



MetroWest Town Meeting Survey – Wayland

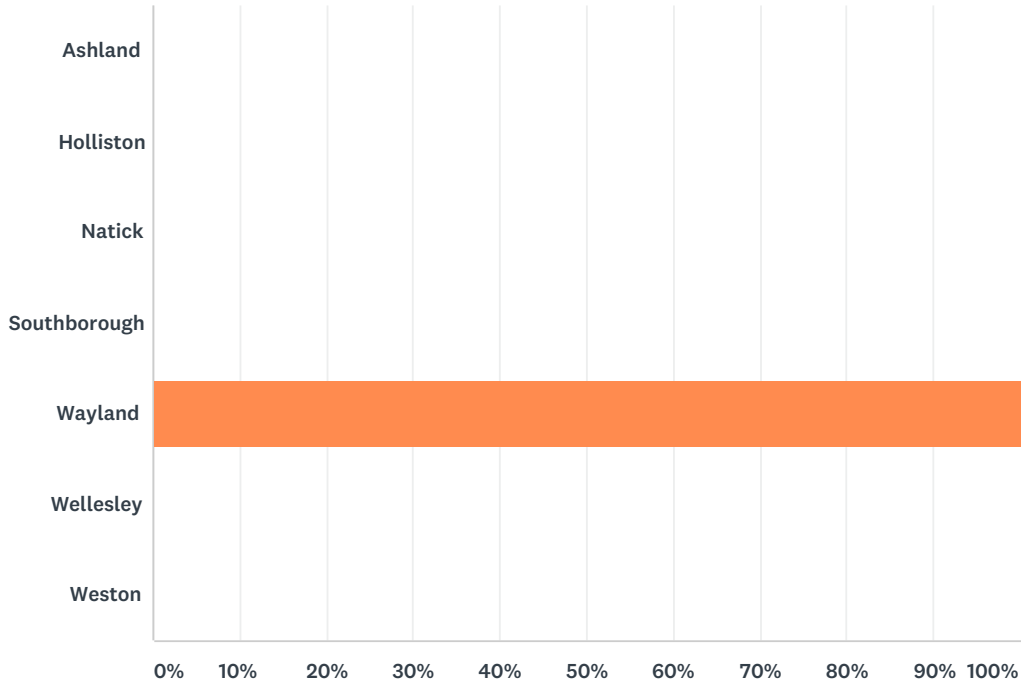
Monday, July 02, 2018

- 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?

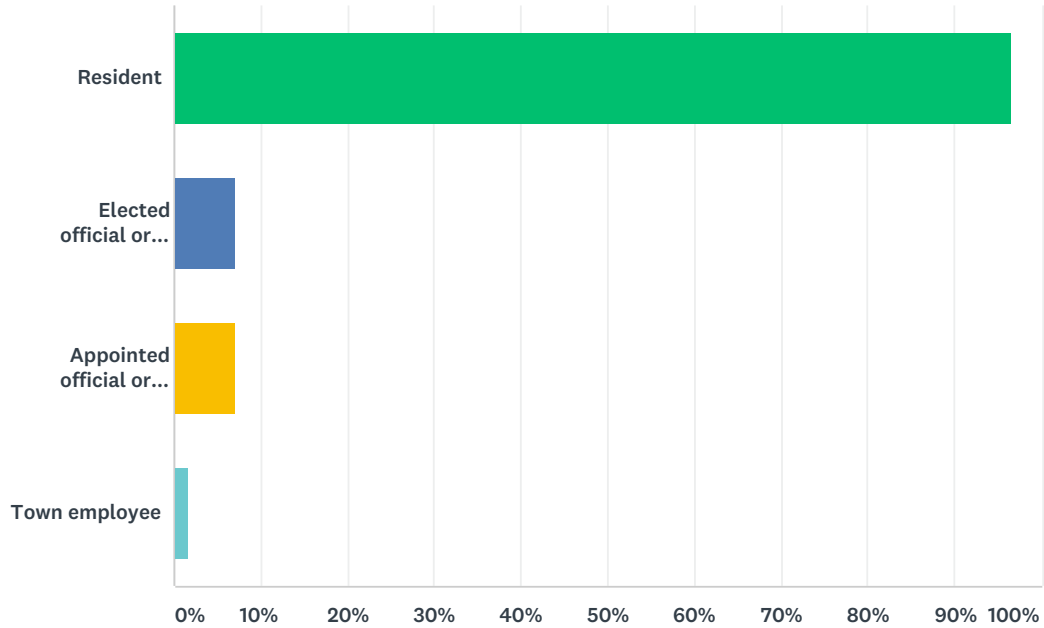
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Ashland	0.00% 0
Holliston	0.00% 0
Natick	0.00% 0
Southborough	0.00% 0
Wayland	100.00% 190
Wellesley	0.00% 0
Weston	0.00% 0
TOTAL	190

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

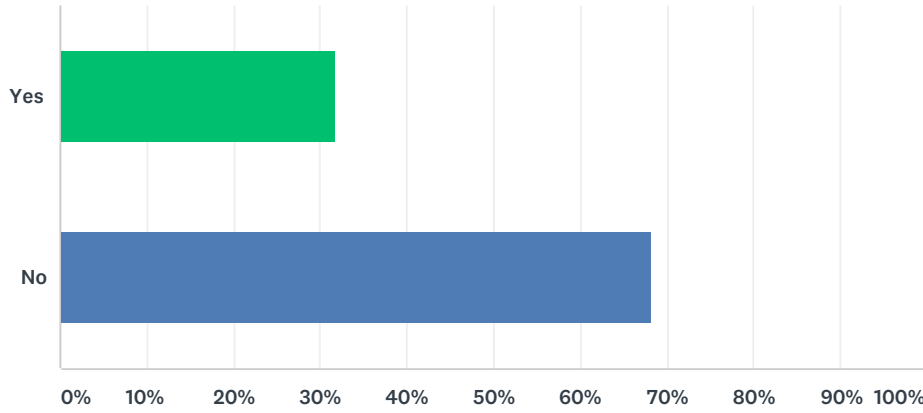
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Resident	96.72%	177
Elected official or town board/committee member	7.10%	13
Appointed official or town board/committee member	7.10%	13
Town employee	1.64%	3
Total Respondents: 183		

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

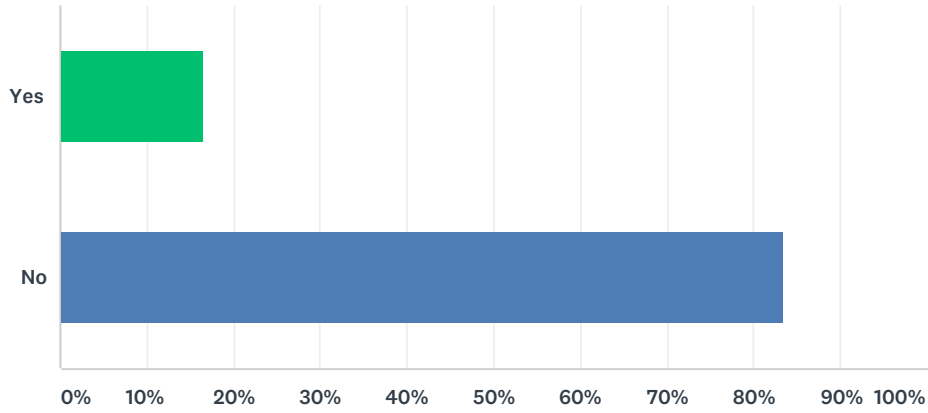
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	31.87%	58
No	68.13%	124
TOTAL		182

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

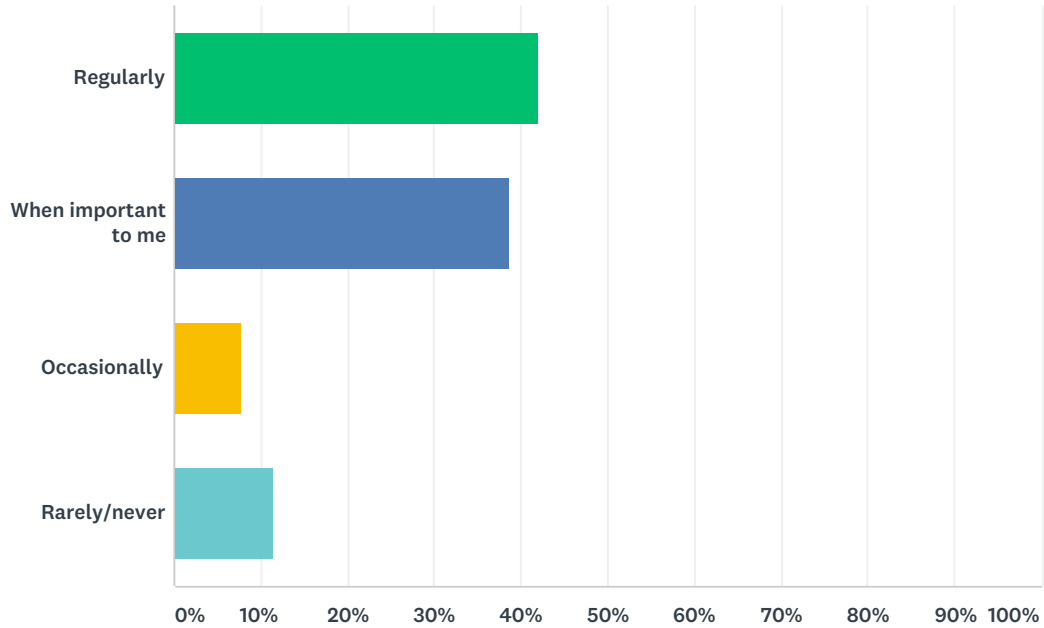
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	16.57%	30
No	83.43%	151
TOTAL		181

Q5 How often do you attend Town Meetings?

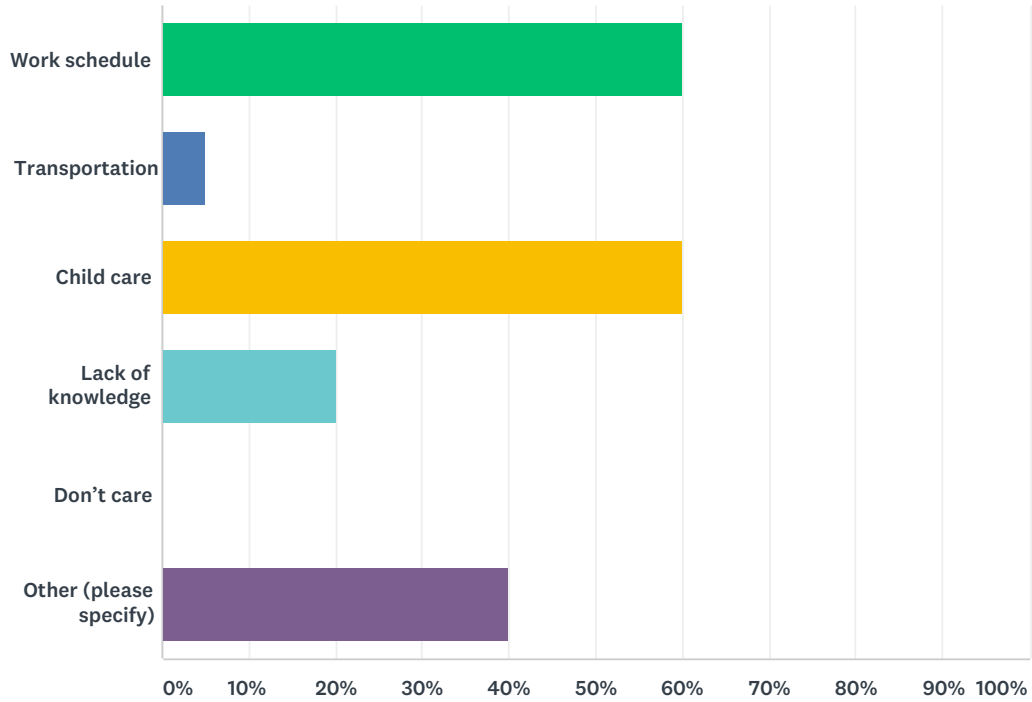
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Regularly	42.08% 77
When important to me	38.80% 71
Occasionally	7.65% 14
Rarely/never	11.48% 21
TOTAL	183

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

Answered: 20 Skipped: 170



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Work schedule	60.00%	12
Transportation	5.00%	1
Child care	60.00%	12
Lack of knowledge	20.00%	4
Don't care	0.00%	0
Other (please specify)	40.00%	8
Total Respondents: 20		

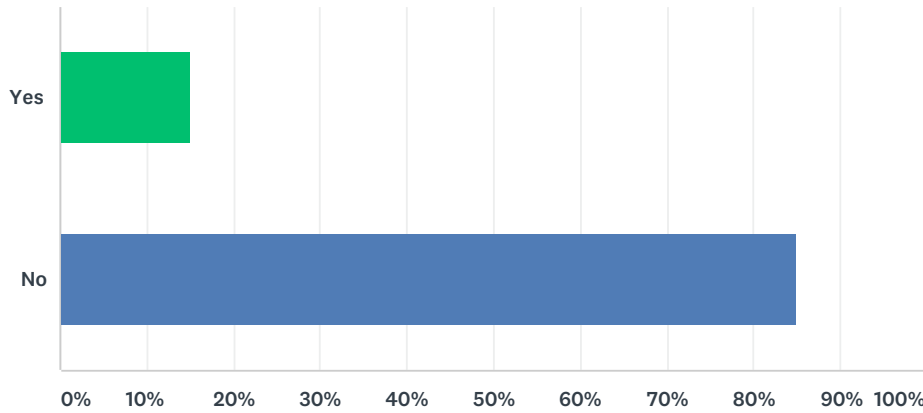
#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	just moved from a non-town meeting town, haven't experienced the highly inefficient method except with negative result of library vote which we supported and were confused that we needed to vote again a 2nd time. Pretty archaic system.	6/2/2018 4:22 PM
2	Prefer to view it on TV.	5/31/2018 8:03 PM
3	Lack of predictability re schedule for agenda items	5/31/2018 1:56 PM
4	Confusion regarding process and scheduling	5/31/2018 10:56 AM
5	Lasts too long	5/30/2018 9:37 PM
6	too time consuming	5/28/2018 8:46 AM

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7	Although town meeting is a nice way to let everyone express their opinions, it is a terribly inefficient way to govern. Modern times call for elected officials that can make these sorts of decisions. Although I was very interested in the library vote this year, I refused to fight for a parking space and to sit there waiting for the issue to come up. A new way to govern has to be explored.	5/21/2018 11:03 AM
8	Not sure on dates of town meetings	5/21/2018 9:17 AM

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

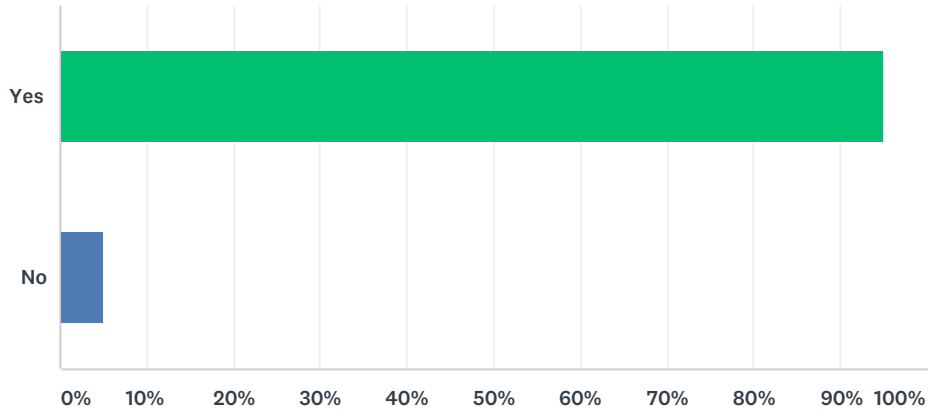
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	15.00%	3
No	85.00%	17
TOTAL		20

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: 20 Skipped: 170



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	95.00%	19
No	5.00%	1
TOTAL		20

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

Answered: 20 Skipped: 170

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	A vote to abolish the 'town meeting' style of governing. Very archaic and ineffective.	6/2/2018 4:22 PM
2	Topic	6/1/2018 8:04 PM
3	Childcare, time commitment	5/31/2018 10:19 PM
4	Change the time	5/31/2018 9:40 PM
5	Smoother Presentation	5/31/2018 8:03 PM
6	More awareness, concise schedule	5/31/2018 4:53 PM
7	Better voting process, shorter meetings	5/31/2018 1:56 PM
8	If it was for voting only, so that it was a reasonable duration (under 1 hour)	5/31/2018 12:36 PM
9	Being required to attend to vote IS 100% DISENFRANCHISEMENT	5/31/2018 12:34 PM
10	If you could vote while NOT in attendance.	5/31/2018 12:32 PM
11	understanding the process; resolving the dilemma that the small percentage of overly vocal folks don't represent the vast majority of opinions; streamline the process to be less tedious, cumbersome, and time consuming	5/31/2018 10:56 AM
12	Weekend meetings	5/31/2018 5:43 AM
13	Internet voting	5/30/2018 10:48 PM
14	I would prefer not to attend in person.	5/30/2018 9:37 PM
15	Remote access or absentee ballot	5/30/2018 9:15 PM
16	2+ nights is unacceptable. Online/remote voting would be amazing	5/30/2018 9:14 PM
17	It would need to be much, much shorter.	5/28/2018 8:46 AM
18	Weekend Town Meeting	5/25/2018 6:06 AM
19	Nothing would make me attend. The format has outlived its usefulness.	5/21/2018 11:03 AM
20	If I saw more action take place after voting	5/21/2018 9:17 AM

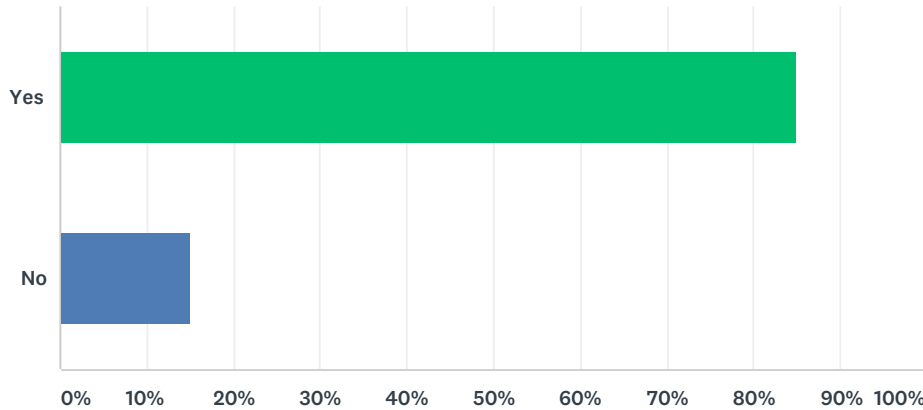
Q10 What would make others more likely to attend Town Meeting?

Answered: 18 Skipped: 172

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Control the wacky loud mouth people from commandeering these forums.	6/2/2018 4:22 PM
2	...	5/31/2018 10:19 PM
3	Changing the time and forum	5/31/2018 9:40 PM
4	More orderly presentation	5/31/2018 8:03 PM
5	Not sure	5/31/2018 4:53 PM
6	Same as above	5/31/2018 1:56 PM
7	If it was for voting only, so that it was a reasonable duration (under 1 hour)	5/31/2018 12:36 PM
8	Being able to vote remotely or within a time interval and not only when vote comes up	5/31/2018 12:34 PM
9	Weekend meeting times	5/31/2018 12:32 PM
10	understanding the process; resolving the dilemma that the small percentage of overly vocal folks don't represent the vast majority of opinions; streamline the process to be less tedious, cumbersome, and time consuming	5/31/2018 10:56 AM
11	Weekend meetings	5/31/2018 5:43 AM
12	Not sure	5/30/2018 10:48 PM
13	Not sure. Attending in person over consecutive days is just not practical.	5/30/2018 9:37 PM
14	Voting in polls like an election	5/30/2018 9:15 PM
15	Less time commitment	5/30/2018 9:14 PM
16	Don't know	5/28/2018 8:46 AM
17	Babysitting, remote viewing, shuttles for satellite parking	5/25/2018 6:06 AM
18	I think most of us feel the same way as I do.	5/21/2018 11:03 AM

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?

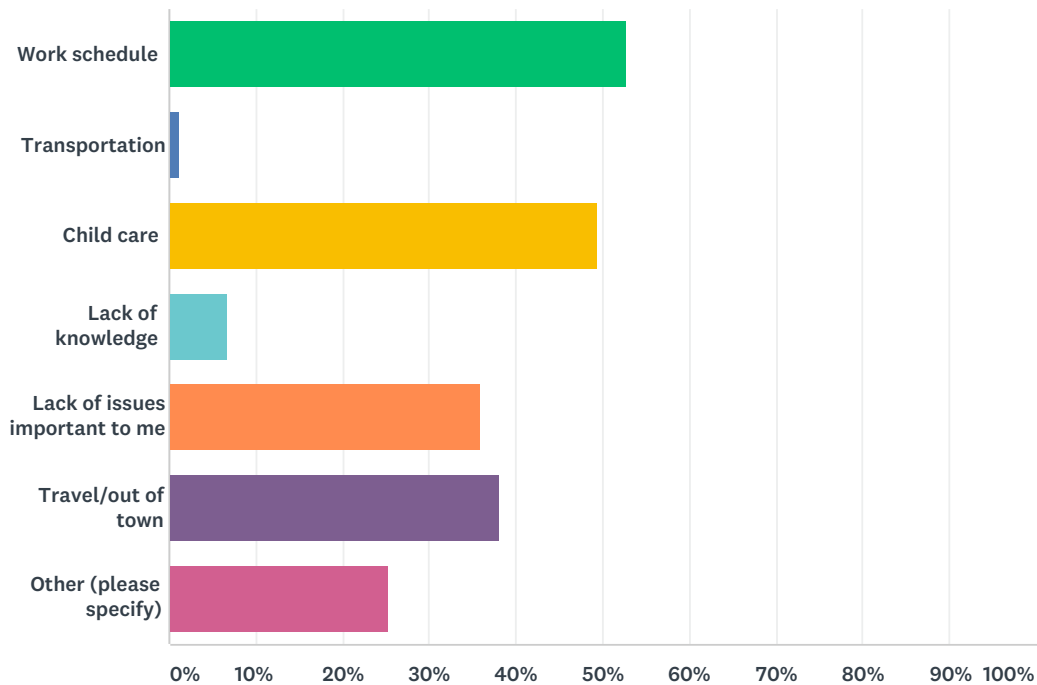
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	85.00%	17
No	15.00%	3
TOTAL		20

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

Answered: 150 Skipped: 40



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Work schedule	52.67%	79
Transportation	1.33%	2
Child care	49.33%	74
Lack of knowledge	6.67%	10
Lack of issues important to me	36.00%	54
Travel/out of town	38.00%	57
Other (please specify)	25.33%	38
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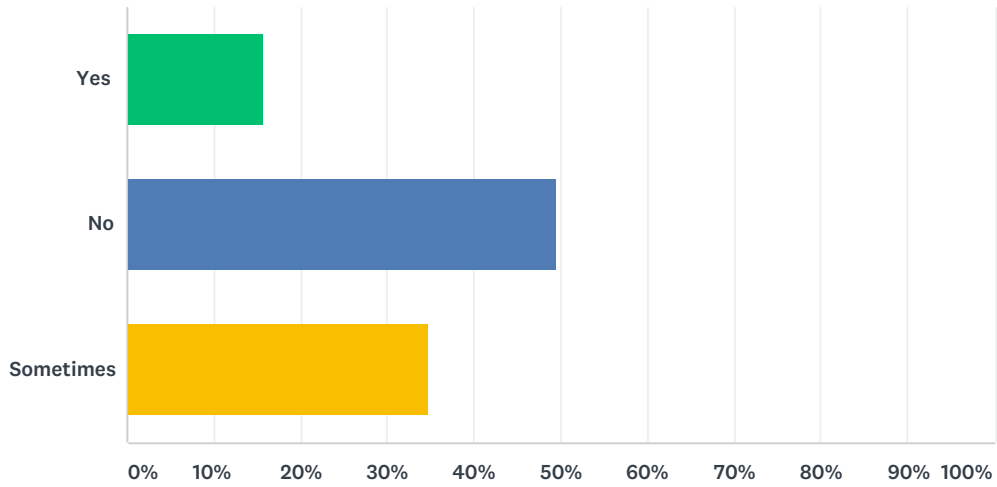
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1	to many speakers w/ lack of substance	6/26/2018 3:22 PM
2	Forget, illness, too long over days	6/25/2018 7:39 AM
3	When dates for the meeting are not made available well in advance. Setting a standard time for Town Meeting to begin each year would be ideal.	6/8/2018 9:02 AM
4	other things scheduled at same time	6/6/2018 8:20 AM
5	Have to attend some other meeting occasionally.	6/1/2018 9:58 PM
6	Attendance at children's sports	6/1/2018 4:46 PM
7	Length	5/31/2018 5:09 PM

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8	I never miss town meeting	5/31/2018 4:53 PM
9	Too lazy	5/31/2018 4:40 PM
10	have never missed TM in 30 years	5/31/2018 4:30 PM
11	Meetings run too long and too late	5/31/2018 4:09 PM
12	As someone elderly and retired I do not feel comfortable to be out at night	5/31/2018 3:33 PM
13	Weather	5/31/2018 2:01 PM
14	Never miss it but sometimes gets boring	5/31/2018 12:27 PM
15	Time	5/31/2018 12:13 PM
16	I travel for work. My wife often works night and is unavailable and we have small children who need a sitter	5/31/2018 9:54 AM
17	Too time consuming and runs much later than I usually go to bed.	5/31/2018 9:21 AM
18	Child care child care child care	5/31/2018 8:08 AM
19	just too long, I usually go for 2 out of 4 nights	5/31/2018 7:37 AM
20	Sickness, weather, lack of parking, the frustration of the complete inefficiencies of the meeting, listening to crazy members of the public talking, the fact they go on for hours	5/31/2018 7:03 AM
21	other things scheduled at same time	5/31/2018 6:03 AM
22	religious holidays	5/30/2018 10:00 PM
23	Other commitments during specific time of meeting	5/30/2018 9:25 PM
24	Long and drawn out with terrible seating	5/30/2018 8:12 PM
25	I regularly attend	5/30/2018 5:10 PM
26	I never miss town meeting (why is that not a choice!)	5/30/2018 3:53 PM
27	I find direct town meeting to be non-democratic, extremely inefficient, and poorly managed. If we are to have town meetings, they should be "representative" in format.	5/30/2018 2:18 PM
28	other conflicting meetings or guests	5/30/2018 10:38 AM
29	make a point of being available for town meeting and never missing	5/28/2018 11:44 AM
30	It is simply exhausting after a work day, especially when it lasts for more than one night.	5/28/2018 12:27 AM
31	I would only miss it if ill.	5/27/2018 11:06 PM
32	illness	5/22/2018 1:57 PM
33	Conflicts with family schedule, lack of parking at town meeting, lack of willingness to spend 3-4 hours on multiple nights to cast my single vote	5/21/2018 5:39 PM
34	emergency	5/21/2018 3:16 PM
35	Too frustrating if the issue is not very important to me.	5/21/2018 9:52 AM
36	Rarely miss going to TM	5/21/2018 9:46 AM
37	Inconvenient and indefinite time commitments	5/21/2018 9:14 AM
38	Length of meetings	5/16/2018 10:23 PM

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

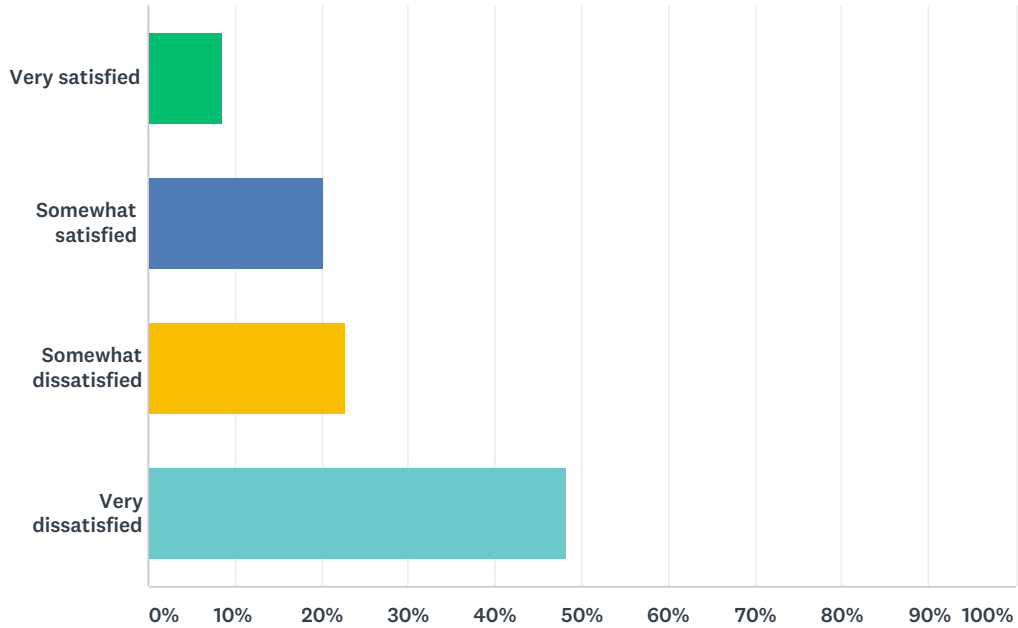
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	15.65%	23
No	49.66%	73
Sometimes	34.69%	51
TOTAL		147

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

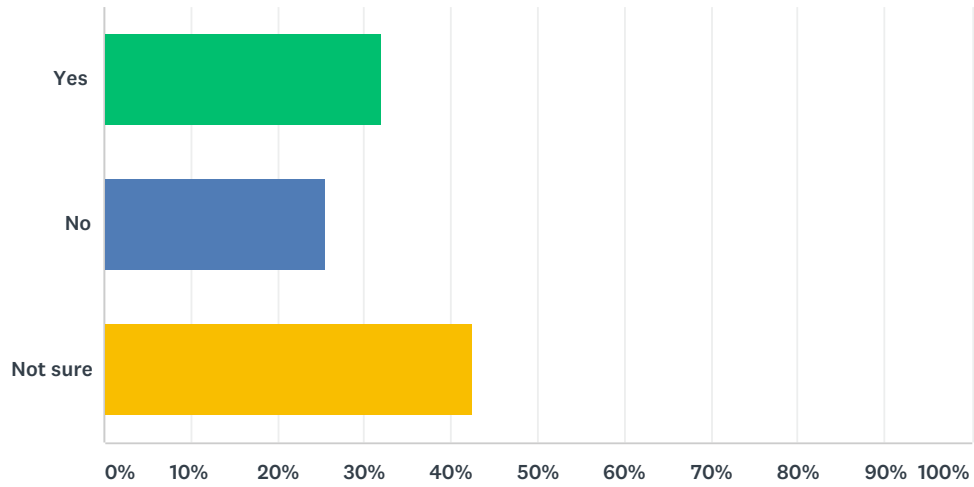
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very satisfied	8.50%	13
Somewhat satisfied	20.26%	31
Somewhat dissatisfied	22.88%	35
Very dissatisfied	48.37%	74
TOTAL		153

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

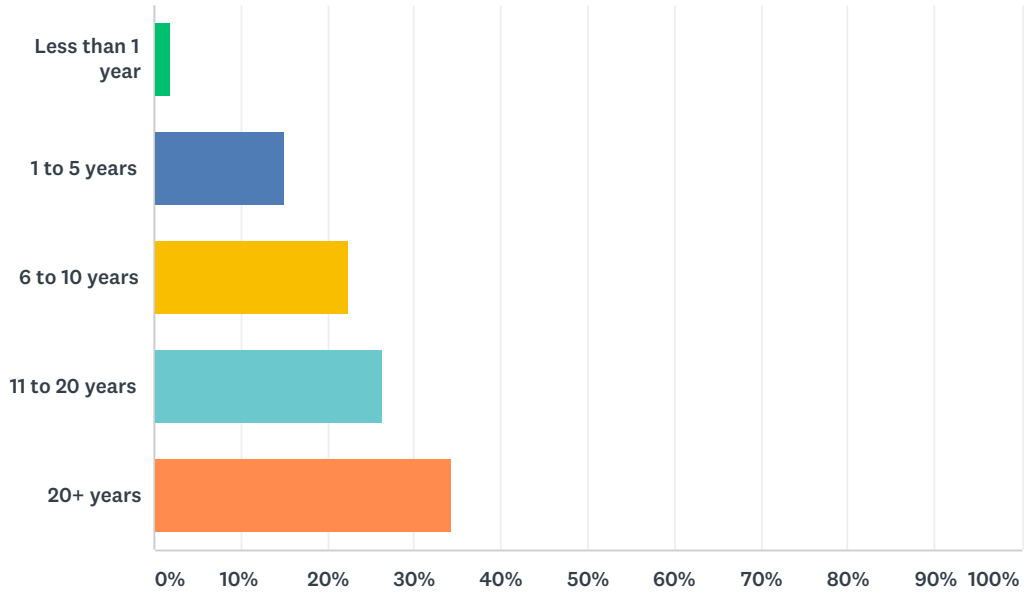
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	32.03%	49
No	25.49%	39
Not sure	42.48%	65
TOTAL		153

Q16 How long have you lived in your town?

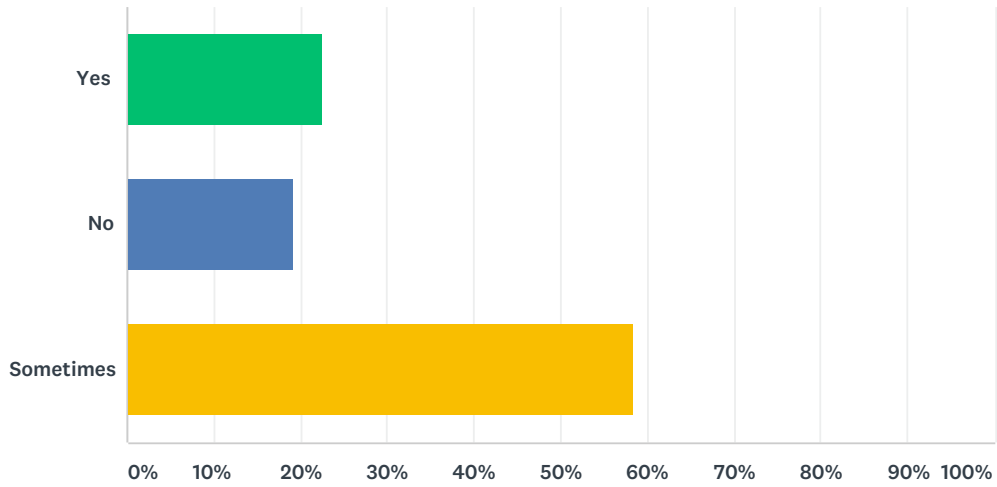
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Less than 1 year	1.97%	3
1 to 5 years	15.13%	23
6 to 10 years	22.37%	34
11 to 20 years	26.32%	40
20+ years	34.21%	52
TOTAL		152

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

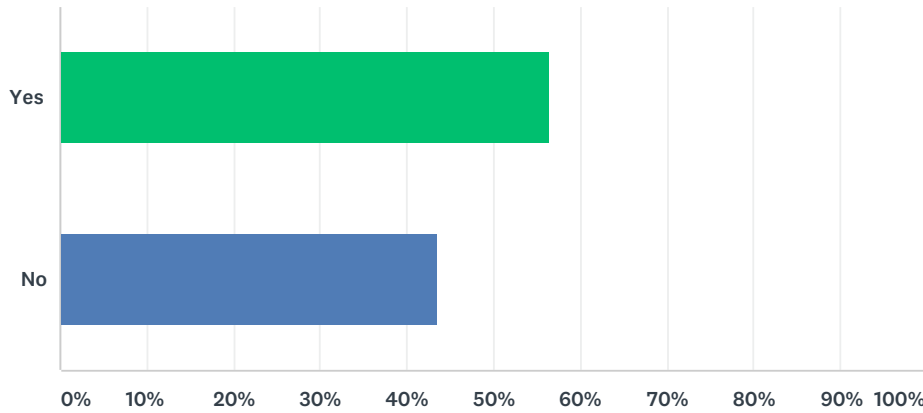
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	22.52%	34
No	19.21%	29
Sometimes	58.28%	88
TOTAL		151

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

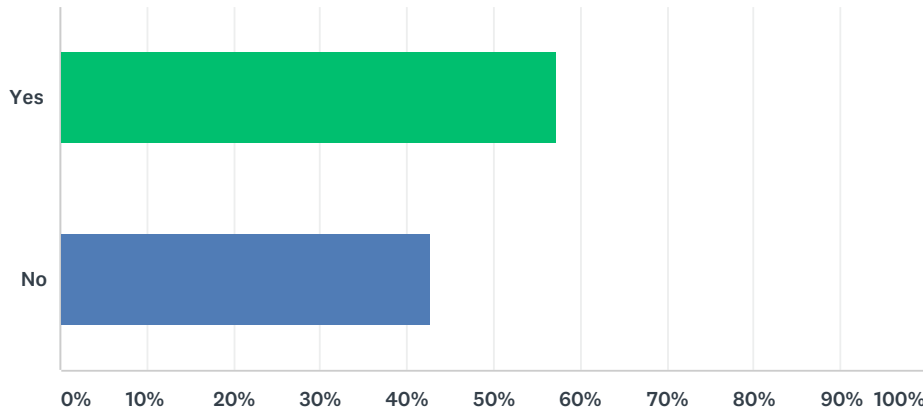
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	56.58%	86
No	43.42%	66
TOTAL		152

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

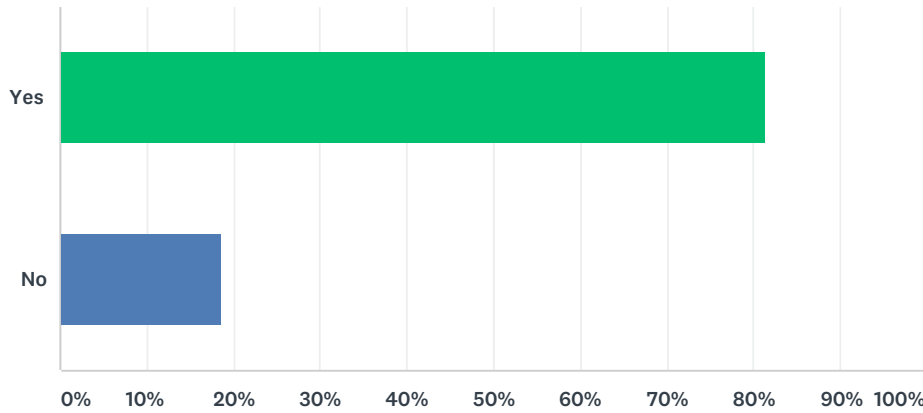
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	57.24%	87
No	42.76%	65
TOTAL		152

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

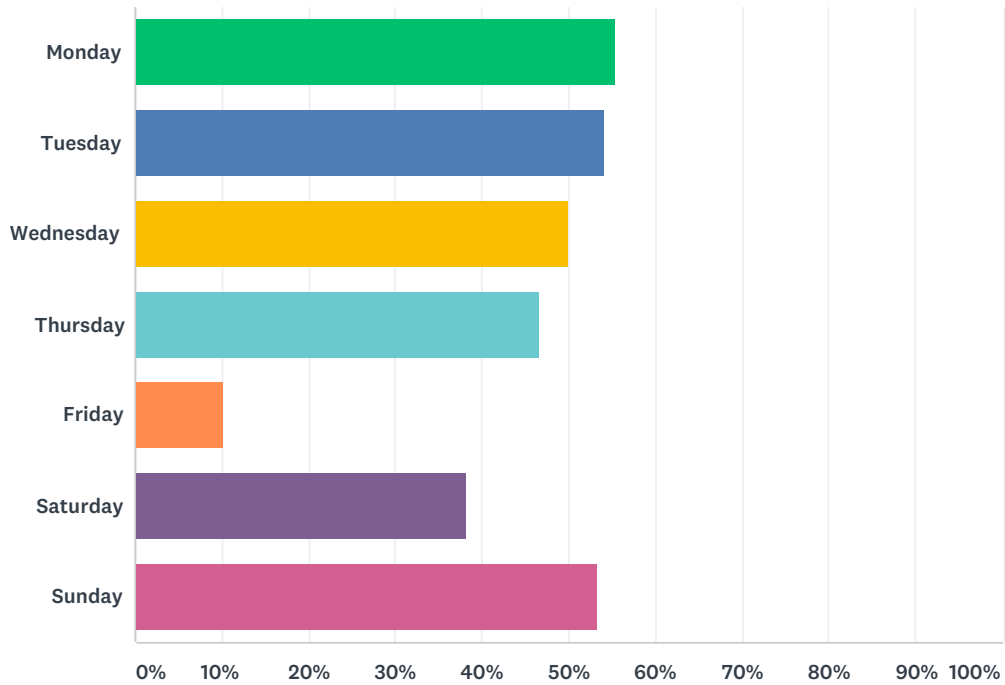
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	81.33%	122
No	18.67%	28
TOTAL		150

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

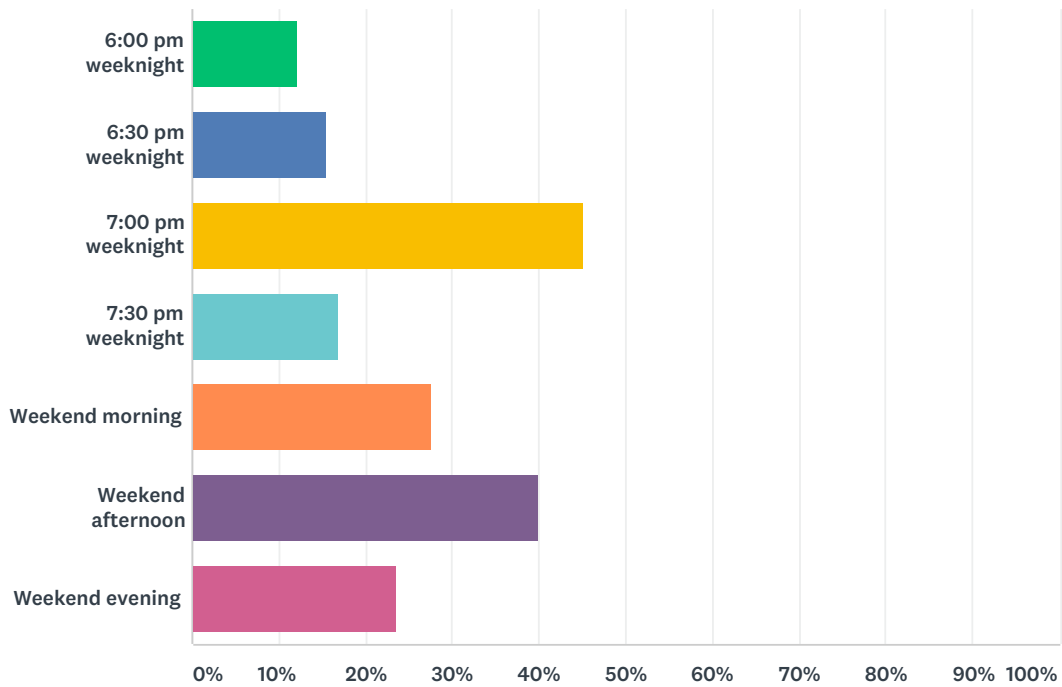
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Monday	55.48%	81
Tuesday	54.11%	79
Wednesday	50.00%	73
Thursday	46.58%	68
Friday	10.27%	15
Saturday	38.36%	56
Sunday	53.42%	78
Total Respondents: 146		

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

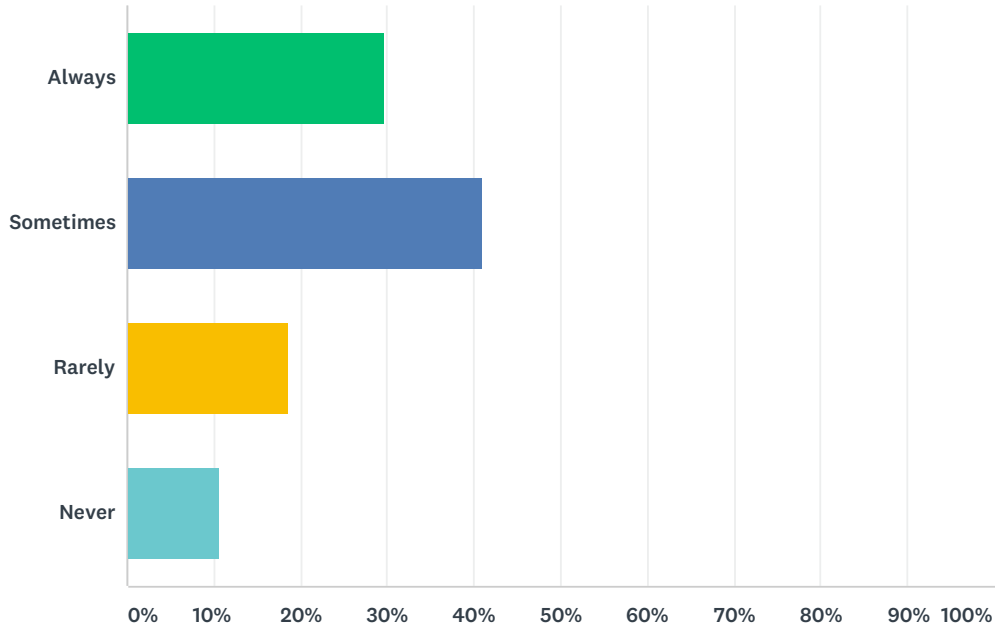
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
6:00 pm weeknight	12.16% 18
6:30 pm weeknight	15.54% 23
7:00 pm weeknight	45.27% 67
7:30 pm weeknight	16.89% 25
Weekend morning	27.70% 41
Weekend afternoon	39.86% 59
Weekend evening	23.65% 35
Total Respondents: 148	

Q23 How often do you leave Town Meeting early?

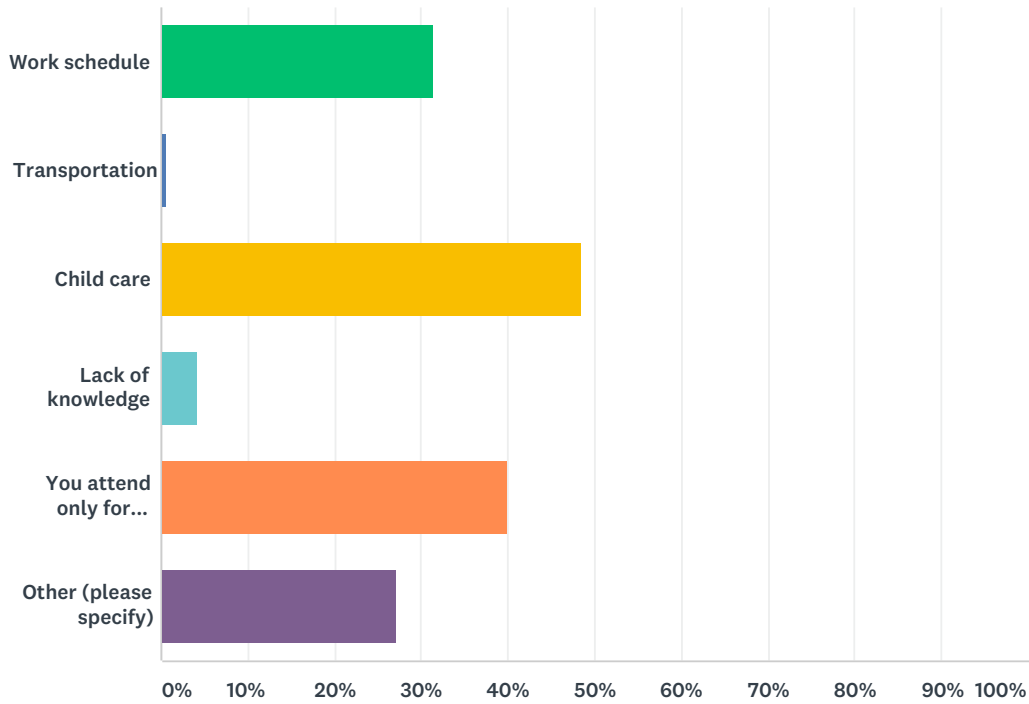
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Always	29.80%	45
Sometimes	41.06%	62
Rarely	18.54%	28
Never	10.60%	16
TOTAL		151

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

Answered: 140 Skipped: 50



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Work schedule	31.43%	44
Transportation	0.71%	1
Child care	48.57%	68
Lack of knowledge	4.29%	6
You attend only for articles important to you	40.00%	56
Other (please specify)	27.14%	38
Total Respondents: 140		

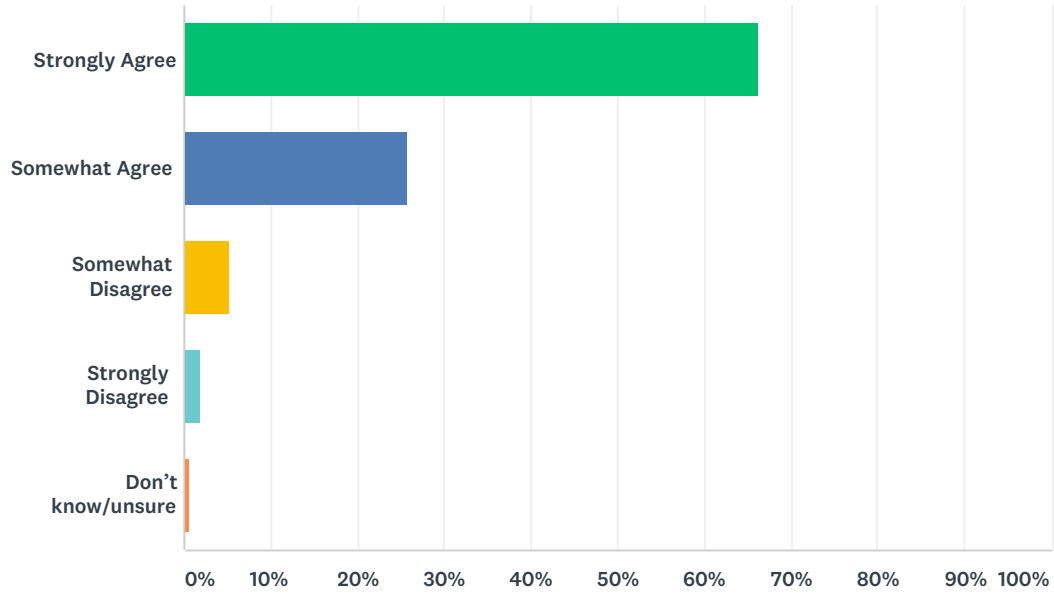
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1	Too long with uncertain timing and comments by same people every year.	6/25/2018 7:39 AM
2	Goes to late, past my bedtime. And they just keep talking.....	6/11/2018 10:16 AM
3	Need to get home	6/8/2018 9:40 AM
4	Bedtime...I get up early and meetings sometimes run late	6/2/2018 4:06 PM
5	not efficient; should also allow voting online	6/1/2018 11:23 AM
6	Am feeling too tired; it was too long.	5/31/2018 10:18 PM
7	Meeting hijacked by group seeking to delay vote to lower # of working parents able to attend/vote	5/31/2018 8:11 PM
8	Minority has hijacked the meeting and time wasting to delay votes until working parents cannot attend	5/31/2018 7:59 PM
9	never leave early	5/31/2018 6:09 PM

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10	I never leave town meeting early	5/31/2018 4:53 PM
11	meeting is too long/too late	5/31/2018 4:09 PM
12	Not comfortable being out late as someone elderly	5/31/2018 3:33 PM
13	Meetings run past the time I need to get to bed to get adequate sleep	5/31/2018 9:21 AM
14	Frustration at the people who deliberately try to slow things down	5/31/2018 8:12 AM
15	just tired	5/31/2018 7:37 AM
16	You are missing the point. The meetings are long arduous and really boring. The seats are uncomfortable. Give me a polling booth and a sheet with check boxes. Give me a mail in vote. I have no interest in these town meetings. If I can vote someone into the highest office in the land from a check box I can certainly vote on a town issue that way.	5/31/2018 7:03 AM
17	Sports	5/30/2018 10:37 PM
18	I'm exhausted and need to get up early the following morning	5/30/2018 10:09 PM
19	Too long and inefficient meetings	5/30/2018 10:04 PM
20	It gets late.	5/30/2018 10:00 PM
21	it's running too late	5/30/2018 10:00 PM
22	Goes on too long	5/30/2018 9:51 PM
23	Too late	5/30/2018 9:45 PM
24	Inefficient presentation of articles	5/30/2018 8:12 PM
25	tired	5/30/2018 5:17 PM
26	I regularly stay until the end	5/30/2018 5:10 PM
27	fatigue	5/30/2018 4:44 PM
28	it's a work day the next day and it often runs too late- 11 or 11:30	5/30/2018 10:38 AM
29	i don't leave early	5/28/2018 11:44 AM
30	Again, it is exhausting.	5/28/2018 12:27 AM
31	can't take it anymore	5/27/2018 4:29 PM
32	Go on too long and the articles are minor or I know will pass	5/27/2018 10:18 AM
33	Never	5/27/2018 9:11 AM
34	town meeting going very late	5/21/2018 8:22 PM
35	Meetings are too long	5/21/2018 12:06 PM
36	I never leave early	5/21/2018 11:29 AM
37	late hour	5/21/2018 11:02 AM
38	Length of meeting	5/16/2018 10:23 PM

Q25 Town Meetings are too long:

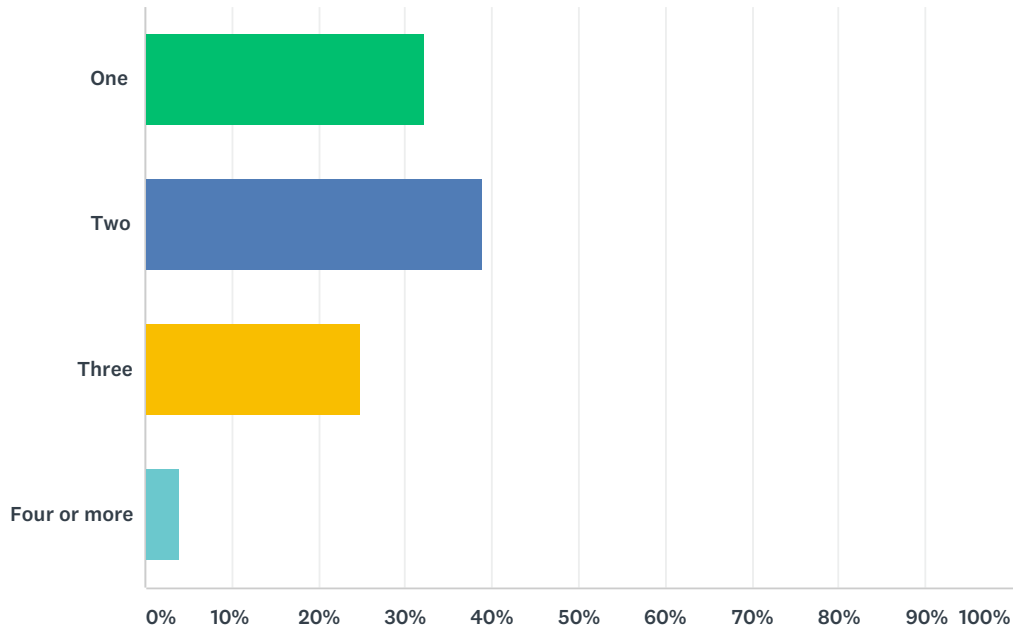
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Strongly Agree	66.23%	100
Somewhat Agree	25.83%	39
Somewhat Disagree	5.30%	8
Strongly Disagree	1.99%	3
Don't know/unsure	0.66%	1
TOTAL		151

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

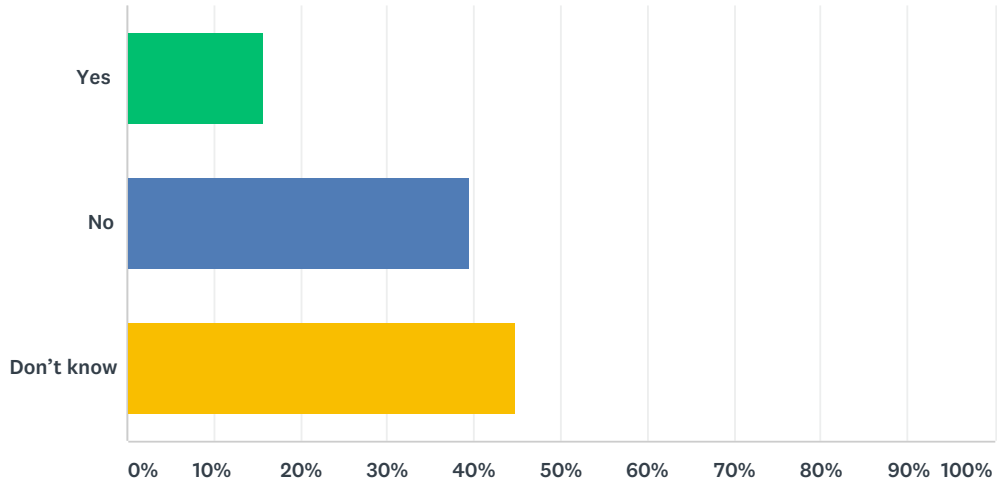
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
One	32.24%	49
Two	38.82%	59
Three	25.00%	38
Four or more	3.95%	6
TOTAL		152

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

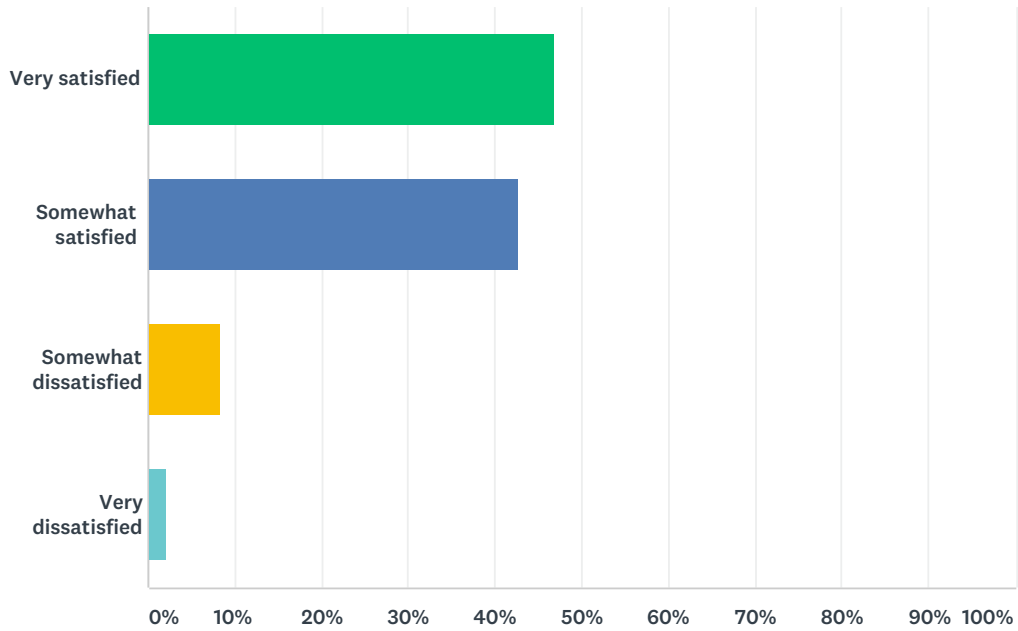
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	15.79%	24
No	39.47%	60
Don't know	44.74%	68
TOTAL		152

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

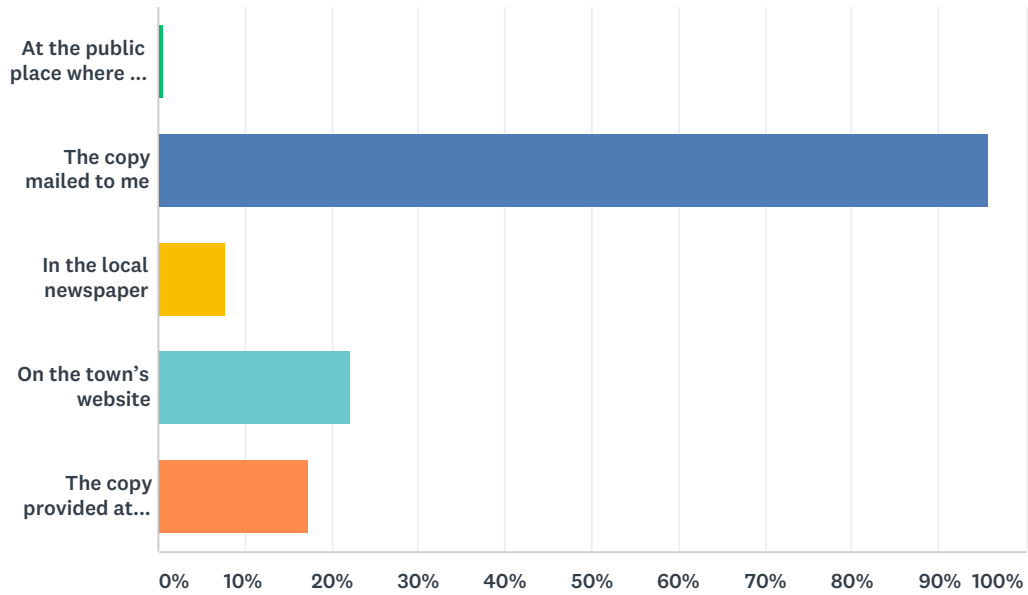
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very satisfied	46.85%	67
Somewhat satisfied	42.66%	61
Somewhat dissatisfied	8.39%	12
Very dissatisfied	2.10%	3
TOTAL		143

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

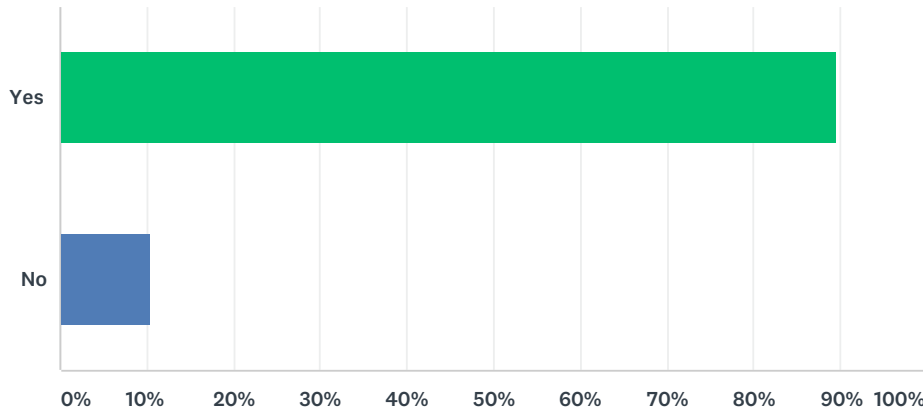
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
At the public place where it is posted	0.69% 1
The copy mailed to me	95.83% 138
In the local newspaper	7.64% 11
On the town's website	22.22% 32
The copy provided at Town Meeting	17.36% 25
Total Respondents: 144	

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

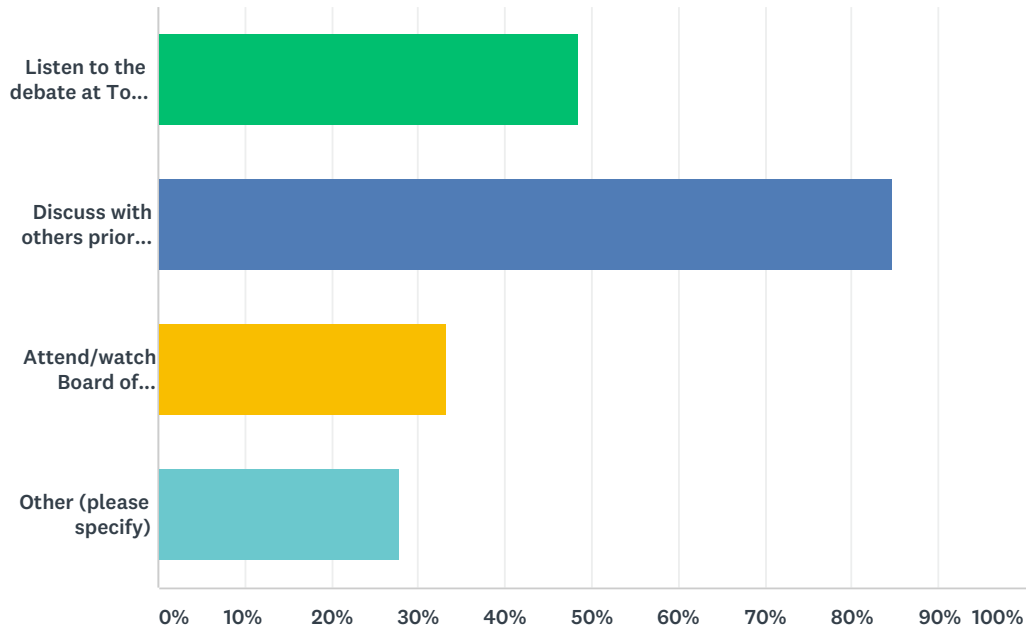
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	89.58%	129
No	10.42%	15
TOTAL		144

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

Answered: 144 Skipped: 46



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Listen to the debate at Town Meeting	48.61%	70
Discuss with others prior to Town Meeting	84.72%	122
Attend/watch Board of Selectmen/Finance Committee or other meetings	33.33%	48
Other (please specify)	27.78%	40
Total Respondents: 144		

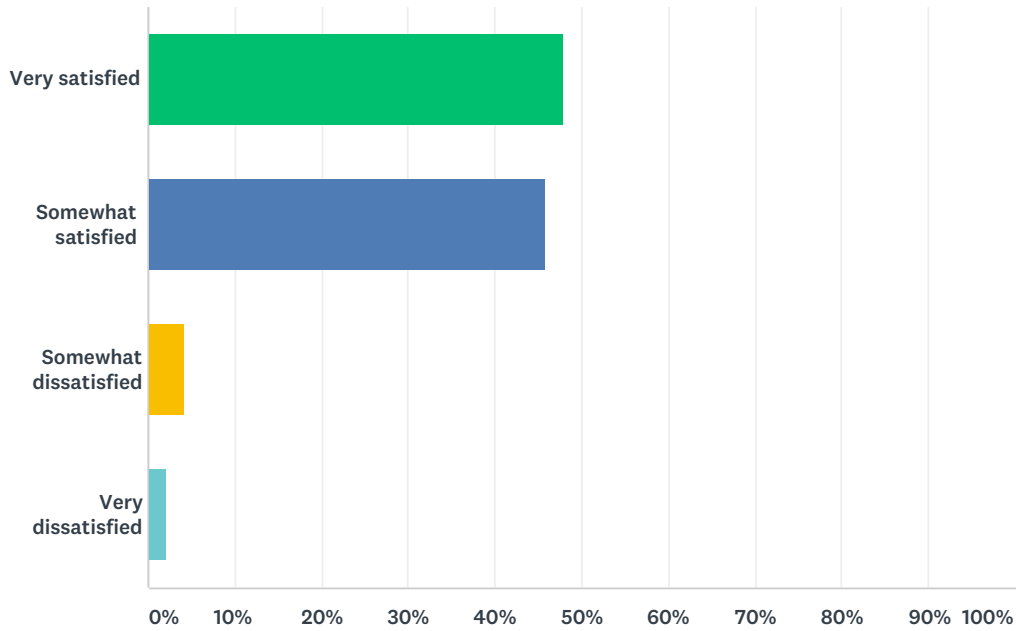
#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	News articles	6/26/2018 3:25 PM
2	newspaper online	6/25/2018 1:04 PM
3	News paper and web	6/11/2018 10:18 AM
4	sit on town boards that work on items	6/6/2018 10:42 AM
5	newspaper	6/4/2018 10:21 AM
6	research various points of view	6/1/2018 1:05 PM
7	na	5/31/2018 11:00 PM
8	Personal research	5/31/2018 8:27 PM
9	FB groups and info mailed home	5/31/2018 5:30 PM
10	Wayland Voters Network mailing list	5/31/2018 4:44 PM
11	Read other relevant materials e.g. newspaper, online	5/31/2018 4:11 PM
12	Read Wayland Voters Network	5/31/2018 9:40 AM

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13	Read other related material prior to the meeting	5/31/2018 9:24 AM
14	newspaper articles and letters	5/31/2018 7:39 AM
15	research/read on my own	5/31/2018 7:32 AM
16	sitting on board and participating in the warrant process	5/31/2018 6:07 AM
17	Online discussions	5/30/2018 10:05 PM
18	Read local news	5/30/2018 9:53 PM
19	Crier	5/30/2018 9:48 PM
20	Mailings and newspaper	5/30/2018 9:36 PM
21	Newspaper articles	5/30/2018 9:27 PM
22	Read newspapers, follow relevant facebook groups	5/30/2018 8:50 PM
23	Issues forum & emails, newsletters and newspapers	5/30/2018 8:15 PM
24	read letters to the editor in Town Crier	5/30/2018 6:10 PM
25	Town Crier articles	5/30/2018 5:19 PM
26	some email communications from the Wayland Voters network	5/30/2018 10:42 AM
27	Read articles in eNews or sent to me as a Board member	5/27/2018 10:21 AM
28	Read material sent to me and articles in the Town Crier	5/23/2018 11:16 PM
29	Lawn signs, Local news coverage	5/23/2018 7:11 AM
30	Ask board and committee members	5/22/2018 2:00 PM
31	newspaper	5/22/2018 8:35 AM
32	local paper	5/21/2018 8:24 PM
33	email newsletters, article mailers, online recordings	5/21/2018 3:20 PM
34	Emails from interested parties (e.g. sports organization lobbying for fields)	5/21/2018 11:43 AM
35	Newspaper	5/21/2018 11:04 AM
36	Read letters to Editor in Town Crier	5/21/2018 10:50 AM
37	Town Crier	5/21/2018 9:37 AM
38	discussions with neighbors/ friends	5/21/2018 9:16 AM
39	Local newspaper	5/16/2018 10:24 PM
40	Articles and letters in the newspaper	5/16/2018 10:11 AM

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

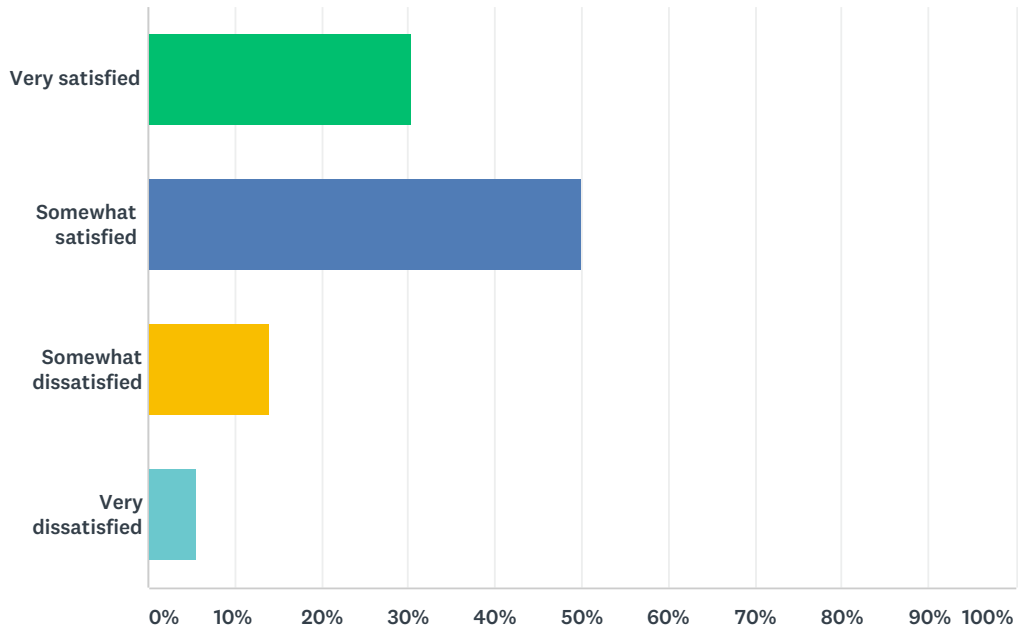
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very satisfied	47.89%	68
Somewhat satisfied	45.77%	65
Somewhat dissatisfied	4.23%	6
Very dissatisfied	2.11%	3
TOTAL		142

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

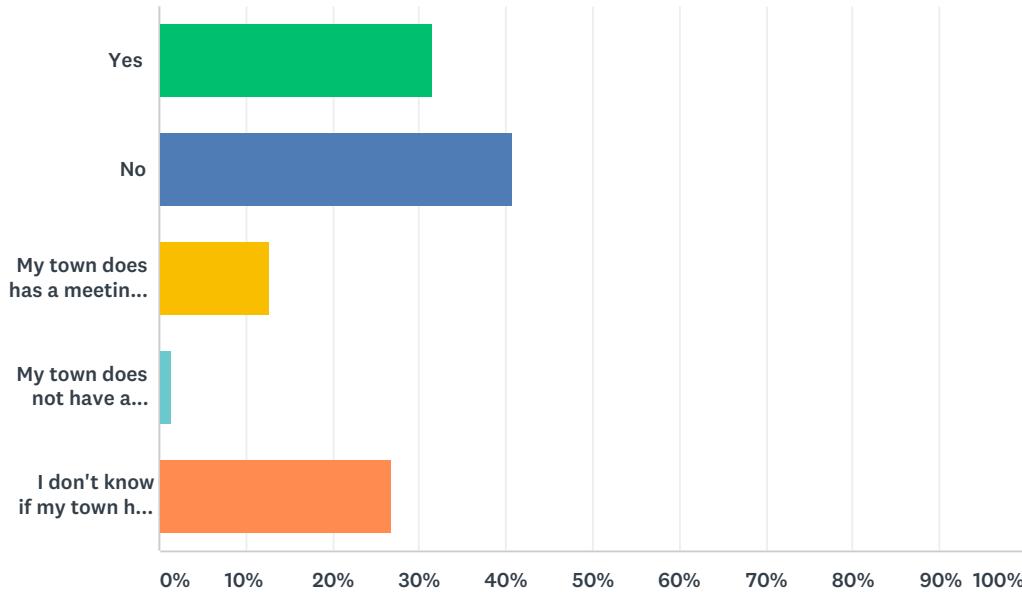
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very satisfied	30.28%	43
Somewhat satisfied	50.00%	71
Somewhat dissatisfied	14.08%	20
Very dissatisfied	5.63%	8
TOTAL		142

**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)**

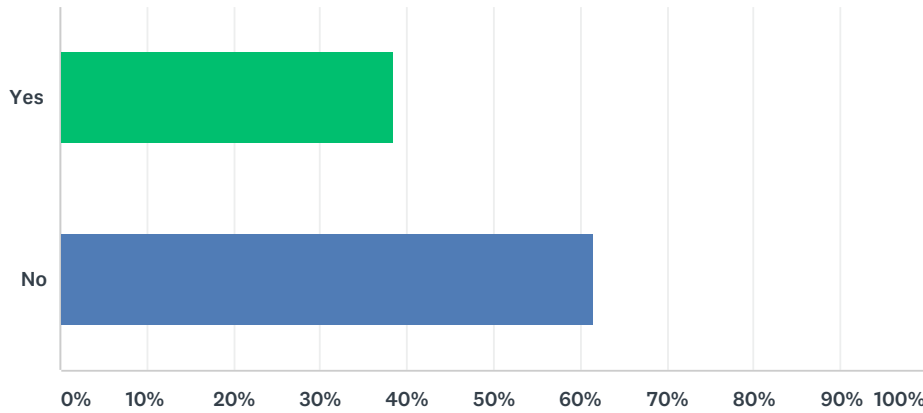
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	31.69%	45
No	40.85%	58
My town does has a meeting group	12.68%	18
My town does not have a meeting group	1.41%	2
I don't know if my town has a meeting group	26.76%	38
Total Respondents: 142		

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

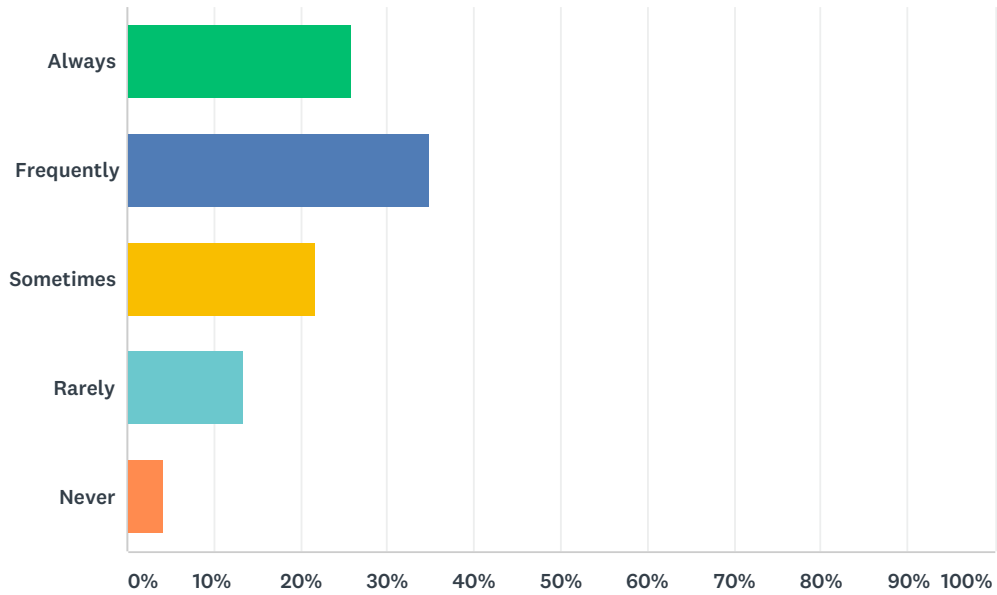
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	38.57%	54
No	61.43%	86
TOTAL		140

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

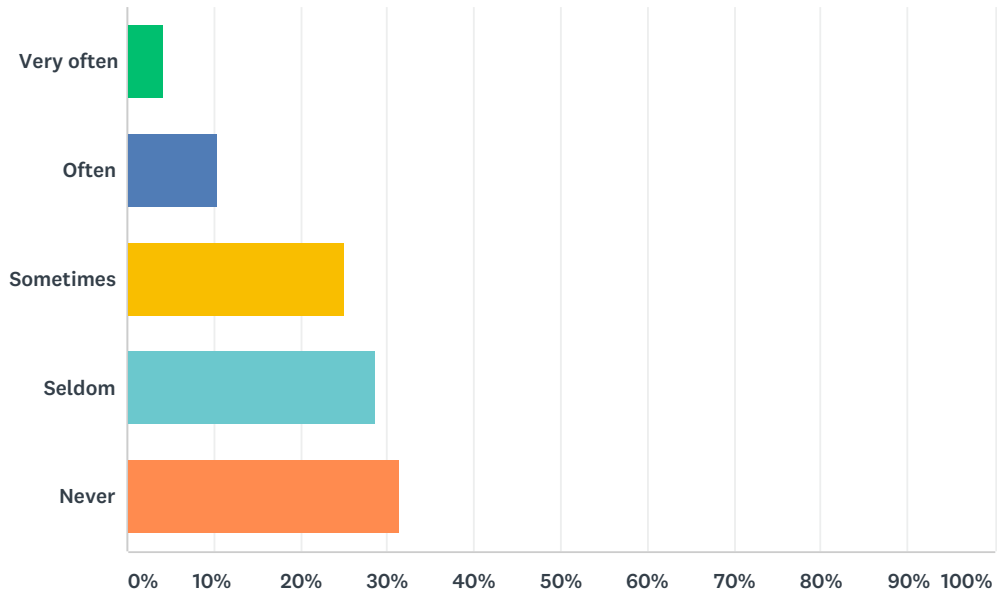
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Always	25.87%	37
Frequently	34.97%	50
Sometimes	21.68%	31
Rarely	13.29%	19
Never	4.20%	6
TOTAL		143

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

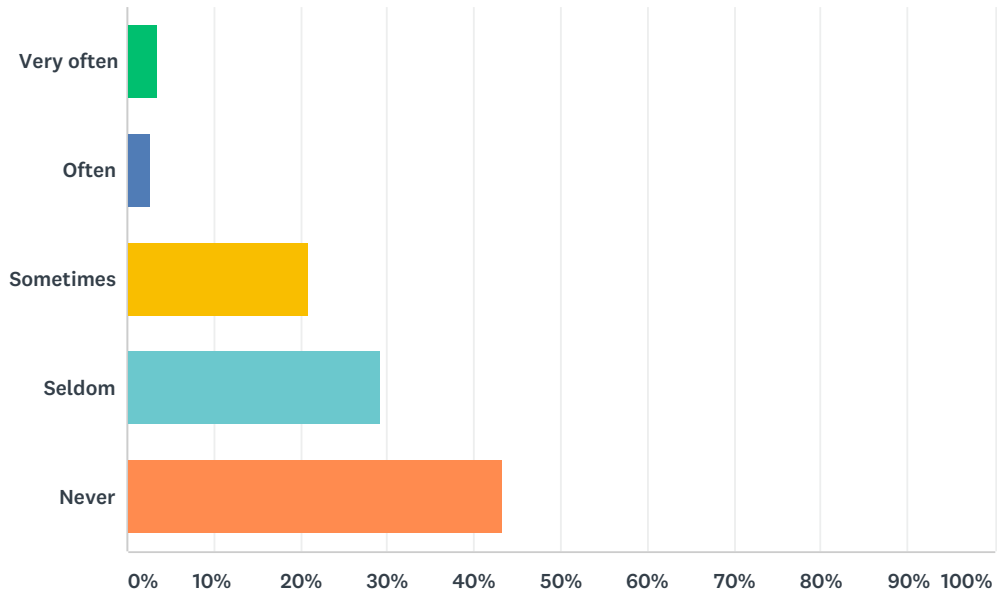
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very often	4.20%	6
Often	10.49%	15
Sometimes	25.17%	36
Seldom	28.67%	41
Never	31.47%	45
TOTAL		143

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

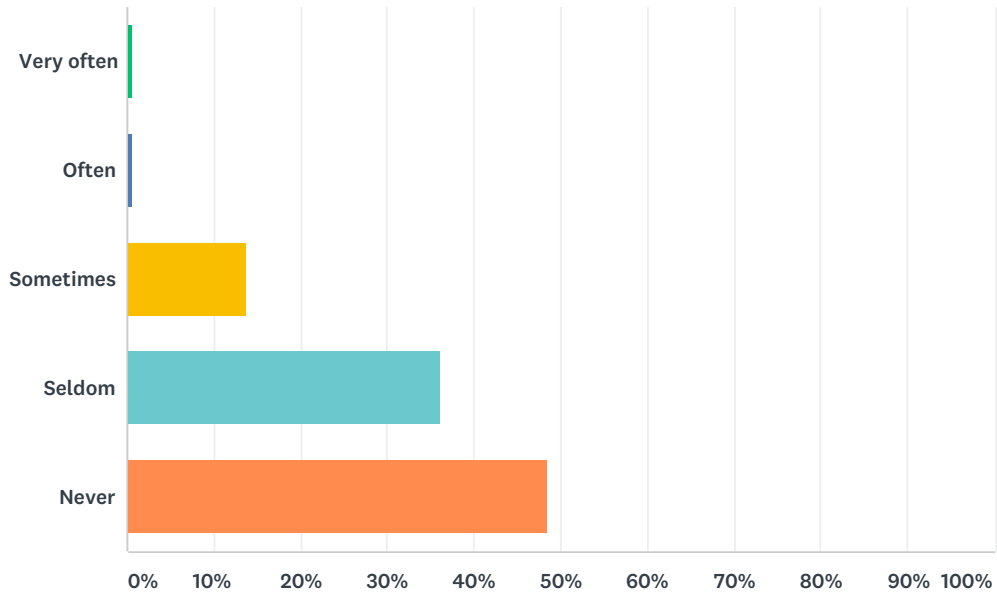
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very often	3.50%	5
Often	2.80%	4
Sometimes	20.98%	30
Seldom	29.37%	42
Never	43.36%	62
TOTAL		143

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

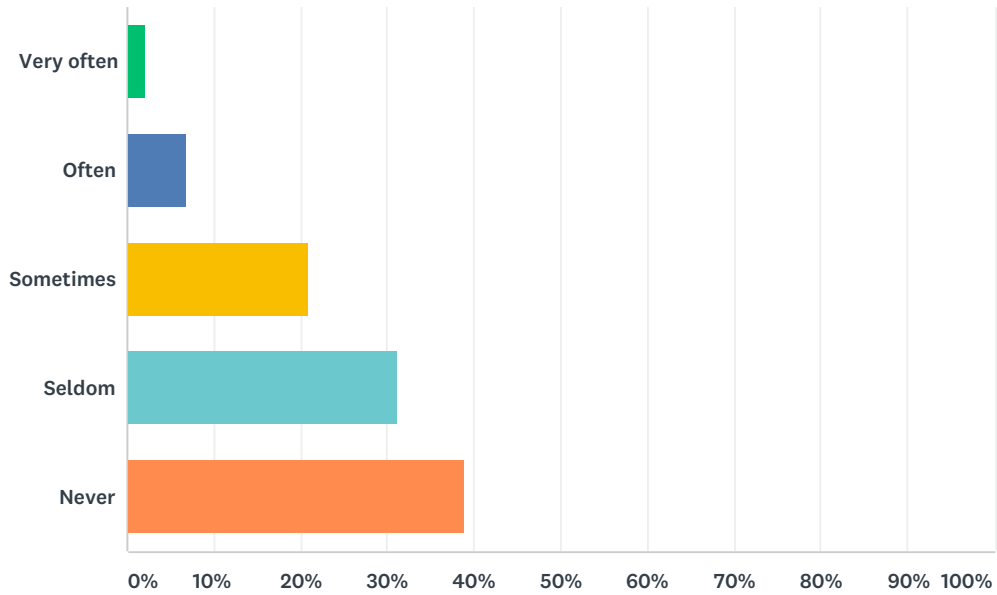
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very often	0.69%	1
Often	0.69%	1
Sometimes	13.89%	20
Seldom	36.11%	52
Never	48.61%	70
TOTAL		144

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

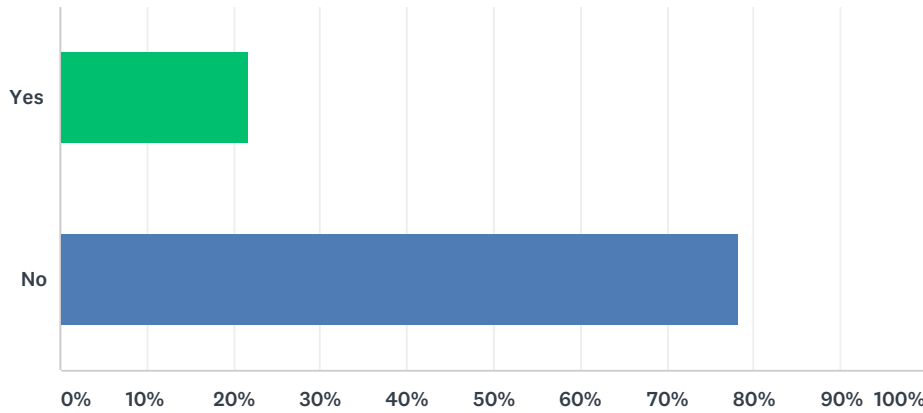
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very often	2.08%	3
Often	6.94%	10
Sometimes	20.83%	30
Seldom	31.25%	45
Never	38.89%	56
TOTAL		144

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

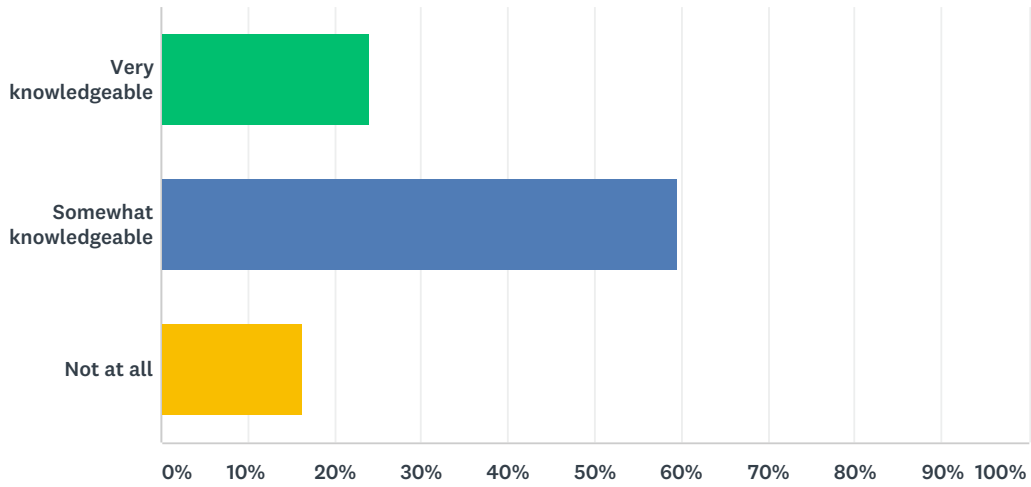
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	21.71%	28
No	78.29%	101
TOTAL		129

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

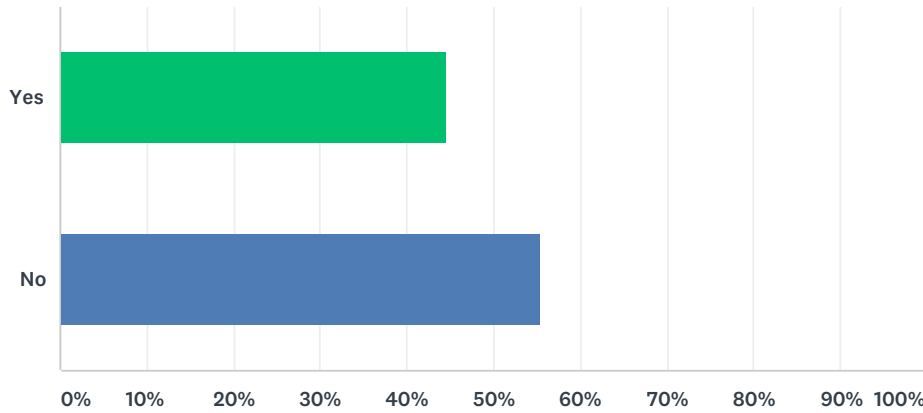
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very knowledgeable	24.03%	31
Somewhat knowledgeable	59.69%	77
Not at all	16.28%	21
TOTAL		129

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

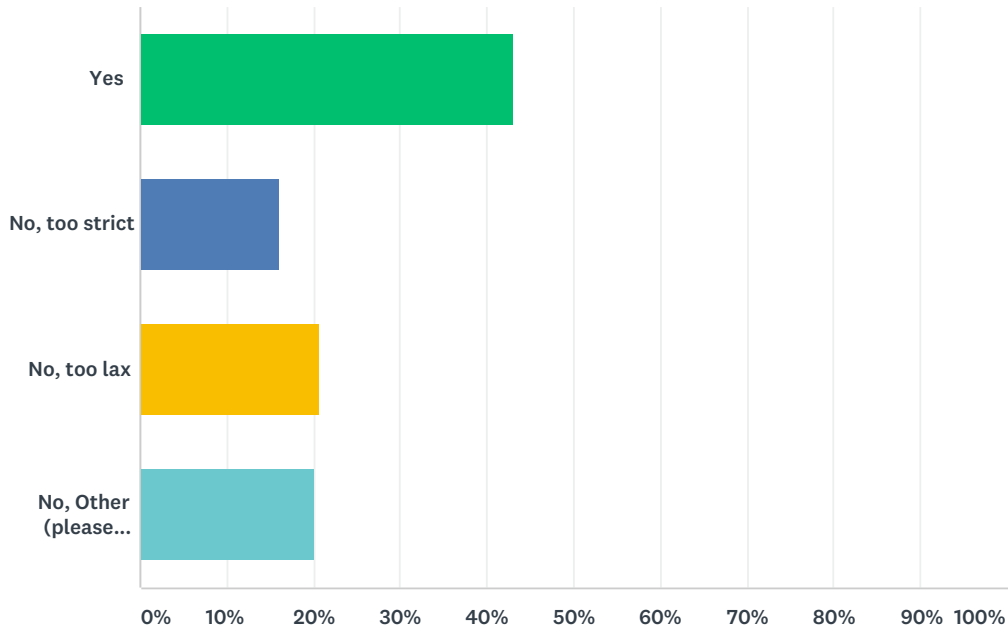
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	44.53%	57
No	55.47%	71
TOTAL		128

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

Answered: 130 Skipped: 60



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	43.08%	56
No, too strict	16.15%	21
No, too lax	20.77%	27
No, Other (please specify)	20.00%	26
TOTAL		130

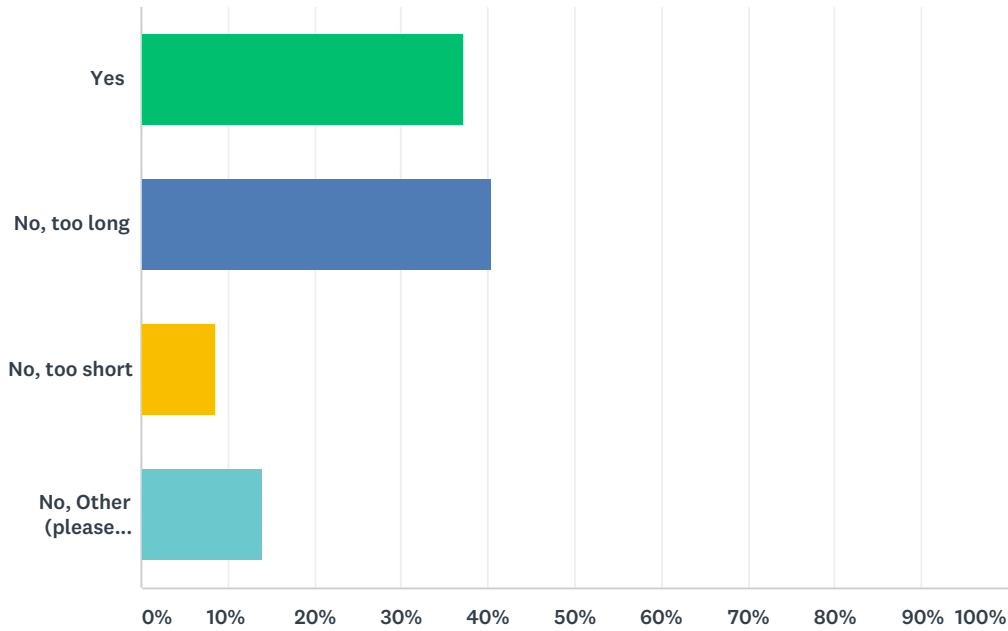
#	NO, OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Moderator is a bumbling fool but no one will run to replace him - it's an awful job	6/2/2018 4:11 PM
2	I feel like the town meeting members make up crazy rules and they are a waste of time for members of the community	6/1/2018 10:17 AM
3	The moderator was too vague and frequently changed his own rules without valid reason	6/1/2018 8:16 AM
4	no	5/31/2018 11:05 PM
5	They sometimes seem to be made up as we go along	5/31/2018 10:49 PM
6	Moderator is inconsistent and can not maintain order when things get heated. He follows procedure when he wants to.	5/31/2018 5:16 PM
7	Unclear	5/31/2018 5:13 PM
8	It is not a useful forum for discussion with so many people present.	5/31/2018 4:21 PM
9	Unclear and disorganized	5/31/2018 8:55 AM
10	Moderator is not fair or balanced when conducting meetings	5/31/2018 8:21 AM
11	Disorganized and unclear	5/31/2018 7:44 AM

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12	not applied consistently	5/31/2018 7:43 AM
13	I have no interest in hearing members of the public speak at town meetings. It's ridiculous.	5/31/2018 7:07 AM
14	There should be a limit on how many people can speak	5/30/2018 9:56 PM
15	The same people get up and complain about things that are off topic. These people should be reprimanded by the moderator for wasting everyone's time and delaying the meeting	5/30/2018 9:21 PM
16	Arbitrarily applied	5/30/2018 9:18 PM
17	Often unpredictable rulings.	5/30/2018 3:58 PM
18	generally yes, but the moderator sometimes does not follow the rules... the body votes to move the questions and he decides if he wants to do that... other examples as well	5/30/2018 10:45 AM
19	not applicable	5/28/2018 11:51 AM
20	Recently rules were changed during the meeting	5/21/2018 7:50 PM
21	Process of town meeting is outdated. Reading ahead of time is sufficient to decide your position. The time consumed by speakers causes me to stay home.	5/21/2018 5:45 PM
22	not consistent and people not knowledgeable on topic	5/21/2018 3:25 PM
23	Some of each	5/21/2018 12:39 PM
24	Allows too much time for debate at the meeting	5/21/2018 11:47 AM
25	Rules seem to vary depending on Moderator's whim.	5/21/2018 9:20 AM
26	The moderator's implementation is inconsistent and creates chaos	5/15/2018 12:42 PM

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

Answered: 129 Skipped: 61



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	37.21%	48
No, too long	40.31%	52
No, too short	8.53%	11
No, Other (please specify)	13.95%	18
TOTAL		129

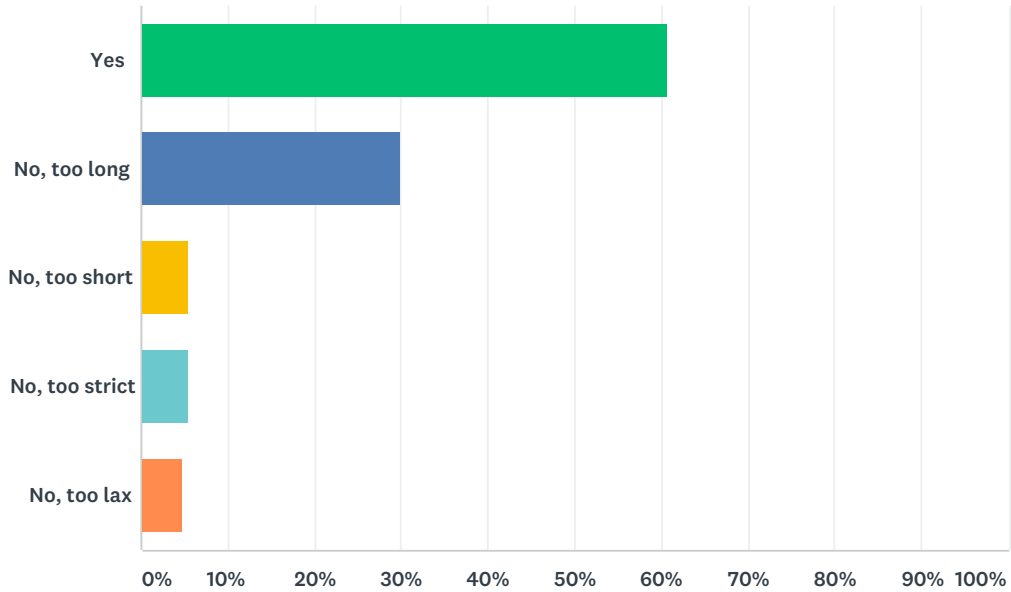
#	NO, OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	For complex matters, 2 minute cut-off is too little time to get necessary points across.	6/8/2018 9:11 AM
2	Too long at times with same conversation also not fair who gets to speka and who doesn't	6/6/2018 4:33 PM
3	Moderator seems to choose length and then changes his mind making him seem biased. Each article should announce length of debate, how many people can speak, ways to end or extend debate etc	5/31/2018 5:34 PM
4	Unclear	5/31/2018 5:13 PM
5	The same 10 people speak on every issue	5/31/2018 4:58 PM
6	It's not a good forum for this type of dialogue.	5/31/2018 4:21 PM
7	Unclear how much time. Doesn't seem fair	5/31/2018 8:55 AM
8	seems random and not always enforced	5/31/2018 7:54 AM
9	Disorganized and unclear	5/31/2018 7:44 AM
10	depends on when people move the question	5/31/2018 7:43 AM
11	Moderators discretion on this matter often seems arbitrary	5/30/2018 9:54 PM

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12	Depends on the interest in the article. More interest should allow for more time.	5/30/2018 9:40 PM
13	Again, seems arbitrary	5/30/2018 9:18 PM
14	not applicable	5/28/2018 11:51 AM
15	Our town meeting voted to shorten the time allowed for each speaker, but it is just not enough time to offer information on the articles,	5/27/2018 11:12 PM
16	If it is not new info they should not be allowed to continue	5/21/2018 12:39 PM
17	It isn't efficient, people talk but noone listens	5/21/2018 9:58 AM
18	More and more, debate on important articles is cut short, while debate on unimportant articles drones on forever.	5/21/2018 9:20 AM

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)

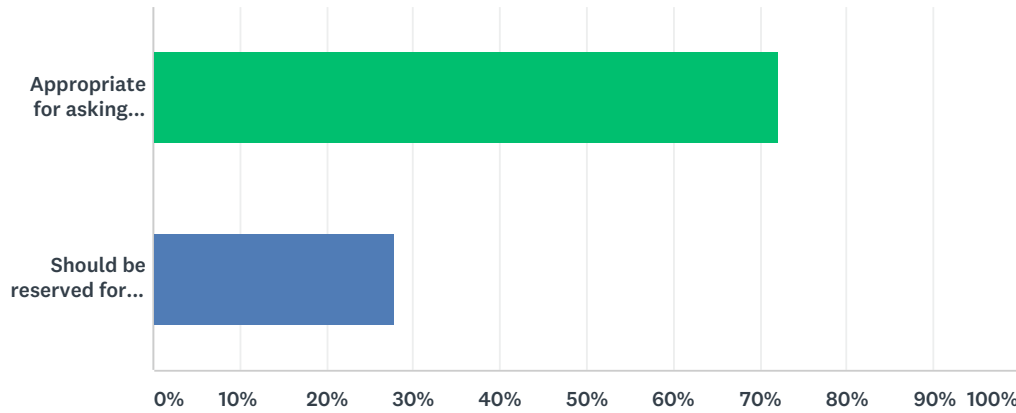
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	60.63%	77
No, too long	29.92%	38
No, too short	5.51%	7
No, too strict	5.51%	7
No, too lax	4.72%	6
Total Respondents: 127		

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

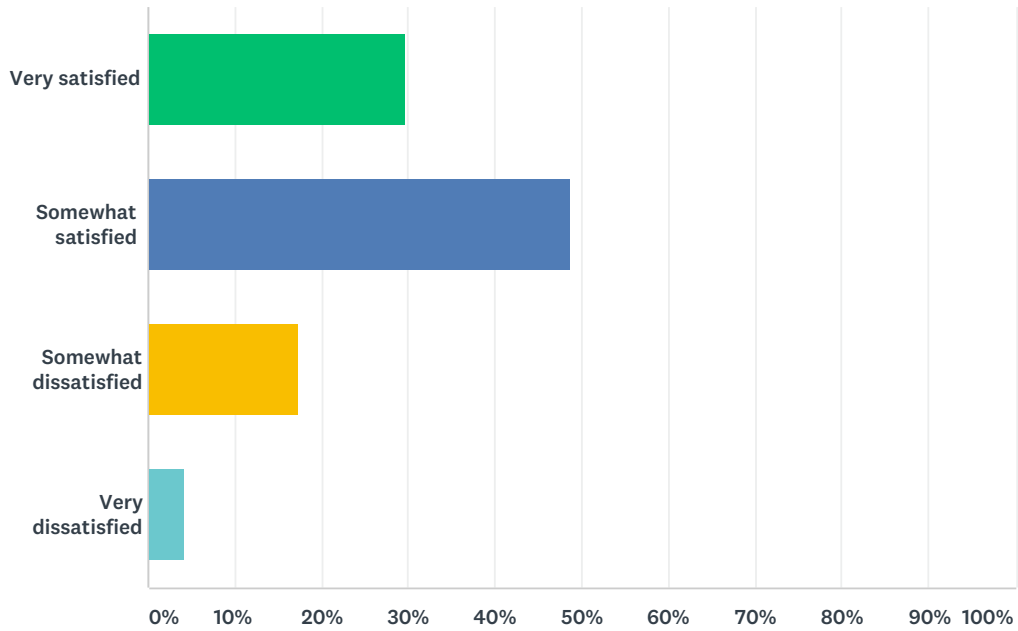
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Appropriate for asking questions	72.22%	91
Should be reserved for opinions	27.78%	35
TOTAL		126

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

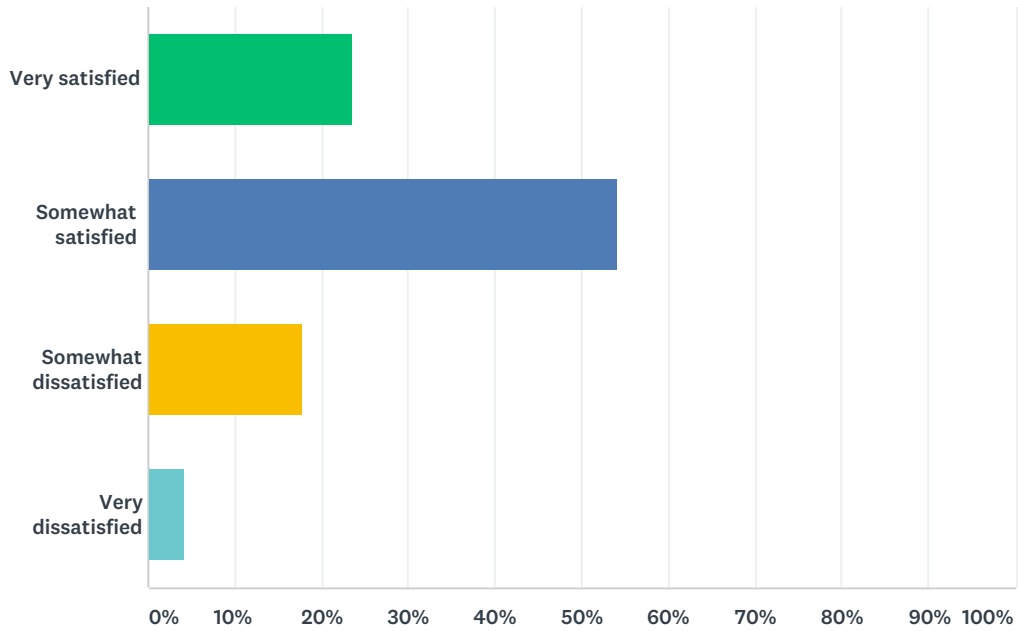
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very satisfied	29.75%	36
Somewhat satisfied	48.76%	59
Somewhat dissatisfied	17.36%	21
Very dissatisfied	4.13%	5
TOTAL		121

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

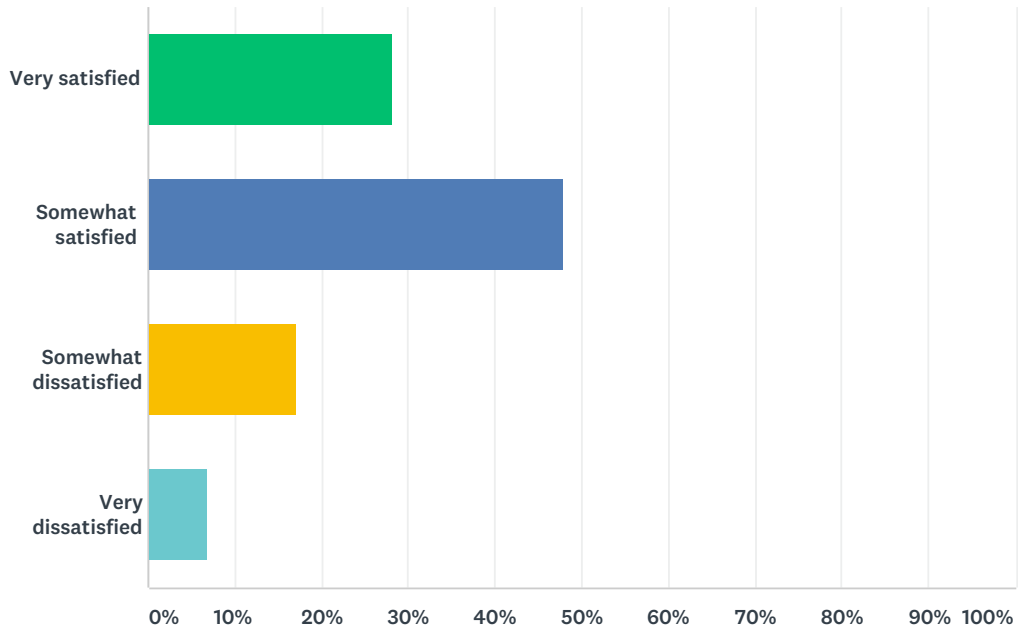
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very satisfied	23.73%	28
Somewhat satisfied	54.24%	64
Somewhat dissatisfied	17.80%	21
Very dissatisfied	4.24%	5
TOTAL		118

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

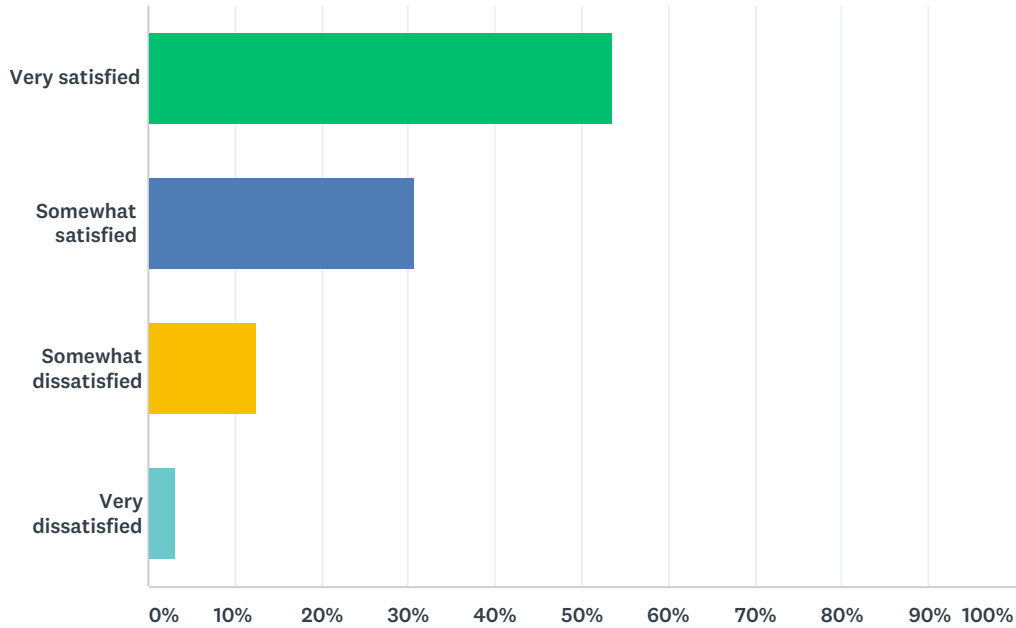
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very satisfied	28.21%	33
Somewhat satisfied	47.86%	56
Somewhat dissatisfied	17.09%	20
Very dissatisfied	6.84%	8
TOTAL		117

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

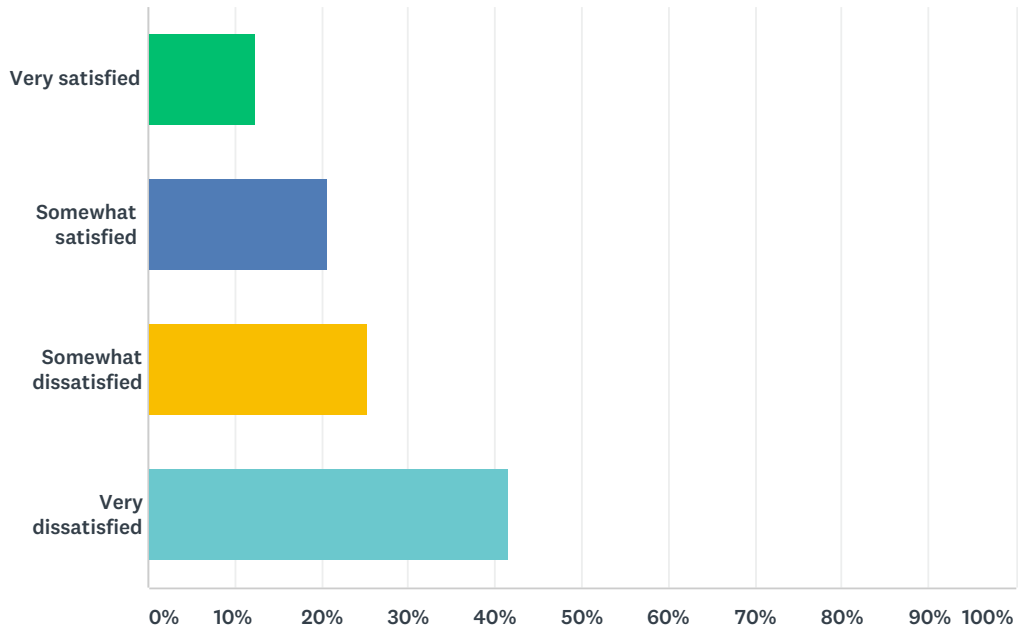
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very satisfied	53.54%	68
Somewhat satisfied	30.71%	39
Somewhat dissatisfied	12.60%	16
Very dissatisfied	3.15%	4
TOTAL		127

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

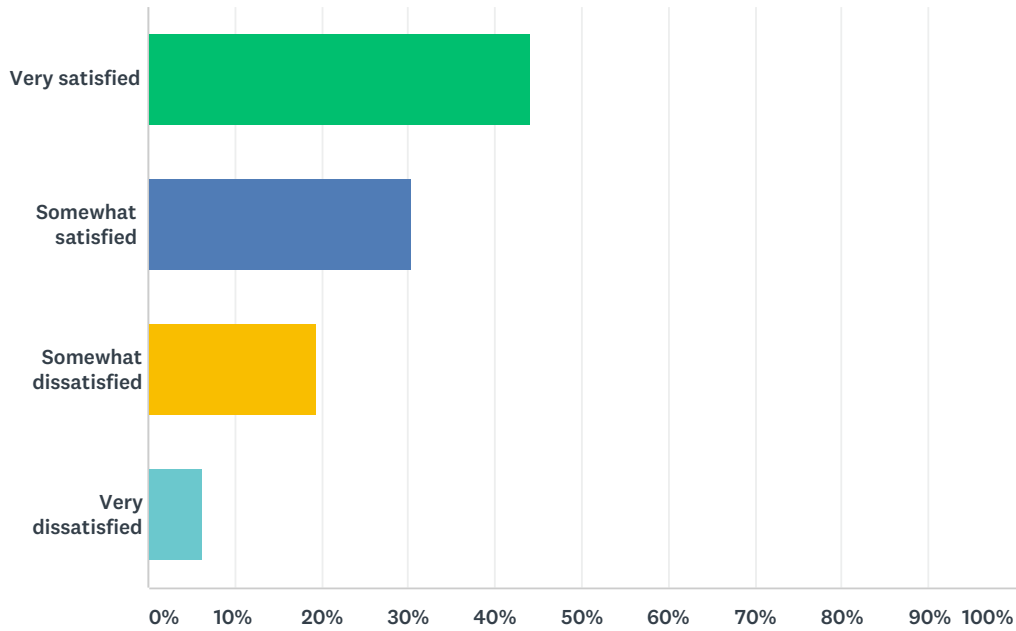
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very satisfied	12.31%	16
Somewhat satisfied	20.77%	27
Somewhat dissatisfied	25.38%	33
Very dissatisfied	41.54%	54
TOTAL		130

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

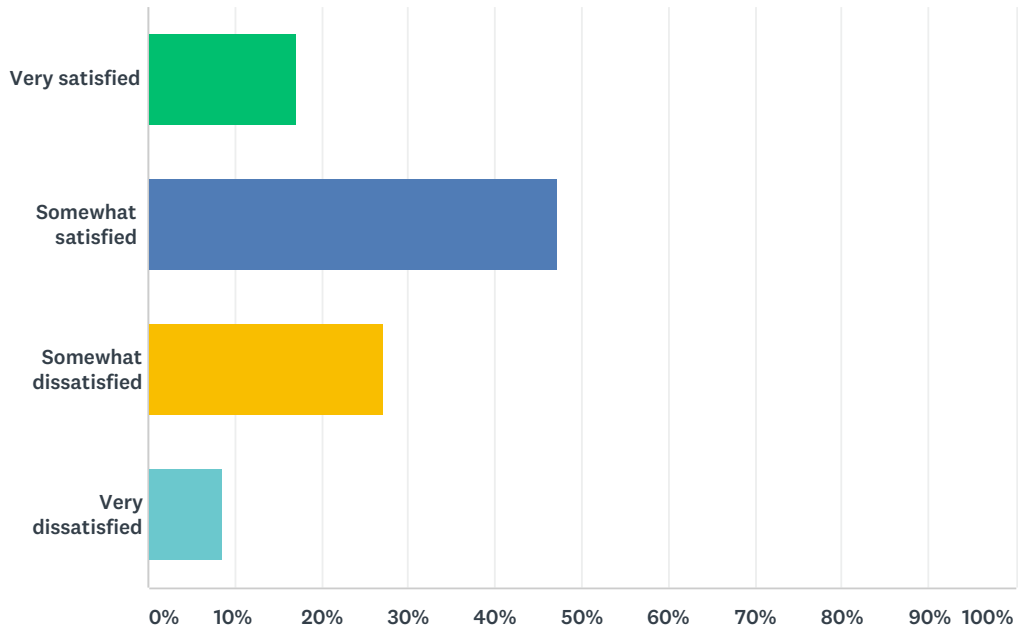
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very satisfied	44.19%	57
Somewhat satisfied	30.23%	39
Somewhat dissatisfied	19.38%	25
Very dissatisfied	6.20%	8
TOTAL		129

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

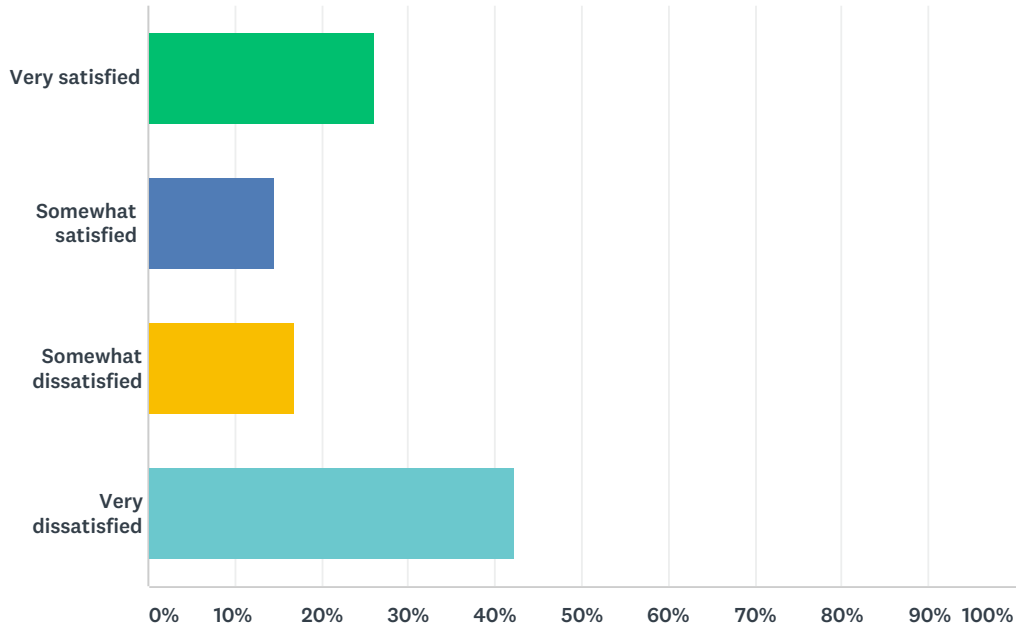
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very satisfied	17.05%	22
Somewhat satisfied	47.29%	61
Somewhat dissatisfied	27.13%	35
Very dissatisfied	8.53%	11
TOTAL		129

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

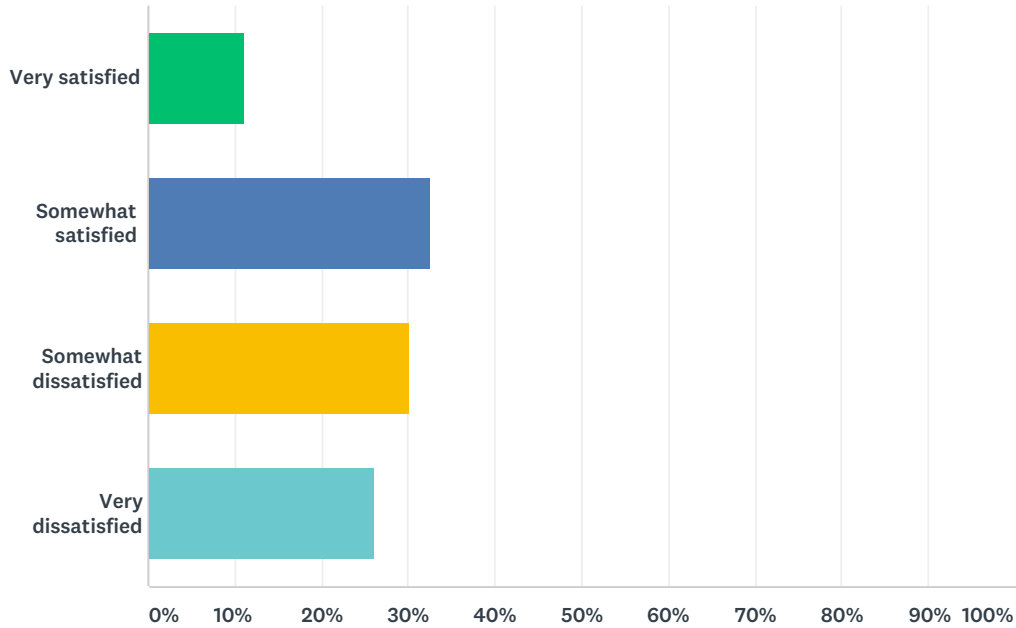
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very satisfied	26.15%	34
Somewhat satisfied	14.62%	19
Somewhat dissatisfied	16.92%	22
Very dissatisfied	42.31%	55
TOTAL		130

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.

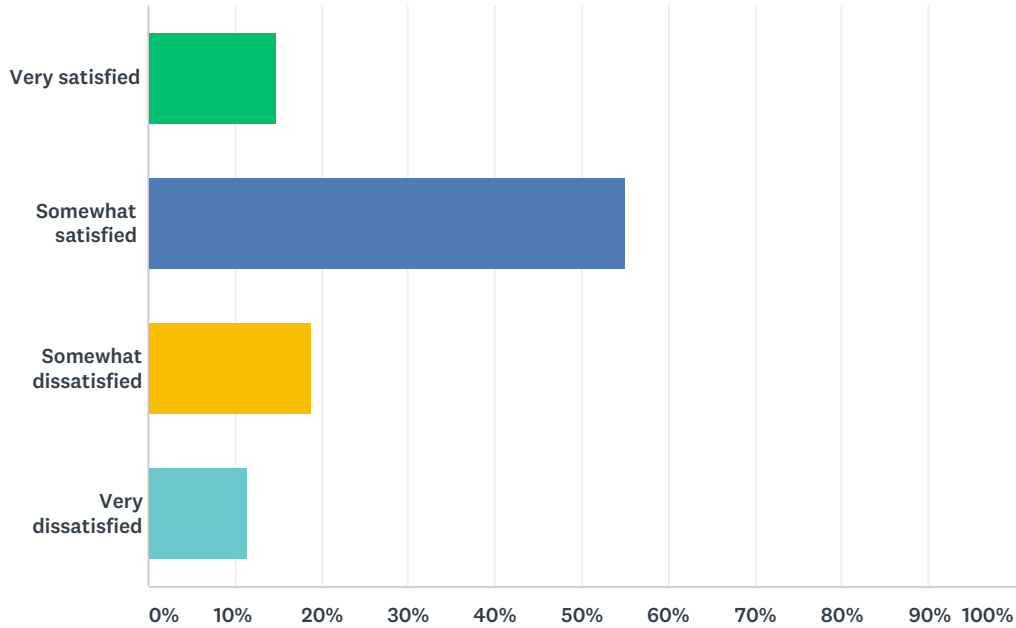
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very satisfied	11.11%	14
Somewhat satisfied	32.54%	41
Somewhat dissatisfied	30.16%	38
Very dissatisfied	26.19%	33
TOTAL		126

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.

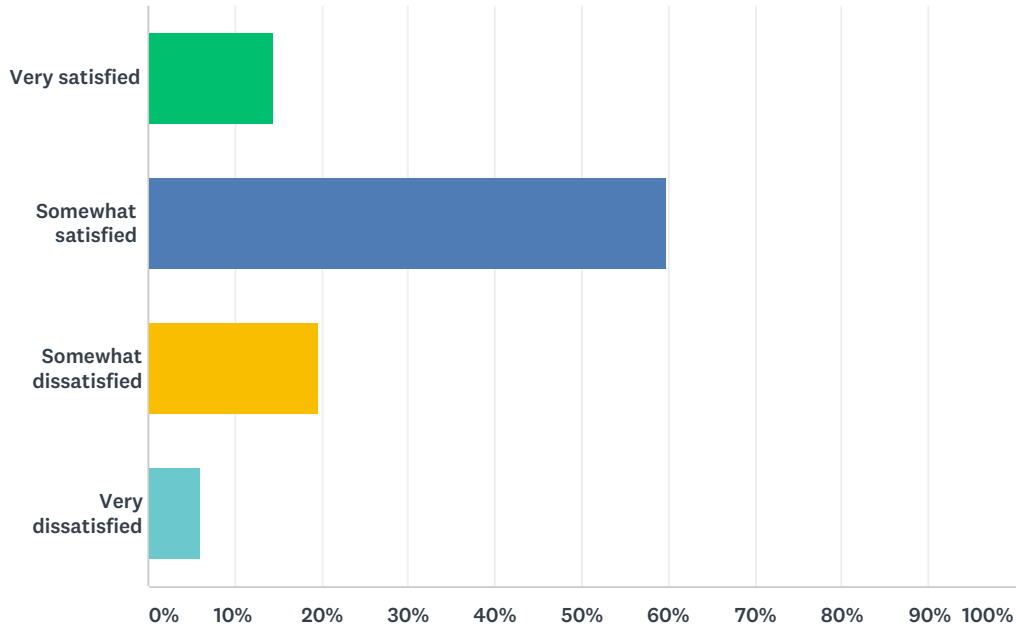
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very satisfied	14.75%	18
Somewhat satisfied	54.92%	67
Somewhat dissatisfied	18.85%	23
Very dissatisfied	11.48%	14
TOTAL		122

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.

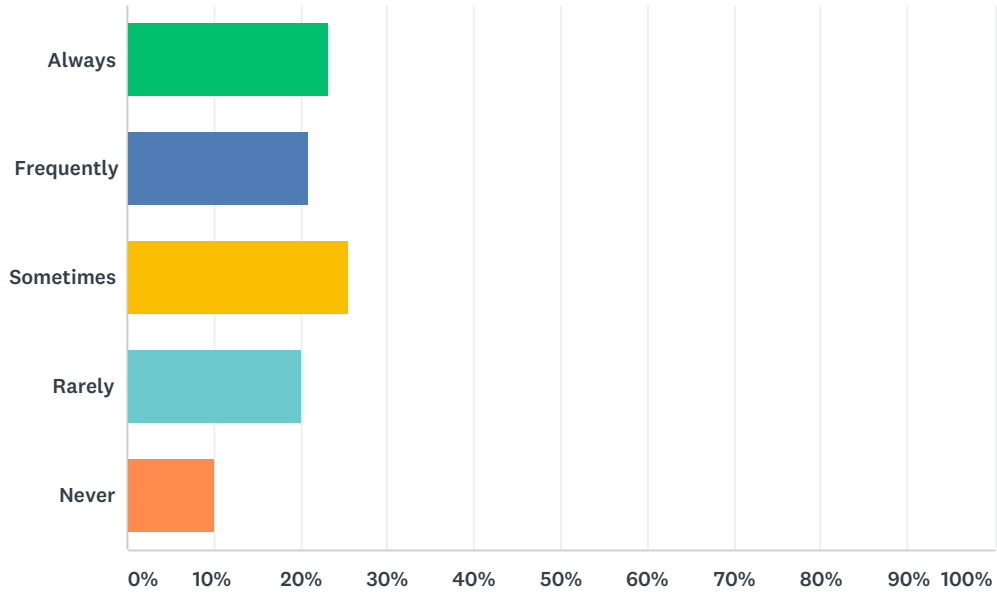
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very satisfied	14.53%	17
Somewhat satisfied	59.83%	70
Somewhat dissatisfied	19.66%	23
Very dissatisfied	5.98%	7
TOTAL		117

Q59 I feel comfortable participating at Town Meeting:

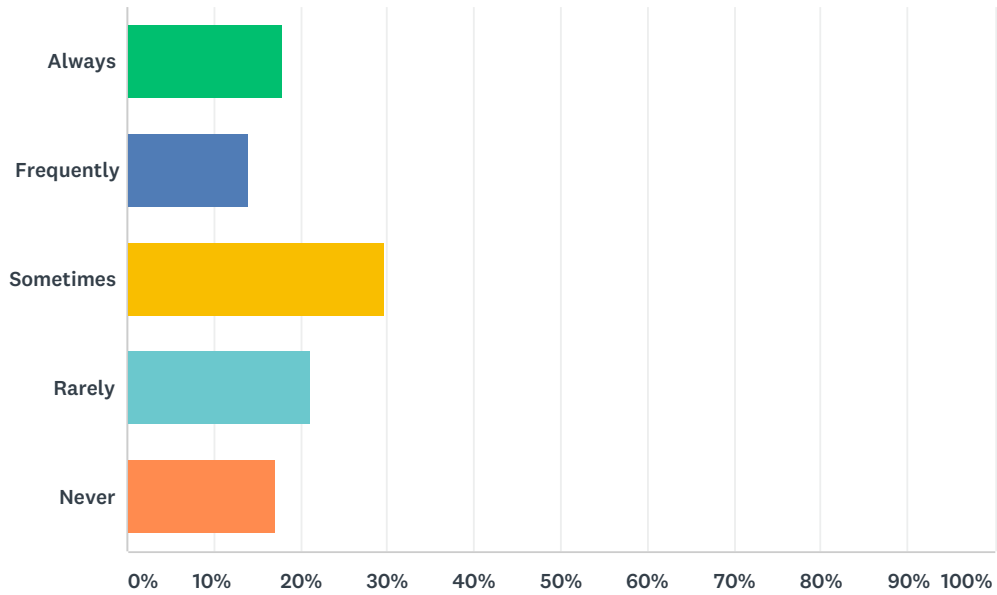
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Always	23.26%	30
Frequently	20.93%	27
Sometimes	25.58%	33
Rarely	20.16%	26
Never	10.08%	13
TOTAL		129

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

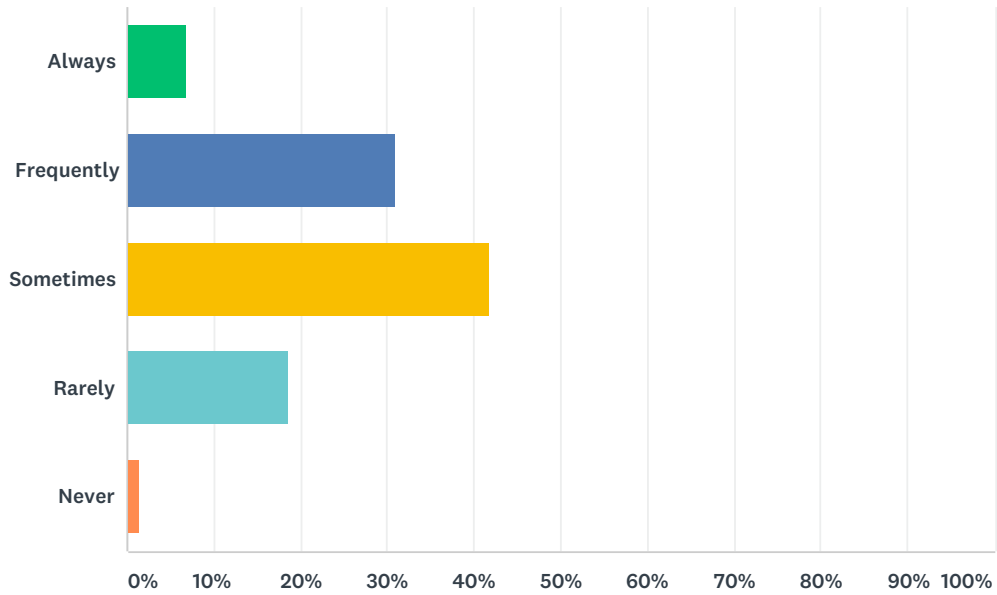
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Always	17.97%	23
Frequently	14.06%	18
Sometimes	29.69%	38
Rarely	21.09%	27
Never	17.19%	22
TOTAL		128

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

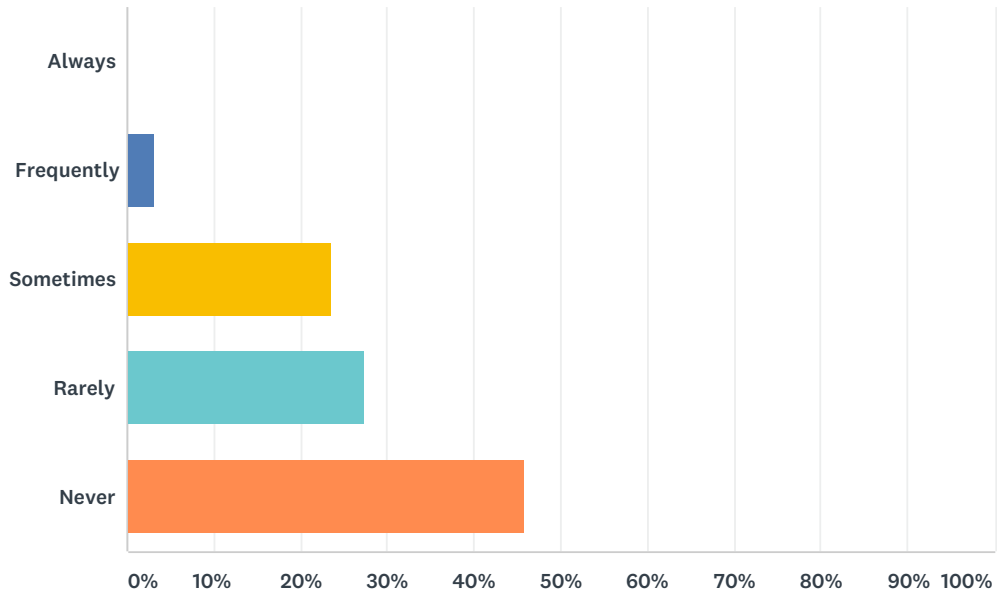
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Always	6.98%	9
Frequently	31.01%	40
Sometimes	41.86%	54
Rarely	18.60%	24
Never	1.55%	2
TOTAL		129

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

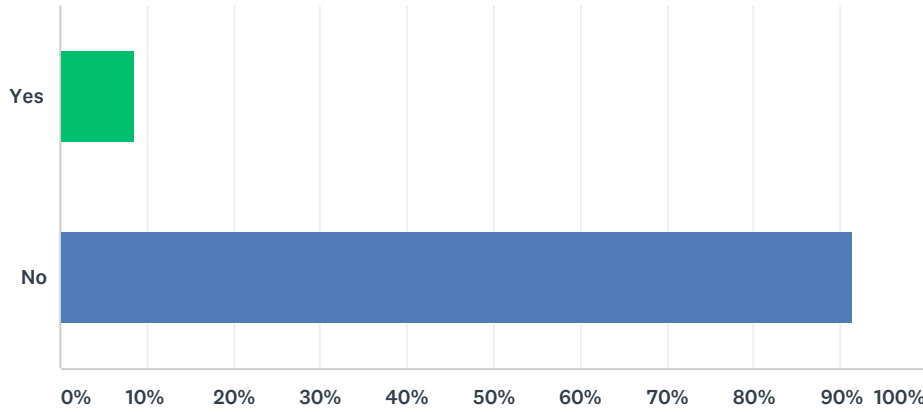
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Always	0.00%	0
Frequently	3.05%	4
Sometimes	23.66%	31
Rarely	27.48%	36
Never	45.80%	60
TOTAL		131

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

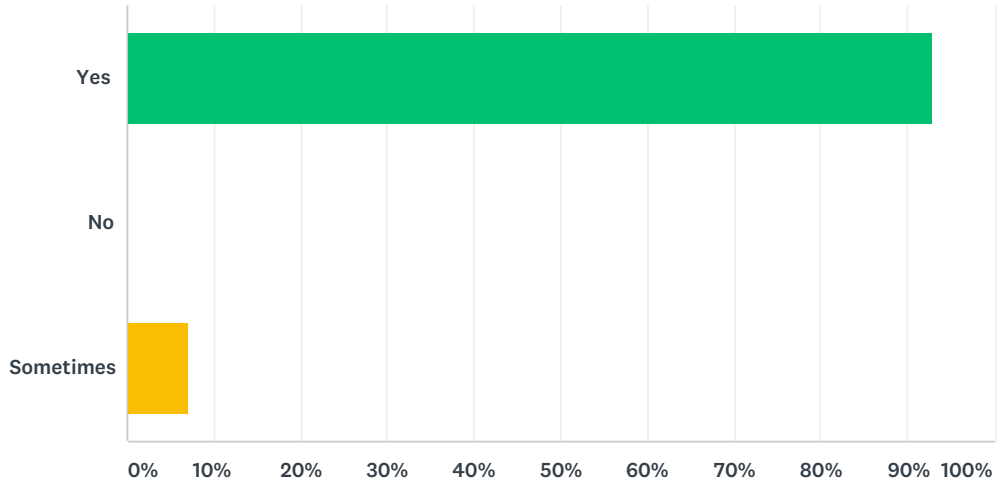
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	8.66%	11
No	91.34%	116
TOTAL		127

Q64 Do you feel qualified to vote?

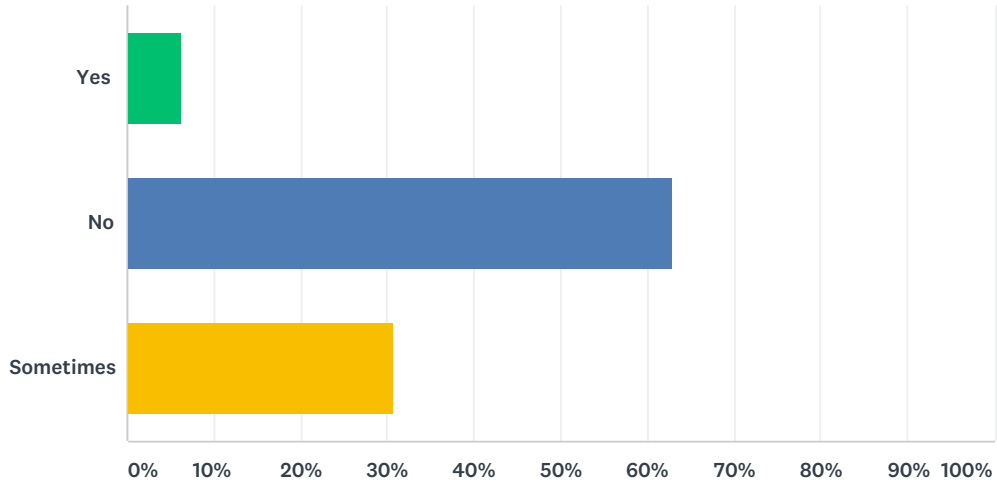
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	92.91%	118
No	0.00%	0
Sometimes	7.09%	9
TOTAL		127

Q65 Are the subjects too complex?

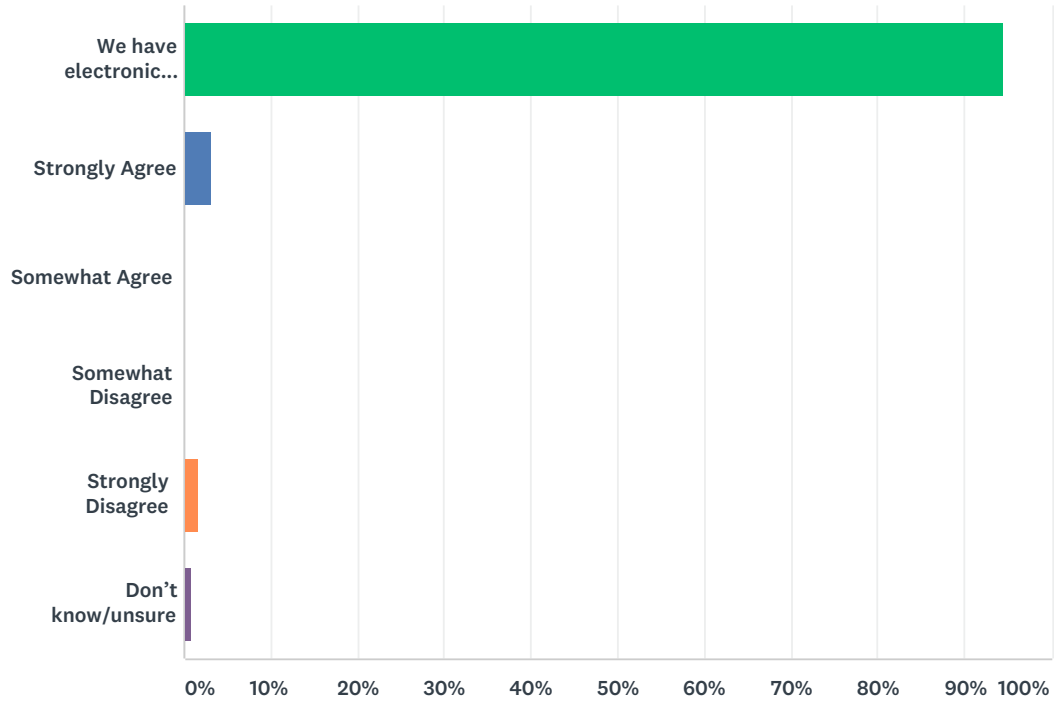
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	6.30% 8
No	62.99% 80
Sometimes	30.71% 39
TOTAL	127

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

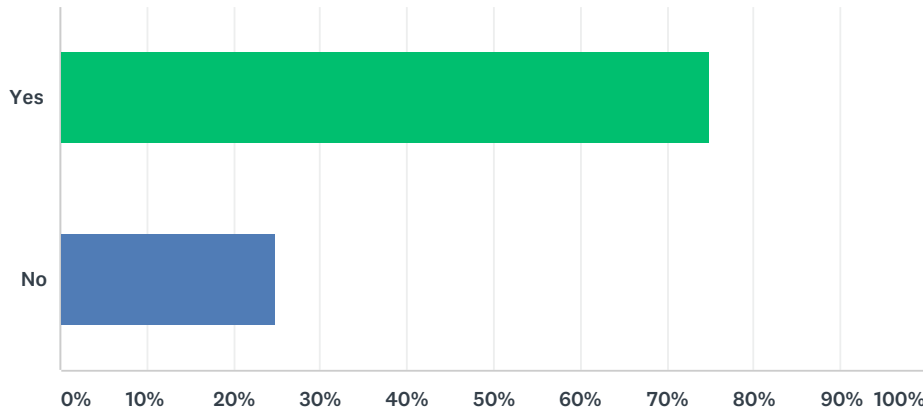
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
We have electronic voting	94.49%	120
Strongly Agree	3.15%	4
Somewhat Agree	0.00%	0
Somewhat Disagree	0.00%	0
Strongly Disagree	1.57%	2
Don't know/unsure	0.79%	1
TOTAL		127

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

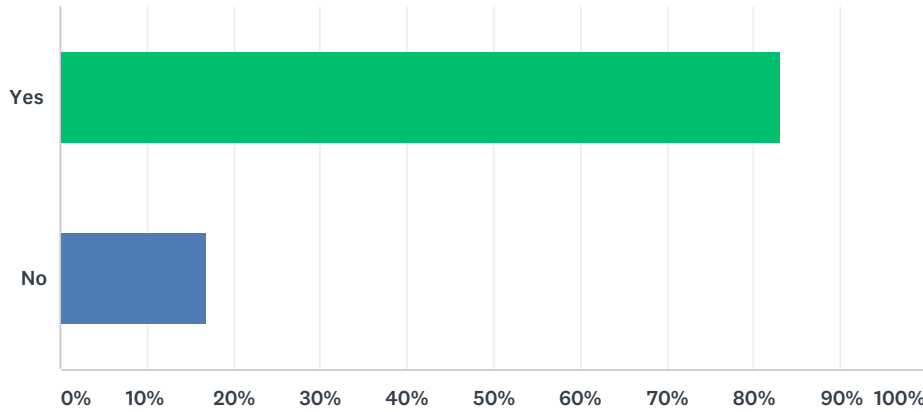
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	75.00%	90
No	25.00%	30
TOTAL		120

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?

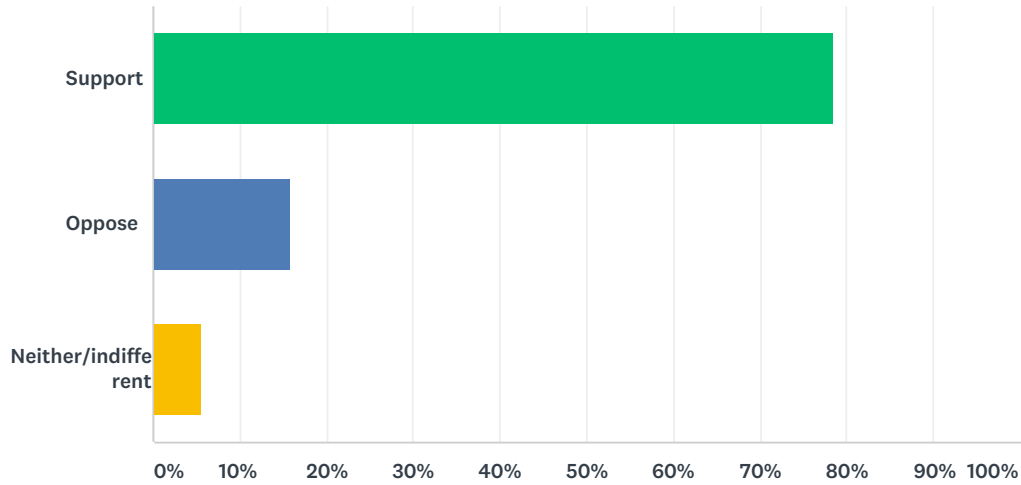
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	83.06%	103
No	16.94%	21
TOTAL		124

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?

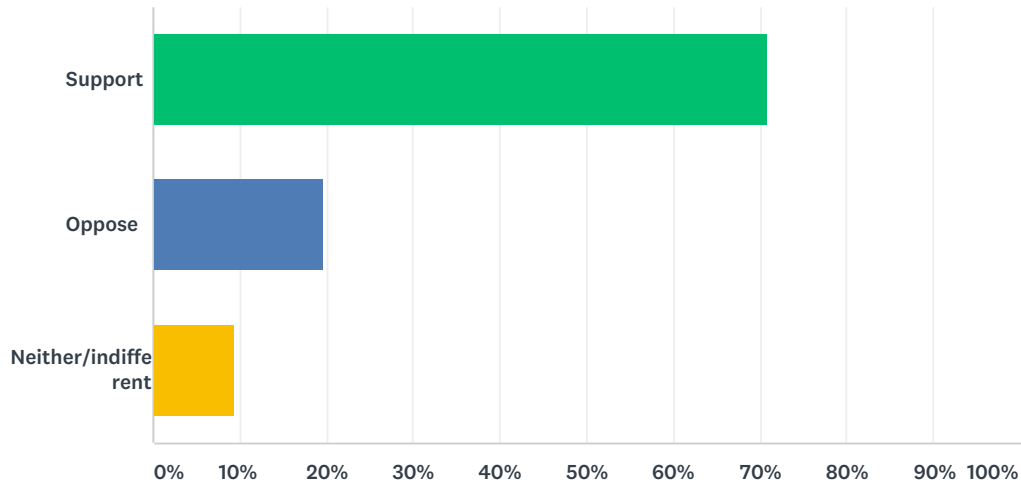
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Support	78.40%	98
Oppose	16.00%	20
Neither/indifferent	5.60%	7
TOTAL		125

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.

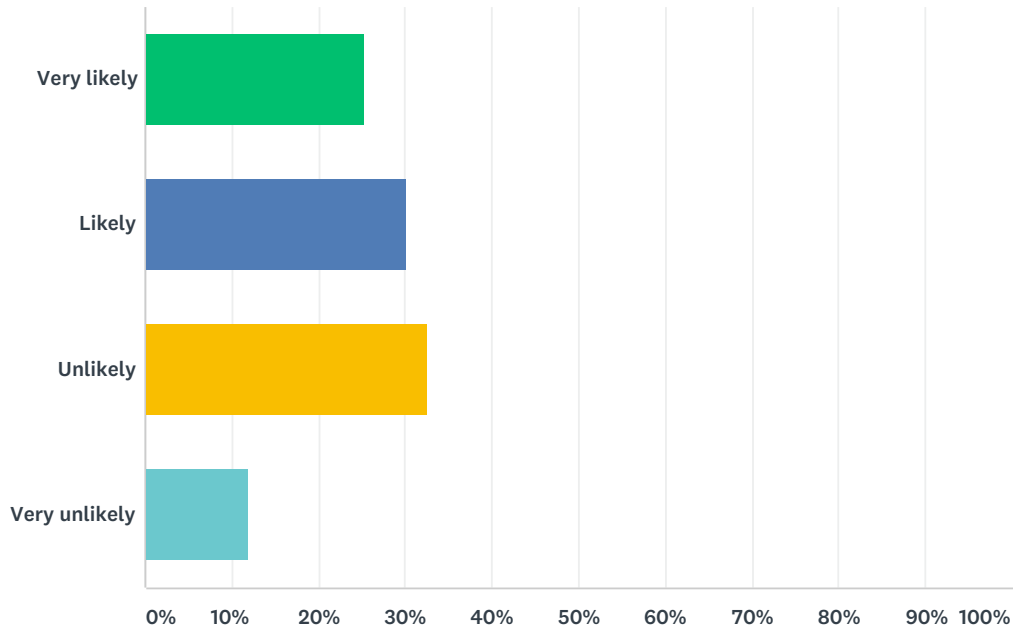
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Support	70.87%	90
Oppose	19.69%	25
Neither/indifferent	9.45%	12
TOTAL		127

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

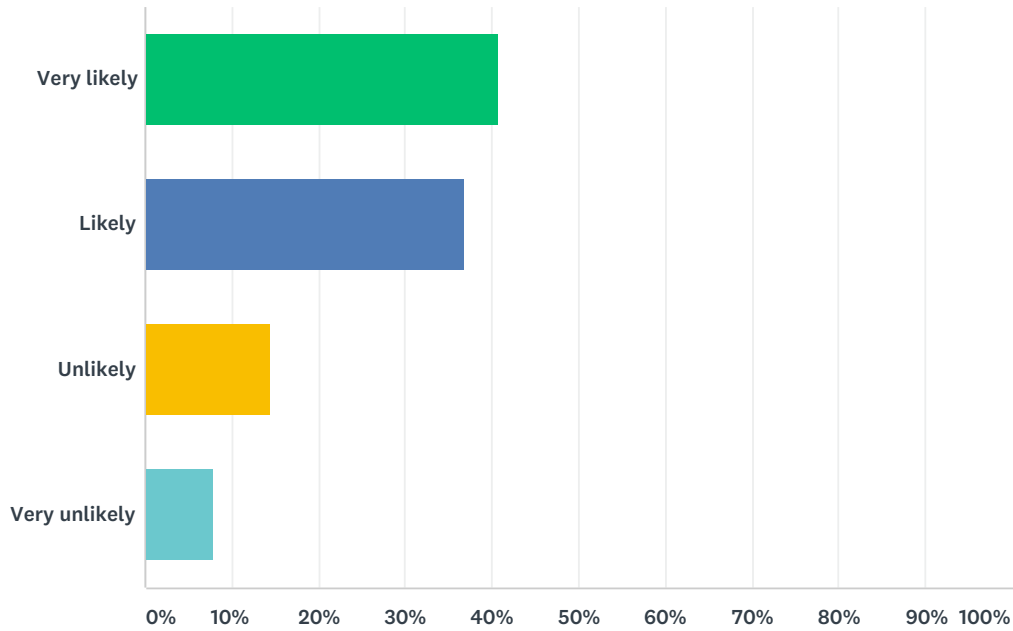
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very likely	25.40%	32
Likely	30.16%	38
Unlikely	32.54%	41
Very unlikely	11.90%	15
TOTAL		126

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

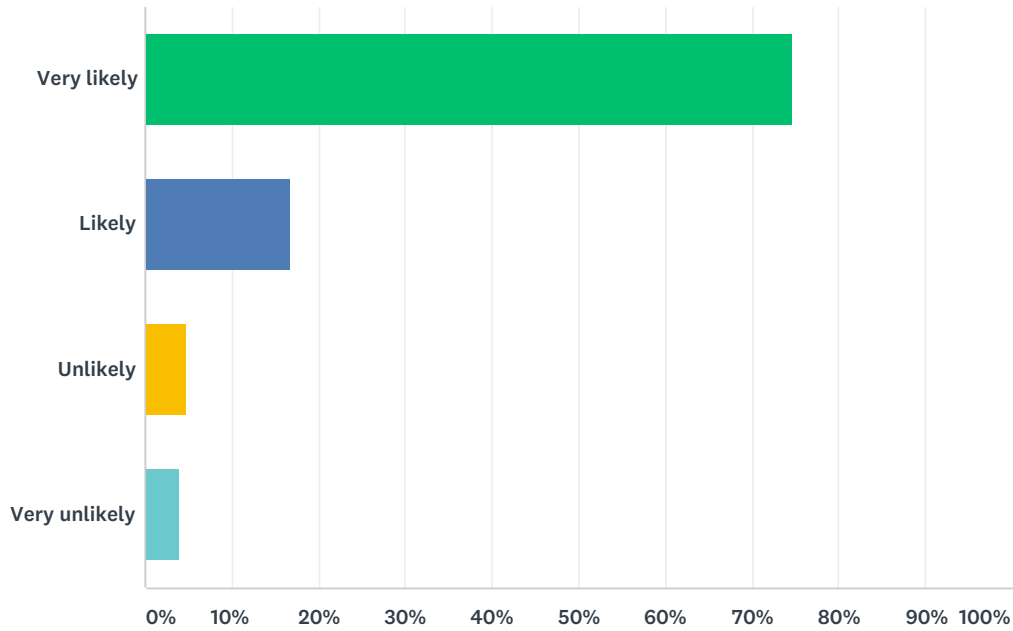
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very likely	40.80%	51
Likely	36.80%	46
Unlikely	14.40%	18
Very unlikely	8.00%	10
TOTAL		125

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

Answered: 126 Skipped: 64



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very likely	74.60%	94
Likely	16.67%	21
Unlikely	4.76%	6
Very unlikely	3.97%	5
TOTAL		126