

Wrentham Master Plan Survey

Vision of Tomorrow: Wrentham Master Plan 2030

August 11, 2020 – October 1, 2020

What are Wrentham's greatest strengths?

#	Question	Not important		Less important		Neutral		Important		Most important		Total
9	Good for families	0.28%	3	0.47%	5	3.85%	41	37.52%	400	57.88%	617	1066
12	Schools and education	1.31%	14	1.22%	13	7.30%	78	33.61%	359	56.55%	604	1068
10	Sense of community	0.75%	8	1.03%	11	9.12%	97	47.27%	503	41.82%	445	1064
6	Open space, natural resources, and farmland	0.56%	6	1.97%	21	8.15%	87	49.53%	529	39.79%	425	1068
13	Parks and trails	0.66%	7	2.44%	26	10.23%	109	52.21%	556	34.46%	367	1065
7	Traditional New England architecture and stone walls	2.73%	29	5.36%	57	15.79%	168	48.21%	513	27.91%	297	1064
14	Other	21.17%	123	0.52%	3	39.76%	231	16.35%	95	22.20%	129	581
11	Affordable cost of living	2.44%	26	5.63%	60	20.56%	219	49.30%	525	22.07%	235	1065
8	History and historical sites (i.e. Wampum House, Old Fiske Library Museum)	4.14%	44	10.62%	113	22.65%	241	40.79%	434	21.80%	232	1064
4	Downtown area	3.01%	32	6.77%	72	22.27%	237	50.47%	537	17.48%	186	1064
2	Proximity to Boston,	3.11%	33	5.75%	61	23.02%	244	60.47%	641	7.64%	81	1060

	Providence, and Worcester											
1	Proximity to jobs	4.12%	44	8.99%	96	34.08%	36 4	48.60%	51 9	4.21%	45	1068
5	Premium Outlets	24.04%	25 6	21.69%	23 1	27.51%	29 3	24.32%	25 9	2.44%	26	1065
3	Proximity to the Cape and islands	9.64%	10 3	15.15%	16 2	35.92%	38 4	36.95%	39 5	2.34%	25	1069

Which set of words best describe your aspirations for Wrentham? Please choose up to 5.

#	Answer	%	Count
6	Community-oriented	12.22%	594
4	Welcoming	9.75%	474
11	Walkable	9.28%	451
18	Fiscally-responsible	8.64%	420
15	Rural	8.64%	420
20	Charming	8.52%	414
21	Rooted (connected to the history, land, and place)	7.61%	370
19	Healthy	7.55%	367
17	Affordable	6.36%	309
7	Inclusive	5.78%	281
16	Business-friendly	4.88%	237
5	Active	4.42%	215
10	Convenient	3.46%	168
2	Equitable	2.02%	98
13	Other	0.86%	42
	Total	100%	4860

Which places in Wrentham are most meaningful to you? Please choose up to 5.

#	Answer	%	Count
6	Downtown and Town Common	16.89%	764
13	Conservation areas (Joe's Rock, Birchwold Farm, Wollomonopoag, Trout Pond, Wrentham State Forest)	16.58%	750
4	My neighborhood:	12.60%	570
9	High, middle, and elementary schools	12.56%	568
8	Mirror, Archer, and Pearl lakes and Sweatt Beach	12.40%	561
12	The working farms and agricultural landscape	11.25%	509
5	Rice Complex and Sweatt Fields	8.67%	392
7	My place of worship	3.07%	139
10	Senior Citizen Center	2.68%	121
16	Premium Outlets	2.23%	101
15	Other	1.06%	48
	Total	100%	4523

Which improvements would most increase your quality of life? Please choose up to 5.

#	Answer	%	Count
2	More walkable and bikeable throughout Town	14.17%	622
8	Protect more open space from development	13.53%	594
3	More shops and services Downtown	10.68%	469
7	More trails and parks	10.38%	456
17	Effective regulation to manage growth	8.38%	368
1	More walkable and bikeable Downtown	7.63%	335
11	Stronger community and social network	7.24%	318
9	More shops and services throughout Town	7.13%	313
10	Easier to participate in and influence local decision-making	5.10%	224
14	Greater income, racial, age, and cultural diversity	4.78%	210
5	Reduced cost of housing	4.17%	183
12	Less time spent in traffic	3.05%	134
16	Other	2.07%	91
6	Greater access to good jobs	1.69%	74
	Total	100%	4391

What is your vision for the future of Wrentham? For example, what do you want to leave for the next generation? What does day-to-day life look like? Include any good ideas that you think would make the Town better. Please try to capture your ideas in three or four sentences or bullet points.

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Continuity of current small, rural town feel. Limited development/apartment complexes. Protection of outdoor spaces/recreation areas.

I do not want to see an increase in downtown traffic. I would love to see improved sidewalks. I want kids to be able to safely bike or walk to friend's houses.

We need good walking and bike trails to connect all parts of the town to the town center. A nice public park that is maintained. More development in town center i.e restaurants, shops

Safe, welcoming, walkable. Well maintained and taxes that are manageable for retired residents

A safe community, conservation efforts, housing affordability, history of Wrentham preserved

Wrentham should be a vibrant, nice place to live with a strong community support. The schools should be top quality and offer opportunities for all students. The sports programs help in this way but there are plenty of kids that need different opportunities as they may be less competitive and need other venues--these could be offered both through the town and schools. The Route 1 corridor needs careful planning--no one wants to really cross that road to get to a store, etc.

Help for seniors, stop raising taxes, Fund the Police

- multicultural community - multigenerational homes/facilities - preservation of open space.

Make downtown a place to go and be enjoyable, fix the old railroad track behind Caesar Chelor so off road vehicles cannot ride on there

I would love to see a more established downtown area. Right now there is not much to bring residents and visitors to the downtown area.

Plant the next generation of shade trees on the Common!

Maintain the small town feel. Maintain a feeling of safety. Having Sweatt Beach not feel like a state park.

Better forest management ||| Preserve wooded areas with ENCOURAGEMENT of CONTROLLED BURNING of brush, with no restrictions on residential open burning in full compliance with state open burning regulations.

Remembrance of growing up in a town where all lives matter. I'd like the next generation to feel safe.

Sometimes Wrentham seems to have things backwards. i.e. If you want to encourage people to reuse and recycle, so why is recycling only done every other week? There is a lot of conspicuous consumption in this town, but the town's commitment to education takes a back seat. It is the excellence of a community's schools that grow towns. We should have schools on a par with Wellesley, Medfield, Sharon, not rated average by Great Schools.org

A more inclusive diverse town with open space and affordable housing along with more agricultural.

same quaint NE town I moved into but progressive with types of businesses and restaurants added

A revitalized downtown where it is a social place to walk around and go to shops, restaurants, coffee or icecream shops, etc. Having a dog park in town to meet neighbors at possibly with a playground or some sports area

(skateboard park, tennis, basketball, baseball, or soccer). Would be good for the town to utilize the land on Kendrick Street for downtown expansion of shops, parking, and public space.

More open space, bicycle friendly, set land aside for parks

This historical homes and the stone walls in Wrentham truly makes this town unique. In addition, there seems to be a great sense of community and it would be great to provide more in the downtown area. More local shops, eateries, etc would be fantastic. Lastly, the rural characteristics and open space are great and I want to see those left in tact. Unfortunately I see a lot of development occurring, even on wetlands, which is upsetting. Not only does that cause environmental risk (flooding, reduced groundwater recharge, etc.) it will cause more traffic. Instead of building more homes/condos I would like to see the conservation of open space and development of parks instead.

Build on the history, the location, the open space and the town to create a community that people want to be a part of and want to volunteer to make better. Take unused spaces and encourage economic growth - especially in the downtown area. As an example, encourage development of the forever abandoned lot that used to be the valve company in downtown. Every time I drive or walk that way, I think it is an eyesore in a premium location for development. Think of some of the really nice downtowns like Wellesley or Natick and encourage that kind of growth on a smaller scale. Even look at what Norfolk has done recently - take that space, make it special and then attract the community there with farmer's markets and other events.

Less traffic; maintain historical beauty; stop uncontrolled growth; no high rise buildings

A thriving, health focused, active recreational community that prides itself on being safe, diverse and welcoming

Love that it is not overbuilt. Citizens frugality. Responsive safety team police and fire. Walkable sidewalks to keep community connected.

Wrentham needs to install sewers townwide. All road construction should install sewers so that they are ready to be hooked up when possible, i.e. install sewers on Creek St. if it is worked on so it can be hooked up when sewers are put in on Route 1A rather than having to tear up Creek St. again. also, Wrentham needs to be more "business friendly" to attract business to Route 1 and 1A, every other town on these roads is developed, there is a reason Wrentham is not, we need to welcome business!

Maintain the historic background of the town-Develop a program to educate new/old residences of historic development of the town-Preserve the conservation areas

school fundraising connected to volunteer work doing something useful like town renovations or helping specific residents; way for residents to ask for help with tasks

Protect open/natural spaces from development, yet utilize the current commercial real estate and encourage more local, family owned businesses. Be transparent about proposed improvement, including costs and how costs will affect living expenses. Focus on quality education, faith/worship centers, and continue to cultivate a strong sense of community (including the support of local law enforcement, fire fighters, and other first responders).

A society that has more emphasis on/opportunity for outdoor activities

Continue to provide high quality public services and pursue life Sciences helma research and development, and Lake manufacturing in medical and science to attract High potential, sustainable businesses and good paying jobs in medical, science, engineering, management, and support.

Safe town, keep schools great, keep Wrentham clean, preserve open space

Wrentham is uniquely situated between Boston, Providence, the Cape and Worcester. It is spacial and affordable. I'd like to see it remain that way. A strong school system will add value to the town. Business wise I think its balanced with the town development. We don't need to encourage population growth. We need low crime rate. We need less traffic. Downtown wrentham, the big empty lot on the north-west corner is deserted. Would be nice to utilize the land if possible. I live in rural West Wrentham area, where sometimes especially in the summer when weeds invade Spring St. and left uncut, I feel there is a strong imbalance between downtown and rural areas.

I would like to see more community events and a better communication of such events. We moved here from Norwood about two years ago and Norwood is overall way better about creating and communicating community events.

Bury electric down town and sidewalks on every double yellow road

Manage the inevitable growth; promote an sustainable growth environment for the town; defend against 40B

in the interest of promoting healthier lifestyles for ages, i would like to see more sidewalks so that the downtown area and recreational areas (like Trout Pond, Rice Complex)are more accessible. I would also like to see more funding allocated to the maintenance and improvement of our recreational areas.

More sidewalks and bike trails, access to a landfill

A better more active downtown. Develop Crosby Gage and unify central downtown. Either develop the center school parking lot or redo it to look more like the Unlikely Story parking lot in Plainville.. increase access to Sweatt Park. Develop easy connections to all the areas down town. Maybe a jitney service, especially for older and disabled folks..

Maintain the old New England charm while increasing the ability for more local business/family business. Utilize the vacant lot that is in the center of town and the large area down Depot street. Wasted space. The kids need a park, bike park, skate park....huge areas in the center of town that are ugly and doing nothing.

A downtown that the townspeople actually want to go to, with good restaurants, shops, storefronts.

Great schools more common mmunity events. Strong leadership less politics mor action

More sidewalks and bike paths throughout town so that we can leave our house and go downtown and around town (e.g. dog park, Rice, etc). Reduced speed limits on most of East Street and Winter Street (cars whip by constantly). Protection of land and rural areas while boosting support to have more downtown businesses. Make the schools even better!

1) I'd like the town to keep its smaller town rural charm and to keep population comfortable and manageable. I'dlike the smaller town ambience to be preserved. 2. I would like to see more affordable housing and diversity. I'd like to see more outdoor areas for young children - more playgrounds. Keep focus on services for children (ie, continued school improvements to make them the best in the state) and continued improvement of services for all.

Slow growth, welcome industry but keep the downtown area as old fashioned as possible. I love the charming New England feel of downtown

Safe place that has natural areas for walking and biking. Continued great educational system and strong community. More diversity.

A place where there is a sense of community, town programs, active participation, platform for all age groups participation, great schools.

A community that can easily access downtown, bike paths to make bike riding safer, local dining in downtown with decent parking, better sidewalk systems. Maybe a round about in key areas (wampum Corner)

Continuing the sense of community and small town feel, while being close enough to major cities to find jobs. Protect the open spaces and more suburban feel without overcrowding/overbuilding.

More please stop safely walk, run, bike. Healthy active population. Better high school. Less traffic jams. More businesses downtown including restaurants and bars.

Preserve the land for environmental concerns for the next generations. To develop more affordable housing for diversity and senior access near downtown with more shops and restaurants. Income generating taxable business areas should stay near the highways (mall and across the street. Residents should not be allowed to build businesses on their property and disrupt the quality of life in residential areas.

strong community, less growth, strong schools, open space

Keep the rural feel of the town by keeping open space and limiting residential over development. Increase tax base w/ business development in "business" areas (Downtown, Route 1)

Strong community spirit, preservation of natural spaces, more businesses downtown

More sidewalks so people can get out and walk safely. Definitely a traffic light at 1A and Winter Street, it's dangerous intersection and if the land on 1A sells it will get worse.

-more parks and trails -fix up Trout pond! -excellent school system -conservation land

A park/playground in center of town. Another restaurant or two downtown. Continue to have great schools and safe places for kids to play and explore!

Use of wasted space (like the area downtown) for small & local businesses. Bike Routes/paved walking trails.

I would like Wrentham to be a place where all feel welcome, regardless of race, religion, or ethnicity. I would like the town to value its natural resources and take care of its open space. The wife of main roads should be cared for and not overgrown, making it visually pleasant to drive through town. Signs should be updated and not run down looking. The town common and Main Street should have seasonably appropriate decor- these things make a town feel welcoming for visitors, who should want to come and frequent small businesses.

The best thing we can do for the next generation is to ensure they are properly educated. For way too many years EVERYONE says communication at King Philip High School is enormously poor. Just because KP is a tri-town school does not mean Wrentham should not have a say in how its run. KP's level of incompetence during the pandemic was beyond unacceptable. Our kids were not educated and it's time everyone stopped talking about Dr. Mobley being a weak principal, and instead do something to improve the situation.

Add a sidewalk to Creek St. to accommodate the heavy use by walkers and runners. Increase green infrastructure and environmental programs. Protect conservation areas and outdoor spaces.

A community focused town that is walkable and a pleasure to live in. The town has desirable food options and local shops with a small town feel.

Add more public parking near downtown, maintain rural New England charm, maintain open natural areas and farmland, continue to improve quality of school system

-balancing promoting new business but keeping historic and agricultural roots (farm to table or winery options) - create a more robust downtown area keeping it quaint and making the town more walkable (or bike trail) or community area and implement a more robust transfer station Wrentham only offers trash pick up and a brush dump.

Keep Wrentham a quaint, historical town that takes care of it's elderly, Vets, and children. It

Stop killing trees and building housing complexes.

Rural setting and open spaces (no overdevelopment).

*More walkability - Creek street could really use a sidewalk. *More racial diversity *Please keep the wrentham developmental area as is forever- no big box stores or additional retail area.

Don't become Franklin-no high rise apartments. Sidewalks around Rice Complex/development ctr. Some traffic lights to aid side streets.

Keep the Town feeling rural, country. Keep open spaces

A good public library can be such an amazing resource. Fiske Library is not especially user-friendly. A welcoming, cheerful and friendly staff, open 6 days a week and during the day weekday events for older children (homeschoolers), would be my ideal. Public playgrounds, bike paths, and outdoor community centered activities that are welcoming to all Wrentham residents.

Roche Bros or Whole Foods w/ Starbucks in Depot St area in center of town. More local restaurants / shops. More parks/paths/playgrounds for families and adults to enjoy.

Get rid of the Premium Outlets.

Focus on Sweat Park as a gathering place for Music and events. Mixed use for vacant lot downtown. Sidewalks Creek Street and beech Street. Bus service from downtown to outlets and trains.

More mom and pop shops

We would love to see more ethnic diversity in town. We would appreciate a moderate pace of building to preserve the natural ecosystem.

More community get togethers and involvement in decision-making so as to reflect the needs of the community; actions and commitments that reflect community values

Protection of the cleanliness of Lake Pearl, Additional Sidewalks for Walking Safely, Shops & locally-run restaurants in the town center (not wrentham outlets)

Serious protection of Lake Pearl & Lake Archer

Natural Gas to houses; Pave a quick pass lane in Main/Creek st crossing (bottleneck there). Parks in Southwest part of Town

more business in downtown area

Would enjoy uptown area that has more restaurants and stores to walk through.

Nicer center of town that is walkable (seems like all I see are cars), more sidewalks along route 140 for walking or running (extend sidewalks to Franklin), ice skating on the common in the winter, more events on the common

Open space, more diverse population, good schools, more volunteers on committees, healthy air, and trees planted downtown.

Follow through with Master Plan DT

*A home for nature *Strong support for public schools *Vibrant and open government *Welcoming to new residents

Stop building houses, there are too many people in town.

stop trying to make this a city and worry more about leaving it the way it is and the reason so many people want to live here. restrict growth

its too late, the town is gone.... traffic, taking all the woods and farm land for developments

less debt, updated facilities, improved traffic planning, more inclusive society

Smart business planning that preserves the town's rural feel. Limit residential and other development to preserve town's rural feel.

Not over developed; family oriented; environmentally and fiscally responsible

Fix dangerous traffic intersections around town common. Install and maintain walking path at Rice Field. Provide off-street parking in downtown; i.e., pave Center School parking lot. Figure out something with old Crosby property.

Town Sewage, Full control of trash like plastics and more, Climate initiatives, Better road and sidewalk snow removal Time to retire the V plow. Does not do the job and leaves a dangerous sidewalk.

I love living in Wrentham but the downtown area still needs work to make it accessible for all citizens.

moderate to low commercialization

More small businesses in downtown, allowing for job opportunities, more opportunity to meet members of the community

Diverse business, services, and higher density housing in the core downtown area with residential, agricultural, and land preservation prioritized in the outlying areas. This preserves the character of a unique town and avoids the 'anytown' suburban sprawl.

Safe, affordable environment. Limit over-development. Good for families. Stable town government

To leave it just like it is today

Socially responsible, diversity accepting

Keep it small a small, quaint town outside of Boston. Restrict commercial development so it can still have a small town feel. As a young resident in my 20's I hope to see more bike trails and sidewalks. I hope they stop building "mega" neighborhoods and overcrowding houses.

traffic speed enforcement, town administrator must include residents in decision-making in town matters, DPW must respect resident's property, inquiries made to the town employees by residents should be responded to promptly, support seniors/senior center

open spaces, more sidewalks, improved shopping in town center,

Good Schools, open space, easier parking downtown, sidewalks on streets such as Madison that are greatly used for walking.

Excellent school system, public space, much more sidewalks: these would all be better for Wrentham future and need funding put into them

MORE SIDEWALKS AND OPEN SPACE

Nicer downtown area while still maintaining rural character.

Cleaner less weeds on sidewalks. Sidewalk plowing along Franklin st.

More safe, communal outdoor spaces for children and adults would be great (can't wait for the new playground!), would love to see more small businesses downtown and more diversity amongst the businesses and community in general.

To slow clustered developments which has taken away the uniqueness of our town. If this continues there will be no "open space" left for the next generations.

-As much farmland and open space protected as possible for recreational activities/resource management/biodiversity. Smart planning to preserve open spaces and prevent traffic congestion. Investment in smart planning/green energy.

more family friendly restaurants and things to do

1. Pave center lot on corner of 1-A&140.. Put meters in for during week use.

A community that not only includes people of all races, backgrounds, etc but actually supports them and their fight for equality. Wrentham is a strong community that can influence change. I would love to see this town truely become a community that supports one another in less superficial situations.

Keep our rich history and share with younger generations, more small businesses & less commercial business to keep it quaint.

Not over developed with McMansions. More affordable small homes. A quaint but vibrant downtown, More diverse

A more active downtown that takes advantage of the old Crosby Valve area real estate while maintaining the small New England town feel. Some development along 1. Some development along 1A but consistent with a small New England town. Exceptional schools.

Open space to allow for wildlife and recreation. Preserve local farms.

Wrentham is a good place to raise a family. Town government might be better if Selectmen had more checks and balances on their decisions.

Open roads, no traffic lights, scenic landscapes, Historical sites instead of commercial stores/signs.

More diversity, including race and income level. Support for disabled veterans. Strong support for education.

easier to connect with the community (downtown and Rice complex) without having to get in your car, rail trail

Better access to fresh food - farmers markets and small shops would be desirable. Also a more vibrant downtown with shops and restaurants would be ideal

property taxes and water rates are excessive.

Walkable restaurants and shops

Wrentham needs to move to a more planned approach to using its resources in a way that achieves a vision. It's piecemeal right now. So in the future, we would have both recognize our assets (business opportunities, outdoor space, neighborhoods, asses for raising a family) and have then interwoven so that it builds a better more vibrant community. Today we don't have that, tomorrow we need it.

Affordable homes with a rural feel but still within suburban MA

Better maintained sidewalks and roads

Small central located stores, shops, exercise place, mid-size more affordable housing.

an historic, charming, open space town

More agriculture. Protect our enviroment. Much more diversity.

A good sustainable life. Growing food and beekeeping. Protecting our environment. Affordable housing to allow more diversity.

I'd like to see more Mom and Pop shops downtown and have them supported by the communitu. An effort to get the word out to shop locally, espeically the farm stands.

I want the town to really lean into being one of the best places in Massachusetts to raise a family. This would include the education system foremost but would also include open activity spaces and walkable areas for people.

Affordable, welcoming to business', do better maintenace of Town Buildings

Up grade all public streets and side walks with character and safety repair roads and lineage for intersection and pedestrian

Our down town area is terrible for parking and there is no shopping of small business. It would be nice if it was further developed with small business opportunities and additional parking was added.

Sodewalk on Creek Street, needed for safety. This stress is well traveled by walkers/runners.

More sidewalks in areas of high pedestrian use. More ethnic, economic diversity. More interesting dining options. Innovative schools.

A strong school system and preservation of rural character is paramount. Commercial development in downtown area should be limited and carefully chosen for individual character of businesses. No chains! Also, town must finally provide safe paths for cycling and walking on Creek St and Rte 140 from Creek St into town. This must be addressed!

-Make it easier to participate in local government (absentee ballots for town meetings) -welcoming for ALL - continued focus on environmental conservatism with greater ability to walk/bike and enjoy outdoors safely

That we (as a whole community) watch out for, and take care of, our youth (very strong school system) and our elderly (thriving senior center and RE tax breaks) and the health (mental and physical) of our community (music on the common, trails, parks, plowed roads, cleaned road drains, sidewalks, strong public safety) and supported local businesses to patron in the center of town with larger businesses on Rt. 1 (take advantage of the Gillette Stadium traffic) to increase the town tax revenue (local hotel tax, property taxes, etc).

Good schools, no clustered developments, well-maintained infrastructures, charming downtown

Keep Wrentham a town, don't let it grow into a small city!

A genuine sense of community with many community events and infrastructure that encourages our residents to be active (walking trails and bike paths).

Wrentham should maintain much of historic charm while it measures increasing attraction to modest growth. Make decision for town center space that will endure...meaning former Crosby valve land. Don't go for short term wins. Ensure schooling is high quality despite age growth...else never get it back.

> Limit/reduce the amount of box stores (ie. outlets) to build in Wrentham. > Improvement/growth of local businesses in down town area. > Maintain protected areas.

Wrentham needs a large weekly farmer's market! New coffee shop downtown made me smile. Big Apple and open land in west wrentham are treasures in town. Wrentham needs a grocery store! Should get a 365 Whole Foods Store!!

I believe it is important to act NOW to preserve open space. Land is something that "they are not making more of." Therefore time to act is when land becomes available. I have seen first hand communities damaged irrevocably by out of control development of strip malls, massive housing developments, outlets, etc.

Save more open space

Our town is becoming a commercial traffic pipeline. Traffic control is imperative if the character of the town is to be preserved. Heavy trucking needs to be rerouted to make our roadways safer. Pedestrian, bicycle and light vehicle use should be supported. Noise control needs serious attention.

No more developments. Don't over build in Wrentham as they did with Franklin

small new england town feel. Walkable / bikeable downtown that exudes new england charm with coffee shops, restaurants, boutiques. Engaged community with mix of families and elderly. Occasional cultural events

Maintain existing and add more green space. Less Commercial sprawl. Maintain old growth trees throughout. Less random development of housing complexes. Maintain the open space of the Developmental Center area.

I think greater diversity in the population would be good for the town .

Not to become over-populated. Slow the building of new neighborhoods, houses, apartments. I worry that the schools can't handle the building boom that is occurring.

A town bypassed by strip Malls, Office buildings and traffic.

Less development and stripping all woods overpopulating the town and traffic is getting bad

Retain small town charm and history of area, maintain open spaces and walking paths, limit growth with smart planning to conserve water and other resources

I would like our school to offer a language immersion program at the elementary level as well as to focus on providing better education throughout high school. I would like to see the land behind the D&D developed for the community and children.

A balanced, growing community with a healthy downtown and strong sense of equity.

Sense of Community. Great place to raise children

Good fiscal shape, retain rural character, walk and bike friendly, a bigger town center that is pedestrian friendly, protect open space from development.

More Parks and Hiking trails.

Expand on sweat park to include a rail trail for walking and biking we have enough dead rails to do that and connect other towns in a healthy way . More park space for outdoor activities

A clean environment

Make the downtown town more of a priority, welcoming,,clean and modern

Beautiful Lakes, sidewalks and MARKET BASKET

A green community that is inclusive. Good schools

Clean, quaint downtown area, nice sports fields, opportunities to improve recreation- Norfolk offers much better activities

More sidewalks so folks don't need to walk in the narrow busy roads.

Town sewer in downtown so we can have older buildings updated keeping their historical aspect in tact. More money spent on the Commons and Sweatt Park so Christmas lights look better and flowers, trees and shrubs can be maintained professionally rather than the current hap hazard attempts of various volunteers. More biking paths especially on the old railroad line through town. A sidewalk on Creek Street with traffic lights on both ends so everyone within a mile of the loop can walk or bike to downtown area that has been rezoned for development. More use of the old Fiske Museum with rotating art sculptures and art events. Include it in the upkeep of the Commons and Sweatt Park. More beautification projects at all open spaces. Benches. Flowering trees. Birdhouses. More money spent on upkeep of the trails and signs so you don't get lost. More focus on the history of the town in all public events.

Support and keep our working farms here. Increase walkability and cycling with paths and sidewalks.

I'd really like to see our recreation department to be improved. Similar opportunities to Norfolk, Foxboro, Franklin or Medway. Children would enjoy more opportunities as well as adults! Improved parking downtown. Maybe revisit the Common area; perhaps have road in front of Proctor Mansion one-way? Since entering the high school is accessible by road across from entrance, consider making Shears Street one-way IN. Avoiding accidents from folks exiting Shears ONTO Rt. 140. Have everyone use that little road to turn left onto Rt. 140. Superior library self checkout services like Norfolk. Tedious to wait sometimes as often there's only 1 librarian available. Better the downtown area-sidewalks-lighting-landscaping-signage. promote small businesses in town. Keep the lakes clean and safe.

1. Support Diversity and inclusion. 2. Ensure we have strong school system 3. Increase and drive Volunteerism

A walkable downtown. Safe biking and walking all over town. Small businesses. Continued maintenance and protection of open areas and conservation lands

I would like the town of Wrentham to maintain a strong sense of community and improve all of the schools for all of the children of future generations. I would also like Wrentham to maintain its small town feel and its open space.

I think that there should be a skatepark somewhere in town.

I think that the town of Wrentham would benefit from a skateboard park

I think wrentham is very good except it doesn't have a central skatepark where kids can go to learn and practice.

Improved Downtown

Open space, rural character, inviting downtown, walkable streets

Family oriented, small business, great lakes, affordable living costs

Keep the town small and charming.

Please pave roads that haven't been paved in over 15 years. Like Lakeside Avenue, for example. Seriously. Please. For the love of God.

A small New England community that values education, neighbors and diversity.

1 Limit construction of McMansions 2 keep building of houses to footprint 3 foster family friendly events 4 minimize tax. Increases 5 affordable senior housing

- side walks on the roads that surround Wrentham state school, so you can walk a big loop. - pretty, walkable, mixed use down town, unique shops and restaurants not chains. - revitalize land behind down town. Town funds to help keep Mirror lake healthy and clean like Archer and Pearl.

Kind, friendly activities (ie hayrides, town center activities music in common/ wrentham day* child/family centered* schools open to public in evening for non sporting events as well as sporting events community sponsored cleanup activities to build civic responsibilities more trash and recycled bins in common areas/ community holiday events

More diverse town. More inclusive town. A welcoming town for all.

Sidewalks on Creek St. so that the residents have a nice loop to walk on without taking their lives into their hands.

Open spaces, more diversity, great schools.

well supported excellent school systems, strong sense of community,, continued commercial growth along route 1 to help support town,

open space, good school system but not to forget seniors from leaving town, more areas for them to bike and walk, recreation.

I want the town of Wrentham to remain as charming as it is. I have lived here 39 years and have watched the town change sometimes for the better but most of the time to better some ones pocket book. The center of Wrentham needs to be kept quaint and the Center School parking lot needs to be kept as a town parking lot. A plan to pave and landscape the lot would be a great addition to the downtown.

To have a more old fashioned "village" feel by having little shops and food places in area where factory was with plenty of open space in the middle for families and seniors to coexist, maybe ice skating in winter etc.

Continued excellence in education. Walkable, vibrant downtown that is a destination for residents, with locally-owned businesses.

effective planning for climate crisis adaptation

I think it would be good to have great regulation for Lake Pearl (Wrentham residents only) and make Sweatt Beach a nicer compound that offers more for the families within town. More options up town for walking, eating and locally owned shops (behind Dunkin) with safe sidewalks for bikes and walkers. Sidewalks on Creek Street.

Develop Rte 1 for increase in tax base

Wrentham is a nice quaint, safe community. I would love future generations to have what we have now.

Retain Classic New England Charm, reduce sprawling "box store" development, Maintain and preserve historic structures, preserve open space

Kill off outlet mall

More diversity. More affordable housing. A grocery store.

Protect open space from development, more outdoor recreation, better KP schools

preserve what was built by our history and keep it a staple in the town. Access points to other towns are among the best already; we can only improve whats inside our infrastructure. More sodewalks to creatw safer areas for more kids.

Inclusive community that begins to grow in its diversity

Keep the small town quiet feel. Add affordable housing options (not low income).

None

Good sense of community and comradery. Maintain quaintness of surroundings and not grow so fast! Stay a small town and limit new housing!

Wrentham is a nice bedroom community, but we need a grocery store in-town and greater economic opportunity here. I appreciate having amenities close by, but it's sad that almost all of them are in other towns.

Safe. Low Crime. Low taxes

Retain the rural aspect of the town. Rt 1 is the only major highway and it should stay that way.

A classic NE town that is a nice place to raise a family.

Develop uptown area smartly with restaurants, shops and small residential. Promote recreation and social gatherings for all ages. Provide a safe and healthy atmosphere for all Wrentham residents.

A grocery store would be nice.

A charming, inclusive town with a lively center of town. Beautiful lakes and trails to connect with nature. Thriving businesses on route 1, in the center of town, and at the outlets

To keep the rural, open spaces that has and currently make Wrentham both a charming and quaint place to live and bring up a family.

walkable downtown with myriad businesses and restaurants

Develop downtown, specifically the old Crosby valve space

keep town affordable. support the police. keep the town safe. add a few more businesses so we don't have to drive to neighboring towns.

Some open space

Safe place to raise family. Good school systems.

safe, clean, quiet, rural, friendly community living

Keep the town keeper better than you do appearance.

Retain quaint & small look and feel but make it open for business. Managed growth to keep the tax burden down.

Excellent/Highly regarded school system (like Franklin), safe environment for everyone to walk, play, enjoy the town, additional restaurants (not pizza shops) in downtown Wrentham, use the space next to the church in the center of town for a park or other activities - the parking lot is an eyesore

A clean, healthy environment that manages to preserve the charm of the past

Green and open

More sidewalks

Sidewalks on Creek St and similar streets so you can walk to town and kids can ride their bikes to friends and school with less worry.

A small friendly town feeling

Bike and walking trails including the old railway, sidewalks and bike paths particularly for any roads within 3 miles of the downtown and school areas. The old rail beds would safely connect Wrentham from one end to another. I also feel the DPW is very subpar. Sidewalks were promised years ago, there appears to be no plan for sewage and weeds are growing everywhere around our roadways.

We were drawn to Wrentham because of its semi rural feel. I think growth control and keeping open space is important. It has a small town feel with the convenience of 495. I would love for Wrentham to stay similar allowing families to enjoy a safe small town feel.

1. Increased revenue streams and planning for travel impact.

vibrant town center-connection to nature/open spaces and the arts.

Ensure cost of living does not squeeze residents out of the town.

We have a beautiful park that has 2 tennis courts that are in total disrepair it needs to be redone with four courts without ruining the trees and grassy areas. This should be incorporated into any development in that area.

More focus by town on beautifying and restoring Mirror Lake (eradicating lily pad overgrowth and pond weed, etc.). Lakes Archer and Pearl are the focus, but "Lake #3" is an afterthought. This is an amazing natural resource and wildlife preserve that future generations should be able to enjoy. More distinguished bike / running lanes

throughout town roads to encourage more active lifestyle and "road sharing." Vegetation overgrowth along town sidewalks make town appear ratty and unkempt. Better pruning and landscaping along Routes 1A south out of town and 140 north past town a must for runners and bikers using the sidewalks.

Mixed use housing/retail downtown. Norfolk has done a great job with this while maintaining its character

Preservation and support of agriculture. More sidewalks. Maintain and attract variety of businesses in downtown. Encourage and support economic development and streamline permitting processes where possible.

Opportunities for all ages and more community involvement

- A more cohesive downtown with waking access from further afield. Better sidewalks, lighting, etc.
- More diversity and inclusivity. Currently NOT welcoming to people of color.

Additional Restaurants and shopping options. Better Road maintenance. More options for community involvement.

More community spaces for people to gather. More diversity/equity training for local branches of government, police department, school administration.

A town that is inclusive and welcoming of people from ALL walks of life and ALL cultures. The town remains walkable, but with more nature-paths and parks where dogs can be brought (even on-leash).

leave some tangible and proud connections to the town's history...less traffic...less commercialization

Capture historical & rural quality of a quintessential New England town - Offer healthful lifestyle vendor options downtown- Offer strong support for education and town services

Affordable for diverse groups of people, safe to live walk work, greater effort to include townspeople in decision making, officials more responsive to taxpayers

Keep the essence of "town" do not overbuild with apartments/condos and other big sce businesses that brings traffic ,crowds and chaos of a city. I moved away from my home town for this very reason (and into my husbands home town or Wrentham)

I would like my kids hometown to be more racially and culturally diverse and inclusive. I'd like to see those who were born and raised in Wrentham not see those who move here as less than (and I say this as someone who has lived here for almost two decades). A more robust downtown area would be great in terms of retail and restaurants (not national chains). A dedicated walking and bike trail would be great.

- Police Officers being more involved with the community. One idea is if two officers coached a sports team on there time off if it's applicable. Route 1 will also be a hot zone for accidents. With that being said it's great that we are providing resources to help reduce the amount of accidents but in reality people don't care and will continue to speed, text and drive and so forth. Use that money to repay roads or landscape some run down areas.

Maintain small community feel, safe for children and families to be out and about

Add sidewalks, encourage small business to come here

The way Wrentham today is quite and calm place. Improve school system and library automatically other things will improve

A town with excellent schools, well maintained homes, smooth and pot hole-less community streets

Protect our forests, lakes, open space and safe water resources. keep our farms and farm stands.

More business so there are less reasons to leave town. A grocery store across from the outlets?!

Conserve our History - Keep Rural - Keep taxes manageable

A vibrant community, maybe a grocery store, more arts related stores, more public art

More community events, better education. More fiscally balanced budgets

Maintain open areas dynamic education

Safe community for kids to ride their bikes downtown and around town. Less traffic on 1A (South Street) and Downtown.

Wrentham needs to focus on the needs of the overall residents. Move away from areas which are not benefiting the residents. Stop being "backwards" minded and open up the town to the business which wants to develop here; not the Outlets which was a bad decision from the start.

*Healthy and clean environment *more parking in the downtown area *complete study of dangerous intersections and route 1.

A place that is family and community friendly that is evident throughout the town. For example there are places downtown for adults and young people to get together and support local businesses. Our local businesses and community workers support our young people and make them want to be a part of Wrentham whether it's through getting your first job at a local business or taking part in clubs, camps or clinics offered through school, police department and recreation.

I would like to grow old in my home and keep the tax rate low for seniors so they can stay in their homes.

In downtown would like to see something done behind the gavel Dunkin ... old tennis courts

Keep the historic charm and character of the town, protect farms and open space outside of the downtown area

I'd like a stronger sense of community, ways to get to know other people in town, ways to have more of a day in what happens to our town, I'd like it to stay small and relatively rural, no more McMansion homes but home for regular blue collar people, support for our first responders and veterans, community community community

More open areas to ride dirt bikes and just have fun. We need a Townmarket with good parking and easy entry and exit. Better bands on the common . Foxboro's are better. More support for the library.

Green space, safer places to walk (sidewalks) near winter st and 140, no more big developments on historical land (like state school)

Peaceful, safe, law abiding, wholesome community to raise a family.

Maintain the charm of this town while improving the quality of services and resources, go solar, get utilities and parking out of sight, add walkways/bikeways all the way to the borders of our town (to our state forest and conservation areas), do something amazing with our town center (coffee shops, restaurants with outdoor seating), easy walkway to the library, encourage churches to develop outdoor facilities and support the Town with community activities (like the Wrentham Food Pantry), add a place for outdoor cultural activities near the library, give incentives to those who maintain farms and land used for agriculture to keep development at bay, solar-powered trolley service around town and to the train stations and Patriot Place, stop the insane through-traffic on 121 from RI

An affordable town to buy a house. More importantly, stop building. This town used to be a great little town 20 years ago, now its falling apart w/too many buildings, shops & neighborhoods. Bring back the charm it used to have.

Walkable and cycleable, downtown eateries

Strong police dept,community, affordable, jobs and businesses

More walkable bikeable ways go get to downtown and field combine all three KP town elementary schools to build a better sense of community between the KP towns and save money by having one superintendent and support staff

Open space. One of Wrentham's greatest features is it is not over-developed but still has great access to anything you need.

Stress free rural experience with good schools and family oriented

We want our kids to be able to enjoy walking downtown to the Common and meeting friends to grab coffee or food as much as we have. Downtown has such a nice charm and I hope it stays that way. The sidewalks on 140 are well-maintained so you feel safe walking even on the main road, I hope that stays as well.

Redesign parking downtown and maintain schools. Very important to keep current in all areas of curriculum and technology for our students, We must make sure to provide funding for schools and teachers and teach our children a sense of community and to respect the fact that everyone is equal.

Preserve small town feel, limit development, preserve open spaces.

Small town feel with a good center

A pedestrian friendly downtown that is thriving with small businesses and restaurants. Large sections of town, especially West Wrentham have narrow roads and no sidewalks. It would be wonderful to see the "busy roads" pedestrian friendly, and not just the developed neighborhoods.

Classic New England town with a much more active and accessible center

I would love to see this town stay rural and lessen the development of this town

More undeveloped land.

Sustainable/eco-friendly community. Strong school system. High paying jobs closer to town (expensive to commute to Boston)

Greater access to community conversation. Something with a greater amount of organization than the facebook groups. There are several prompts on this survey about history preservation, but it seems that few people who grew up here know any of the history beyond names. From what I can tell, access to these historical sites is pretty limited.

Keep downtown quaint.. stop building neighborhoods in every inch of town. Lets have lots of community things at the common.. (wrentham day and concerts).. keep small town feel.. hs music and sports programs important!

Country type living less new home and affordable housing

Please protect the town from being over developed. Too many new homes. Too many new businesses. It takes away from the small town community feel. We need green space, trees, unspoiled natural areas. Not every parcel in town needs to be on the table for development!

Sense of community and history for the next generations to feel prouder and grounded in. A cleaner and pretty downtown area.

More Diversity and events to bring community together

Affordable, safe, and healthy

Increase the town's ability to welcome diversity. Investment in affordable housing options is key and providing more family friendly options hosted by the town. Other local towns host a large variety of family friendly activities throughout the year and Wrentham is lacking.

A fiscally responsible town that won't force the next generation to seek more affordable housing with lower property tax liabilities

preserve open spaces. quiet.

Nice Community center with a pool, ice rink, gym area, tennis courts. An amazing all around sport complex for hockey team and swim teams to come gather and play games and have meets

Clean up route 1 some businesses look like junk yards from the street. Make over for cracker pond area

More sidewalks. Easier/more parking downtown

Better use of existing space. Develop the property that was the manufacturer. Do something more with downtown park and parking lot. Open dog park.

Light at winter st and Dedham St, Sidewalks on Dedham st

Respect for the town's history, including the early 1600s settlers and the addition of a marker commemorating the French Encampment at the current High School site. An effective balance of preserving the town's rural

identity with increased business presence along major thoroughfares. Preserving the downtown and maintaining a friendly disposition to small businesses. Continued investment in our public schools, senior center, and library. Having available affordable housing programs.

strong community, strong infrastructure, good schools, welcoming and enjoyable downtown. Affordable for families to come and grow.

Nature

N/

Do not lose anymore of the farmlands to big builders and add sidewalks to most of the roads please. This will allow my children and their children more mobility through Wrentham.

Stop putting up "Headstone" memorials - like the 9/11 one in front of Town Hall. Instead make some rules to leave more natural landscapes and a New England-style village.

Keep Wrentham Rural and Affordable for future generations

A mixture of conservation land, Community gathering common areas, A preserved history of prior generations.

Well organized and positioned for the future - including fiscally sound, well-balanced growth, and proper regulations and zoning in place. Encourage and retain families, but do not price out seniors that want to stay but may be on a fixed income. Encourage a diverse mixture of residential, business (i.e. professional and medical offices), and open/park spaces.

Nice town

Rural, welcoming and attractive to families

My family has owned this property for 40+ years. I purchased it a few years back but it has always been home. I want for my granddaughter to enjoy our hometown with her family and appreciate the home, land, neighbors with the same value my grandmother had when she purchased the home with me by her side back in 1976. I feel community members are sometimes left out of development decisions until it is a done deal. I feel we need to be more mindful of the natural landscape and impact topics such as cluster zoning has on our community. As I am engaging and learning more about this topic I feel it needs to be taken into closer consideration.

Control speeding/less driving accidents

Increased Sidewalk dining, jersey barriers for safety, increased shopping/ retail downtown, a paved lot where the Gravel lot is now.

keeping the New England character of the town

More affordable housing for young families

We came to Wrentham over 29 years ago since it was a smaller town with less industry. Now that our kids are grown, we want better biking, walking, and open space in town. We want to keep the small town feel even if we give up the convenience of having stores real close.

Great place for kids to grow up, a lot of town events

Financially stable with the ability to provide premium services

Better quality and higher rated high school. Need to invest money in the school to do it. Keep the town rural but develop route 1 area to increase tax revenue. Improve traffic around the outlets.

I love the farm areas and rural charm of Wrentham. I was born and raised here and want to raise my children here. I love the small businesses and quiet lively hood. I would change anything except maybe adding a bike trail.

I love the idea of small shops and restaurants in the downtown area keeping it in line with our historic New England roots. Also more bike and walking paths.

Minimize housing developments. Support schools and education. Community atmosphere, concerts in green, farmers market.

Maintain rural atmosphere while attracting more small businesses and restaurants in the center of town that attracts all age groups into town on a regular basis.

Great community spirit

My vision would be that the town retains its rural charm while offering reasonable housing. Right now there are too many McMansion neighborhoods being built.

Clean water, clean lakes, traffic no worse than today and a sense of community

Bigger downtown area with more stores and restaurants including housing to support the businesses. Keep architectural history. Make sure the school system is good.

Create a true sense of connectivity and community throughout town. Establish Town Center as the true center of the town. Increase walkability throughout town by extending sidewalks and bike paths wherever possible. Attempt to create more true neighborhoods, as opposed to independent residential roads that stem off 1A, 140, etc.

Maintain the small town character that is becoming more unique to Wrentham as I see development all around us.

More diversity, create a kind happy town

Keep West Wrentham agricultural, rural, more senior housing, more water towers for Wrentham, more food stores.

Maintain the sense of community with community activities

Continue with small town charm

Promote small business in downtown Wrentham. Maintain open space and walking access to downtown.

I would like to see Wrentham protect more open space for conservation and recreation. I would like to see the city also continue to educate about the land we have not only to the adults but to the children in the schools so they grow up understanding and appreciating the beautiful natural resources we have here in our community.

Country setting, strong police, fire and emergency departments. Town to bring services to west end of town.

More uniformed looking up to date downtown area. More recreation (recreation department programs) for the children

Keep Wrentham rural. A quiet little Old New England town. Keep all big businesses along route one if possible.

Keep the schools great!! They are the number one reason we moved into town

Strong sense of community and pride of where they came from.

I would like to see more art and diversity in the community

More shops, services, and destinations downtown. More community events. Preserving the town's history and open spaces

I wish this town had more sidewalks and street lights. It would be a lot safer for the next generation.

Would love to see us get our own farmer's market and have more community events

I want the town to stay small and not feel it has to solve all problems with laws and regulations.

A charming New England town with a good balance of open space and meaningfully zoned business. Less emphasis on sports for the recreation department. More inclusivity and mixed income housing that is tastefully designed to not stigmatize low income people. Less friction between the old and the newer residents.

Local agriculture, great schools, community and natural resources

Lively downtown; downtown parking; keep it rural

A welcoming inclusive town, a place people enjoy coming to, a clean environment

I would like to leave them with the wonders of nature and the animals that live with us. The appreciation of the beauty of our downtown area, and a life that they can be proud of

Good schools, financially healthy town with a secondary public safety building in west wrentham. Welcoming community with preservation of open space.

- downtown businesses with upstairs apartments - housing for seniors where they can walk to bank, Library, small restaurant and small grocery store

Good Schools, More Police & Fire personal Respect for all Open space

Preserve history, open spaces & conservation and limit the development.

Wrentham should remain a town and avoid becoming a city.

The character of the town is rural - keep it that way. Small new England town.

Maintaining a balance of services with revenue while maintaining small town charm and character.

Interesting history but also diverse business and shops that make Wrentham a town that you want to stay in

A non-Franklinized Wrentham, i.e., not expanded beyond its infrastructure. Especially, Wrentham as the picturesque, liveable place that it is now without additional traffic and development. -- The Eagle Brook development off of 140 is a disgrace!

Environmentally sustainable, more green space and conservation land, less development throughout West Wrentham to preserve the rural feel, preserving the large lot size in West Wrentham

No more stop lights, no more business chain stores. No more CVS or shopping malls

Better parades, more sidewalks on busy roads, more civic involvement

Ability to afford to live in Wrentham - sidewalks- Better education system - Grocery store in town

Wrentham could benefit from increased sustainability and diversity. Having more mixed use areas would help and makes things more desirable to young families or non-locals. More local (preferably no chain type) restaurants anywhere or downtown would be great (appreciate the efforts in this area in recent years). Although I am originally from the tri-town area I feel there's a lot of people that never leave and that's a double edged sword. A mix of ideas and values contributes to a more diverse area. Although I love Wrentham personally, I'd be more proud to contributing to a more diverse community, which may mean more supportive programs. I feel Wrentham is a little stuck in its ways sometimes and I'd like to see that change.

All suburban towns in the US need to push toward a sustainable future. This includes making it more possible for citizens to live their daily lives without needing to drive a car. There should also be a greater effort to conserve vital resources such as water in preparation for climate change.

Downtown needs a facelift in every way. From sidewalks to storefronts to landscaping, flowers, etc. This town needs to do more with the space that we have!

Fiscally responsible decision making. Use already developed lands and buildings before new development

Quaint walkable center of town

A nice balance between welcoming business and controlling growth. We need to build/create an infrastructure that encourages walking/biking to inspire community engagement.

Keep the town quiet and more rural. Stop building up every spot of open space. It's starting to resemble more of a busy city rather than a quiet community that people moved away from the city to escape

More sidewalks. There are too many busy streets (rte 140, Creek Street, etc) that don't have sidewalks.

Stop looking at every available lot as a building opportunity. Stop granting special permits and variances which by definition change the intent of our chosen zoning laws.

Although my kids are older now, I love the recreational facilities for our youths. (Great job with the Rice complex). How about something for us middle age, '80s leftover racquetball folk? A one wall court. Kinda like a tennis court, & good for handball, squash, practice tennis & of coarse racquetball:)

Strong education and schools. Small town, clean, community.

Restore Sweatt Park, beautiful semi private park with so much potential

Progressive, better sidewalks, more to do in the downtown area

A town that is both progressive in its values and ethics but understanding and appreciative of its history.

Would love to see continued support to wrentham's strong school system, public areas and conservation areas. Would love to see more walkability throughout town and walkable, quaint retail development in downtown area. Lastly, would love to see more communication from the town- maybe on social media

more sidewalks, especially on busy/main streets

or North Attleboro

Safer walking paths, more downtown environment / food options

Maintain park and wooded areas, construct walkable, connected woodland paths throughout town, allow more spaces for dogs to run free while walking, add services to downtown, add high value commercial (eg Ledgeview=good), develop Crosby site

I grew up here. After living out west for 10 years I decided to come back & raise my family here. Our biggest challenge as a young family was finding housing we could afford.

Would love to safely walk through town with my family, including on our street, Madison, which doesn't have sidewalks yet. I think having some easier parking in downtown would be nice as well, it's difficult to see when backing up in the street parking on 1A.

A community oriented small town feel with more shops in the downtown while preserving open space and conservation throughout the town.

Preserve green space. Do NOT continue to over-develop Route 1. No public transportation.

- Community as a whole, including Police, Fire, Rec., Library, Open Space, Arts Council, Senior Center, and churches develop relationships with the schools to enrich the experience of all.
- Enhance community awareness of the amazing accomplishments of both students and teachers through using Public Relations stories in local press. (Not just Athletics.)
- Create Service Learning opportunities in which youth take on meaningful projects to enhance the community while learning about a particular topic, perhaps through rec.
- Develop a relationship between police and special needs population to enhance mutual understanding.

No development. Quiet. Friendly. More social networks.—fairs fundraisers Christmas walk (gathering as a community)

Keep the historic New England charm. Core wholesome values embrace nature and community events

Clean water, no invasive bittersweet or autumn olive, decrease reliance on cars

Diverse community; attractive town with tasteful shops, restaurants; well zoned and keeping rural feel

open space with walking trails and places to be to get away from usual and a town govt that supports that idea instead of blocking it.

I grew up in Dorchester - my aunt/uncle and cousins lived in Walpole and they once took us to Lake Pearl - has to be back in the 60s. We loved it and what I still love is how it is still so much like it was then - peaceful, not over-developed, pretty rural. We had first moved out this way to Franklin, where it was none of those things - they grew like crazy with housing developed all over the farms. We love the rural qualities and the conserved land out here - the trails and the places like Joe's Rock. We also love the small town feel - hope we can keep it!

Work for a higher level of curriculum for the regional schools.

To be more business friendly add to the tax base

Maintain existing open space. Biking lanes on main roads. Better maintenance of dead trees overhanging roads to keep Wrentham as beautiful as it is. Cut foliage on the sides of the roads...ragweed etc.

The Same as it is TODAY

I love our community. I want to see growth and progression in the community, while retaining its history, charm, and open spaces. I have seen many communities that have become too affluent and less diverse, with less open space and choking traffic by over developing retail sites. I hope we can avoid that fate for Wrentham.

Convert the old rail trails to biking/hiking paths, support local farms/improve the downtown area, meaning update the buildings, better parking, easier to navigate hence bringing in more business.

*Preservation of open space while encouraging the dense development of the center of town. *Affordable housing and a business-friendly climate. *Fewer million dollar plus single family houses.

Active downtown/town with designated pathways. Growth that brings the community together - walkable downtown community

I believe we have reached a point in Wrentham where open space acquisition is absolutely critical. Every bit of developable land is being developed, at great cost to the character and financial well-being of the town.

Wrentham is no longer "rural" or "semi-rural" When the few remaining farms are gone, it will become pretty much indistinguishable from most other towns, with the associated traffic, loss of character and higher taxes. Also, Having worked on prior Master Plans, I understand and appreciate the hard work you are doing. Prior Master Plans, in my opinion, collected dust and were ignored. I hope that every permitting board will be encouraged and required to assess every development application against the goals and policies of the Master Plan. This has not been done in the past. If it is not done, its usefulness will be questionable. Thank you!

Similar community feel to what there is now. Better access to jobs so that Wrentham can be a place not only for families, but for young adults.

Rail trail. Usable recreational land. Clean and less congested lake.

open space, nature, fair downtown business, good school

Open access to all town residents to all three lakes, less cluster developments, side walks !!!

A quiet safe town that is comfortable and convenient to raise a family in. A town that is easy for children to enjoy and explore safely.

Continue rural character and conservation efforts. Help with a diversity of business and services downtown

Great downtown and great schools

Use old train tracks/trail for walking path! Safer than the bumpy sidewalks.

Quaint, rural, small town feel

Congested with traffic and homes and businesses in same living area

We need a more diverse population. Let's keep it a small town feel - cute small businesses taking up downtown but not building more. The environment needs us. Too much new housing in this town has resulted in so many displaced animals. We need to build up nature not take it down.

I would like Wrentham to preserve its open space so as we protect our environment and maintain wildlife habitats. I would also like to see more racial diversity within town and with that comes working towards racial equity. We are a global society and I would like Wrentham to reflect that..

More downtown: more shops, restaurants, bars that are in walking distance of one another.

*Continued mix of open, residential and business spaces. I think that all 3 in some sort of coherent balance makes for a strong community. I want to ensure that the small town feel is left to the future, and that we continue to devote the resources necessary to sustain our town government in good shape, which it is currently.

The parking in the center of town is not working. Very hard to back out of. I suppose if folks would slow down, that would help. But there seems to be a lot more traffic in our charming downtown.

More Wrentham community adult health activities - boot camps, workout classes at Rice Fields, a better dog park, and a better downtown area for restaurants and small shops.

Keep Wrentham as a rural welcoming farm community. Build more affordable housing so the children of the town aren't forced out by the over priced homes currently being built.

Less commercial development, more public safety resources

- more side walks through out town so that kids Can safely bike to school or friends
- crossing guards for students biking to school at busy intersections
- flashing light at crosswalk in front of gavel - cars parked along road make it incredibly dangerous for pedestrians and drivers

Downtown is a community and business hub. Some additional services closer to Sheldonville area.

I really hope Wrentham maintains is open space and rural feel. Giant developments with McMansions, no trees, and streets named after things that were destroyed to make the development aren't something we'll be proud of in 50 years. We'll be proud to have a working farm close to the center of town. We'll be proud to have a family hardware store in the center of town. We'll be proud to have nice conversation areas.

Open spaces, more sidewalks and trails, controlled population growth, local businesses thriving, historical preservation

more sidewalks

Make center of town more "useful" and use the land behind the center for something other than fenced weeded area.

Sidewalks on main roads

I am new to Wrentham and ease of access to 495, 95 and key routes while keeping a rural feel was appealing. Strong education and community programs while maintaining a sense of security. Roads and infrastructure is important; I notice many roads are need of repair such as 1A and 140.

A safe and progressive town that is inclusive and beautiful

I would like future generations in Wrentham to continue to enjoy the town's New England charm, rolling hills and scenic beauty. They would see a historic way of life preserved through our working farms, beautiful architecture, and tight-knit, welcoming community. All people are welcome in this future Wrentham, without prejudice or cultural judgement. It's a place where independent artists, small shops, business people, and families, live and work and enjoy leisure time together. We are committed to preserving our town and investing in education for future generations. That is my vision for Wrentham.

Wrentham is missing that Hallmark movie feel, there's never any community things happening I.e. plays, gatherings etc...need more of that

More diversity. This will need to be achieved with community leaders collaborating with people invested in creating equity. Having a board to achieve this would be amazing.

lots of open spaces, farms, large lawns, small town feel

lower tax rate, protect lake pearl

More hiking trails,bike paths more family oriented

In good Fiscal standing with no over rides

A nice community in which to raise a family. Excellent schools. Less massive development projects. Elimination/demolition of unsightly Arbor Inn.

Take advantage of Rt 1 and develop for tax sake.

I believe that the town needs to keep the historical roots and show more of the historical side of the town. I also believe the town should stay small and have a more rural feel to it and not building new houses and cutting trees

down to do so. I believe there should be well preserved trails and places of nature all around town. There also needs to be more affordable housing and not as many big houses being built and stick to the historical styles of houses in Wrentham that are simple.

Try to fix Madison street within the next decade. More money into schools, less money into dumb things nobody cares about.

A nicer downtown with more restaurants, shops and living spaces

I would like to leave behind the rural feel of much of the town. Development is everywhere. There are few places to live close to major cities/development that offer the sort of escape that West Wrentham, the lakes provide. We must protect that while keeping the town well run and accordingly affordable for its residents. We do not need overdevelopment nor do we need a large, bloated town government.

Open space. Low crime. Good schools. Plentiful recreational space.

Preserve more open space and slow growth. Don't become like Franklin.

Development compatible with the quaint, historical character of the town while protecting it's culture, history and open space.s.

more restaurants, shops in a walkable village feel, development of open areas downtown off of south street, paved paid parking lot

More active community and downtown (not just school communities)

I would like Wrentham to be an inviting small town with small businesses, walking trails, and charming historic sites (eg antiques, proctor House, Fiske museum

Schools that are not over populated. A town that is not over built with houses and developments. A place for my 4th generation kids to live and love.

More restaurants shops downtown. Recreational Center for all ages

stay as is stop growing

Keep the local farms, reduce unnecessary development, keep the rural and historical aspects, support the schools

Walking paths

Build on the existing open space and invest in it's maintenance. Invest in the education of our children (ie schools) - invest in the development of our children (ie extra curricular activities such as sports, arts etc.)

Keep Wrentham residents feeling they live in a Safe town where they can raise their family, Active Lifestyle (Biking, Walking, Enjoying the Outdoors), Strong Supportive Sports Network where families can meet in person as opposed to on computers, continue with Wrentham Day (Road Race, etc..).

A small town feel with room for sensible growth & preservation of natural habitats

Having more accessible bike paths/walking paths throughout town with flexibility to walk to grocery store/coffee shop etc.

Something completely different in how the town is run. Town hall looks like who did it and ran. Town center and roads are neglected. Thank God someone developed the lad off Madison street else that would have continued to crumble. Better will be achieved when i move out.

a vibrant, yet quiet New England town. Friendly, welcoming, and diverse

More conservation area or area that's open to the public in general. A stronger sense of community as well. Possibly also expanding more with the Lakes to people that do not live on them

Clean, fun, more areas for kids

High performing schools with a number of extracurricular activities and a blend of community events both for families and for mom and dad to have a night out on their own

Ideally Wrentham would retain its rural feel and open spaces, with a more developed and slightly expanded downtown core (more shopping, more dining, more interesting dining (less pizza places, more sushi/Indian/Thai places)./)

Haven't given much thought to this, very happy living in the town, the residents are mostly friendly (!) would not want it to turn into a snobbish town. Particularly concerned about public safety- strong and active and supported police department, there is a surprising amount of break ins from what I expected. Speeding an issue. The town is so big and there are different sections so it's harder for a one size fits all approach.

Shops in downtown that promote a social atmosphere (yay Crosby's), and something of interest for children downtown as well. Community garden space. More public access to the lakes in town.

Open space to reserve the rural character

Nostalgic hometown feeling. Always improving but holds onto what is gear and memorable and a staple or landmark of Wrentham

Community oriented town with focus on keeping environmentally healthy lakes, parks and history. Responsible growth. Revitalized downtown.

pass community preservation act. there's very little open space remaining due to development

Sidewalks

Open space and rural scenery. A better looking downtown. More vibrant downtown area for all ages. More arts & cultural programs and events.

Make the center look more like how it looked 100 years ago.

Maintain small town feel with increased use of outdoor space. Increase small business in town for dining and shopping without over commercializing. Build more affordable housing.

Wrentham is so expensive many people have to move out of the town they grew up in. I would like Wrentham to be a place where my granddaughter could start her own family some day

A built up downtown (get rid of the ugly fields behind DD), a cleaner Sweatt Park, a more robust Recreation Department/Programs (like Norfolk)

1. Improve Wrentham center traffic and roads 2. Preserve west Wrentham (aka Sheldonville) as it is, and has been. No major developments in this area 3. Better parking & accessibility in Wrentham center. 4. Extend lane at Creek St so vehicles can pass on the right. 5. Install traffic light at Beach St/1A intersection

I want the next generation to know the beauty and history of our town, and the wonder of growing up in a small, tight knit, rural New England community.

more sidewalks (creek street in particular) more accessible to walking with strollers

I want more farms, ranches and industry. I want to welcome the craft marijuana industry into Wrentham.

More shops downtown and the space behind to be useable. The town have a more quaint look to its buildings.

Wrentham should feel like a welcoming community. No large, big box stores, rather quaint town center where people know each other and can gather.

•traditional, classic NE town • local small businesses that thrive • strong school system • value natural resources (open space) over development

Exemplar school system, strong community & youth groups, fiscal responsibility

nothing

Accessible open spaces. Maintain the small town charm.

Develop the downtown centered on Crosby Valve property. Develop space across from outlets. Bring more business.

More sidewalks and bike trails to encourage healthy living and community. Better restaurants with more variety to keep money in Wrentham.

Organic Farming, self reliance, small town rural feel!

Connecting fields, schools and neighborhoods by bike paths. Giving the downtown a uniformly charming esthetic.

To conserve the open space and keep the small town feel

More accessible trail network. Sidewalks/bike paths that connect to the state forest and town center.

No more affordable housing.

keep it rural and current

Keep history alive. Safe walking paths/ or bike paths. Community driven events. Maintain open spaces and parks for town enjoyment

Dog Friendly areas and places

Protect the rural and beauty that is Wrentham

Keep it community based with activities for all ages. Continue reviving the public tennis courts and make it a destination for people. Build the rec department to be comparable to neighboring towns like Norfolk and Franklin. Offer events on the town common beyond the summer concert series, like Halloween festivities, Easter Egg hunts, food truck festivals, etc. Make Wrentham Day and the tree lighting ceremony better and more memorable. Update the Fiske Library.

Wrentham was a wonderful place for me to grow up. I would like the town to examine their role in justice issues, especially in regards to racial diversity

As a resident of Wrentham for my whole life, I want to continue to see Wrentham as a vibrant, welcoming town for years to come. If I had to come up with some ideas to help make the town better, here are three that I would like to discuss. I would like to see something additional established that people could utilize for recreational or exercise purposes (e.g.; rail trail, bike path). I would also like to point out that the town of Wrentham could benefit from mom-and-pop businesses in areas that have been left empty for quite some time (e.g.; former Crosby Valve site in the downtown area, former Northland Farms garden center on Route 1A). Lastly, I would like to see the town of Wrentham continue to come up with ideas of how to make the section of U.S. Route 1 more useful with business and commercial use, compared to nearby towns.

Less condensed with amazing schools.

Traditional New England town feel. Limits on new housing. Keep rural feel. Signs and zoning to keep traditional feel, not urban. Play areas for children.

slow down development, protect conservation land, school infrastructure stronger, manage all 3 with obvious growth of town

I would love to see a more dog friendly town. We are so limited in soaceswe can enjoy with our furry family members. Outdoor restaurants or less restrictions in public park areas

Keep town to a welcoming town. Reduce tax rate for seniors who no longer have children in school system. Fix roads

A town where not every a single acre of land is developed.

Create an artisan community by founding an art association or other venue for artisans

My vision of Wrentham is for the town to acquire more open space for outdoor activities. I'm concerned with the growth of the town and believe there should be a moratorium on building homes.

I would like Wrentham to stay semi-rural. We do not like the new shops at Wampum Corner and do not want traffic to continue to increase. We would MUCH rather pay higher property taxes than depend on commercial taxes

I would like to see Wrentham continue to be community oriented. Would like to see development of the downtown area, more shops, local restaurants where we can gather with friends young and old. More downtown activities/entertainment on the common.

Keep Wrentham small. Keep house values up by not over-developing. Keep open spaces and parks. Stop bringing in big apartments nursing homes and retail without adding police and fire officials

Fiscal responsibility, more development downtown, mom and pop shops / restaurants / brewery etc.

open space

Not over built with homes and some limitations on where businesses are placed

We should have more than two internet provider. Solar panel should be use in all the public school and Other building. We should use New technology to make our town better and eco friendly place. Collaborate big tech or science base company or college with our high school, so that our kids have more exposure.

Make the old railroad tracks that run thru Wrentham into RAIL to TRAIL walking pathways.

Protect the very few (3?) farms and the undeveloped land left in town; find a quality use for the old industrial site behind the church; pave or otherwise intelligently use the eyesore that is the old Center School site.

More entry level housing so my kids can afford to buy their first home here. A downtown that is accessible and vibrant with a combo of shops and living spaces. GREAT schools that draw families to the area. Activities for both kids and adults. A charming, country community.

More diverse community; good infrastructure that is well maintained (roads, parks, services, etc); fiscally responsible and accountable; good community outreach and communication

To maintain the history and open spaces. Keep downtown common as is.

A welcome package with map of local restaurants

Over building of housing is ruining any serenity of the community. The aquifer and environment is in danger.

Town sewer, more sidewalks and bike paths, and more business along route one.

- Community; - Good Schools; - Safe public/open spaces and ease of community feeling

-Continued access to trips and conservation areas. -Continued focus on education. -Better control of traffic on rte 1A.

To create a balance of business to the community to relieve the tax burden on the home owners

Continuity in the rural, self-sustaining aspects of the town. Preservation of the treasures that have been maintained here. Fostering small-scale farming and gardening for residents.

we recently bought our first home in Wrentham so we are relatively new to town. One thing we absolutely love is how rural/historic it feels while still being close to almost everything. I'd love to see the trails/outdoor spaces stay or even expand and maybe a few other shops/restaurant options in the center of town. Otherwise, we love it here!!

A strong community based town with great schools and wonderful public facilities that is fiscally responsible. I wish our towns public areas and roads were maintained better. I would like to be proud entering Wrentham.

More community feeling, we have such a cute downtown area but only one restaurant that actually draws people to enjoy it (Gavel) - wish there were more small businesses and restaurants with outdoor seating to encourage people to enjoy downtown. I recommend the town find ways to be more dog friendly - more recreational places to bring your dog. This would be advantageous as the rising generations are looking for dog friendly environments.

Controlled, smart growth that doesn't outpace town resources. Better planning of future development both commercial and residential. Preservation of open space. Avoiding "Franklinization". 30 years ago Franklin was where Wrentham is now, and uncontrolled growth has decimated the towns charm. I don't want that to happen here, any more than it already has

Safe walking and biking. A charming and efficient downtown.

Would love to see a more vibrant downtown not only for residents to gather but appealing to people from other towns. Also, continue to strengthen our schools. Biking trails would be great way to get residents outside and provide a safe place to walk/run and or bike. We have such beautiful surroundings, would be great to make it more accessible to residents.

have more opportunities for small businesses downtown and leave the larger businesses to the rt 1 corridor

A better down town area to attract great local business and individual restaurants. A way to keep outlet traffic out of the downtown. A more welcoming inclusive local government

1) Better coordination between the elementary school and the King Philip District with regard to curriculum 2) Increasing the number of sidewalks and adding bike paths 3) Keep traffic downtown low, so build any new business districts in other areas in order to spread out traffic

Larger downtown that is walkable and has an array of small businesses/ restaurants. More diverse restaurant choice.

A maintenance of the rural feel and community-oriented spirit of Wrentham.

Keep intact as many historic places as possible. Add a boat dock at the Lake Pearl boat ramp.

Improve aesthetics of gravel parking lot, more accessible Post office/drive up mailboxes, infuse more New England charm through lighting and architecture downtown

Stop building and leave more open space.

Less Traffic. No more building houses, buildings and roads. Unpacked schools

Preserve rural character. Prevent too much development. Invest in good school system.

More sidewalks with grass barriers, especially along rt140 and 1A and sidewalks connecting the downtown with the rice fields and surrounding neighborhoods. Ideally to be able to safely walk to the middle school

Nice place for our children to grow up, reputation for good schools, history and semi-rural character. More diverse and vibrant downtown via small, locally owned businesses.

Keep small New England feeling no big/chain stores friendly community where people can be involved in town's growth

A place where multiple generations of diverse residents can thrive and flourish

improve the Wrentham town website so we can use it as an up-to-date events/notifications calendar

Wrentham has become a very high priced area in New England. I would love to see it become more affordable. A charming and beautiful little town would like to see it stay that way.

Green space and renewable resources. Focus on preserving the rural close-knit feeling of the town. Plenty of outdoor areas and activities.

Excellent school systems; open to new ideas, good recreation, quaint downtown

•small market (like Brother's Market) behind downtown with other small shops and parking. •better care kept to downtown Buildings and common/cemetery and sidewalks. • better traffic enforcement downtown

Keep commercial development on rte one.. Improve maintenance of town owned properties and conservation areas

Transparent government (web-accessible documents for ALL boards/commissions (agenda for next meeting, minutes & docs from previous meeting), higher quality education particularly at the high school, kids safely walking / biking to play without adults organizing,

Better and easier trash collection, reasonable property taxes

-An updated downtown with great shops and services; manicured homes with updated real estate; year round community events that increase connection among residents

Open land, family farms retained and created. Commercial development contained but encouraged along route 1

Affordable for young families. Better dissemination of town info, governance

A safe and inclusive community where kids can play in neighborhoods. A fiscally responsible town government that prioritizes education. More businesses, shops and services in a walkable downtown area.

Keep the small town feel.

A community that prides itself on a transparent, accountable government. A fiscally responsible government. Increased public access to OUR public lands. Expand passive(hiking, biking, equestrian etc.)Public land use through MOU's with other public land holders (PAWTUCKET WATER SUPPLY BOARD, Commonwealth of MA)

Sidewalks, flowers downtown, more small businesses, upkept buildings etc

Don't turn Wrentham into a city.

continue to maintain the rural character, limit development to rt. 1 and 1-a at the 495/outlet mall area. do a better job maintaining our streets

A high quality town playground.

Open spaces for wildlife and conservation. Supporting farms and agriculture.

Services that support convenient community life.

I would like to see more affordable housing. My children will probably not be able to afford to live here. I would like to see more effort put in by the DPW to maintain roads and especially the town cemetery. It's a disgrace the way it's maintained now.

Add more sports such as cricket. Love to see kids playing different sports.

I would love to see wrentham become a more diverse place for our children. Including making more affordable housing to provide equal opportunities for others to move to our town. Reduce the amount of new builds (as they don't appear to be lowering taxes anyway). Create a more pedestrian friendly environment.

I would like the town to remain peaceful and quiet.

A well-planned, tasteful and bustling downtown with a mix of convenience and specialty shopping, a variety of dining establishments (featuring different cuisines), safe walking trails in town, a respectable community playground, finally finish development of the abandoned center across from the outlets.

Keep farms, fields and conservation

Finding ways to increase outdoors activities,

Woods!

Continue to improve communication between Town and citizens. Be less paternalistic. Improve facilities and increase activities for seniors and those with special needs Improve relations between west and east sides of town

Recreation and community activities are very important to me. Community that embraces wellness and has programs to create a close knit community.

less reliability on cars to get around (e.g., more paths/sidewalks to connect key community destinations) would be great

1)keep the center's quaint character. 2)family friendly community 3)keep large commercial projects along rte 1 corridor or near interstate exits 4) maintain the quality education offered in town

Wrentham is amazing!! If Creek St had a sidewalk it would be perfect, so we could walk into town or to the playgrounds with our kids. Right now we have to drive for safety reasons

It is extremely important to maintain the relative quiet and open spaces while still developing some strategic areas for business growth. Specifically route1.

I hope that Wrentham can maintain being a bedroom community with little traffic and wonderful outdoor amenities. We are on Mirror Lake and walk the state school, we don't have to get in our car to enjoy Wrentham. These areas need to be maintained.

A bustling town center with shops and restaurants. Lots of common areas to meet up with friends and family. Community events open to all residents

Just continue to be a great place to raise a family

Leave open space, provide sustainable and green energy, increase recreational space.

It would be great for the downtown area to become more active, walkable and become a stronger gathering area.

Improve and expand downtown- quality restaurants-beautify town common and add walking places and parking . Improve parks and playgrounds-

Make the town services easier to navigate for new residents, it's hard to know where to go to get involved with the community. Create more activities and businesses downtown. Invest in water services for all lakes to make them better to swim in.

A tight knit community which values families and children.

Enhance downtown shops, beautify the Common, expand library, family parks

Save open space, agriculture areas, public transportation to Boston and a Providence, more affordable housing and continued excellent schools.

Beautiful, safe, and convenient downtown area. Improved attractiveness to Wompat corner. A turning lane at Creek St

Small town feel, controlled growth, rural with mix of open space, farms, and good quality of life.

I would want Wrentham to be the town where children who grew up in it want it to be where they would want to have their family. I hope it will be friendly, welcoming and continue to be a "small town".

Preserve the rural character of the town by: 1) controlling development, 2) preserving open space, 3) protecting our lakes, streams, and forests, 4) converting the old railroad track right of way to a walking and bicycle trail.

Preserve the small town community feel of Wrentham. I would like to see more community events in downtown such as a pumpkin festival and other community events along those lines. Preserve the open space.

Play and recreation areas for those of varying abilities. More accessible community events. Some sort of center to teach the history of this area with input from Native Americans.

Community life, Wrentham Day, small town culture, rural life

New housing in downtown area will help enliven business area which currently has limited hours of activity. Road diet for downtown would promote activity while decreasing highway-oriented atmosphere. Responsible Route 1 development would help town tax base.

Keep natural spaces open. Cluster new development so that's are greenways and more green spaces.

I would love to see the Crosby valve property developed with interesting shops and restaurants. I'd love to see the railroad tracks (or any other spot) become a paved bike path. I'd love to see a civic center built to increase community recreation and activities. Lastly, I'd love to see King Philip catch up with the quality of education and specifically administration for our children. Wrentham Public is exemplary, and KP is mediocre.

Family friendly, walkable downtowns with good restaurants and stores. Look at West Hartford center.

No tacky attractions and being fiscally responsible while keeping total taxes down. Hold schools accountable like a business and set goals for them to be measured by for them to be evaluated.

1. More vibrant downtown. 2. Develop Sweatt Park and surrounding vacant lot. 3. Develop artificial surface field at Rice Fields with lights and bleachers to decrease needs for additional natural fields and their maintenance 4. Increase off road parking for downtown area

Accountable and responsible government for all the residents. The last election showed a side of the town that was clearly not neutral. Our schools and the music program are the main reasons we moved to the town. I'm not sure the current school board appreciates that values for life these programs make on youth.

develop downtown. preserve heritage and history. bury power lines and expand sidewalks

Safe place for children, decrease traffic on 1 A and increase biking and walking, restoring old buildings, infuse a sense of pride

More open space, less housing

-park area for children and families; safe bike and walking trails including sidewalks on all streets and roads and stoplight crosswalks, stop building huge developments and overcrowding the town

More local business do you don't have to drive to other towns. Sidewalks, sidewalks, sidewalks! I live less than 2 miles from center and cannot walk there (all main roads with no sidewalks)

Carefully thought out growth

Preservation of space! Limit growth

Good sense of community- good neighborhoods to start a family- more houses to grow the town- perhaps a grocery store in the town - more town recreation for children and adults - yoga classes, workout groups etc

Clean and safe keep. The police funded

More walkable and bike paths. Limit development of housing. More funding schools.

Keep the rural feel. People have commented to me that Wrentham has a nice country feel to it.

A close-knit community, with a downtown that encourages citizens to chat, shop, dine, and spend time together would benefit future generations of all race, sex, and economic status.

a town that is environmentally safe... reduce size of lawns... proper quality water and trash removal.

I think the town is best with more open space and conservation land. The town is getting too busy as it is. The recent commercial development has brought too much traffic to what used to be a quiet and charming town. I want to leave a rural charming town to the next generation.

Open land,

Small town, small government.

- A charming downtown with cafes, shops and parks - bike path - making sweat beach just for town residents - town government that supports neighborhoods and lakes

Remain affordable and add a grocery store

Keep the small town feeling while making the center walkable with shops and restaurants.

I am considering moving out of Wrentham because I don't like driving so far to stores. I have to go to Franklin to buy groceries. I also go to Franklin for a playground park. Rice complex is nice but it is 9 miles from my home.

This town has been one of the few towns that really values the land and the trees. The best quality to leave behind is the feel of a country town where you can really enjoy the land and nature around you.

Sense of town history, culture, inclusiveness, and thoughtfully planned growth

Family oriented safe community, small shops and businesses. School updates and more public access to lakes.

I would like to see Wrentham become a Green community and have the opportunity to apply for eco-oriented grants. I support affordable housing in town and would like to see improvements made to the New Emerald Lane location. I am concerned about the open space that is being swallowed up by developments. I believe that Gen Z is very focused on community and walkable communities. I think that incorporating mixed use areas would appeal to that demographic.

Preserve and enhance the natural resources. more sidewalks throughout town so walking can be done safely. Better maintenance of roadside areas in west wrentham and sheldonvie (Sheldon Road) More housing for elders that don't want to move to subsidized housing but is smaller and located near town center (less of the giant houses built)

Good local jobs, affordable, decent housing, not housing where people are on top of each other and can hold hands from their back yards.

I'd like Wrentham to stay how it is.

vibrant center of town, excellent schools, open space for farms, forests, lakes,

Increased and optimized communication in town. Nixel does NOT work. An easy and effective website and communication channel to the various boards and committees / commissions. Revitalized downtown - bring life to "Wrentham Village / Wrentham Walk" - with parking on the center school lot (NO METERS JOE!), public playgrounds, bike paths everywhere, and the traditions we all welcome and love - Wrentham Day, etc. A welcoming family-centric town that appeals to all generations - from the very very young to the very very old.

An active community that attracts and keeps families and seniors engaged in everyday life.

Safer roads for walkers and biker. There are not enough sidewalks and bike lanes. The downtown common needs to have a safer traffic pattern . Possibly a traffic circle. Protection of natural resources.

A unspoiled natural preserve. A sense of security and public safety. A spot for business innovation

more sidewalks, accessibility throughout town

A small town feel with a strong sense of community and involvement

Connection to history. Connection to green spaces, trails, nature. Strong community ties.

Make one family homes more affordable

Single-family dwellings okay; townhouses, apartments, and condos not okay. More town-wide community involvement in clubs, sports, and town politics; less of the same individuals and same families running everything. Better roads and infrastructure; more creative ways to pay for those. Higher level of affluence; less affordable housing. Restrictions on group homes or multi-tenant housing which typically do not get involved in community.

More sidewalks and parks; more restaurants

More affordable living opportunities

Limit building. It's distressing to see all the woods being lost to housing. Like to see Wrentham as the small old town

A nice downtown that people utilize more than our current downtown. I still want it to be quaint and not overly commercial but it is lacking currently.

A strong sense of community, open spaces without dense developments, local businesses

A modern suburban community with significant public spaces and waterways that are accessible to all.

Upgrade senior housing. Need more industry to lower taxes.

A family oriented and welcoming town regardless of ethnicity. Closing the road in the middle of the two town commons and putting in more benches. This is a traffic nightmare and too dangerous, please consider closing this roadway before someone has a serious accident.

Open space, good school system, good community relationships within and without Wrentham, better road conditions, re-design Traffic flow at intersection of 140 and May Street area. Maintain the lovely colonial town atmosphere. Provide a downtown parking lot and do away with the present mode of parking in an angular fashion downtown. School systems to include education, sports, and activities.

More use of the town common, more awareness and use of trails, hiking, etc, more public access to the lakes

As I age, I'd like to see good services and programs for retirees. Trout Pond needs improvement. Sidewalks. Especially Madison Street.

The Downtown needs to be built out. We need to replace the loss of jobs and business from when Crosby left

I would love to see a more charming and developed downtown. More restaurants and diversity of restaurants in that area. Adding in restaurants would lead to people spending more time downtown, which then would support more shops and businesses. I'd love to see this "charming and walkable", but also make sure to keep parking accessible as well.

Reasonably affordable given the geography. Flexible use of the geography. Little to reasonable restrictions on open spaces and what the owners do with them.

More locally owned restaurants in town; Keeping up with Recreation and Conservation areas; Contain town growth

More vibrant downtown with restaurant's, shops, bike path, people around

A strong community that supports and cares for its citizens. Supports and preserves it's lakes and open space. A vibrant downtown with a multitude of diverse restaurants, shops and services and one that provides a variety of job opportunities. Septic systems are archaic; we need to modernize

Upscale shops, shops and services that promote community, improvement of schools- better administration which leads to better scores which then leads to higher real estate values

maintain the history of the town, maintain zoning laws - don't want this to turn into another Attleboro, better restaurants/dining, walking/biking trails

Develop the town center in a manner that is quaint and charming, absent ugly commercial signage. Have more community based events (post Covid of course). Retain rural beautiful nature of Wrentham.

A good school system. Safe neighborhoods. Lower taxes.

Would love to see the downtown (center) with more restaurants and shops. More streets with sidewalks and biking and walking routes to a quaint downtown.

Stay rural. Support Senior Center. Stay community based and friendly. Stay small.

The community in the future should be environmentally sound. It should meet the needs of it's residents while maintaining as much of the rich history and rural aspects that are unique to Wrentham.

I'd like to see a town common like area that's bigger for informal gatherings and picturesque

Wrentham should resist the Moms' clubs desire to pussify everything.

Need to keep the small town feel with responsible housing and business growth.

Maintain rural New England feel, low commercial growth, strong support for public safety.

A more accessible town for walking and biking.

Keep Wrentham feeling like a small town. The best part of living here is that small town feel. Walking through the center and knowing everyone.

Diversity. Easier access to rte 495 from 1A during high traffic/shopping hours. More cultural and art businesses/activities.

If you create one and welcoming spaces residents and visitors level of enjoyment and engagement will increase exponentially and consequently the value of the town and spirit of the town will increase.

Good, safe community to allow children to walk/bike easily throughout town; sense of community (organized efforts); good school systems; local shops/restaurants to generate community experience

- community projects like gardens, - curbside compost, - better access to healthcare, - a grocery store in western Wrentham

Do not defund the police, for one. Lower property taxes, instead of a continuous increase every year despite promises to not increase them after developments such as the Outlets; Stop introducing more low-income housing and drug addiction homes into the community.

I think some smart development, particularly in the downtown with some mixed use, commercial and residential buildings. I think more attention to walking and biking areas as well as some open spaces

1. Don't expand too quickly for the sake of tax revenue. 2. Improve the set of lights in the center if town. There are turning lanes but no accompanying turn light or delayed green light.

Keeping the small town feel with plenty of protected, open spaces.

I like it just the way it is. Great place to have raised our family. Only complaint, if personal fireworks are illegal, why did NO one from the town go into the local neighborhoods and resolve it?

I'd like to keep the patronage in wrentham. Keeping the revenue in town can only help the town. Yet I do not want Wrentham to loose it's rural/farm-like areas in the west street area. Would like to see the downtown area re-developed. Better parking and more commerce.

Na

More Diverse economic development plan, business friendly, town sewer

Stay charming , but add a grocery store

Visitors should say "it"s a pretty New England town."

I would like the strong sense of community to stay. The strong elementary schools.

Destination point to enjoy by people attracted by the outlets. Connect walking/bike paths through town to outlets and over to Lake Pearl and Rice complex

Managed responsible environmentally friendly growth

Keeping the town simple. It's what drew us to the town.

Plenty of open spaces. More areas for walking. Improve and upgrade the senior center.

More business and mixed use development in the center of town (Tyco land) and additional business development on open space at Wampum Corner.

countryside appeal, small not big town/city feel, keep major industry out

I've been in Wrentham for only five years but I have enjoyed all five years. I like this town and both its rural feel an its easy access to more urban amenities. My property taxes are too high and I'm hoping that I will be able to continue to afford to live here as I age.

A sense of community in a location that makes our town a great place to raise a family. A community in which you are able to walk, ride, run in a safe location. A community in which you can understand your past and look forward to your future.

I would like to see a few more traffic lights (Winter St and RT 1A) and more sidewalks in town for more walking and biking. Wrentham will need its own High School in the future with our town's growth. We need a larger more walkable downtown with more shops, restaurants and less chains.

Better link the Common w/no dividing street with Sweat Park. Keep downtown simple. Beware of cluster housing.

Diverse population. Sidewalks along 1A north of town square. Public transportation.

More accessible downtown area, more local shops and restaurants. Limit development of open spaces.

Not allowing overdevelopment.

Options for health without buying gym memberships,so waling trails,biking paths,expansion of pickleball courts for older folk

As a new resident of the town, I would love more openly advertised community involvement opportunities.

An affordable place to live with open spaces

I would like to see sidewalks in West Wrentham. I would like to see sidewalks in West Wrentham. I would like to see more financial consideration for senior citizens in real estate tax breaks.

A vibrant community that has its roots in its history and its focus on continually evolving to be a caring and inclusive community blending residents and commercial interests.

preserve and protect this quintessential New England town for future generations. Smart growth only, mixed use development, to ensure open spaces.

More sidewalks, more small businesses, clean up sweat park

More undeveloped land. Conservation areas. Places left to nature for kids to explore.

I do not want this town overbuilt with businesses and busy streets. There is too much already built up as it is.

My family has generations of history in Wrentham and I'd like to protect it for future generations. This would include preserving the historical data, protecting the forests and natural spaces in Wrentham, and continuing to make this a place my family and other families want to call home.

Open space - quiet. Keep development closer to Route 1. Do NOT want to be Franklin.

-Open spaces that have been thoughtfully conserved and protected. -safe passageways throughout town and downtown -A community that is inclusive of diversity and that takes care of each other

A community based place to raise their children with good schools and plenty of open space

I love Wrentham the way it is! We moved from Norwood where I grew up and Norwood made all the wrong decisions. I hope Wrentham keeps its charm. There aren't many nice quiet towns around anymore and keeping Wrentham quiet and charming will only attract more people in years to come.

Social activities for everyone in town every quarter to participate in. Keep public school strong! More diversity; PLEASE

Want to see Wrentham grow but not lose its small town farm roots. To maintain its charm which includes the downtown area, parks and restaurants.

Want to keep the small town feel

better high school principal

A supermarket up at the outlets would be convenient. A nice bakery

Zero sense of community. I barely know my neighbors. Local groups that go on hikes through Wrentham, or even specialized clubs like Large Dog owners who could meet at the dog park every Tuesday night, or something that drives community.

Open space, community connection, small town feel and affordable to live here

More sidewalks to make wrentham more walkable

Need better downtown 1 more restaurants (losing too much to other communities) closer proximity of schools to where you live in wrentham

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47	35: the	0.58%	7	2.70%	1	0.00%	0
48	70: this	0.50%	6	0.00%	0	3.45%	1
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55	7: actively	2.24%	27	0.00%	0	0.00%	0
56	8: preserve	3.49%	42	0.00%	0	0.00%	0
57	9: its	2.82%	34	0.00%	0	0.00%	0
58	10: New	3.07%	37	0.00%	0	0.00%	0
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63	15: through	2.16%	26	0.00%	0	0.00%	0
64	16: conservation	3.16%	38	2.70%	1	0.00%	0
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66	18: rural	2.74%	33	2.70%	1	0.00%	0
67	19: areas	2.57%	31	2.70%	1	0.00%	0
68	20: and	1.99%	24	0.00%	0	0.00%	0

69	21: its	2.08%	25	0.00%	0	0.00%	0
70	22: Village	2.24%	27	0.00%	0	0.00%	0
71	23: Center,	2.33%	28	0.00%	0	0.00%	0
72	24: while	1.08%	13	0.00%	0	0.00%	0
73	25: pursuing	1.08%	13	0.00%	0	3.45%	1
74	26: a	1.25%	15	0.00%	0	3.45%	1
75	27: defined	1.74%	21	2.70%	1	3.45%	1
76	28: development	1.91%	23	2.70%	1	13.79%	4
77	29: strategy.	1.66%	20	2.70%	1	6.90%	2
78	30: It	0.50%	6	2.70%	1	0.00%	0
79	32: our	0.50%	6	2.70%	1	0.00%	0
6	33: Vision	0.50%	6	2.70%	1	0.00%	0
80	34: that	0.50%	6	2.70%	1	0.00%	0
81	36: Town	0.66%	8	2.70%	1	0.00%	0
82	37: of	0.66%	8	2.70%	1	0.00%	0
83	38: Wrentham	0.66%	8	2.70%	1	0.00%	0
84	39: maintain	1.41%	17	2.70%	1	0.00%	0
85	40: and	1.33%	16	2.70%	1	0.00%	0
86	41: enhance	1.66%	20	2.70%	1	0.00%	0
87	42: a	1.33%	16	2.70%	1	0.00%	0
88	43: high	2.33%	28	2.70%	1	0.00%	0
89	44: quality	2.66%	32	2.70%	1	0.00%	0
90	45: of	1.83%	22	2.70%	1	0.00%	0
91	46: life,	2.41%	29	2.70%	1	0.00%	0
92	47: and	1.08%	13	2.70%	1	0.00%	0
93	48: be	1.25%	15	2.70%	1	0.00%	0
94	49: affordable,	2.33%	28	5.41%	2	3.45%	1
95	50: for	0.75%	9	2.70%	1	0.00%	0
96	51: all	0.91%	11	2.70%	1	0.00%	0
97	52: of	0.83%	10	2.70%	1	0.00%	0

98	53: its	0.83%	10	2.70%	1	0.00%	0
99	54: residential	0.83%	10	2.70%	1	0.00%	0
100	55: and	0.66%	8	2.70%	1	0.00%	0
101	56: corporate	0.66%	8	5.41%	2	10.34%	3
102	57: citizens.	0.91%	11	2.70%	1	6.90%	2
103	58: Wrentham	0.50%	6	0.00%	0	3.45%	1
104	59: citizens,	0.50%	6	0.00%	0	3.45%	1
105	60: their	0.50%	6	0.00%	0	3.45%	1
106	61: elected	0.50%	6	0.00%	0	3.45%	1
107	62: boards	0.50%	6	0.00%	0	3.45%	1
108	63: and	0.50%	6	0.00%	0	3.45%	1
109	64: appointed	0.50%	6	0.00%	0	3.45%	1
110	65: committees,	0.50%	6	0.00%	0	3.45%	1
111	66: will	0.50%	6	0.00%	0	3.45%	1
112	67: be	0.50%	6	0.00%	0	3.45%	1
113	68: guided	0.50%	6	0.00%	0	3.45%	1
18	69: by	0.50%	6	0.00%	0	3.45%	1
114	71: Vision."	0.50%	6	2.70%	1	3.45%	1
	Total	Total	1204	Total	37	Total	29

What is missing from the 2004 Vision? Please choose up to 5.

#	Answer	%	Count
11	Well-maintained public infrastructure (water, sewer, stormwater, roads, and sidewalks)	12.95%	457
7	Walkable Downtown with variety of shops and services	12.10%	427
12	Open space and natural resources	9.32%	329
10	Ability to get around by walking and biking	9.24%	326
4	Environmental sustainability and preparation for climate change impacts	8.27%	292
5	Active recreation facilities including parks, playgrounds, and playing fields	8.24%	291
3	Rich variety of civic, arts and cultural programs, events, and facilities	7.68%	271
8	Strong local economy with a variety of business activity	7.25%	256
9	Inclusive and supportive community for all	5.95%	210
1	Active community participation and spirit of volunteerism	5.86%	207
6	Strong historical identity and character	5.30%	187
2	Housing options for a range of household incomes and life stages	4.39%	155
16	Other	1.98%	70
13	Nothing, I like the 2004 Vision as it is	1.47%	52
	Total	100%	3530

TEXT - Other

Other - Text

term limits for selectmen

High quality education system for everyone. If we want tot do this we need to put more emphasis on reviewing architecture, signage, etc. (Whether this is a development, store, or individual house) to assure it fits with the plan.

Excellent Schools

"elected boards and committes" need to be on board with this vision!

Safety

Moved to wrentham in 2008

I like the 2004 vision plus what I selected above

Huge mistake not to talk about providing our children with a quality education.

Lower Property Taxes

Wrentham is becoming very unaffordable for seniors who have supported Wrentham for many years. Wrentham is driving it's seniors out.

Protection of Wrentham Lakes/Ponds

Natural Gas with Federal/State affordable conversion program as many Towns/States have done.

Make sure every street has town water.

to late the town is ruined

Climate change initiatives like better trash issues, town sewage, homes that are trash dumps

Be a great place to raise a family.

If this was our vision in 2004, How did Wampum Corner end up with a CVS??

A portion that acknowledges that business strength (large and downtown) supports strong schools, which then brings families, and then requires healthy recreation space, etc. Right now, the 2004 vision allows various groups to cherry pick what they like and gloss over what they don't so that they can say their part is most important, and to some extent they are correct.

Civically responsible adolescents

I can't say that much has changed in vision since 2004 with exception of Rice Complex. More houses built, little change to downtown area.

Limit building esp of lge housing developments in open spaces. Keep rural . Support all public safety! Support police and firedept

business-friendly

active development of revenue producing businesses on Route 1

Diversity, which is completely lacking in lily white Wrentham

Sewer for the downtown only

Too general and broad

Don't want apartments.

a couple of extra commas in there :)

New to town

Sidewalks are a disaster! Absolute embarrassment to this town that we pay a lot in taxes in. During the pandemic -many bikers and walkers and runners and as the summer went on - so did the brush and sidewalks have become in-manageable! It's a disgrace!!!! Wrentham should be ashamed of the lack of responsibility to the people out trying to walk and get fresh air but they all most have to walk into 1a to get into town. The speed limit is also way too high for the amount of people Wrentham currently has. I grew up here - this is not ok to still be 45/50 with high volume trucks.

More neighborhood watch initiatives and crime reduction.

Top 10 town in education.

We should use new technology to preserve our history and at the same time town should look modern. We should use solar panel to save electricity and make it eco friendly.

Natural gas for heating

Extended public infrastructure- everyone have access to gas and water and fire hydrants!

The town does NOT need more development. The town needs to be inclusive and welcoming and seems to be just right with the open space and affordability it has now.

Strictly limited new development.

2004 vision sounds a little like an intro to a Chronicle segment on the town...and although I've always enjoyed Chronicle, I'd like to see us be more than a quaint hidden gem of a town - let's focus on building an inclusive (raise, income, etc) community that works towards a sustainable future that people can enjoy and thrive in for many years to come.

Some mention of high quality public education

Walking trail

Public transportation

lacks a town govt that actually supports this statement

The Vision as is is succinct and representative of our aspirations as residents in the main. Thank you.

Sweatt Park bear The Gavel is in disrepair

Streets are a mess. Develop a plan to do regular maintenance. Enforce water ban to preserve our water supply. We pay a lot of tax dollars, but don't get much in return.

I've never read more words that didn't have any meaning...improve school systems. Build good roads. Take care of the residents. Don't spend money on dumb things that will only make 5 people happy.

Safety and security of its citizens

I worry and strategic development- sounds like code for more cvs' and 5k sq ft homes.... be more specific, is that what we are aiming for or are we looking to bring in Corp. hq to help sponsor/maintain charm...or is it something totally different- just be specific (I'm not against development but I want to know what the vision of dev is) I'm for small businesses and maybe a center for larger office space if we get something out of it

Safe Town to raise a family

Welcoming and supporting the burgeoning marijuana industry

High quality of education from pre-K to 12th grade

Family friendly, safe

Please do not develop the downtown any further. We live this far from the city to avoid traffic. Don't make us like Franklin or Foxboro.

Need more housing, condos, etc downtown and a new robust town center with more shops, restaurants, housing, bike paths, etc

More duplex housing

community/local animal shelter. Most Wrentham households have either/or cats and dogs and there is a huge support for a shelter

Create paths through neighborhoods so people don't have to walk, bike, run, and ride on the road to get to trails. Like West St. to Birchwald. Very dangerous roads.

preserving charm while welcoming change as the world changes

Action taken in 16 years In central Wrentham seems none existent. Don't make a statement then fail to back it up.

The sidewalks are deplorable along 1 A. Embarrassing

I don't believe the village center needs to be conserved. Rather it needs to grow thoughtfully and somewhat aggressively

I have only been here for 4 years, so not sure my input would be valid or considered.

2004 Vision sounds great, but nothing was done!

improvement in quality of education

Sidewalks on the main streets.

Managing Growth in a positive manner

The dog park is a disgrace for such a nice community

Smart development that leveraged our local (access to 495, 1 and 1A) while keeping downtown quaint. Development near highways to reduce tax burden so seniors can stay in their homes. Enough with KP sucking the bulk of the town budget. Reduce requirements for police details just so Wrentham PD can spend \$\$\$\$ on overtime.

In an effort to demonstrate our respect and appreciation of our eldest citizens, and in order to sustain their residence in this town, we will make every effort to reduce their tax burden so as to especially, allow them to secure their continuation as productive citizens of Wrentham.

If development were to occur, where would you like to direct new growth? Remember that regulation would ensure the new development is well-designed and consistent with the different characters of each village center. For example: Residents recently adopted new zoning at Town Meeting for the vacant land behind South Street in Downtown to encourage walkable housing, shops, and green space. Residents recently adopted new zoning along Route 1 to encourage larger retail, offices, and hotels.

#	Question	Strong support		Support		Less Support		Do not support		Total
1	Downtown on vacant land behind South Street	52.28%	471	33.07%	298	8.32%	75	6.33%	57	901
2	Wampum Corner	12.34%	107	29.18%	253	31.49%	273	26.99%	234	867
3	Near the Premium Outlets	33.86%	300	37.13%	329	17.61%	156	11.40%	101	886
4	Sheldonville	9.36%	81	21.27%	184	35.95%	311	33.41%	289	865
5	Route 1	51.01%	456	31.88%	285	10.29%	92	6.82%	61	894
6	Wrentham Development Center (owned by the State)	23.48%	204	32.11%	279	25.43%	221	18.99%	165	869
7	Other	23.38%	36	16.88%	26	12.34%	19	47.40%	73	154

If you have further comments about the pattern of growth you'd like to see in Wrentham, please add your thoughts here:

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I do not see further growth at Wampum Corner. This is a busy section as it is--the historic house is almost lost in the new. Sad. Near the outlets--the opposite sides of the street needs to be addressed. I really get angry when I go by the area--formerly NorthLand Farms--here was a nice business in Town now in decay very frustrating. Given where I live, I would still opt for a gym in Franklin--but this might be considered along Route 1. I have not commented on Wrentham Development Center--it is state-owned--but if Wrentham does grow--that may be needed for another school.

There seems to be a lot of lost potential at the state school. While the state may own the facilities it seems that there should be an opportunity for the town to improve and utilize some of the buildings there which appear to have fallen into disrepair. Perhaps as way to enrich the lives of state school residents and others. Could there be dormitory style housing for younger or older people who may be able to give back in some way while benefiting from a community or lower housing costs. Or could there be artisan based housing and retail fronts.

variety of restaurants, ramen, thai, greek. We have plenty of italian and pizza restaruants

Encourage Heavy Industry, Light Industry, stores, bars, restaurants behind South St & at Rt 1, tax them & Lower residential real estate tax

N.A.

Sheldonville already has a lot of traffic and that is where a lot of the historic homes are located. By having more development in this area, it would comprise the character of the older homes and create even more traffic. The downtown area is a great space for the community to get together so that should be the first place of new development/redevelopment

Wrentahm has little tax benefot from over 55 communities (take a look at Norton). These communities are great because they increase the tax base without burdening the school systems. I have always thought that if the Town could work with the State that Wrentham Development Center would be a great over 55 community as fewer residents come to the site. The walking paths, trails and green space that could be incorporated as well as the business opportunities - well planned and well thought out would seem to be a win-win. I would envision a smaller version on Pine Hills in Plymouth.

Please limit it. I moved here in the early 90's and watched Franklin get overbuilt. Wrentham's property values did not get overpriced.

Allow retail stores on Route 1 and change the zoning back to commercial as it has been and simply also allow the additional new, looser zoning changes. i.e. taller building and more parking as opposed to "green space"

More retaining of existing landscape close to new homes and businesses.

Further clarity is needed in regard to these geographic points. I skipped this section because I could not properly visualize what is being described. Mockups of proposed projects/construction would help a great deal in making these decisions.

Pursue business that attracts high earners to live, work and play in Wrentham; such as life science, R&D.

I am located in Wrentham Woods on the Foxborough side of Route 1. Additional development in that Route 1 area will directly impact our neighborhood and make us feel even more cut off from the Town as a whole. In addition, I worry it would negatively impact our property values.

Develop underdeveloped (that is currently worn and unsightly) land for use for new businesses. We are a New England town with a downtown that is not a center of the community

We would like to see growth in mainly downtown so that this area does not collapse. In other words, new stores will bring business to existing stores and it would be great to have a booming downtown and not in the periphery. Keep residential areas residential. Please be aware of traffic impact. Residents on 1A and the area around the outlets have to deal with heavy traffic and on occasion find it difficult to get out of their driveways. I strongly support the development by the Sunoco station but the plan must include good traffic and sufficient parking for whatever shops and Walking/ recreational area goes back there.

Very concerned about the open space behind the Sheldonville Fire Station and rumors of a large development. Would much prefer to see the land remain undeveloped

Any growth must also include plans for safe traffic patterns. We need a traffic light at 1A and Winter Street to replace the blinking light. There have been numerous accidents, and traffic has increased significantly since the Outlets, and currently there is land for sale nearby. I would not support growth at the Wrentham Developmental Center if traffic, and at the 1A/Winter St intersection is not improved with a traffic light.

Don't forget our children when thinking about the future of Wrentham. WPS does a fantastic job educating our children. It's time that fantastic education continued to the high school level. Stop treating KP like an island with the thought process that Wrentham has no say. KP spends a very high amount of money on superintendent, principal, 4 asst. principals, office staff & guidance counselors and yet their administration is unacceptably weak. This needs to be addressed. Take time out of your building plans to take care of the kids please.

Keep the Developmental Center free from additional retail spaces. Its such a lovely sprawling area to safely explore and hike with families, and has such rich history. Its perfect as is!

Existing pace of growth is working for the town

Stop trying to turn the Town of Wrentham into a city, crowded with potential crime

The support/less support choices are difficult depending on what type of development is being discussed. For example, I live in the Sheldonville area and would love a grocery store in this area or in the Wampum Corner area. I would also appreciate a public playground/paved bike trail/green space option. I would not support anything that I need for daily life (such as a grocery store) to go near the outlets because the traffic is already a nightmare. If the discussed development is a hotel/shopping plaza/etc., I would prefer for that to go in an area that already has that type of development, such as Rt 1 or near the outlets.

Encourage University satellite schools at Developmental Center. Stop housing development with out considering traffic impacts.

Why have we not been successful in development along Route 1?

Schools and roads are full. We can't handle any more poeple.

stop growth, leave the town alone

development center

Light business along Route 1 such as office buildings, Do not support more retail as will destroy our quality of life like Dedham

Eliminate dangerous intersections around town common; i.e., block off David Brown Way, make East Street and Common Street a tee intersection with a stop sign on Common. Pave parking lot at Dedham and Franklin Streets. Provide better pedestrian crossings at 1A and 140. Develop downtown i.e, old Crosby lot.

Housing. Several residents have dumps for property. There should be rules and laws preventing residents from dumping cars, major brush, tires and the like and leaving on their property thuis devaluing others property. I have this and the Town has been lax in helping

I strongly support the majority of small business development downtown in order to keep the town cohesive. Rt 1 development is appropriate for the big box and industrial development that would bring out of town revenue.

Route 1 and premium outlets are top two choices for development

Support the rural nature and cleanliness of the Wrentham State Forest

Growth needs to be well thought out, prevent downtown from becoming like Mansfield center!! Need master plan where growth can go. Need plan on what is acceptable. ie, would not want a marijuana shop in town especially downtown

Future development should be restricted to only sites that were previously developed to conserve the remaining open space that Wrentham has which is at risk.

Electric or solar powered trolleys going from center of town to shopping areas. Solar farm owned by town on part of state land or town land,

Instead of building more houses, perhaps we should focus on the people who are already here and giving the town more things like bike or walking paths instead of encouraging new residents. There are plenty of houses already.

Please do not allow continued building of McMansions on huge lots. I would encourage cluster zoning of modest homes that maximize use of land and keep the rural or small town feel. It can be done. Clear cutting trees and building at every spot possible (like Franklin has done) would be a mistake.

Slow down, there are already many vacant office and retail space with For Lease signs on them !

Pattern of growth is always evolving. This is obvious everywhere in Wrentham. One item we see is the amount of traffic. As vehicles and large trucks pound our roads in areas not being addressed. Example, Parks street, trucks have destroyed the drainage system and the road is mess. Water has no place to go and lays on the road and becoming a hazard especially when it freezes. Take a ride over next time it rains

Use abandoned buildings or areas already cleared. Keep natural land as much as possible

I have seen traffic patterns change a great deal throughout the years. I would like to see less traffic in rte. 1A going through town.

Focus should be on downtown revitalization.

West part of Wrentham doesn't have many options (the new CVS is great) but the convenience store in Sheldonville is overpriced with limited selection. Additionally many delivery options from restaurants downtown tack on an additional delivery charge, making me less likely to order from them.

Traffic compounds with Route 1, Outlets, and housing growth.....thus importance of better walking and parking strategies.

Wrentham needs a 365 Whole Foods grocery store in vacant lot behind south street.

The area of Route 140 near the Franklin border is increasingly being developed. Yes, I live in this area so I am part of that development but I feel it is getting a bit excessive. This is very near Lake Pearl and Sweatt beach, in addition to the Eagle Brook. I fear it will become more like the heavily developed area of Route 140 just over the border in Franklin.

All growth should include substantial green space and maintain old growth trees

Less over development of housing in the town

Locate near major roadways

We need to keep some areas of open space and not over develop like Franklin

variety of small buisness; no chains or fast food

I feel that there should be a skatepark somewhere in town.

An addition of a skateboard park

Is there poison and cyanide in the ground from Crosby Valve behind south street?

My favorite thing about Wrentham are it's beautiful open spaces and the value the town puts on them. I hope they remain a priority as well as smart, historically and environmentally sensitive development

As we develop Wrentham we need to be cognizant of children, pets, seniors, athletes and maintain low speed limits in and around neighborhoods

I would like to see the area behind the center developed with more stores and walk ability

If access were gained for Wrentham Developmental Center this should be recreational

We have so much light and noise and environmental pollution already. All the development along Route One has made the traffic sounds from the highway unbearable. Let's save our trees and woodlands

I support keeping the residential and rural sections just as they are and directing business growth towards areas where business already exists.

Wrentham is growing too fast in population without the necessary support there such as water usage, school size and traffic support.

Use existing roads. Don't expand any into highways. Keep it rural with Rt 1 the only major highway.

I would like to maintain the Wrentham Developmental Center as open space with growth targeted in the uptown area and Route 1. I strongly support this growth as revenue sources to reduce residential property taxes.

The new zoning reduces business. By restricting what businesses can be there, we are slowing change by reducing options. If we want to encourage a type of business, let's offer an incentives instead of restricting others.

Otherwise, we will just continue to have old restaurants and junkyards because they can't find a specific tenant that respects the use restrictions

Wrentham needs to advertise the Wrentham Development Center for a college/university. This town would be better served with that land bringing in revenue and tourism via students (similar to Dean for Franklin)

The development along Wampum Corner needs to be architecturally historic. Otherwise, it will become a hodgepodge of development and retail/fast food chains that will destroy the character of the town. The CVS is not within character and has created traffic issues. There also needs to be traffic lights at the corner of 1A and Creek and 1A and Winter.

I avoid Wampum Corner now because it is poorly developed, The chaotic traffic pattern is dangerous.

Wampum Corner to Rt 495 commercial and denser housing

Important to focus on one area initially to solidify town identity.

Avoid areas that already get extremely backed up, such as the outlets and Wampum corner.

Traffic and parking considerations must be addressed as an important component of development. Oppose development at Wampum corner, as the traffic situation would be problematic. It is already difficult to get through from West Wrentham at certain times of morning (pre Covid and presumably how it will be post).

Do everything you can to clean up, upgrade and develop the Route 1 corridor

Parking and traffic should not infringe on private property

Don't want buildings that will lead to more traffic on Rt 1

My biggest concern is downtown. It should maintain its charm through lighting and by keeping the common a place to gather and hold community events. However, more small shops and should be added for business and for people to have access to. Shops such as gifts, bagels, sandwich, ice cream, while keeping it affordable. I'd also love to see the vacant lot behind Dunkin' Donuts used as a space for recreation such as places for kids to play street hockey, basketball during the warm months and then transformed to a place to ice skate in the winter. Green grass area for picnics, etc.

more affordable houses or apartments for blue collar people I work damn hard but I don't make much money it would be nice if I could stay in my town but not my parents home I'm almost 30 for goodness sake

If consistent with the character of the village centers, yes. But this is a little big ambiguous. Big Box shops and services on Rt 1 and near the Outlets? Yes! But not in Wampum Corner or Sheldonville. Green spaces and rural

services/development near Sheldonville, yes. Restaurants near Wampum Corner make sense. Community and Cultural development in the WDC, yes.

build along the major highways, keep it out of the center and rural parts of Wrentham

I think it is very important for the town of Wrentham to maintain some areas of land that are not developed. I think that is part of what keeps it so desirable for people to move to in the first place.

Keep it limited. Small town with open spaces is more important.

Please fix the town center. Even if the shops were open and desirable the traffic and lack of parking sends me elsewhere

"Rural Charm" sounds like keep it white.

Route 1 has seen enough development. The traffic is out of hand, and nothing can be done about it. For example, how many more accidents need to occur before action is taken on the section where Supercharged is?

I support a small amount of shops in the town center. However, I do not support more housing in Wrentham.

Open the Dog Park!

Truly need to revitalize downtown with property behind south street and dirt parking lot. Both eye sores for this beautiful town

Houses are getting too large, and take up too high a percentage of the lot, around Lake Archer

N/A

Residential zoning is a focus for me and cluster zoning seems to be on the rise.

You can't get through Wampum Corner or by the Premium Outlets now. There is too much traffic. Traffic needs to be studied to be redirected if more development is going to happen.

Instead of building more, I would prefer that the Wrentham Development Center be fixed up and the area near the outlets be filled instead of left vacant (or is that Plainville property?)

Unsure of the downtown area, would like park, open space or possible shops. Unsure about housing, we already have too many developments currently under construction.

I feel Route 1, although seems like a great place for development, I live off Route 1. There are already too much traffic & too many accidents. I'm awoken nightly by speeders on my streets & too much traffics. My 16yr old is scared to pull out of our driveway. The state of retail leaves no business to acquire the land

I believe it is imperative to develop the downtown lot. Create the center of town as a destination will do a tremendous amount to improve Wrentham's sense of community.

I do not want to see the downtown area turned into another busy overcrowded center. Development should be focused to the outlying areas of the town near route one and the outlets so we can gain the economic benefit but not the traffic and congestion. Our center is an idyllic asset that differentiates us from other towns in the area

It would be great to have more town services in the Sheldonville and West Wrentham areas.

Put sidewalks in. Can't believe they didn't give the residence of Madison street sidewalks.

Do something with the existing buildings across from the outlets. Make sure developer has a clear plan and contracts for leases before allowing another monstrosity.

Any shops would make most sense in town by the common. Sheldonville should be preserved with no more development, the state school should be used for green space or walking/biking trails rather than development, I'd love to see wampum corner look more like the other areas in town without adding any new buildings at that location

This survey is oriented toward growth. I moved into a small New England town 25 years ago that is under tremendous pressure to give up that feel. CVS at Wampum corner is a real and symbolic example of that loss.

More mixed use areas, denser housing available near the town center along with more restaurants, shops, services, etc.

Mixed-use zoning, greater housing density near the center of town, more shops/services near where people live, fewer developments solely accessible by car / parking lots.

Do not have public transportation

Less businesses such as insurance companies, realtor companies, etc in prime locations. More services that residents need more frequently such as restaurants, shops, classes.

We cannot jam more development into or near the center. We have gone from a charming rural town to an area whose traffic more resembles Brockton, ENOUGH!

If we get forced with a 40B, put it on rt 1 !

Keep the small town feel-don't over develop

I think Madison st. is a prime example of a neighborhood turned upside-down to help a developer

I would like the downtown area to have a place kids can go to hang out while supporting local businesses such as an arcade/pool hall w/water & healthy snack vending machines & a skate park for the kids downtown.

No public transportation

If we wish to make Wrentham affordable to all, we need development to broaden our tax base.

Traffic considerations are of the utmost importance to me. I've seen communities change drastically by new development that increased traffic substantially and made the community almost unlivable.

Our downtown is a squandered resource as it is currently constituted. Much needs to be done. Much can be done.

Adding additional development to most of these areas would greatly increase traffic congestion, although the former Crosby property has considerable positive potential. Route 1 is where you want future development.

The vacant land in sheldonville should be left alone. That is the beauty of living in sheldonville!!!

1st fix roads, control traffic and consider all residents before businesses

It feels like every available open space in Sheldonville and the vicinity is eyed for development. There are a lot of wetlands and wildlife in these areas. I think repurposing areas such as the Wrentham State Hospital property (Wrentham Developmental Center) is a better choice than new construction that will destroy our habitats and impact our natural resources.

I think before we open up the downtown spaces to bigger corporate businesses, we should give priority to Wrentham residents trying to start small businesses.

Large Commercial business keep towards route 1

Planned and controlled growth so the town maintains it's beauty and open spaces without becoming overbuilt like Franklin

I'd like to see a model that preserves and highlights the scenic beauty and wildlife resources in the town. It's one of our biggest assets. This does not mean strictly open space conservation so a builder is allowed to put in 6 houses on tiny lots in a 2-acre zoned 12-acre parcel. This means less houses as zoned! I am for preservation of the town's cultural and natural charm. We need to think long and hard about having too many homes here, and turning a small town into a city.

It is important that we maintain the rustic and charming feel of downtown. We can build up the areas that are already busier. I would like to only see locally owned small businesses downtown!

Better enforcement of zoning laws and allowable uses of properties. Some properties have numerous junk vehicles, outhouses, and other unsightly pieces of equipment littering their property. uses have

no growth without first identifying current traffic issues, and how to fix, along with determining what the increased traffic would do to that area and have it fixed before development goes in. most of these areas are

already experiencing major traffic flow problems. adding further development without fixing that first is irresponsible.

I personally would not like the population of the town to grow and have a more historical and rural feel to it. I also do not want more tourists and visitors of the town than we already have due to the outlets.

Fix the problems we have now. Then go build in an area that isn't a massive inconvenience to people on a daily basis. So basically, use common sense

Do not change existing zoning laws in Residential Areas. We need more commercial growth in the areas outlined, downtown, Route 1 and Route 1A near the outlets and 495.

why do we want to over populate the town. people will move out if it becomes too busy.

n/a

We could use a supermarket across from outlets behind the gas station

Given the new restrictions it's hard to imagine how new businesses will be supported. RT-1 seems like the best option as it grabs the attention of stadium visitors

Would like to make sure if shops/buildings are formed that they are utilized and not sit vacant.

retail development causes traffic. it is more amenable in commercial locations like rte. 1 or by the outlets

For development close to the outlets. Just utilize the space (the old KOA) that has already been developed and sitting vacant for some time now.

Limit chain stores and dining, maintain small town feel/quaintness of Wrentham

Just get started !

I think preserving the rural character is crucial to our community. It is what sets us apart from Franklin and Walpole and keeps our town unique.

If further development occurs, something MUST be done to address the worsening traffic situation in the center of town that is impacting neighborhoods and streets further and further from the center.

Do not add housing which will over burden the school system. Do not want the town over crowded.

i can't imagine more growth near the outlets as the traffic is out of hand as is

I do appreciate all our green space that Wrentham offers!

The Wampum development certainly does not fit with the character of the town.

larger big box businesses on rt 1, smaller boutique stuff in center with bars and restaurants at both locations

Wampum Corner is at capacity. That should not be developed further.

I basically like the 2004 vision statement in terms of growth.

Careful planning is needed so that the town does not lose its appeal as a place to live, with thought given to a planned community that is environmentally sensible.

The gutting of untouched open space for the development of high priced residential development puts a huge strain on town services and ultimately puts an ever increasing burden on taxpayers. Rather than seeing this signal a need for more and more commercial development I'd rather see fewer 100 house mini mansion subdivisions built. Since the state doesn't allow impact fees to be implemented on residential development the only solution is to slow the expansion of major subdivisions.

Growth through new additional neighborhoods demands schools can accommodate families

Please keep Wrentham safe and keep business, housing projects and traffic on the outer perimeters of town.

a more pedestrian-friendly town please

Some zoning needs to change to allow businesses in the town. Wrentham is not business friendly or has never been in years past

It's not safe to walk and bike in Wrentham. I'd like to see paths added to 1A, 121, 140, Taunton, Shear etc that would enable unaccompanied children to get around town)

Limited and charming downtown. Strong development along highways. I.e route 1 and premium outlets

be very cautious about any and all development-once it's built we're stuck with it

Eliminate split tax rate, sewer the downtown area, otherwise little growth

No more growth. Trails through neighborhoods like Autumn that force people to walk, run, and ride on the roads after they build a development like that where people used to be able to go through it. When building a development it would be much nicer for all with a path through it for all to use.

We need to be more forward thinking and let go of being afraid to be bold with our decision making to make our community a better place. History is important but should not hold us back from creating positive change and improvements.

Too much traffic at center of town for developing downtown

1a and 140 needs improvement in many ways. Safety, beauty, economic etc it's archaic

More fitness options (gym or class studio), more restaurants and investing in the library.

I hope growth is carefully considered to prevent Wrentham from turning into a route 1 in Norwood or North Attleboro

Controlled!

I don't see big retailers or additional, large complexes being a positive for the town. I think the architecture will be important.

please stop building, lorusso has enough money. Dont give him anymore

Additional development near outlets only can occur in conjunction with interchange improvements. Working with DCAM to redevelop portions of developmental center while maintaining services for residents would be a new community benefit. Development in Sheldonville beyond a few minor shops (which would be fine) does not appear viable.

Slow or no growth

It's clear from the recent addition of the race track on route one and the number of accidents, everyone on the town side blames the state for mis management. We should develop the route one area but not pass the safety buck to the state. It was irresponsible. .

Please restore the town to a level of beauty that we can all be proud of. Fix old buildings, fix roads and sidewalks. Work with a town designer that can make wrentham the stunning town it deserves to be.

a zero growth policy until they solve the water quality and distribution problem in town...seems we are always on some sort of water ban...

The developers of wrentham have taken over enough of the town. There are already way more developed land than needed. We don't need anymore low income housing. Our percentage of low income housing is already much higher than other towns in mass. We have plenty of "affordable housing". If you want the town to be more affordable please review the high property taxes.

The walkability of the town through all seasons include winter should be an important priority.

A lot of property taxes come from Sheldonville and west. However, our children do not have a park and we have no grocery store.

I don't mind seeing Route 1 being built up because it has several lanes and traffic signals. I do not want more traffic within Wrentham itself. Wampum Corner and the Outlets already have too much traffic.

First and foremost, develop Rte 1 in the way the zoning was recently changed. Secondly focus on the outlets... there is no excuse for no hotel on all the for-sale land. Third, focus on downtown. Although this will add congestion, it'll also add vitality and walkability. Once the paved rail trail between downtown and the outlets is completed, Wrentham will "feel complete." And leave Sheldonville and Wampum Corner alone.

Beyond the outlets, there has been little development to our town and even that gave nothing back to strengthen our community.

This town forgets does not support those in the panhandle (west). Enough taxes are collected from the area, support and development are last or non existent.

If development of the Wrentham Development Center focused preservation and reuse, or demolition and rebuild but keeping the same architectural cues as some of the condemned building, then I would support. But level clearing the site and building apartments, condos, or over 55 housing I would not support.

I'd like to see uniqueness rather than development that can be seen in any other town.

Traffic congestion MUST be a factor of all development plans. And proximity and impacts to residential areas must be considered. Wrentham should not become a commercial town. It will lose its peaceful identity. Conservation and quaint character should attempt to be preserved and wired into future development

Quaint shops: and a drug store (Over the counter only) with a soda fountain counter with swivel seats.

I'd love to see WDC area come back. Even today it's a nice walk but buildings are rundown. It would be great if that were all walkable shops or offices. Community runs/walks

Do not commercialize the downtown area.

The Town should prioritize down town. It should be dense with shops and cafes. These should be charming and similar to other successful downtown areas (Mystic CT, Edgartown Ma etc)

Commitment to schools, keeping residents local by spending \$ where they live

Invest in new sewer and water commission and add more wells

Route 1 for warehousing only M-F 9-5 businesses NO retail as it is a deathtrap unless Town demands Jersey barriers along center divider.

I like the idea of managed growth, especially within the context of maintaining the beauty and charm of a near rural community.

We need a grocery store. Roche Bros please!!!

i am afraid of development opportunities at the WDC given that there are so many ways to mess it up. This development should be considered with Norfolk. Housing alone is bad and there's retail won't survive unless of wrong scale.

Not to grow too fast like neighboring Franklin. Too much building, too many cars, etc

we do not need anymore building in Wrentham. Sready gas too many

Please do not overdevelop

Traffic patterns/infrastructure would have to be improved for further development to be directed towards wampum corner and the outlets. Sheldonville doesn't seem like it could handle a lot of traffic consistent with further development, but I admittedly do not spend much time there.

More retail/dining/services but not low income housing

Enough with the retail development.

Everywhere needs more especially downtown and sheldonville

How long have you lived in Wrentham?

#	Answer	%	Count
1	0-3 years	11.81%	109
2	3-10 years	21.13%	195
3	More than 10 years	65.66%	606
4	Prefer not to answer	1.41%	13
	Total	100%	923

What age are you? (Select one)

#	Answer	%	Count
1	0-18 years	0.43%	4
2	18-24 years	1.30%	12
3	25-34 years	10.06%	93
4	35-44 years	19.48%	180
5	45-54 years	24.35%	225
6	Prefer not to answer	3.03%	28
7	55-64 years	25.65%	237
8	65+	15.69%	145
	Total	100%	924

Do you own or rent your home?

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Own	93.71%	864
2	Rent	1.74%	16
3	Prefer not to answer	4.56%	42
	Total	100%	922

What is your race?

#	Answer	%	Count
1	White	84.82%	782
2	African American	0.33%	3
4	Asian American	0.65%	6
6	Other	1.19%	11
7	Latino	0.65%	6
8	Prefer not to answer	12.36%	114
	Total	100%	922

What is your annual household income

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Under \$50,000	3.49%	32
2	\$50,000-\$100,000	14.60%	134
3	\$100,000-\$150,000	17.97%	165
4	\$150,000-\$200,000	19.93%	183
5	Above \$200,000	20.70%	190
6	Prefer not to answer	23.31%	214
	Total	100%	918

Do you live, work, or own a business in Wrentham? Check all that apply.

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Live	81.48%	849
2	Work	10.84%	113
3	Own a business	5.57%	58
4	Prefer not to answer	2.11%	22
	Total	100%	1042

In what neighborhood do you live? (Select one)

#	Answer	%	Count
1	West Wrentham	14.72%	135
2	Sheldonville	13.30%	122
3	Town Center / Downtown	15.05%	138
4	Wampum Corner	7.63%	70
5	Lakes - Pearl, Archer, Mirror	19.85%	182
6	Off of Route 1	9.16%	84
7	Do not live in Wrentham	0.98%	9
8	Prefer not to answer	6.98%	64
9	Other	12.32%	113
	Total	100%	917

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Interested in being more involved in the planning process? We'd love your help. Tell us more about your interests, and please make sure to add your email address or phone so that we can follow-up.

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Prohibition of STATE REGULATED open burning ENDANGERS all residents by piling up high volume of tree branches which is very substantial due to wind, precipitation and tree lifespan. Fire Chief is totally incompetent, presuming guilt of residents who Follow state burning regulations in which case there is no firefighter needed or present. Chief not aware that his own firefighters are provided with and trained to use respiratory protective gear and will not be in attendence at any lawfully conducted fire. Allowing this brush to accumulate endangers the town and region. We must PREVENT California-style wildfire catastrophes. This Chief encourages them. He tells you he will arbitrarily revoke your rights and privileges based upon his personal opinion of whether "things are normal". A fire chief such as this threatens everything in his path, because that's what a wildfire does, as he increases the build-up of multiple years' dead wood accumulation. Exceeds his authority and displays his ignorance in this actual example of his writings, issued on April Fools' Day. QUOTE==> April 1, 2020: Open Burning is suspended indefinitely Open Burning presents many issues for the Firefighters and the community. We already had several fires burn out of control and create hazardous conditions for our already depleted workforce. Smoke from open burning is also irritating the respiratory system of many residents and Firefighters causing them to question if they are getting sick with Covid-19. Additionally, most people are sheltering in place and have few options when their neighborhood is full of smoke while suffering from chronic respiratory ailments. To put it into perspective, once a Firefighter/Medic or Police Officer becomes symptomatic of Covid-19 (dry cough, scratchy throat, malaise, all symptoms of smoke inhalation/exposure) they are removed from service until they are tested or cleared by a physician. We have limited resources as it is. This also goes for anyone in the community including the doctor/nurse next door, and the police on patrol. This creates undo pressure on our Emergency Services / health care workers and simply isn't worth it. I will reevaluate this decision when things get back to normal but until then Open Burning is suspended Indefinitely. Thank You for your understanding and cooperation. Be Well, Chief Marino

Unfortunately, I cannot make the meeting tomorrow night but can certainly make myself available for future meetings. Thank you.

Please do not overrun the towns services and school system with extensive building affordable or not.

Just a thought, if you have questions in this survey about increasing diversity, someone should have had the foresight to check a calendar and realized that your "Master Plan Virtual Public Forum" is scheduled on Yom Kippur, the most important Jewish holiday.

Grow the open spaces.

There is nepotism in town administration. This should make all residents uncomfortable as the accountability drops to zero

It would be wonderful if fields we have held more option for communities to use them. Rice complex and Sweatt fields are "keep off the grass" kind of places. There should be larger events and use of these lands.

check out Carmel, IN - the new round about capital of the country. It has really made a mark in traffic patterns (think outlet traffic) Wampum corner

I'd love to be more involved with any plans and help in any way I can. I see a ton of potential in Wrentham!

People move to Wrentham to enjoy space and tranquility in a rural setting. Over the years i have seen much building in the Town including Outlets and now a very cluttered Wampum Corner. All in the name of keeping taxes down, which has never happened. Continue building of large apartment complexes is only going to turn this little Town into a "city" like atmosphere. No board should be allowed to "change" the Town as they see fit. Any changes should be voted on at the polls, not by hands up in a school building. Many residents moved from cities due to poor schools, crime, etc. Now it looks like to me and other residents I have spoken to, that this so called planning board is trying to change our Town into just another screwed up city

Natural Gas infrastructure. Either a pass-lane or a XXI century smart style Bridge in 1A/Creek st crossing

stop the growth

partners for development center

Put a walking path at/around Rice Field. Adults would like to use the area too! Thank you.

All public buildings should have solar panels installed.

I want to see wrentham keep its small town feel but be less exclusionary. I find it sad that the Housing Authority has such a small family program. I'd like to see that town proactively take measures to build or rehab affordable housing not just through ch 40B. I'd like to see a Main Streets (downtown) program. Perhaps join in with GATRA somehow.

Thank you for the opportunity

As neighbor in this community we understand the vision concept, but would see that any appropriations are directed at repairs to May safety a priority within our community and take the next step for upgrades and character. Franklin town is great example as to the changes and safety of such a large population.

I cycle and there's not a lot of options to safely cycle around Wrentham. I see a lot of cyclists on West St so it's a popular route but I worry about the safety of cyclists. Rt 1A in downtown needs to be repaved to be safer for cyclists.

My primary areas of interest are traffic safety and control, preservation of nature habitats and cultural enrichment

Develop rail trails for walking biking for a healthier community

Offer more recreation for youth, particularly the teens to keep them out of trouble. Preserve the fields/land at state school, dont put in housing

I think that the town of Wrentham and the surrounding communities could benefit from a skateboard park. There are very few areas in the tri-town where people are able to skateboard. One would be surprised how many residents in the surrounding area skate. This is inclusive for all ages of people and would lead to a greater sense of community.

We need sidewalks on Creek St. and Rte.140 to make it safer for all the people that like to walk downtown.

if we want to encourage businesses, I think we need to offer incentives instead of restrictions. Restrictions slow change, whereas incentives accelerate them.

The town is a Beautiful place it just needs to be kept up better it's gone downhill in the last five years or more

Wrentham should have it's own Newspaper.

Bike trails, roller blade and running trails, shops, sidewalk improvement and technology increase in our schools. The pandemic has proven that the schools have all fallen short on our children's education.

I am interested in learning more about volunteering for the History Commission

Looking forward to the results of the survey! Thank you.

I would love to help our community and am always open to lend a hand.

The left turn onto Hawes Street from Route 1 going south is dangerous. There have been several accident there. I know that that the town may have limited abilities here but something needs tp be done. It has become more acute now that there is more industry on Route 1.

Please invest in wrentham town center infrastructure and beauty. This town is not walkable at all and the use of space is not very good.

I think some folks see Wrentham as a investment opportunity and not home

There is the possibility to eventually create a nature path from Joe's Rock/Birchwood through to the town center, over private and public lands. There is also a proposal to convert the rail bed from Walpole to Plainville into a connected trail system. More long, connected paths like these should be created before the land is overtaken by poorly planned development (ie: random Form A lots placed on existing trails). All development should be done with long term consequences kept in mind.

No public transportation

One of a community's prime responsibilities is to raise well educated, well rounded engaged citizens. To survey townspeople about a plan of development without even mentioning education, seems to me a missed opportunity. The responsibility to educate the whole child lies not only with our schools, but with the community as well and should be included along with activities such as walking, biking, shopping, housing and services.

Rezone land Commercial Industrial and Residential on Rt 1 for Broader Tax Base

I love this new phase of work started on the Master Plan. I hope that we are more successful than we were in 2004 to get this adopted.

- Leeanna Brown

I believe it's very important to preserve the historical roots of the town while keeping it small. I believe that a small town is more attractive to those living in it since it's a community feel. I do not like modern houses being built in the town and the expensive homes because it's not really affordable for the average person. I also want nature trails to be preserved and I want things to improve at the development center but not ruining the nature of the land and also improving on the buildings and conditions of the buildings.

See comments from previous

Thank you for messing it up all these years with doing nothing but make plans. Love my home and property but wish I could pick it up and move it elsewhere. Town of Wrentham is not a community I would ever call my happy place.

Please, above all else, preserve our beautiful downtown. It is the best town center I can think of and my parents and grandparents got to enjoy it before me. I hope my children and grandkids can do the same.

Out of everything that was brought up in the survey, two topics that I would strongly express my feelings on are infrastructure and conservation. When it comes to infrastructure, I envision more sidewalks and bike paths for people to use in busy areas (e.g.; downtown area as well as busy roadways including Routes 1A, 140, and Route 121 and town roads such as Creek St and Madison St). I would also like to see new technologies put into place, such as updated traffic signals and LED crosswalk signs, for people to use when making their way around town. I do agree with keeping new buildings constructed with historical and quintessential points-of-view. I also fully support keeping open conservation land in town because it allows people to come together and make the best of what Wrentham currently has.

Solar panel should be used on public properties and more street lights and better road. More eating shops in and around Wrentham outlet.

Safer walking areas such as sidewalks and bike paths would be an excellent improvement. Also, maintaining the trails in the conservation areas.

When asked whether I live, work, or own a business it would only let me check one circle. I do all three.

Would love to see historic stone wall around gravel parking lot and small island of trees and green space in center of it

We would also benefit from a recreation department that offers a variety of classes for all different ages of residents. This should also include easy online sign-up and payment. Other surrounding towns do a MUCH better job at this. Why not use our own resources and keep money in town while building community among residents?

Green community! We need to use some of our town properties for renewable energy

Just wanted to reiterate how much we love Wrentham, and how lucky we feel to be a part of the town!

Wrentham has so much potential and with a few additions, we wouldn't need to go to Foxboro, Mansfield or Franklin for certain things. Looking forward to the future!

I've been to a number of meetings. We've watched as what was stated, changed on Madison street. Seems like everyone has the towns interests in mind. Frustrating being a 20+ year resident. And we held the last election so only no working people could vote? Seriously? Surprised that is even legal.

I am very disappointed that I cannot walk a stroller outside of my street. The sidewalks are not kept up and are overgrown. There is a lot of trash all along the street mainly nips, razors and other things not appropriate for children. This town need to get the petty theft under control. We have installed surround Arlo system and lighting because we do not feel safe. If we were not from here originally we would entertain the idea of moving to a town that has more charm and a general feeling of being included and safe.

I heard that a rail trail has gone before the CPA for funding. I would love to see outdoor sculptures as feature of the trail.

Good luck! The last guy that did the master plan was tarred and feathered. It's a long road and I wish you strength!

I would like to see a walking and bike path on Shears St and other heavily used roads. Having a safe place to walk and bike is important for the safety of Wrentham residents. The center common area is not safe for cars or pedestrians.

Need to aggressively protect public space and waterways.

Appreciate the Wrentham Public Health Nurses. They are a valuable asset to the town.

Why can't I provide my email on the town website? Will this survey REALLY be anonymous if I add my email?? Food for thought. Also, I do NOT want to defund the police.

We don't need to be the town that bans everything. We don't need excessive fines or regulations to keep order.

Ranked voting for local elections

I would love to see the downtown area re designed. Not just for traffic flow, but to keep the people off Wrentham excited and using the area for shopping and restaurants.

I believe in responsible stewardship by the least intrusive means. I agree with the Founders' idea of small/local government and although I understand the essential need for government, I subscribe to the maxim that "the Government that governs least, governs best."

Thank you for all your hard work