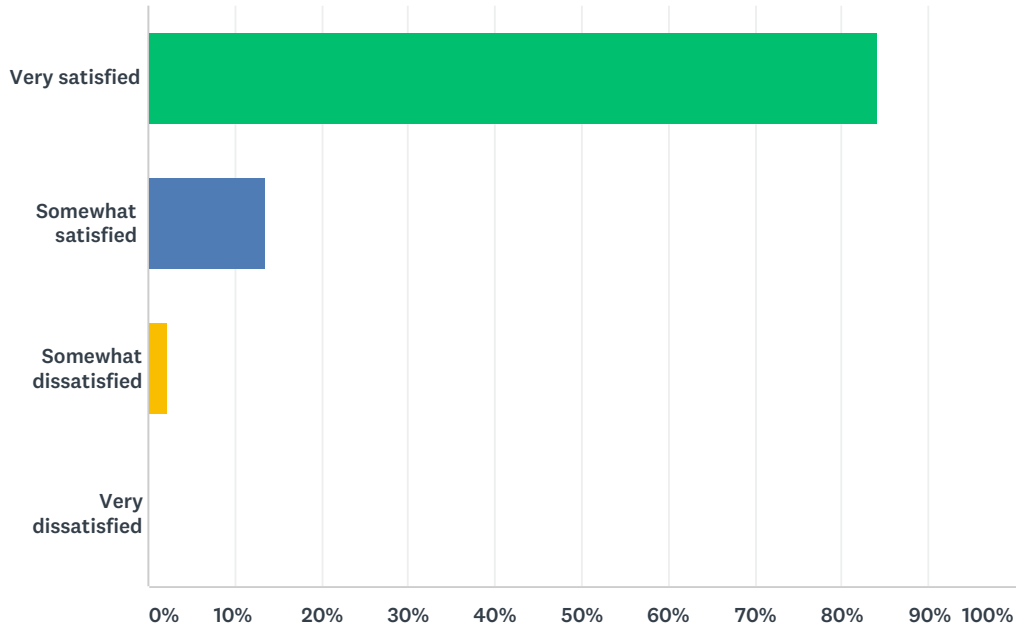
Answered: 41 Skipped: 54



| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|-----------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Very satisfied | 26.83% | 11 |
| Somewhat satisfied | 48.78% | 20 |
| Somewhat dissatisfied | 17.07% | 7 |
| Very dissatisfied | 7.32% | 3 |
| TOTAL | | 41 |

Q51 In thinking about the most recent Town Meetings, please indicate how satisfied you that the meeting begins promptly at the designated time.

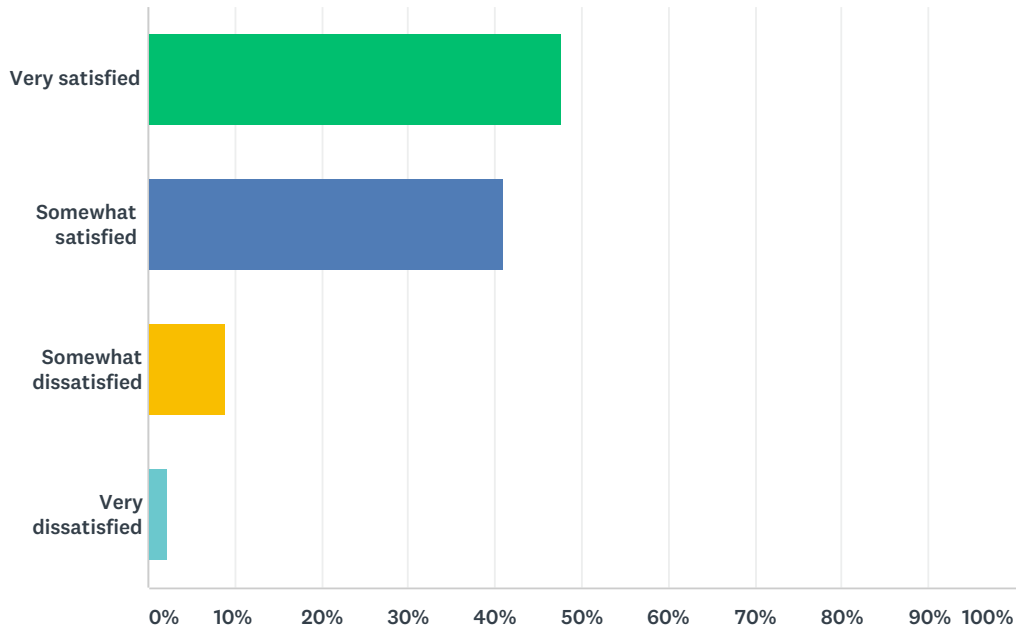
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| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|-----------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Very satisfied | 84.09% | 37 |
| Somewhat satisfied | 13.64% | 6 |
| Somewhat dissatisfied | 2.27% | 1 |
| Very dissatisfied | 0.00% | 0 |
| TOTAL | | 44 |

Q52 In thinking about the most recent Town Meetings, please indicate how satisfied you that the meeting is run in an organized fashion.

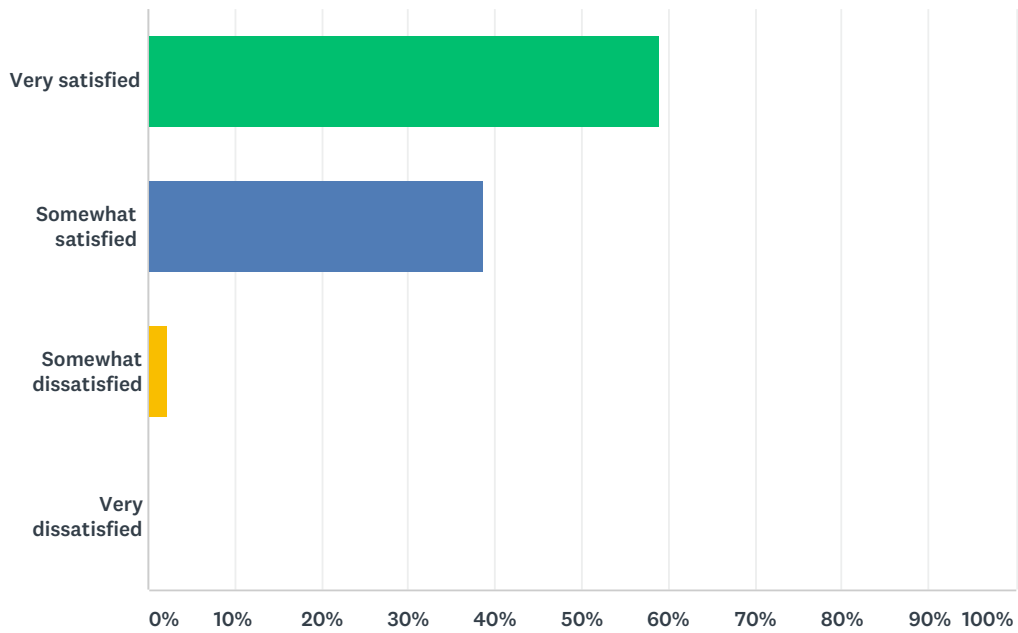
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| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|-----------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Very satisfied | 47.73% | 21 |
| Somewhat satisfied | 40.91% | 18 |
| Somewhat dissatisfied | 9.09% | 4 |
| Very dissatisfied | 2.27% | 1 |
| TOTAL | | 44 |

Q53 In thinking about the most recent Town Meetings, please indicate how satisfied you are with the quality of the audio system.

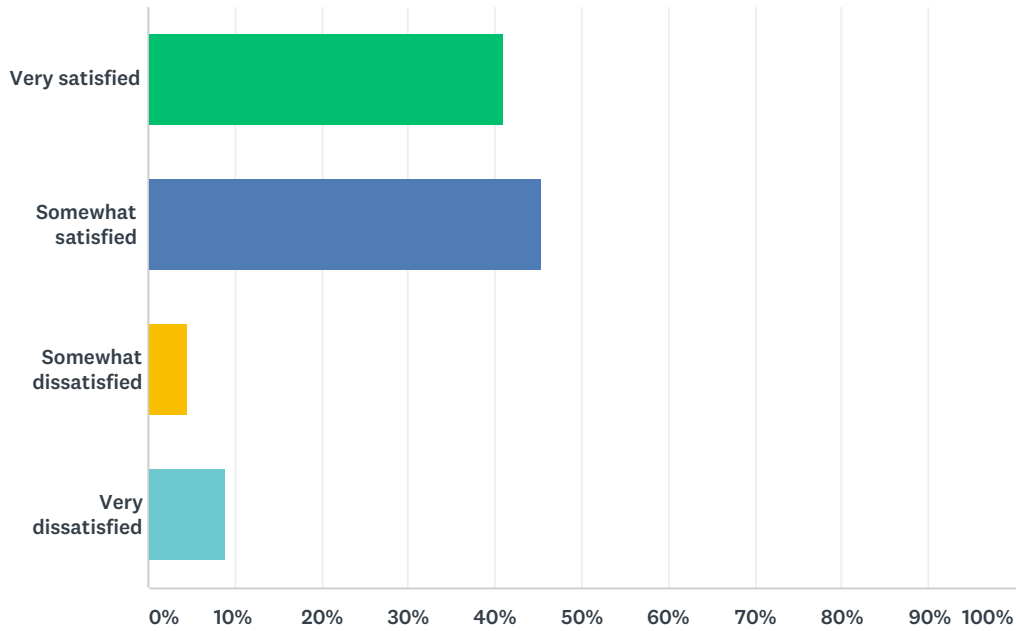
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| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|-----------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Very satisfied | 59.09% | 26 |
| Somewhat satisfied | 38.64% | 17 |
| Somewhat dissatisfied | 2.27% | 1 |
| Very dissatisfied | 0.00% | 0 |
| TOTAL | | 44 |

Q54 In thinking about the most recent Town Meetings, please indicate how satisfied you are with the quality of the visual presentations.

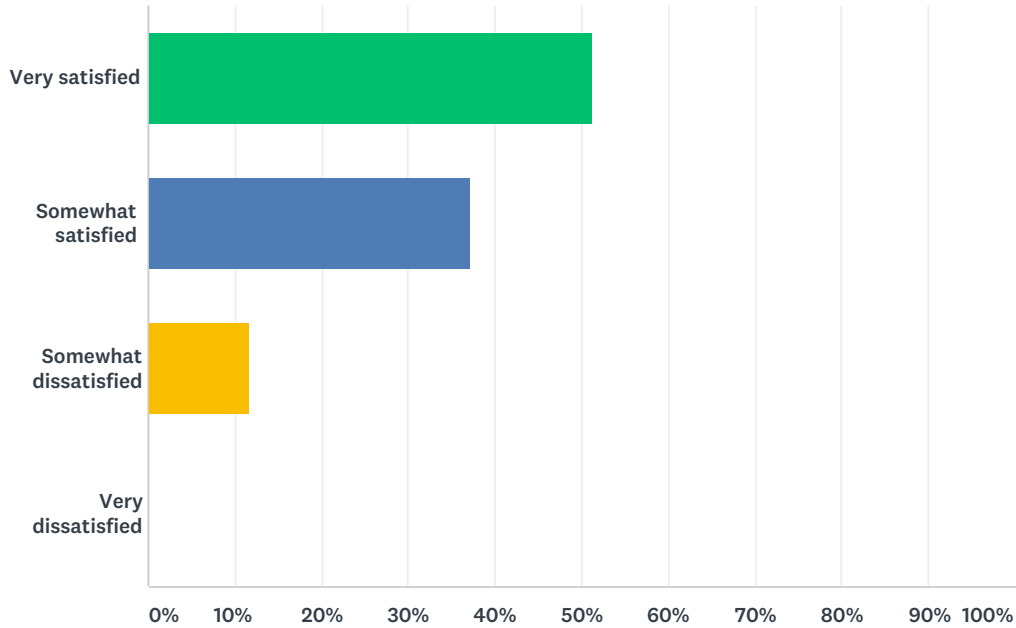
Answered: 44 Skipped: 51



| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|-----------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Very satisfied | 40.91% | 18 |
| Somewhat satisfied | 45.45% | 20 |
| Somewhat dissatisfied | 4.55% | 2 |
| Very dissatisfied | 9.09% | 4 |
| TOTAL | | 44 |

Q55 In thinking about the most recent Town Meetings, please indicate how satisfied you with the voting process (standing to vote, voice votes, etc.)

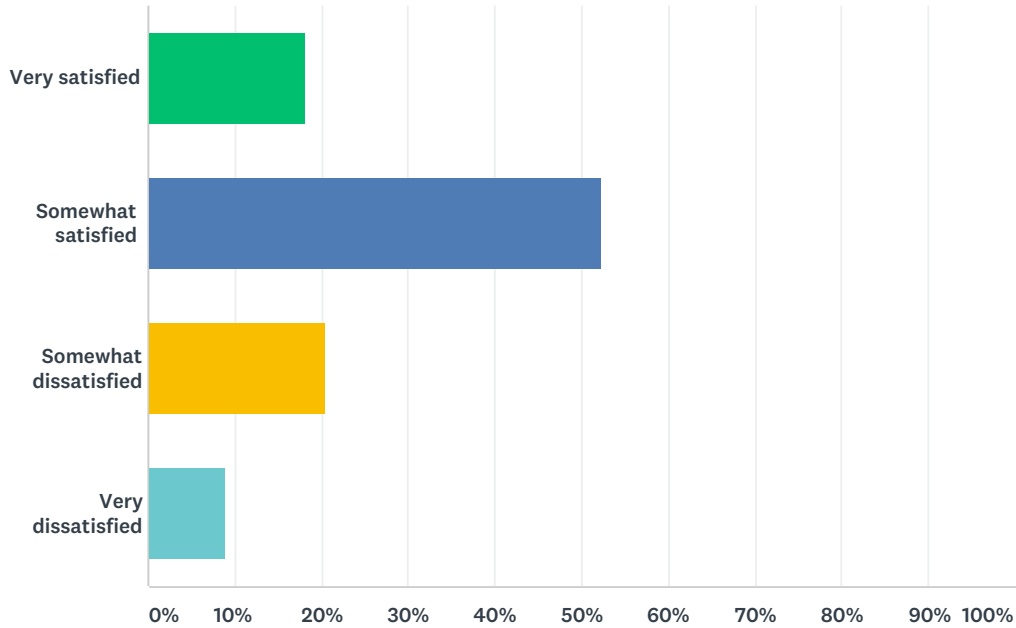
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| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|-----------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Very satisfied | 51.16% | 22 |
| Somewhat satisfied | 37.21% | 16 |
| Somewhat dissatisfied | 11.63% | 5 |
| Very dissatisfied | 0.00% | 0 |
| TOTAL | | 43 |

Q56 In thinking about the most recent Town Meetings, please indicate how satisfied you with the process to make amendments to motions at Town Meeting.

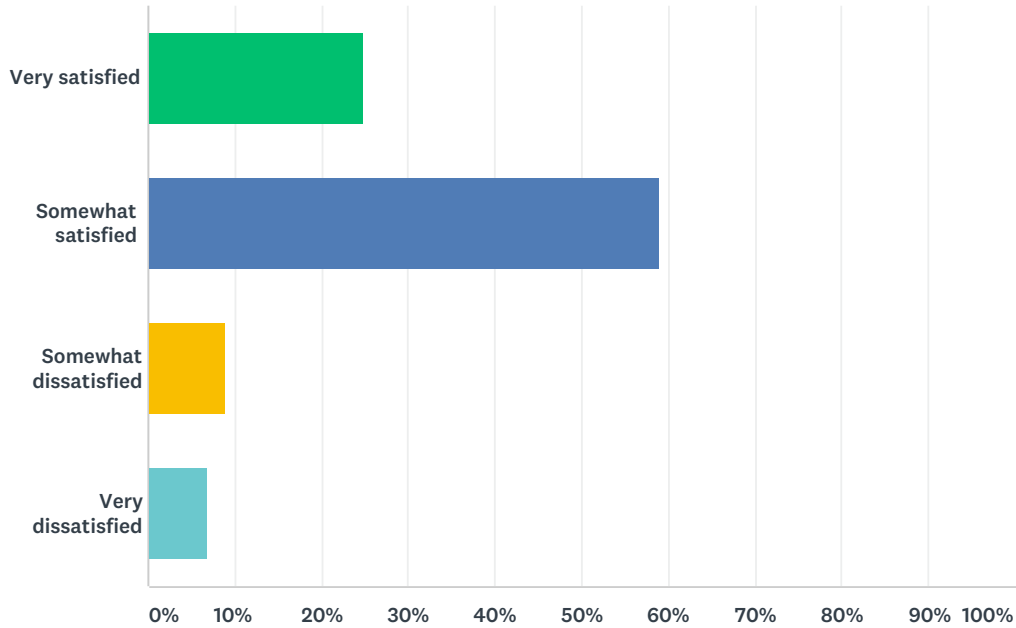
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| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|-----------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Very satisfied | 18.18% | 8 |
| Somewhat satisfied | 52.27% | 23 |
| Somewhat dissatisfied | 20.45% | 9 |
| Very dissatisfied | 9.09% | 4 |
| TOTAL | | 44 |

Q57 In thinking about the most recent Town Meetings, please indicate how satisfied you are with the way in the Town Budget is presented, discussed and approved.

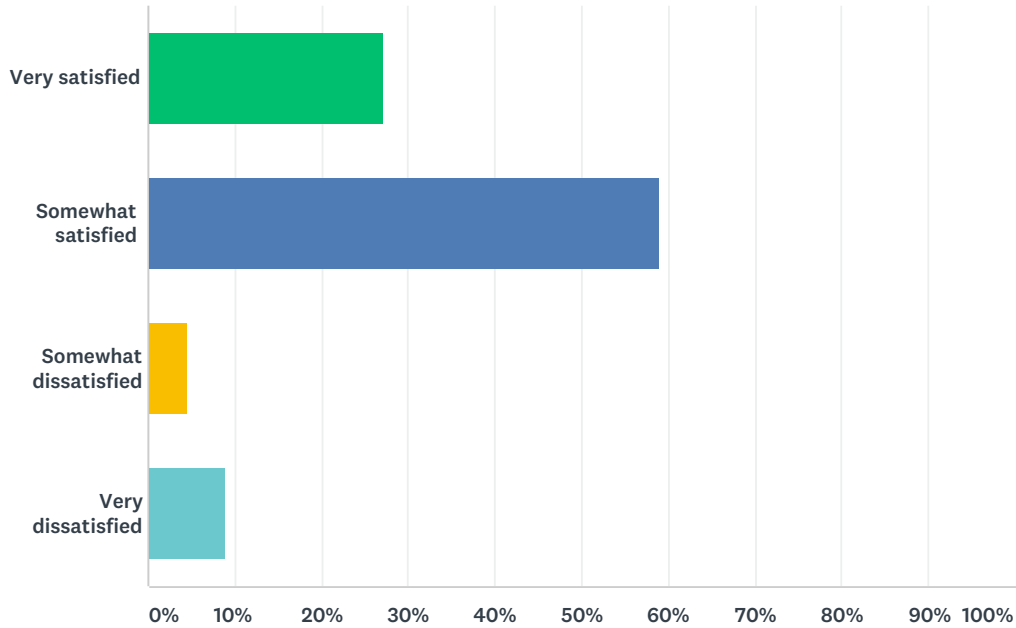
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| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|-----------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Very satisfied | 25.00% | 11 |
| Somewhat satisfied | 59.09% | 26 |
| Somewhat dissatisfied | 9.09% | 4 |
| Very dissatisfied | 6.82% | 3 |
| TOTAL | | 44 |

Q58 In thinking about the most recent Town Meetings, please indicate how satisfied you are with the way in which Zoning and Land Articles are presented, discussed and approved.

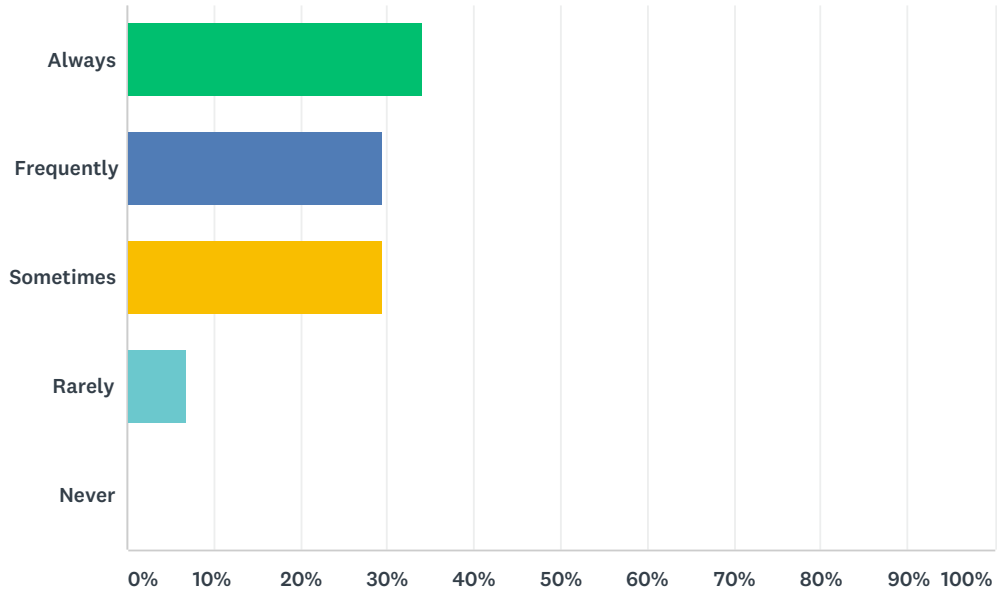
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| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|-----------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Very satisfied | 27.27% | 12 |
| Somewhat satisfied | 59.09% | 26 |
| Somewhat dissatisfied | 4.55% | 2 |
| Very dissatisfied | 9.09% | 4 |
| TOTAL | | 44 |

Q59 I feel comfortable participating at Town Meeting:

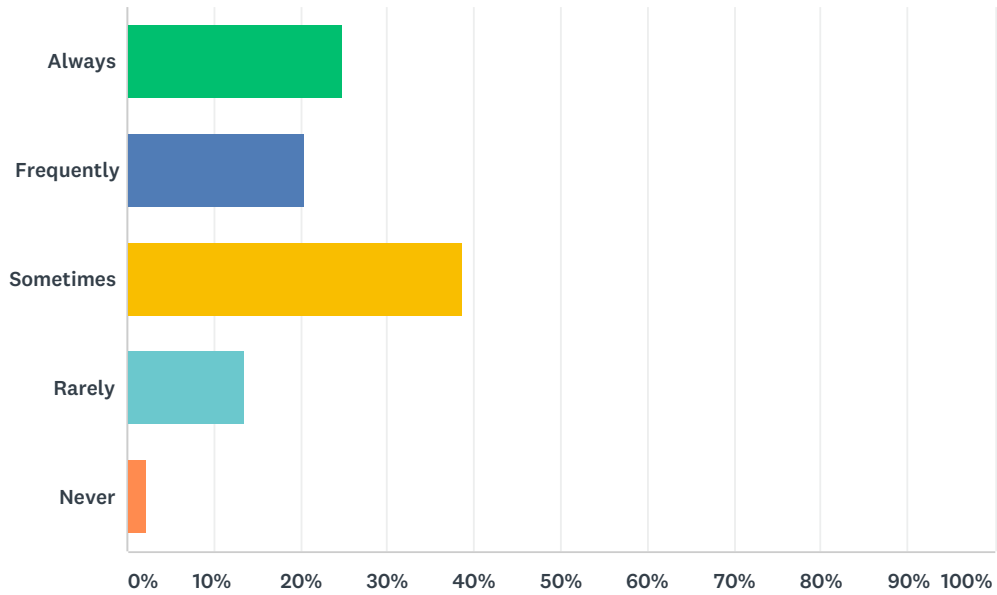
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| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|----------------|-----------|-----------|
| Always | 34.09% | 15 |
| Frequently | 29.55% | 13 |
| Sometimes | 29.55% | 13 |
| Rarely | 6.82% | 3 |
| Never | 0.00% | 0 |
| TOTAL | | 44 |

Q60 I feel comfortable expressing an opposing or minority view at Town Meeting:

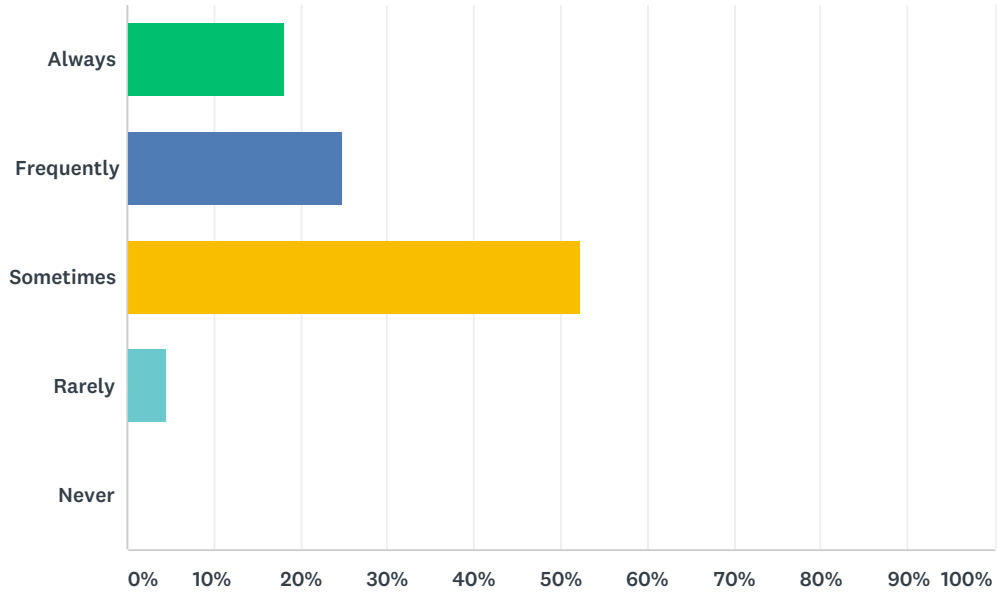
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| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|----------------|-----------|-----------|
| Always | 25.00% | 11 |
| Frequently | 20.45% | 9 |
| Sometimes | 38.64% | 17 |
| Rarely | 13.64% | 6 |
| Never | 2.27% | 1 |
| TOTAL | | 44 |

Q61 I feel Town Meeting Members are respectful and listen to others' comments:

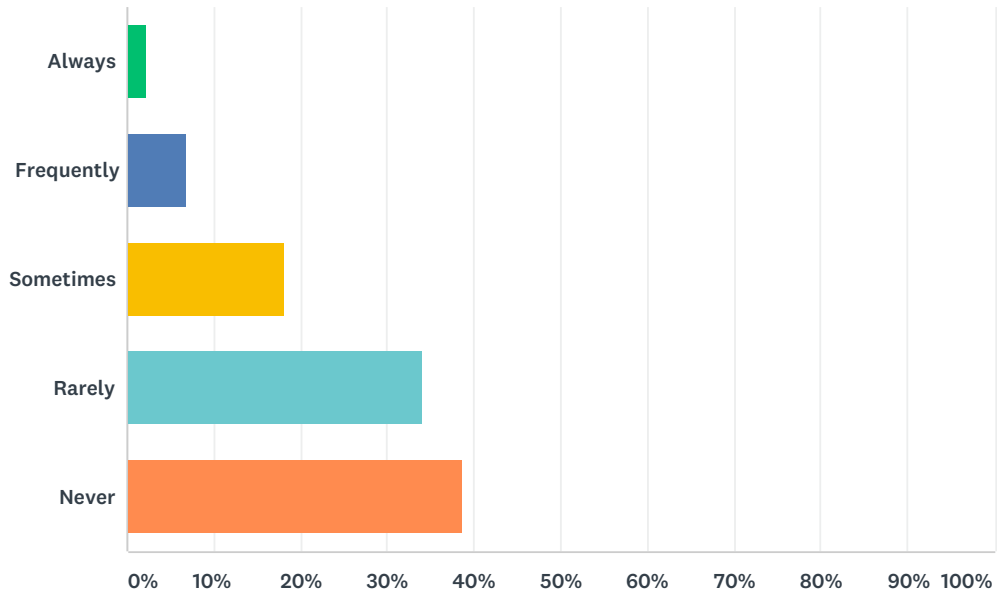
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| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|----------------|-----------|-----------|
| Always | 18.18% | 8 |
| Frequently | 25.00% | 11 |
| Sometimes | 52.27% | 23 |
| Rarely | 4.55% | 2 |
| Never | 0.00% | 0 |
| TOTAL | | 44 |

Q62 How often do you speak at Town Meeting in support or opposition to an article?

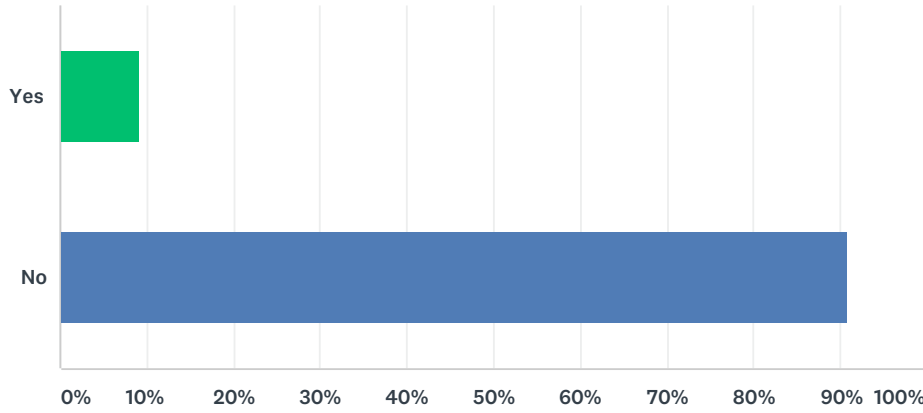
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| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|----------------|-----------|----|
| Always | 2.27% | 1 |
| Frequently | 6.82% | 3 |
| Sometimes | 18.18% | 8 |
| Rarely | 34.09% | 15 |
| Never | 38.64% | 17 |
| TOTAL | | 44 |

Q63 Have you ever attended Town Meeting but did not vote?

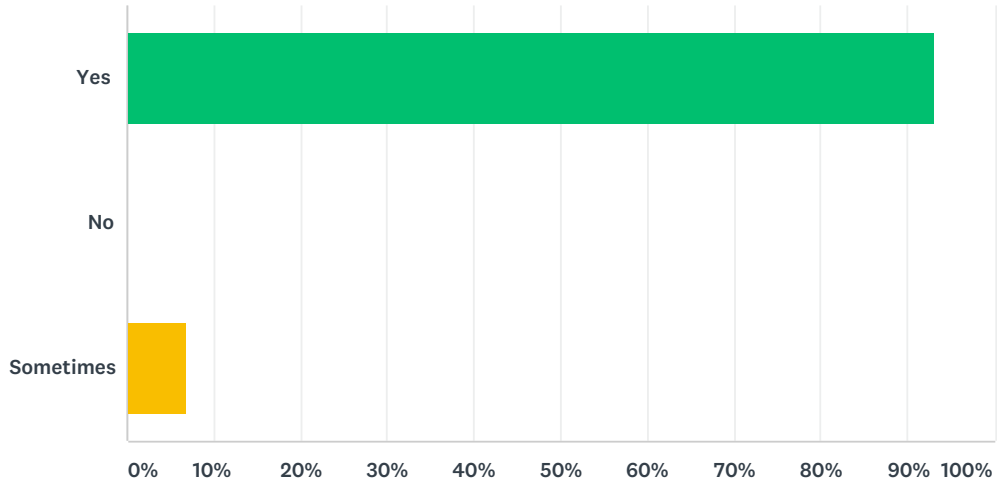
Answered: 43 Skipped: 52



| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|----------------|-----------|----|
| Yes | 9.30% | 4 |
| No | 90.70% | 39 |
| TOTAL | | 43 |

Q64 Do you feel qualified to vote?

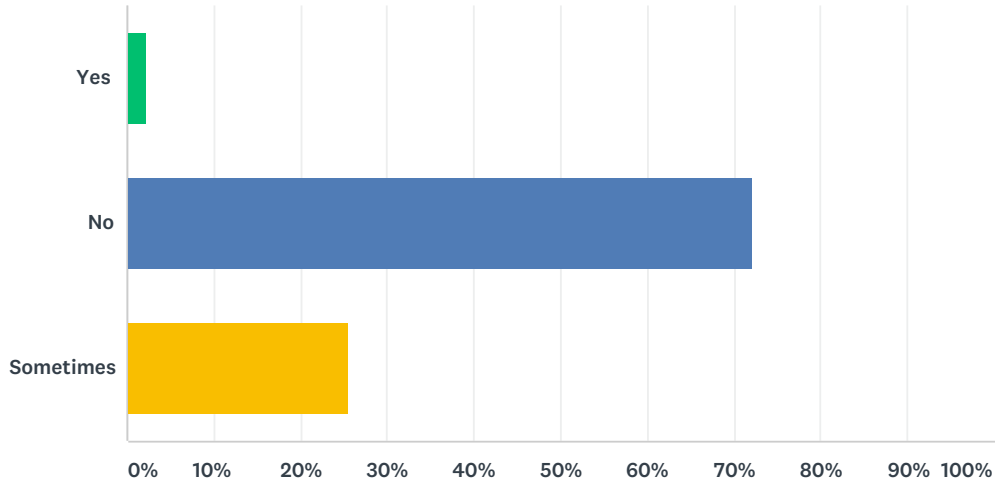
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| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|----------------|-----------|----|
| Yes | 93.02% | 40 |
| No | 0.00% | 0 |
| Sometimes | 6.98% | 3 |
| TOTAL | | 43 |

Q65 Are the subjects too complex?

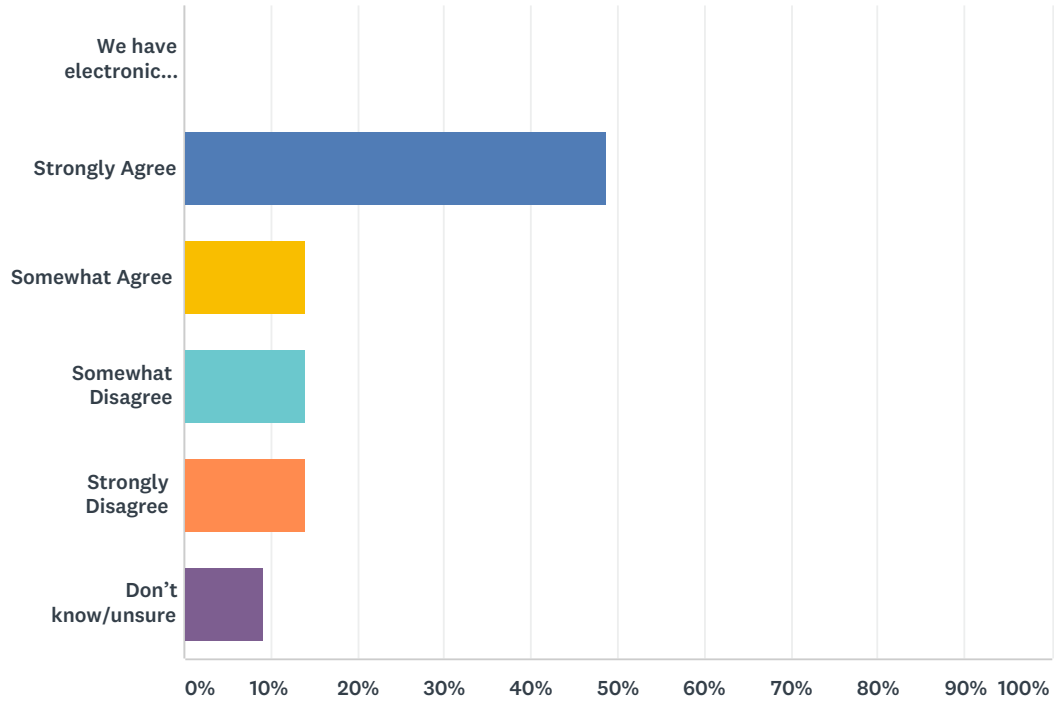
Answered: 43 Skipped: 52



| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES |
|----------------|-----------|
| Yes | 2.33% 1 |
| No | 72.09% 31 |
| Sometimes | 25.58% 11 |
| TOTAL | 43 |

Q66 Electronic voting should be investigated for use at Town Meeting:

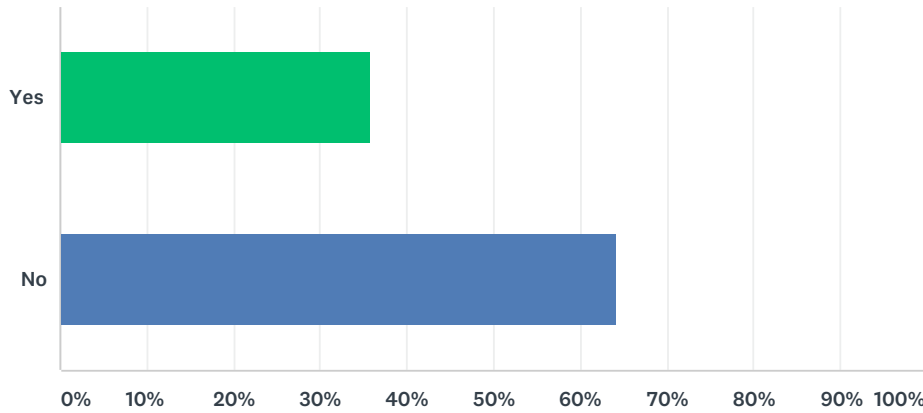
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| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|---------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| We have electronic voting | 0.00% | 0 |
| Strongly Agree | 48.84% | 21 |
| Somewhat Agree | 13.95% | 6 |
| Somewhat Disagree | 13.95% | 6 |
| Strongly Disagree | 13.95% | 6 |
| Don't know/unsure | 9.30% | 4 |
| TOTAL | | 43 |

Q67 Would you be more likely to vote if electronic voting were used at Town Meeting?

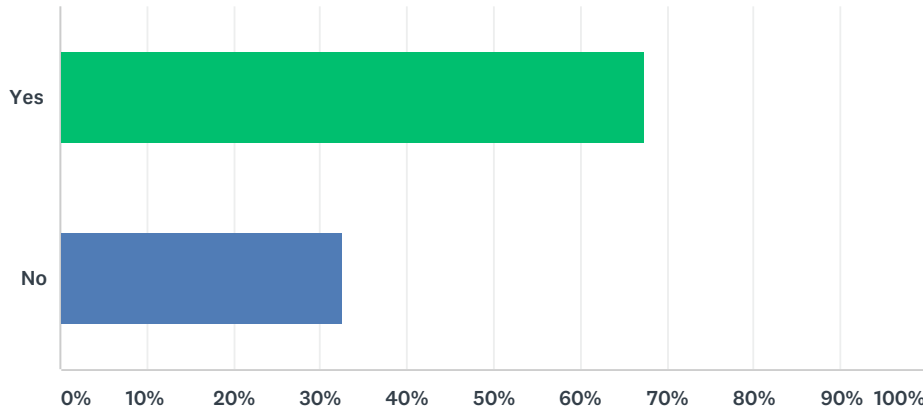
Answered: 42 Skipped: 53



| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|----------------|-----------|----|
| Yes | 35.71% | 15 |
| No | 64.29% | 27 |
| TOTAL | | 42 |

Q68 If remote internet-voting for registered voters were available for Town Meeting (from your home or anywhere) while viewing Town Meetings live via a webcast or TV, would you be more likely to participate?

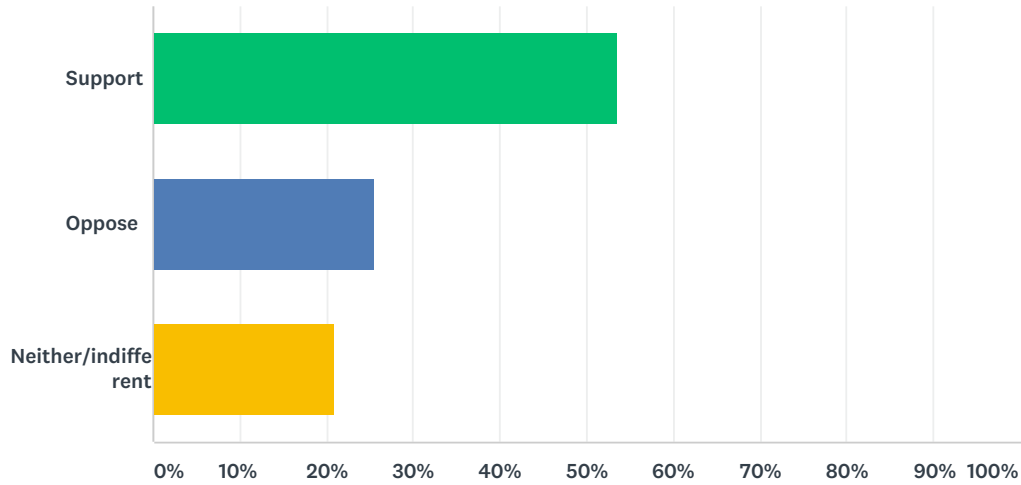
Answered: 43 Skipped: 52



| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|----------------|-----------|----|
| Yes | 67.44% | 29 |
| No | 32.56% | 14 |
| TOTAL | | 43 |

Q69 Would you be willing to support or oppose the town or residents seeking changes in state law and town bylaws, and taking other necessary steps, to allow remote internet-voting while viewing Town Meeting live via a webcast or TV?

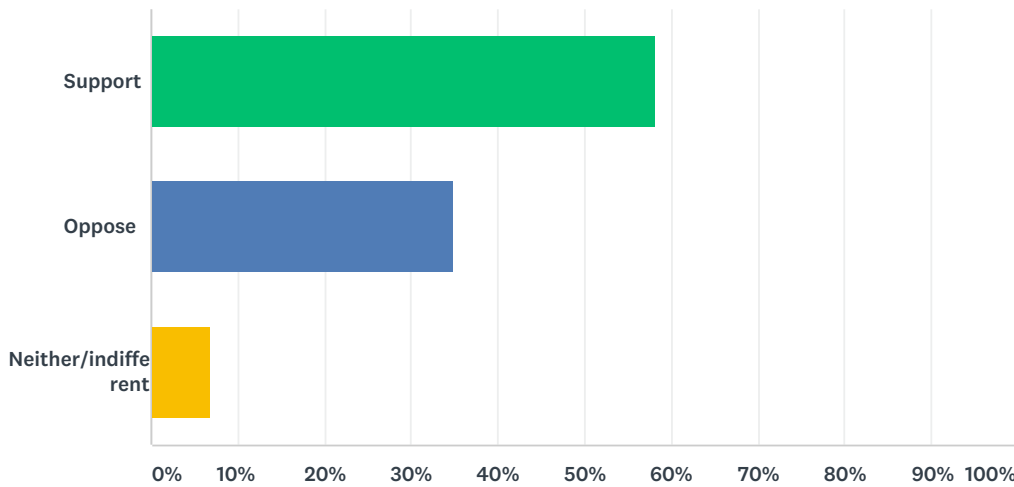
Answered: 43 Skipped: 52



| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|---------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Support | 53.49% | 23 |
| Oppose | 25.58% | 11 |
| Neither/indifferent | 20.93% | 9 |
| TOTAL | | 43 |

Q70 Would you support or oppose the following two-step Town Meeting process if it were permitted by law? Step one: A deliberative meeting where articles are presented and debated (and possibly amended on the floor) as in Town Meetings today. Residents could attend and participate in person or they could view the meeting via TV or webcast. Step two: a vote one or two weeks later by paper ballot in person at town hall or by absentee ballot.

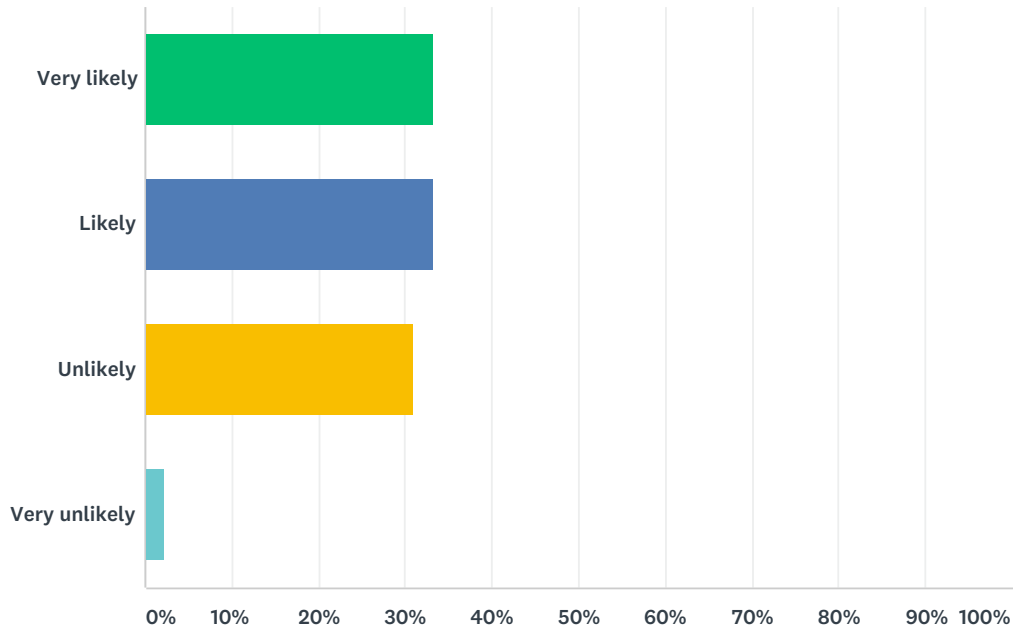
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| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES |
|---------------------|-----------|
| Support | 58.14% 25 |
| Oppose | 34.88% 15 |
| Neither/indifferent | 6.98% 3 |
| TOTAL | 43 |

Q71 If the above two-step process were adopted, how likely would you attend the deliberative Town Meeting in person?

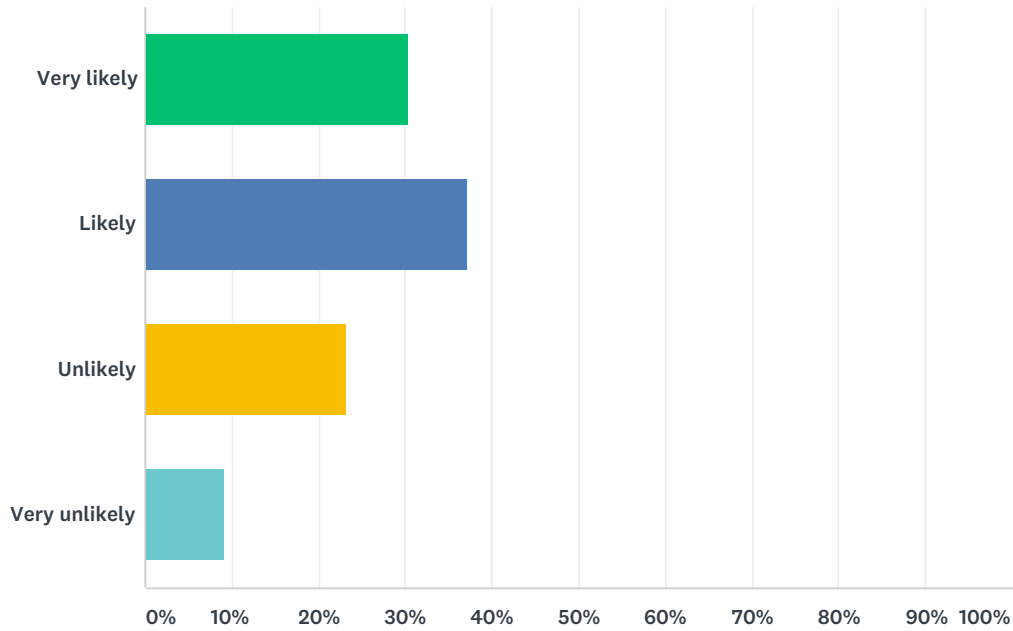
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| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|----------------|-----------|-----------|
| Very likely | 33.33% | 14 |
| Likely | 33.33% | 14 |
| Unlikely | 30.95% | 13 |
| Very unlikely | 2.38% | 1 |
| TOTAL | | 42 |

Q72 If the above two-step process were adopted, how likely would you view the deliberative Town Meeting on TV or webcast?

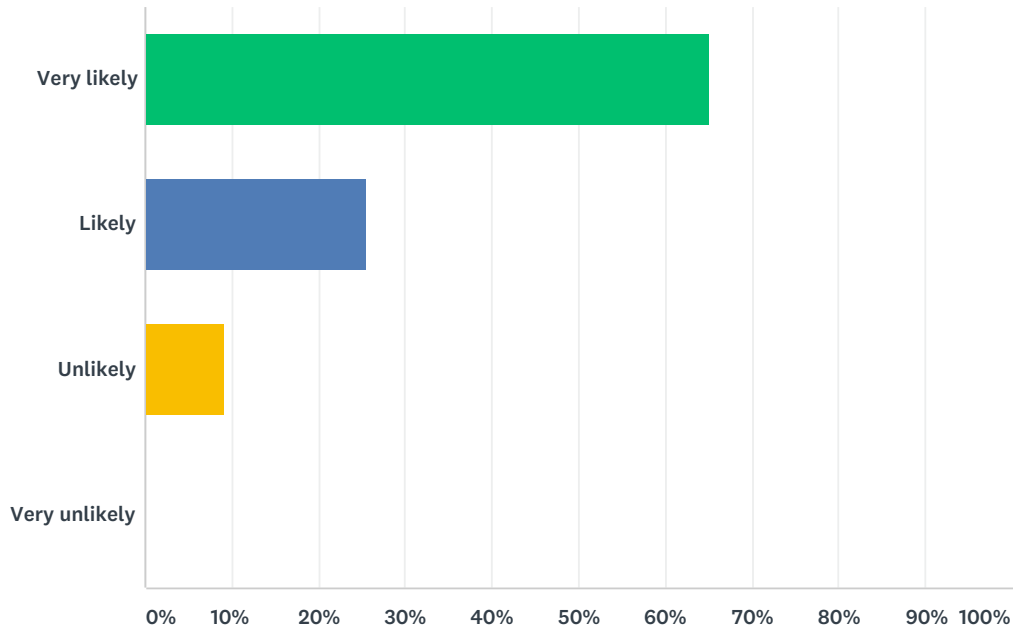
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| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|----------------|-----------|-----------|
| Very likely | 30.23% | 13 |
| Likely | 37.21% | 16 |
| Unlikely | 23.26% | 10 |
| Very unlikely | 9.30% | 4 |
| TOTAL | | 43 |

Q73 If the above two-step process were adopted, how likely would you participate in the town hall vote?

Answered: 43 Skipped: 52



| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|----------------|-----------|-----------|
| Very likely | 65.12% | 28 |
| Likely | 25.58% | 11 |
| Unlikely | 9.30% | 4 |
| Very unlikely | 0.00% | 0 |
| TOTAL | | 43 |