

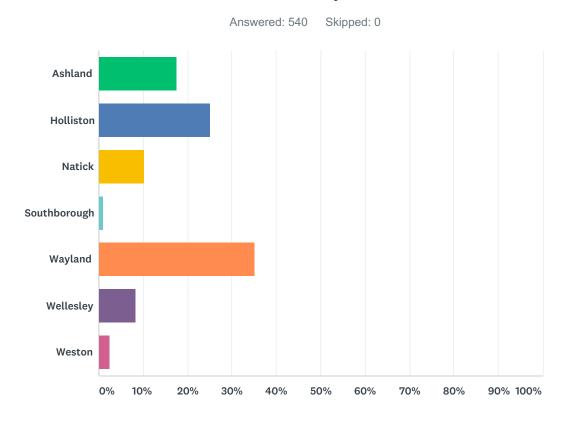


# MetroWest Town Meeting Survey – Compiled Results

Monday, July 02, 2018

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

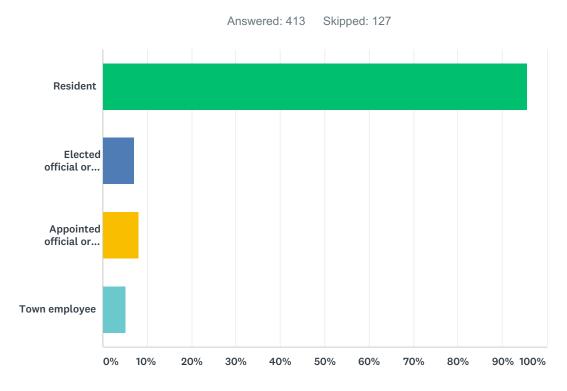
## Q1 What town do you live in?



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Ashland	17.59%	95
Holliston	25.19%	136
Natick	10.19%	55
Southborough	1.11%	6
Wayland	35.19%	190
Wellesley	8.33%	45
Weston	2.41%	13

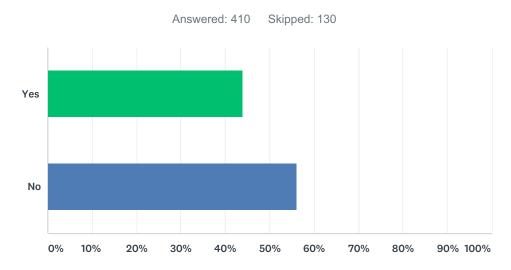
TOTAL 540

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



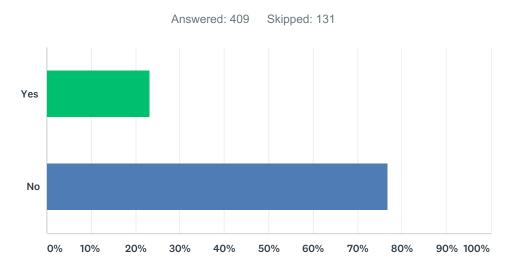
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Resident	95.64%	395
Elected official or town board/committee member	7.02%	29
Appointed official or town board/committee member	8.23%	34
Town employee	5.33%	22
Total Respondents: 413		

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



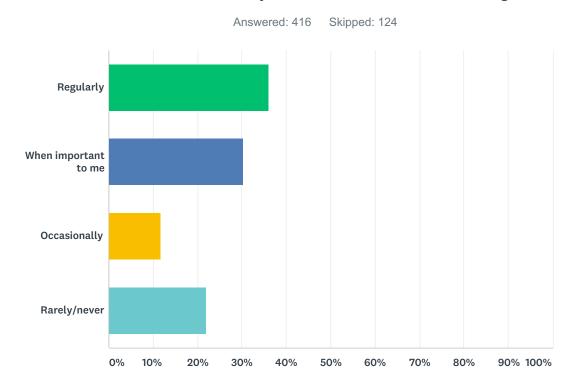
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	43.90%	180
No	56.10%	230
TOTAL		410

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



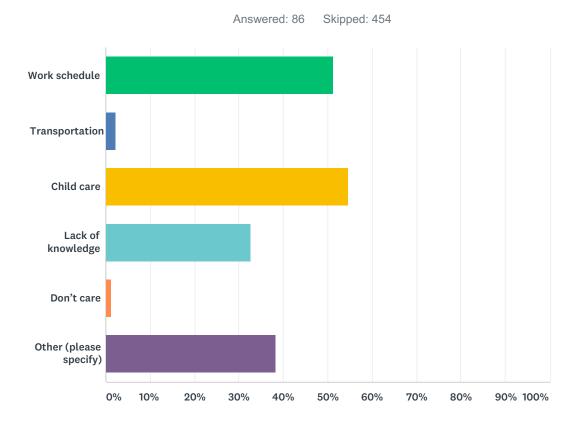
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	23.23%	95
No	76.77%	314
TOTAL		409

## Q5 How often do you attend Town Meetings?



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Regularly	36.06%	150
When important to me	30.29%	126
Occasionally	11.78%	49
Rarely/never	21.88%	91
TOTAL		416

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

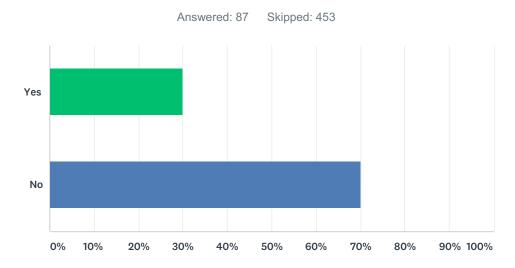


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Work schedule	51.16%	44
Transportation	2.33%	2
Child care	54.65%	47
Lack of knowledge	32.56%	28
Don't care	1.16%	1
Other (please specify)	38.37%	33
Total Respondents: 86		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	just moved from a non-town meeting town, haven't experienced the highly inefficient method except with negative result of library vote which we supported and were confused that we needed to vote again a 2nd time. Pretty archaic system.	6/2/2018 4:22 PM
2	Prefer to view it on TV.	5/31/2018 8:03 PM
3	Lack of predictability re schedule for agenda items	5/31/2018 1:56 PM
4	Confusion regarding process and scheduling	5/31/2018 10:56 AM
5	Lasts too long	5/30/2018 9:37 PM
6	too time consuming	5/28/2018 8:46 AM
7	runs to late at night, school agenda is voted on people leave and not enough people are left for a quarm.	5/22/2018 10:27 AM
8	Although town meeting is a nice way to let everyone express their opinions, it is a terribly inefficient way to govern. Modern times call for elected officials that can make these sorts of decisions. Although I was very interested in the library vote this year, I refused to fight for a parking space and to sit there waiting for the issue to come up. A new way to govern has to be explored.	5/21/2018 11:03 AM
9	Not sure on dates of town meetings	5/21/2018 9:17 AM
10	travel	5/18/2018 7:43 AM
11	It's unclear whether issues that are important to me will even come to a vote on the day of the town meeting: it might go over into the next day. No way to organize family life in advance.	5/16/2018 3:19 PM
12	Completely archaic system benefiting only those with tons of time and resources to advocate for their passion projectsunfair to those of us that care, but have very busy lives.	5/16/2018 10:09 AM
13	health issues, such as 9 surgeries over 30 living in town. Most have made it difficult to be aware from home and toilet facilities, especially the last 2 1/2 years ago requiring a feeding tube. I I rarely leave home, no dinnerers out etc. But I have always cared about town and voted mailing yearly. I get frustrated have no voice at town meeting. My opinions would likely not have passed but it is the ability to participate that is important.	5/15/2018 7:27 AM
14	Meeting attended mostly by complainers.	5/15/2018 6:32 AM
15	would prefer to watch AND participate via web cast	5/14/2018 12:43 PM
16	Not representative of all residents.	5/6/2018 9:57 PM
17	I don't feel it's a good use of my time	4/30/2018 11:45 AM
18	It doesn't matter what residents think - small group in charge do whatever they want regardless of resident opinions	4/28/2018 8:46 AM
19	Out of date and biased	4/26/2018 9:20 PM
20	To dream out. Lots of waisted time.	4/26/2018 7:28 PM
21	Knowing that I potentially have to go to 2, 3, 4 nights of meetings to get through the agenda is not a good use of my time, with family and other commitments. I dont want to listen to every person's comments on every matter on the warrant.	4/26/2018 4:37 PM
22	Feel that my vote is useless. The one who is the most loud always win	4/26/2018 1:08 PM
23	Waste of time	4/26/2018 8:56 AM

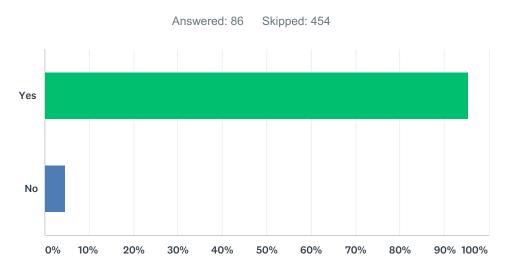
24	Work, and meetings not widely promoted	4/26/2018 8:35 AM
25	Takes too long	4/25/2018 11:57 PM
26	Takes way too much time	4/25/2018 2:57 PM
27	I used to go all the time. But speakers have become angry, nasty and (too often) personal. It's hard to listen to.	4/25/2018 10:32 AM
28	Not Prominently Advertised	4/25/2018 9:20 AM
29	Time constraints	4/25/2018 9:00 AM
30	Limited awareness	4/4/2018 11:53 PM
31	Unacceptable time commitment (long and late at night)	4/2/2018 7:54 PM
32	Kids activities	4/2/2018 6:14 PM
33	Too late in the evening for my schedule and very inefficient	4/2/2018 6:08 PM

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



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	29.89%	26
No	70.11%	61
TOTAL		87

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



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	95.35%	82
No	4.65%	4
TOTAL		86

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

Answered: 75 Skipped: 465

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	More publicized meeting times, a clearer agenda	6/12/2018 8:49 PM
2	A vote to abolish the 'town meeting' style of governing. Very archaic and ineffective.	6/2/2018 4:22 PM
3	Topic	6/1/2018 8:04 PM
4	Childcare, time commitment	5/31/2018 10:19 PM
5	Change the time	5/31/2018 9:40 PM
6	Smoother Presentation	5/31/2018 8:03 PM
7	More awareness, concise schedule	5/31/2018 4:53 PM
8	Better voting process, shorter meetings	5/31/2018 1:56 PM
9	If it was for voting only, so that it was a reasonable duration (under 1 hour)	5/31/2018 12:36 PM
10	Being required to attend to vote IS 100% DISENFRANCHISEMENT	5/31/2018 12:34 PM
11	If you could vote while NOT in attendance.	5/31/2018 12:32 PM
12	understanding the process; resolving the dilemma that the small percentage of overly vocal folks don't represent the vast majority of opinions; streamline the process to be less tedious, cumbersome, and time consuming	5/31/2018 10:56 AM
13	Weekend meetings	5/31/2018 5:43 AM
14	Internet voting	5/30/2018 10:48 PM
15	I would prefer not to attend in person.	5/30/2018 9:37 PM
16	Remote access or absentee ballot	5/30/2018 9:15 PM
17	2+ nights is unacceptable. Online/remote voting would be amazing	5/30/2018 9:14 PM
18	It would need to be much, much shorter.	5/28/2018 8:46 AM
19	Weekend Town Meeting	5/25/2018 6:06 AM
20	Start time early and school issues are voted on last.	5/22/2018 10:27 AM
21	Nothing would make me attend. The format has outlived its usefullness.	5/21/2018 11:03 AM
22	If I saw more action take place after voting	5/21/2018 9:17 AM
23	alternate meeting times	5/18/2018 7:43 AM

24	Communication/awareness	5/17/2018 10:22 PM
25	Remote voting	5/16/2018 3:30 PM
26	An agenda that was firmly adhered to (e.g. each issue will get 20 mins). A website dedicated to the issues that clearly explained both sides, that was updated regularly, so you could inform yourself in advance.	5/16/2018 3:19 PM
27	I doubt I would ever physically attend unless I was retired/semi-retired	5/16/2018 10:09 AM
28	More convenient scheduling.	5/15/2018 2:00 PM
29	Remove viewing/voting options	5/15/2018 7:48 AM
30	In my case, not really an option.	5/15/2018 7:27 AM
31	Less open microphone time.	5/15/2018 6:32 AM
32	The town meeting needs to move more quickly and decisions should not be made by the very few that do attend.	5/14/2018 12:43 PM
33	Shorter duration and scheduled at convenient time for working parents.	5/8/2018 2:46 PM
34	Nothing, that's why this type of gov needs to be eliminated. As a busy professional with a young family, it is virtually impossible.	5/7/2018 7:57 PM
35	Don't know.	5/6/2018 9:57 PM
36	1. If it wasn't on Monday night. 2. If it wasn't so long 3. If people didn't use it as their personal soapbox	4/30/2018 11:45 AM
37	When children are grown	4/29/2018 7:36 AM
38	Why bother	4/28/2018 8:46 AM
39	Work and child schedule prohibits participation	4/26/2018 9:20 PM
40	More efficient use of time	4/26/2018 7:28 PM
41	1 night	4/26/2018 4:37 PM
42	set schedule (we know when it will end) and my vote actually means something	4/26/2018 1:08 PM
43	end the scripting. officials are prepped and things go by the script	4/26/2018 8:56 AM
44	More notice, weekend meetings	4/26/2018 8:35 AM
45	Knowing that town meeting wouldn't last more than one night	4/25/2018 11:57 PM
46	Weekend time or shorter weeknight meetings with a deadline of 2 hours	4/25/2018 9:51 PM
47	Shorter, not during the evening.	4/25/2018 4:08 PM
48	Nothing.	4/25/2018 2:57 PM
49	make it shorter, just vote. Have pre-reads available.	4/25/2018 2:03 PM
50	If it were better advertised	4/25/2018 12:31 PM
51	Remote meetings	4/25/2018 10:56 AM
52	More decorum.	4/25/2018 10:32 AM

53	Issues that affected my family	4/25/2018 10:22 AM
54	I would watch a stream online	4/25/2018 9:37 AM
55	I'm not sure my attendance has any value to the town meeting, that me being their has any effect on the running of the town.	4/25/2018 9:00 AM
56	Saturday meeting, faster meeting (less nights), or eVoting	4/25/2018 9:00 AM
57	I know this is unpopular, but I'd give up a Sat or Sun morning for town meeting.	4/25/2018 8:38 AM
58	If they were shorter then I'd be more likely to hire a babysitter. There have to be ways to make it more efficient. Distribute info online; give the opportunity for online comments; make the meeting about voting only or something like that	4/6/2018 1:19 PM
59	Open minded forums	4/4/2018 11:53 PM
60	Ability to attend remotely	4/3/2018 12:54 AM
61	Child care;high school students could earn community service credits if they hosted care for kids.	4/2/2018 9:17 PM
62	Child care	4/2/2018 9:08 PM
63	A vote on an issue that I feel strongly about	4/2/2018 8:39 PM
64	More info	4/2/2018 8:35 PM
65	If I could afford to pay for childcare to attend live, if residents could have a time limit on their statements or be held to asking questions only	4/2/2018 8:24 PM
66	I just want to vote. I don't want to listen to hours of arguments.	4/2/2018 7:54 PM
67	The timing just never works and they run for hours. Keep separate meetings for discussion and voting if this antiquated form must stay.	4/2/2018 7:16 PM
68	Not sure	4/2/2018 7:06 PM
69	IDK, the timing is awful for me, but probably better for most	4/2/2018 6:14 PM
70	Nothing. It is an antiquated form of town govt and disproportionately effects working parents, caretakers, travelers, etc	4/2/2018 6:08 PM
71	online voting watching meeting on tv	4/2/2018 6:01 PM
72	Important vote relating to the budget or schools	4/2/2018 4:58 PM
73	remote voting. better yet, move to representative town meeting	4/2/2018 4:43 PM
74	Knowing the agenda ahead of time, plenty of notice, reminders on social media	4/2/2018 4:43 PM
75	knowing when and what they were about	4/2/2018 4:39 PM

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

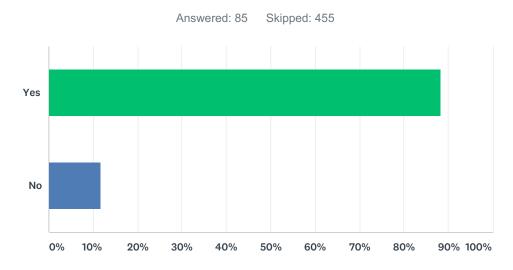
Answered: 61 Skipped: 479

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Ask them	6/12/2018 8:49 PM
2	Control the wacky loud mouth people from commandeering these forums.	6/2/2018 4:22 PM
3		5/31/2018 10:19 PM
4	Changing the time and forum	5/31/2018 9:40 PM
5	More orderly presentation	5/31/2018 8:03 PM
6	Not sure	5/31/2018 4:53 PM
7	Same as above	5/31/2018 1:56 PM
8	If it was for voting only, so that it was a reasonable duration (under 1 hour)	5/31/2018 12:36 PM
9	Being able to vote remotely or within a time interval and not only when vote comes up	5/31/2018 12:34 PM
10	Weekend meeting times	5/31/2018 12:32 PM
11	understanding the process; resolving the dilemma that the small percentage of overly vocal folks don't represent the vast majority of opinions; streamline the process to be less tedious, cumbersome, and time consuming	5/31/2018 10:56 AM
12	Weekend meetings	5/31/2018 5:43 AM
13	Not sure	5/30/2018 10:48 PM
14	Not sure. Attending in person over consecutive days is just not practical.	5/30/2018 9:37 PM
15	Voting in polls like an election	5/30/2018 9:15 PM
16	Less time commitment	5/30/2018 9:14 PM
17	Don't know	5/28/2018 8:46 AM
18	Babysitting, remote viewing, shuttles for satellite parking	5/25/2018 6:06 AM
19	Start time early	5/22/2018 10:27 AM
20	I think most of us feel the same way as I do.	5/21/2018 11:03 AM
21	not sure	5/18/2018 7:43 AM
22	Awareness	5/17/2018 10:22 PM
23	Remote voting	5/16/2018 3:30 PM

24	Same as above: schedule so you know when things will be discussed, website to go to beforehand with easily digestible information.	5/16/2018 3:19 PM
25	I honestly don't know, as I'm someone that cares and always votes, but doesn't attend	5/16/2018 10:09 AM
26	Remove viewing/voting options	5/15/2018 7:48 AM
27	TOday's like makes it difficult, whether the meeting is once or twice yearly or not. I am not sure. Especially for young families.	5/15/2018 7:27 AM
28	Shorter duration and scheduled at convenient time for working parents.	5/8/2018 2:46 PM
29	Don't know.	5/6/2018 9:57 PM
30	Shorten the meeting; enforce time limits on speaking	4/30/2018 11:45 AM
31	Quicker meetings	4/29/2018 7:36 AM
32	important issue to them but it really doesn't matter	4/28/2018 8:46 AM
33	smaller, topic specific, timebound	4/26/2018 9:20 PM
34	More efficient use of time	4/26/2018 7:28 PM
35	1 night	4/26/2018 4:37 PM
36	online voting.	4/26/2018 1:08 PM
37	a more professional management structure	4/26/2018 8:56 AM
38	n/a	4/26/2018 8:35 AM
39	Knowledge of issues/decisions needed	4/25/2018 11:57 PM
40	Weekend meetings or shorter meetings	4/25/2018 9:51 PM
41	Being better informed.	4/25/2018 4:08 PM
42	Nothing. Too time consuming.	4/25/2018 2:57 PM
43	Awareness	4/25/2018 2:03 PM
44	Same	4/25/2018 12:31 PM
45	Not sure	4/25/2018 10:56 AM
46	Not sure.	4/25/2018 10:32 AM
47	Not sure	4/25/2018 10:22 AM
48	Scheduling at different times each meeting	4/25/2018 9:37 AM
49	EVoting, more efficient/fewer meetings	4/25/2018 9:00 AM
50	I don't think anyone should speak for another person.	4/25/2018 8:38 AM
51	no idea	4/6/2018 1:19 PM
52	Ability to attend remotely	4/3/2018 12:54 AM

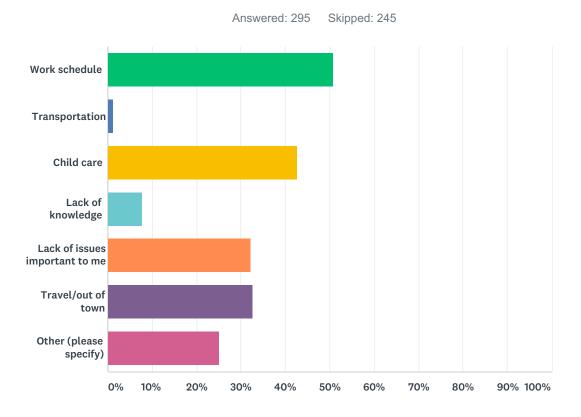
53	Unknown. I am new to town.	4/2/2018 9:08 PM
54	No idea	4/2/2018 8:39 PM
55	Availability and affordability of childcare	4/2/2018 8:24 PM
56	Make it shorter. Move discussion to written/online forum	4/2/2018 7:54 PM
57	Not so long.	4/2/2018 7:16 PM
58	online voting watching meeting on tv	4/2/2018 6:01 PM
59	remote voting. or getting rid of town meeting	4/2/2018 4:43 PM
60	Tie in with local business - mini farmer's market or restaurant businesses offering samples ahead of time- good for those with no chance to eat dinner!	4/2/2018 4:43 PM
61	same as above	4/2/2018 4:39 PM

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



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	88.24%	75
No	11.76%	10
TOTAL		85

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



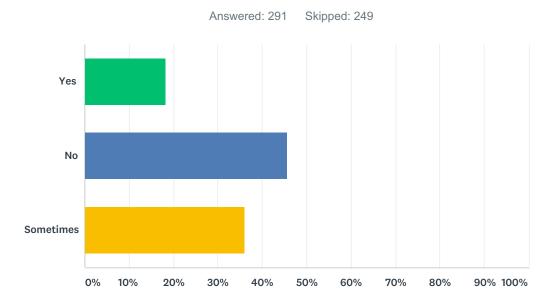
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Work schedule	50.85%	150
Transportation	1.36%	4
Child care	42.71%	126
Lack of knowledge	7.80%	23
Lack of issues important to me	32.20%	95
Travel/out of town	32.54%	96
Other (please specify)	25.08%	74

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	to many speakers w/ lack of substance	6/26/2018 3:22 PM
2	Forget, illness,too long over days	6/25/2018 7:39 AM
3	Health	6/8/2018 7:35 PM
4	When dates for the meeting are not made available well in advance. Setting a standard time for Town Meeting to begin each year would be ideal.	6/8/2018 9:02 AM
5	other things scheduled at same time	6/6/2018 8:20 AM
6	Have to attend some other meeting occasionally.	6/1/2018 9:58 PM
7	Attendance at children's sports	6/1/2018 4:46 PM
8	Length	5/31/2018 5:09 PM
9	I never miss town meeting	5/31/2018 4:53 PM
10	Too lazy	5/31/2018 4:40 PM
11	have never missed TM in 30 years	5/31/2018 4:30 PM
12	Meetings run too long and too late	5/31/2018 4:09 PM
13	As someone elderly and retired I do not feel comfortable to be out at night	5/31/2018 3:33 PM
14	Weather	5/31/2018 2:01 PM
15	Never miss it but sometimes gets boring	5/31/2018 12:27 PM
16	Time	5/31/2018 12:13 PM
17	I travel for work. My wife often works night and is unavailable and we have small children who need a sitter	5/31/2018 9:54 AM
18	Too time consuming and runs much later than I usually go to bed.	5/31/2018 9:21 AM
19	Child care child care	5/31/2018 8:08 AM
20	just too long, I usually go for 2 out of 4 nights	5/31/2018 7:37 AM
21	Sickness, weather, lack of parking, the frustration of the complete inefficiencies of the meeting, listening to crazy members of the public talking, the fact they go on for hours	5/31/2018 7:03 AM
22	other things scheduled at same time	5/31/2018 6:03 AM
23	religious holidays	5/30/2018 10:00 PM
24	Other commitments during specific time of meeting	5/30/2018 9:25 PM
25	Long and drawn out with terrible seating	5/30/2018 8:12 PM
26	I regularly attend	5/30/2018 5:10 PM

27	I never miss town meeting (why is that not a choice!)	5/30/2018 3:53 PM
28	I find direct town meeting to be non-democratic, extremely inefficient, and poorly managed. If we are to have town meetings, they should be "representative" in format.	5/30/2018 2:18 PM
29	other conflicting meetings or guests	5/30/2018 10:38 AM
30	make a point of being available for town meeting and never missing	5/28/2018 11:44 AM
31	It is simply exhausting after a work day, especially when it lasts for more than one night.	5/28/2018 12:27 AM
32	I would only miss it if ill.	5/27/2018 11:06 PM
33	illness	5/22/2018 1:57 PM
34	pure laziness	5/21/2018 7:16 PM
35	Conflicts with family schedule, lack of parking at town meeting, lack of willingness to spend 3-4 hours on multiple nights to cast my single vote	5/21/2018 5:39 PM
36	emergency	5/21/2018 3:16 PM
37	Too frustrating if the issue is not very important to me.	5/21/2018 9:52 AM
38	Rarely miss going to TM	5/21/2018 9:46 AM
39	Inconvenient and indefinite time commitments	5/21/2018 9:14 AM
40	Length of meetings	5/16/2018 10:23 PM
41	sick	5/16/2018 6:22 PM
42	Too long, too boring.	5/16/2018 6:02 PM
43	I don't get reliable information of when it is. I usually only find out the timing only a day or two before or sometimes after the fact	5/15/2018 3:15 PM
44	I do attend.	5/15/2018 1:39 PM
45	illness	5/15/2018 12:05 PM
46	meetings too long	5/15/2018 7:25 AM
47	Takes SOOOOO long	5/15/2018 12:22 AM
48	Physically Unable	5/10/2018 3:12 PM
49	lazy	5/7/2018 7:15 PM
50	runs too late at night	5/7/2018 4:59 PM
51	It's a circus, and sometimes I don't want to deal with the drama	4/29/2018 6:49 PM
52	Don't miss town mtg	4/26/2018 8:14 PM
53	Conflict with a course	4/26/2018 7:00 PM

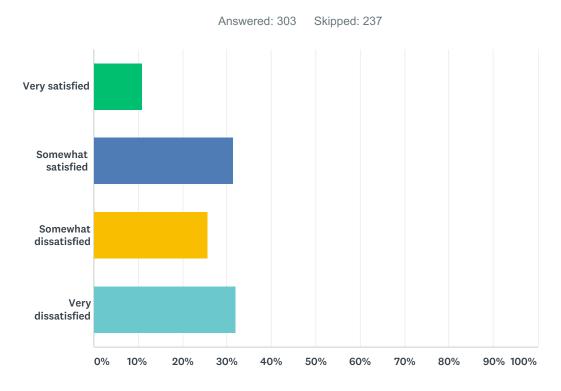
54	Snow storm	4/26/2018 5:59 PM
55	Sometimes the weather	4/26/2018 5:26 PM
56	other commitments that night	4/26/2018 10:41 AM
57	Frustration	4/26/2018 9:16 AM
58	They continue too late into night, & practically always never make decisions. They keep carrying over a subject!	4/26/2018 8:43 AM
59	Too tired after work	4/25/2018 7:10 PM
60	Procedural red tape	4/25/2018 1:46 PM
61	Other obligations	4/25/2018 12:48 PM
62	Privacy, I don't want people judging me	4/25/2018 10:29 AM
63	Tired. I know I will get home late and have to get up early.	4/25/2018 10:16 AM
64	2nd job, previous engagement	4/25/2018 10:13 AM
65	I am dead.	4/25/2018 9:06 AM
66	Other schedule commitments	4/3/2018 4:03 PM
67	Time	4/2/2018 9:30 PM
68	Illness	4/2/2018 6:53 PM
69	Don't think it is efficient or fair.	4/2/2018 6:07 PM
70	Didn't plan ahead/know in advance to attend	4/2/2018 5:49 PM
71	Don't want to sit through 5 looms turning a 60 minute meeting into a 6 hour meeting by ranting on every topic	4/2/2018 5:29 PM
72	sick	4/2/2018 5:20 PM
73	illness	4/2/2018 5:09 PM
74	goes too long and too late at night	4/2/2018 4:30 PM

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



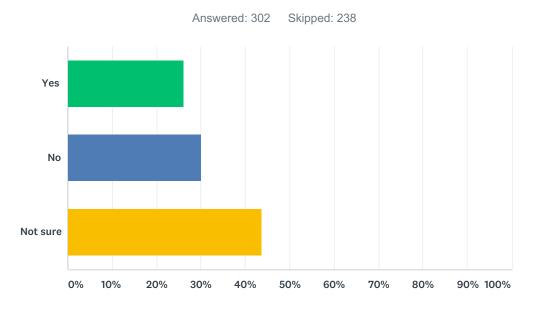
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	18.21%	53
No	45.70%	133
Sometimes	36.08%	105
TOTAL		291

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



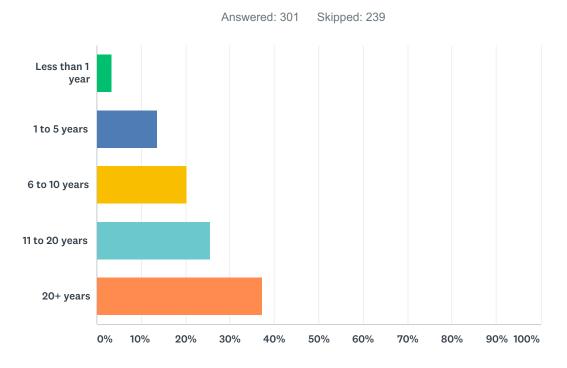
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very satisfied	10.89%	33
Somewhat satisfied	31.35%	95
Somewhat dissatisfied	25.74%	78
Very dissatisfied	32.01%	97
TOTAL		303

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



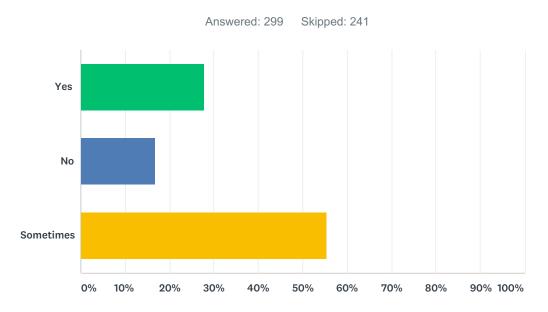
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	26.16%	79
No	30.13%	91
Not sure	43.71%	132
TOTAL		302

## Q16 How long have you lived in your town?



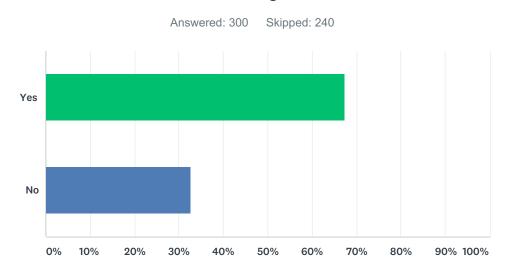
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Less than 1 year	3.32%	10
1 to 5 years	13.62%	41
6 to 10 years	20.27%	61
11 to 20 years	25.58%	77
20+ years	37.21%	112
TOTAL		301

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



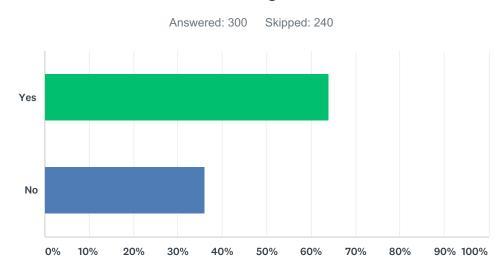
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	27.76%	83
No	16.72%	50
Sometimes	55.52%	166
TOTAL		299

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



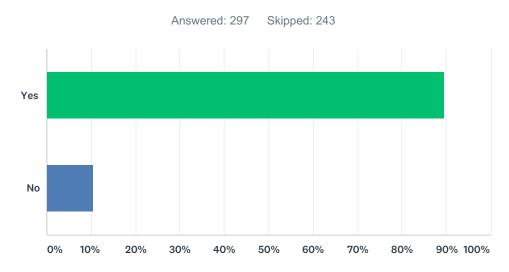
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	67.33%	202
No	32.67%	98
TOTAL		300

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



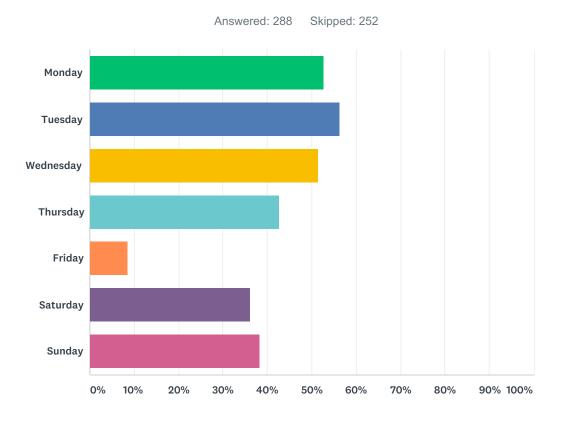
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	64.00%	192
No	36.00%	108
TOTAL		300

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



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	89.56%	266
No	10.44%	31
TOTAL		297

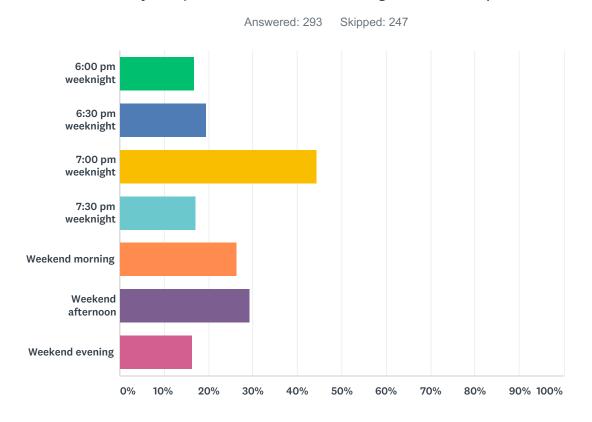
## Q21 What days of the week do you prefer that Town Meeting be held? (check all that apply)



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Monday	52.78%	152
Tuesday	56.25%	162
Wednesday	51.39%	148
Thursday	42.71%	123
Friday	8.68%	25
Saturday	36.11%	104
Sunday	38.19%	110

Total Respondents: 288

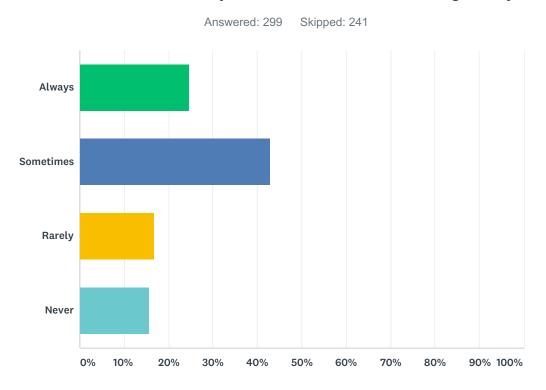
## Q22 What time do you prefer Town Meeting to start? (check all that apply)



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
6:00 pm weeknight	16.72%	49
6:30 pm weeknight	19.45%	57
7:00 pm weeknight	44.37%	130
7:30 pm weeknight	17.06%	50
Weekend morning	26.28%	77
Weekend afternoon	29.35%	86
Weekend evening	16.38%	48

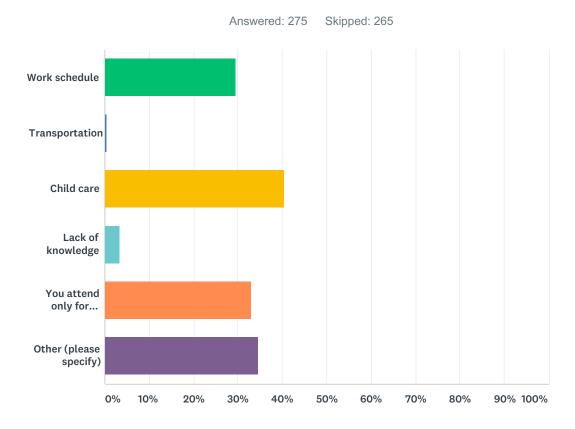
Total Respondents: 293

## Q23 How often do you leave Town Meeting early?



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Always	24.75%	74
Sometimes	42.81%	128
Rarely	16.72%	50
Never	15.72%	47
TOTAL		299

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



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Work schedule	29.45%	81
Transportation	0.36%	1
Child care	40.36%	111
Lack of knowledge	3.27%	9
You attend only for articles important to you	33.09%	91
Other (please specify)	34.55%	95
Total Respondents: 275		

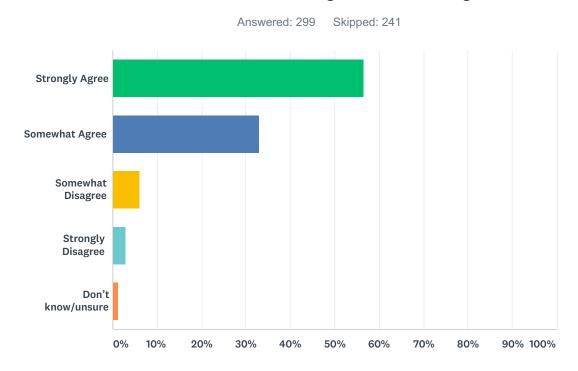
#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Too long with uncertain timing and comments by same people every year.	6/25/2018 7:39 AM
2	Goes to late, past my bedtime. And they just keep talking	6/11/2018 10:16 AM
3	Need to get home	6/8/2018 9:40 AM
4	BedtimeI get up early and meetings sometimes run late	6/2/2018 4:06 PM
5	not efficient; should also allow voting online	6/1/2018 11:23 AM
6	Am feeling too tired; it was too long.	5/31/2018 10:18 PM
7	Meeting hijacked by group seeking to delay vote to lower # of working parents able to attend/vote	5/31/2018 8:11 PM
8	Minority has hijacked the meeting and time wasting to delay votes until working parents cannot attend	5/31/2018 7:59 PM
9	never leave early	5/31/2018 6:09 PM
10	I never leave town meeting early	5/31/2018 4:53 PM
11	meeting is too long/too late	5/31/2018 4:09 PM
12	Not comfortable being out late as someone elderly	5/31/2018 3:33 PM
13	Meetings run past the time I need to get to bed to get adequate sleep	5/31/2018 9:21 AM
14	Frustration at the people who deliberately try to slow things down	5/31/2018 8:12 AM
15	just tired	5/31/2018 7:37 AM
16	You are missing the point. The meetings are long arduous and really boring. The seats are uncomfortable. Give me a polling booth and a sheet with check boxes. Give me a mail in vote. I have no interest in these town meetings. If I can vote someone into the highest office in the land from a check box I can certainly vote on a town issue that way.	5/31/2018 7:03 AM
17	Sports	5/30/2018 10:37 PM
18	I'm exhausted and need to get up early the following morning	5/30/2018 10:09 PM
19	Too long and inefficient meetings	5/30/2018 10:04 PM
20	It gets late.	5/30/2018 10:00 PM
21	it's running too late	5/30/2018 10:00 PM
22	Goes on too long	5/30/2018 9:51 PM
23	Too late	5/30/2018 9:45 PM
24	Inefficient presentation of articles	5/30/2018 8:12 PM
25	tired	5/30/2018 5:17 PM
26	I regularly stay until the end	5/30/2018 5:10 PM
27	fatigue	5/30/2018 4:44 PM

28	it's a work day the next day and it often runs too late- 11 or 11:30	5/30/2018 10:38 AM
29	i don't leave early	5/28/2018 11:44 AM
30	Again, it is exhausting.	5/28/2018 12:27 AM
31	can't take it anymore	5/27/2018 4:29 PM
32	Go on too long and the articles are minor or I know will pass	5/27/2018 10:18 AM
33	Never	5/27/2018 9:11 AM
34	town meeting going very late	5/21/2018 8:22 PM
35	they just run too late.	5/21/2018 7:16 PM
36	Meetings are too long	5/21/2018 12:06 PM
37	I never leave early	5/21/2018 11:29 AM
38	late hour	5/21/2018 11:02 AM
39	I don't	5/18/2018 8:04 AM
40	Length of meeting	5/16/2018 10:23 PM
41	Goes on too long	5/16/2018 6:02 PM
42	don't remember ever leaving early	5/15/2018 3:15 PM
43	usually stay to the end	5/15/2018 12:05 PM
44	It goes too late	5/15/2018 11:23 AM
45	past my bedtime, late at night. 10pm should be the deadline	5/15/2018 10:02 AM
46	Letting people drone on and on (usually the same ones) only wastes everyone's time	5/15/2018 8:57 AM
47	Goes long	5/15/2018 8:07 AM
48	Tired	5/15/2018 7:41 AM
49	Do not leave early	5/15/2018 7:34 AM
50	simply too long to sit	5/15/2018 7:25 AM
51	Meeting is too late and I need to get up early	5/15/2018 5:32 AM
52	Meetings last too long/lose focus/have to go to bed	5/15/2018 12:22 AM
53	Fatigue	5/7/2018 6:59 PM
54	Never leave early but I wasn't allowed to skip this question.	5/7/2018 10:15 AM
55	It is running very late	5/1/2018 7:15 PM

57	I don't leave early	4/29/2018 5:54 PM
58	Topics going off on a tangent	4/29/2018 7:41 AM
59	town places items of interest at end of agenda so that discussion carries over to the following day	4/27/2018 4:25 PM
60	If I have work the next day and we're done with articles I'm interested in, I sometimes leave early	4/27/2018 10:20 AM
61	Just gets too late for me (& no, I'm not that old)	4/27/2018 9:02 AM
62	Late time	4/26/2018 9:38 PM
63	unimportant articles left	4/26/2018 9:23 PM
64	Don't leave early	4/26/2018 8:14 PM
65	I am exhausted by 10:00 and would have difficulty working the next day if I stayed past then	4/26/2018 7:00 PM
66	Never	4/26/2018 5:59 PM
67	Going too late	4/26/2018 5:26 PM
68	Bored	4/26/2018 3:10 PM
69	need to get up the next day	4/26/2018 10:41 AM
70	They run too late	4/26/2018 9:28 AM
71	Frustration bored	4/26/2018 9:16 AM
72	It goes too late and I have to get up early for work	4/26/2018 9:09 AM
73	Gets too late, & very dark.	4/26/2018 8:43 AM
74	Meetings run very late	4/25/2018 10:43 PM
75	Don't leave early	4/25/2018 12:48 PM
76	TIRED	4/25/2018 10:50 AM
77	Tired, Frustrated with discussion etc.	4/25/2018 10:16 AM
78	late hour	4/25/2018 8:56 AM
79	Nothing productive left	4/3/2018 7:56 AM
80	don't leave early	4/2/2018 10:27 PM
81	They go on for too long	4/2/2018 9:30 PM
82	They are just too long, go too late, and I need to wake up early	4/2/2018 8:47 PM
83	I am a morning person and 10 pm or later is too late for me.	4/2/2018 8:00 PM
84	Illness - can't stay for long periods	4/2/2018 6:53 PM
85	Too late!!!!!	4/2/2018 6:26 PM

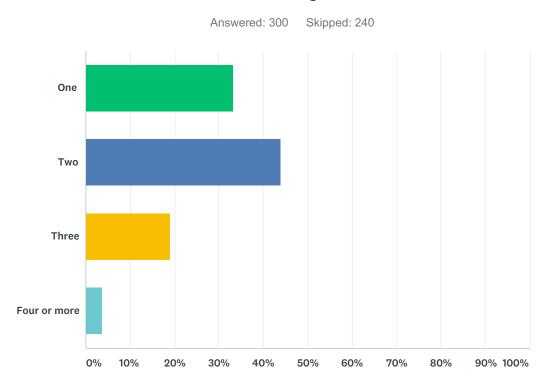
86	Running very late	4/2/2018 6:07 PM
87	Too long, too tired	4/2/2018 5:49 PM
88	People talking too much	4/2/2018 5:29 PM
89	got too tired	4/2/2018 5:20 PM
90	Need to get to bed	4/2/2018 5:13 PM
91	it goes longpast 3 hours and I just can't take it anymore	4/2/2018 5:09 PM
92	they run way too late as a result of too many Town "ramblers"	4/2/2018 5:05 PM
93	Exhaustion	4/2/2018 4:36 PM
94	Just goes on way too long and way too late at night!	4/2/2018 4:31 PM
95	running too late	4/2/2018 4:30 PM

#### Q25 Town Meetings are too long:



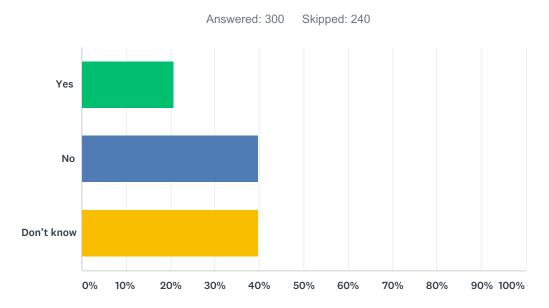
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Strongly Agree	56.52%	169
Somewhat Agree	33.11%	99
Somewhat Disagree	6.02%	18
Strongly Disagree	3.01%	9
Don't know/unsure	1.34%	4
TOTAL		299

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



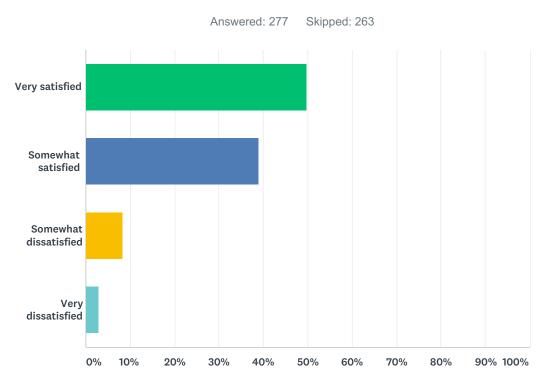
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
One	33.33%	100
Two	44.00%	132
Three	19.00%	57
Four or more	3.67%	11
TOTAL		300

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



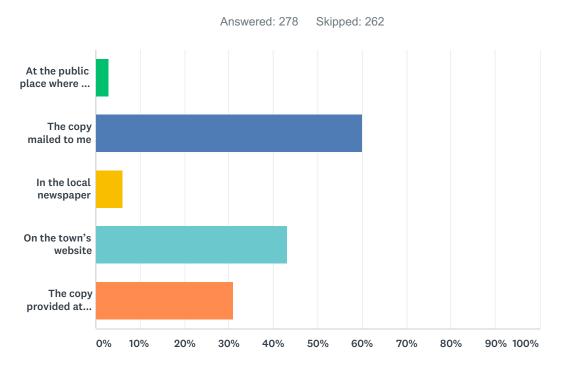
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	20.67%	62
No	39.67%	119
Don't know	39.67%	119
TOTAL		300

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



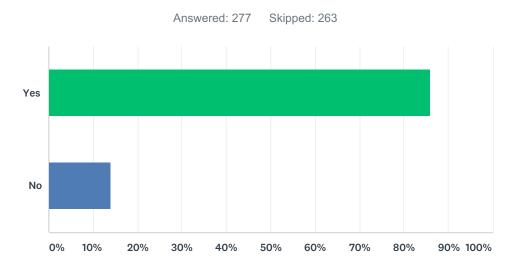
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very satisfied	49.82%	138
Somewhat satisfied	38.99%	108
Somewhat dissatisfied	8.30%	23
Very dissatisfied	2.89%	8
TOTAL		277

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



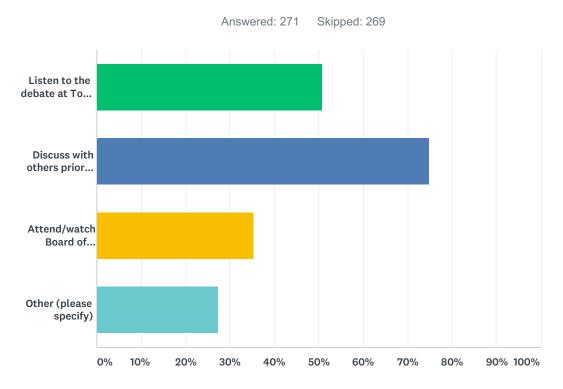
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
At the public place where it is posted	2.88%	8
The copy mailed to me	60.07%	167
In the local newspaper	6.12%	17
On the town's website	43.17%	120
The copy provided at Town Meeting	30.94%	86
Total Respondents: 278		

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



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	85.92%	238
No	14.08%	39
TOTAL		277

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



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Listen to the debate at Town Meeting	50.92%	138
Discuss with others prior to Town Meeting	74.91%	203
Attend/watch Board of Selectmen/Finance Committee or other meetings	35.42%	96
Other (please specify)	27.31%	74
Total Respondents: 271		

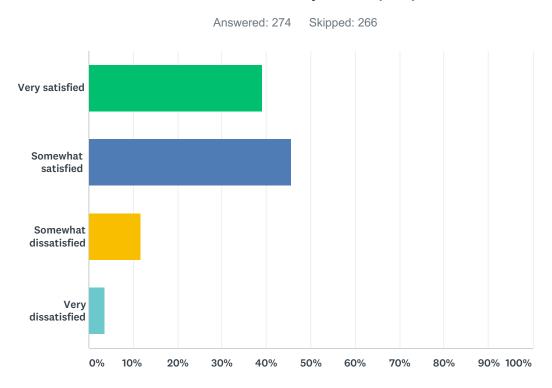
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1	News articles	6/26/2018 3:25 PM

2	newspaper online	6/25/2018 1:04 PM
3	News paper and web	6/11/2018 10:18 AM
4	sit on town boards that work on items	6/6/2018 10:42 AM
5	newspaper	6/4/2018 10:21 AM
6	research various points of view	6/1/2018 1:05 PM
7	na	5/31/2018 11:00 PM
8	Personal research	5/31/2018 8:27 PM
9	FB groups and info mailed home	5/31/2018 5:30 PM
10	Wayland Voters Network mailing list	5/31/2018 4:44 PM
11	Read other relevant materials e.g. newspaper, online	5/31/2018 4:11 PM
12	Read Wayland Voters Network	5/31/2018 9:40 AM
13	Read other related material prior to the meeting	5/31/2018 9:24 AM
14	newspaper articles and letters	5/31/2018 7:39 AM
15	research/read on my own	5/31/2018 7:32 AM
16	sitting on board and participating in the warrant process	5/31/2018 6:07 AM
17	Online discussions	5/30/2018 10:05 PM
18	Read local news	5/30/2018 9:53 PM
19	Crier	5/30/2018 9:48 PM
20	Mailings and newspaper	5/30/2018 9:36 PM
21	Newspaper articles	5/30/2018 9:27 PM
22	Read newspapers, follow relevant facebook groups	5/30/2018 8:50 PM
23	Issues forum & emails, newsletters and newspapers	5/30/2018 8:15 PM
24	read letters to the editor in Town Crier	5/30/2018 6:10 PM
25	Town Crier articles	5/30/2018 5:19 PM
26	some email communications from the Wayland Voters network	5/30/2018 10:42 AM
27	Read articles in eNews or sent to me as a Board member	5/27/2018 10:21 AM
28	Local paper	5/26/2018 9:03 AM
29	Read material sent to me and articles in the Town Crier	5/23/2018 11:16 PM
30	social media	5/23/2018 11:21 AM

31	Lawn signs, Local news coverage	5/23/2018 7:11 AM
32	Ask board and committee members	5/22/2018 2:00 PM
33	newspaper	5/22/2018 8:35 AM
34	local paper	5/21/2018 8:24 PM
35	local newspaper coverage, social media	5/21/2018 7:18 PM
36	email newsletters, article mailers, online recordings	5/21/2018 3:20 PM
37	Emails from interested parties (e.g. sports organization lobbying for fields)	5/21/2018 11:43 AM
38	Newspaper	5/21/2018 11:04 AM
39	Read letters to Editor in Town Crier	5/21/2018 10:50 AM
40	Town Crier	5/21/2018 9:37 AM
41	discussions with neighbors/ friends	5/21/2018 9:16 AM
42	Local newspaper	5/16/2018 10:24 PM
43	League of Women Voters, local newspaper, committee meetings	5/16/2018 6:04 PM
44	Town Crier, signs	5/16/2018 1:29 PM
45	Articles and letters in the newspaper	5/16/2018 10:11 AM
46	Town websites and/or town online paper	5/15/2018 11:25 AM
47	Friends.	5/15/2018 8:08 AM
48	Social media	5/15/2018 7:43 AM
49	Facebook	5/15/2018 5:34 AM
50	emails, FB groups	5/15/2018 12:24 AM
51	Holliston Reporter	5/7/2018 7:18 PM
52	Local news sources, such as HCAT and Holliston Reporter	5/7/2018 10:18 AM
53	Discussion between townspeople ahead of time on social media	5/7/2018 9:37 AM
54	News	4/29/2018 8:34 PM
55	Social media	4/29/2018 9:10 AM
56	Facebook/Holliston reporter	4/29/2018 9:09 AM
57	articles in media, if applicable and sometimes discussions on social media	4/27/2018 10:22 AM
58	Holliston Reporter & HCAT	4/27/2018 9:04 AM
59	Read Holliston reporter on line and follow discussions on FB	4/26/2018 5:30 PM

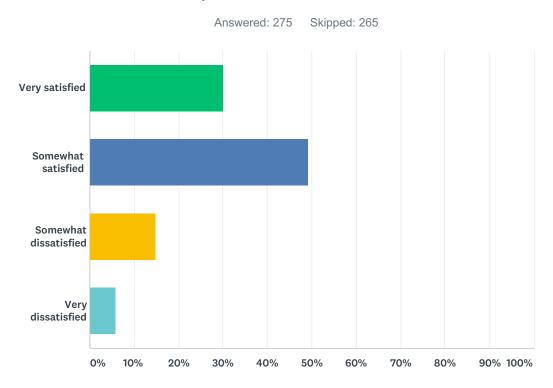
60	Local news	4/26/2018 3:12 PM
61	Town Facebook Page; town web site	4/26/2018 10:55 AM
62	on town website or local discussion groups online	4/26/2018 10:43 AM
63	Internet	4/25/2018 10:45 PM
64	Facebook	4/25/2018 1:46 PM
65	Work at Town Hall	4/25/2018 10:52 AM
66	Social media	4/25/2018 10:31 AM
67	Holliston Reporter	4/25/2018 10:16 AM
68	web and newspaper articles	4/25/2018 8:59 AM
69	Facebook or friends	4/2/2018 9:33 PM
70	Online	4/2/2018 8:27 PM
71	Read newspaper articles	4/2/2018 5:50 PM
72	Facebook	4/2/2018 5:12 PM
73	newspaper	4/2/2018 5:11 PM
74	Local paper	4/2/2018 5:01 PM

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



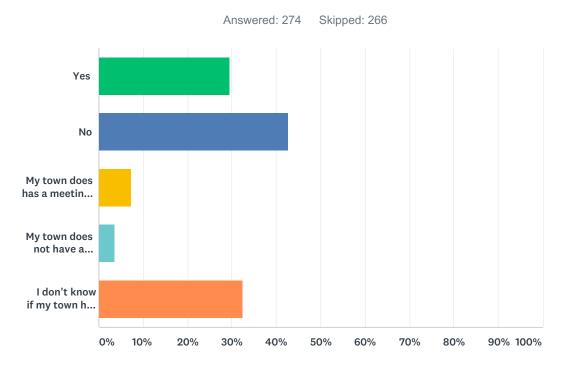
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very satisfied	39.05%	107
Somewhat satisfied	45.62%	125
Somewhat dissatisfied	11.68%	32
Very dissatisfied	3.65%	10
TOTAL		274

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



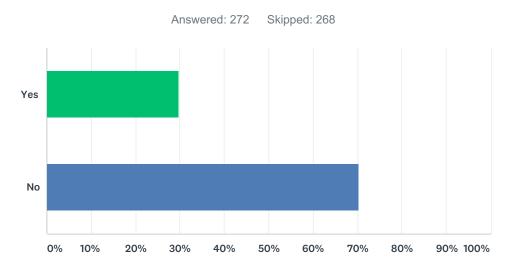
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very satisfied	30.18%	83
Somewhat satisfied	49.09%	135
Somewhat dissatisfied	14.91%	41
Very dissatisfied	5.82%	16
TOTAL		275

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



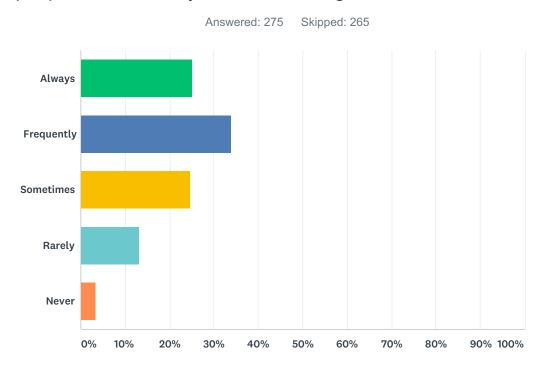
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	29.56%	81
No	42.70%	117
My town does has a meeting group	7.30%	20
My town does not have a meeting group	3.65%	10
I don't know if my town has a meeting group	32.48%	89
Total Respondents: 274		

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



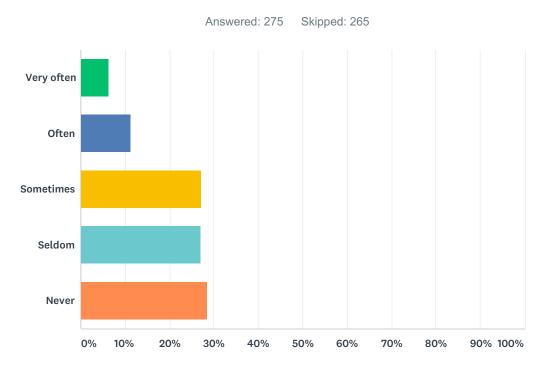
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	29.78%	81
No	70.22%	191
TOTAL		272

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



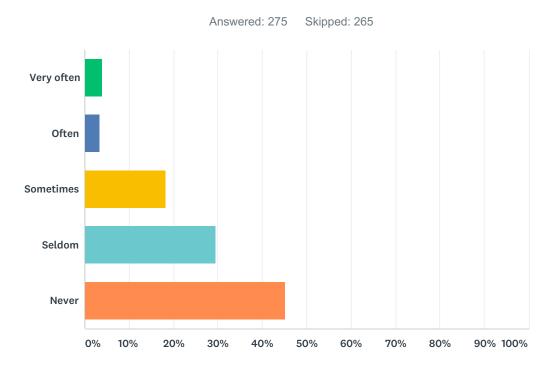
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Always	25.09%	69
Frequently	33.82%	93
Sometimes	24.73%	68
Rarely	13.09%	36
Never	3.27%	9
TOTAL		275

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



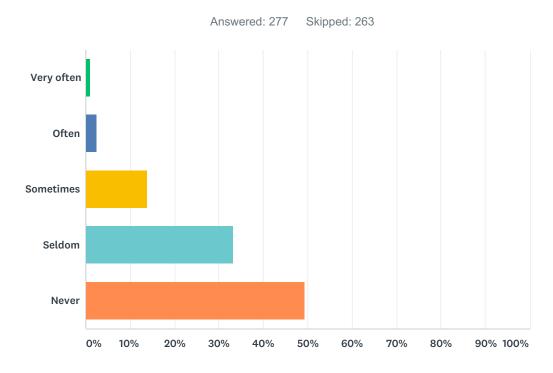
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very often	6.18%	17
Often	11.27%	31
Sometimes	27.27%	75
Seldom	26.91%	74
Never	28.36%	78
TOTAL		275

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



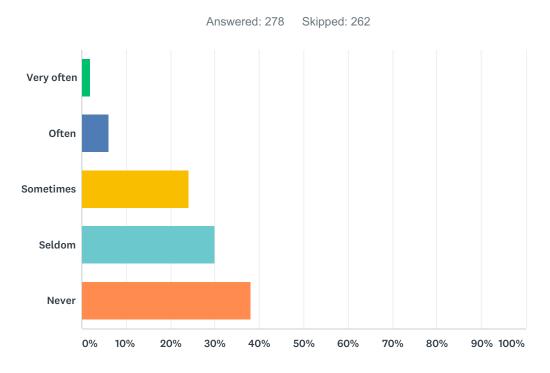
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very often	4.00%	11
Often	3.27%	9
Sometimes	18.18%	50
Seldom	29.45%	81
Never	45.09%	124
TOTAL		275

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



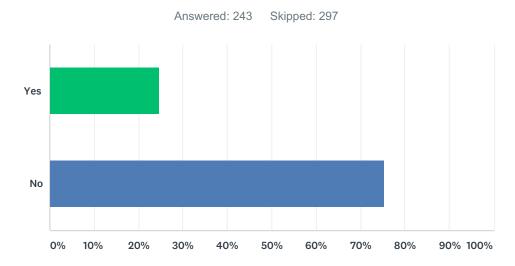
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very often	1.08%	3
Often	2.53%	7
Sometimes	13.72%	38
Seldom	33.21%	92
Never	49.46%	137
TOTAL		277

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



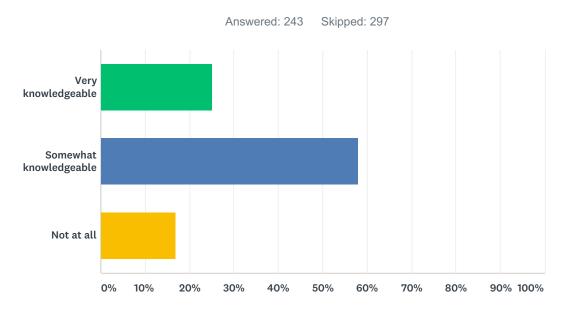
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very often	1.80%	5
Often	6.12%	17
Sometimes	24.10%	67
Seldom	29.86%	83
Never	38.13%	106
TOTAL		278

#### Q41 Have you ever read a copy of the Secretary of State's "Citizen's Guide to Town Meetings"?



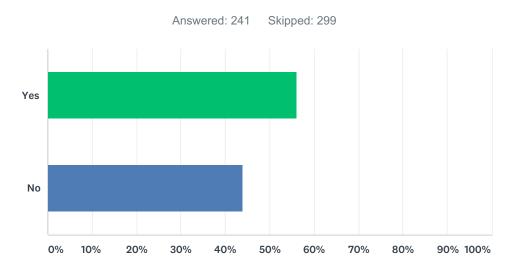
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	24.69%	60
No	75.31%	183
TOTAL		243

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



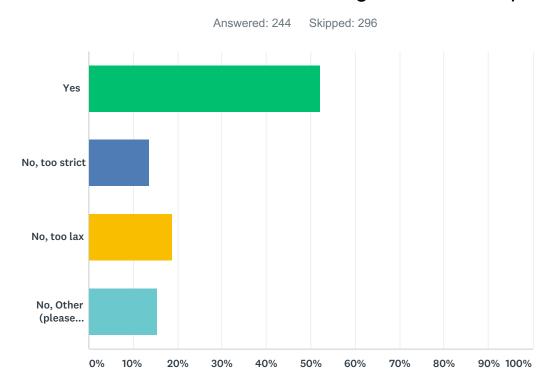
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very knowledgeable	25.10%	61
Somewhat knowledgeable	58.02%	141
Not at all	16.87%	41
TOTAL		243

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



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	56.02%	135
No	43.98%	106
TOTAL		241

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



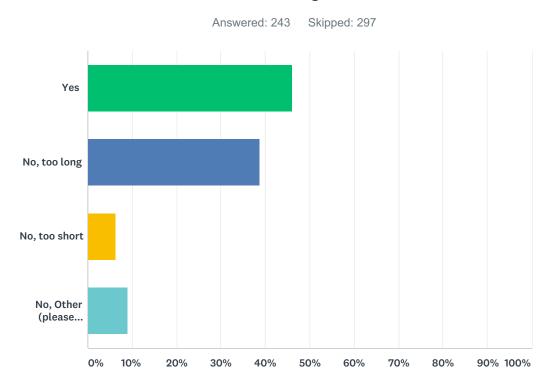
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	52.05%	127
No, too strict	13.52%	33
No, too lax	18.85%	46
No, Other (please specify)	15.57%	38
TOTAL		244

#	NO, OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Moderator is a bumbling fool but no one will run to replace him - it's an awful job	6/2/2018 4:11 PM
2	I feel like the town meeting members make up crazy rules and they are a waste of time for members of the community	6/1/2018 10:17 AM

3	The moderator was too vague and frequently changed his own rules without valid reason	6/1/2018 8:16 AM
4	no	5/31/2018 11:05 PM
5	They sometimes seem to be made up as we go along	5/31/2018 10:49 PM
6	Moderator is inconsistent and can not maintain order when things get heated. He follows procedure when he wants to.	5/31/2018 5:16 PM
7	Unclear	5/31/2018 5:13 PM
8	It is not a useful forum for discussion with so many people present.	5/31/2018 4:21 PM
9	Unclear and disorganized	5/31/2018 8:55 AM
10	Moderater is not fair or balanced when conducting meetings	5/31/2018 8:21 AM
11	Disorganized and unclear	5/31/2018 7:44 AM
12	not applied consistenly	5/31/2018 7:43 AM
13	I have no interest in hearing members of the public speak at town meetings. It's ridiculous.	5/31/2018 7:07 AM
14	There should be a limit on how many people can speak	5/30/2018 9:56 PM
15	The same people get up and complain about things that are off topic. These people should be reprimanded by the moderator for wasting everyone's time and delaying the meeting	5/30/2018 9:21 PM
16	Arbitrarily applied	5/30/2018 9:18 PM
17	Often unpredictable rulings.	5/30/2018 3:58 PM
18	generally yes, but the moderator sometimes does not follow the rules the body votes to move the questions and he decides if he wants to do that other examples as well	5/30/2018 10:45 AM
19	not applicable	5/28/2018 11:51 AM
20	rules not clearly articulated	5/23/2018 11:23 AM
21	Recently rules were changed during the meeting	5/21/2018 7:50 PM
22	Process of town meeting is outdated. Reading ahead of time is sufficient to decide your position. The time consumed by speakers causes me to stay home.	5/21/2018 5:45 PM
23	not consistent and people not knowledgeable on topic	5/21/2018 3:25 PM
24	Some of each	5/21/2018 12:39 PM
25	Allows too much time for debate at the meeting	5/21/2018 11:47 AM
26	Rules seem to vary depending on Moderator's whim.	5/21/2018 9:20 AM
27	There should be a firm time limit	5/15/2018 1:43 PM
28	confusing	5/15/2018 1:04 PM
29	The moderator's implementation is inconsistent and creates chaos	5/15/2018 12:42 PM
30	Same people with constant complaints monopolize all the time	5/15/2018 7:48 AM

31	too many speak who know nothing	5/15/2018 7:29 AM
32	They speak too long	5/10/2018 3:07 PM
33	Inconsistency in actions of moderator	5/7/2018 7:03 PM
34	not consistent	5/3/2018 10:59 PM
35	Does not apply	4/26/2018 6:06 PM
36	I believe everyone should be able to speak but it is not a place to vent.	4/26/2018 9:13 AM
37	Moderator not fair	4/3/2018 6:01 PM
38	Too much discussion when everyone agrees - limit discussion to opposing views or closely split votes	4/2/2018 5:52 PM

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

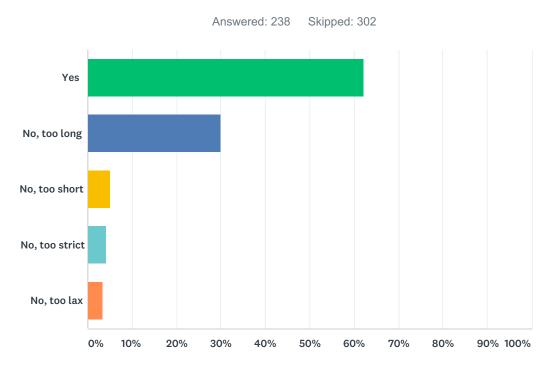


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	46.09%	112
No, too long	38.68%	94
No, too short	6.17%	15
No, Other (please specify)	9.05%	22
TOTAL		243

#	NO, OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	For complex matters, 2 minute cut-off is too little time to get necessary points across.	6/8/2018 9:11 AM

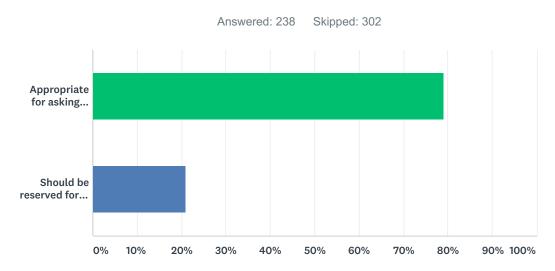
2	Too long at times with same conversation also not fair who gets to speka and who doesn't	6/6/2018 4:33 PM
3	Moderator seems to choose length and then changes his mind making him seem biased. Each article should announce length of debate, how many people can speak, ways to end or extend debate etc	5/31/2018 5:34 PM
4	Unclear	5/31/2018 5:13 PM
5	The same 10 people speak on every issue	5/31/2018 4:58 PM
6	It's not a good forum for this type of dialogue.	5/31/2018 4:21 PM
7	Unclear how much time. Doesn't seem fair	5/31/2018 8:55 AM
8	seems random and not always enforced	5/31/2018 7:54 AM
9	Disorganized and unclear	5/31/2018 7:44 AM
10	depends on when people move the question	5/31/2018 7:43 AM
11	Moderators discretion on this matter often seems arbitrary	5/30/2018 9:54 PM
12	Depends on the interest in the article. More interest should allow for more time.	5/30/2018 9:40 PM
13	Again, seems arbitrary	5/30/2018 9:18 PM
14	not applicable	5/28/2018 11:51 AM
15	Our town meeting voted to shorten the time allowed for each speaker, but it is just not enough time to offer information on the articles,	5/27/2018 11:12 PM
16	If it is not new info they should not be allowed to continue	5/21/2018 12:39 PM
17	It isn't efficient, people talk but noone listens	5/21/2018 9:58 AM
18	More and more, debate on important articles is cut short, while debate on unimportant articles drones on forever.	5/21/2018 9:20 AM
19	not consistent	5/3/2018 10:59 PM
20	not enforced	4/26/2018 9:27 PM
21	Depends, a few people love to hear themselves speak and it goes on forever!	4/25/2018 10:34 AM
22	Moderator unfair	4/3/2018 6:01 PM

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



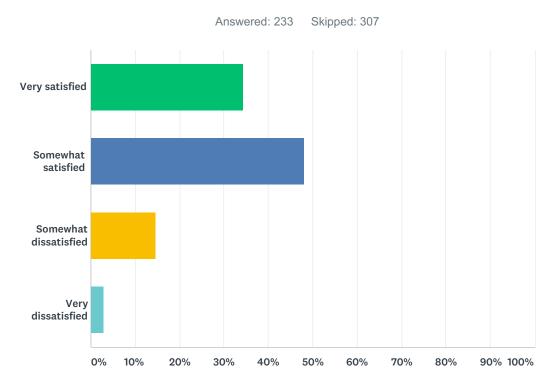
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	62.18%	148
No, too long	29.83%	71
No, too short	5.04%	12
No, too strict	4.20%	10
No, too lax	3.36%	8
Total Respondents: 238		

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



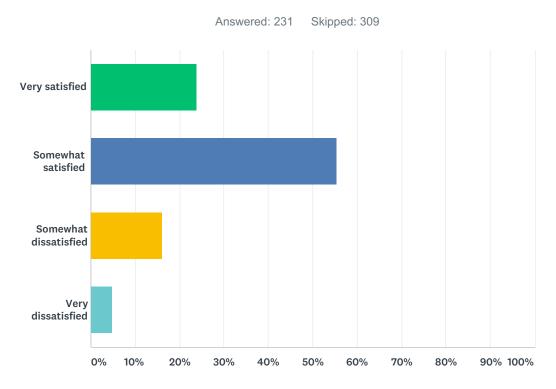
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Appropriate for asking questions	78.99%	188
Should be reserved for opinions	21.01%	50
TOTAL		238

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



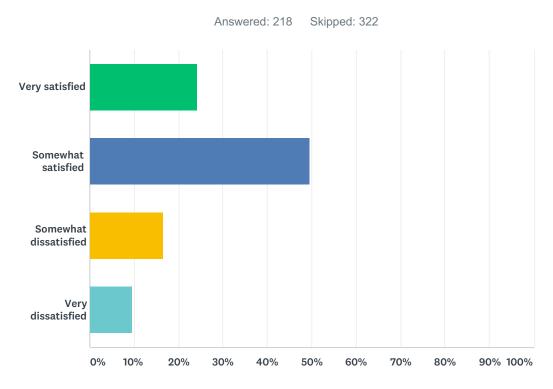
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very satisfied	34.33%	80
Somewhat satisfied	48.07%	112
Somewhat dissatisfied	14.59%	34
Very dissatisfied	3.00%	7
TOTAL		233

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



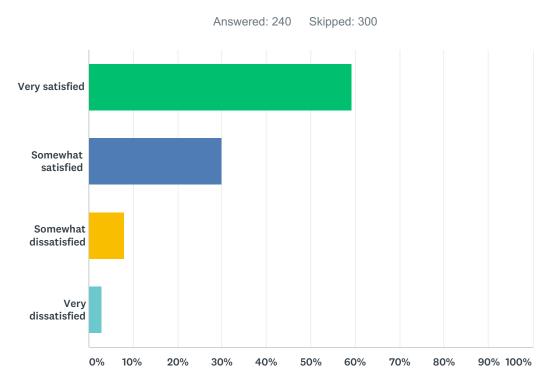
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very satisfied	23.81%	55
Somewhat satisfied	55.41%	128
Somewhat dissatisfied	16.02%	37
Very dissatisfied	4.76%	11
TOTAL		231

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



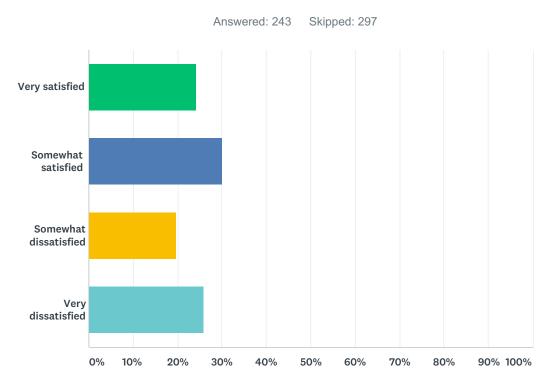
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very satisfied	24.31%	53
Somewhat satisfied	49.54%	108
Somewhat dissatisfied	16.51%	36
Very dissatisfied	9.63%	21
TOTAL		218

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



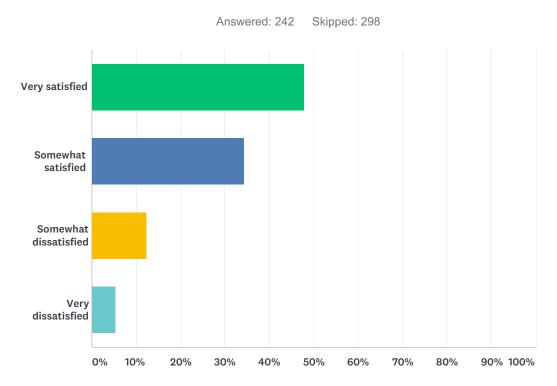
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very satisfied	59.17%	142
Somewhat satisfied	30.00%	72
Somewhat dissatisfied	7.92%	19
Very dissatisfied	2.92%	7
TOTAL		240

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



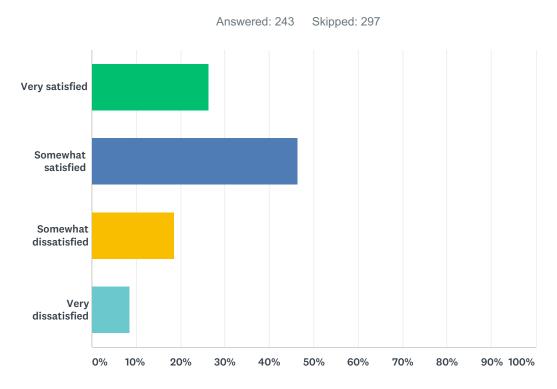
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very satisfied	24.28%	59
Somewhat satisfied	30.04%	73
Somewhat dissatisfied	19.75%	48
Very dissatisfied	25.93%	63
TOTAL		243

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



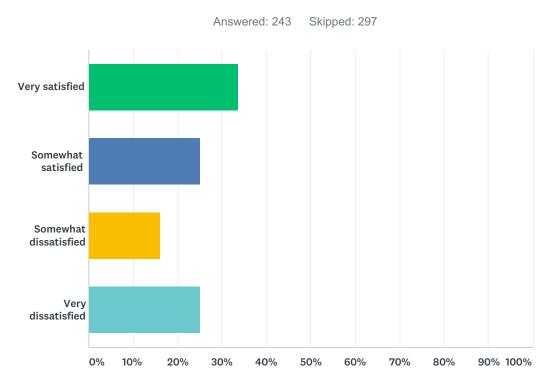
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very satisfied	47.93%	116
Somewhat satisfied	34.30%	83
Somewhat dissatisfied	12.40%	30
Very dissatisfied	5.37%	13
TOTAL		242

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



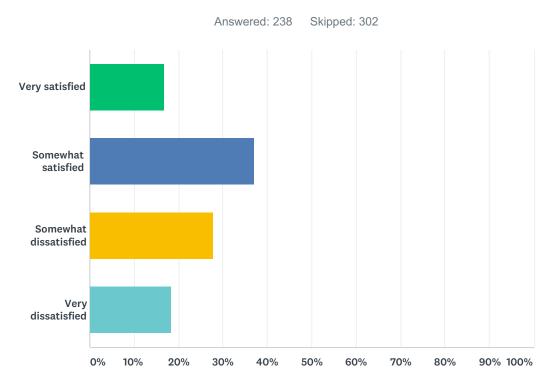
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very satisfied	26.34%	64
Somewhat satisfied	46.50%	113
Somewhat dissatisfied	18.52%	45
Very dissatisfied	8.64%	21
TOTAL		243

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



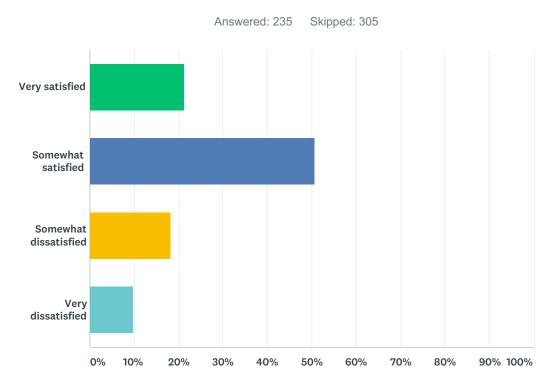
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very satisfied	33.74%	82
Somewhat satisfied	25.10%	61
Somewhat dissatisfied	16.05%	39
Very dissatisfied	25.10%	61
TOTAL		243

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



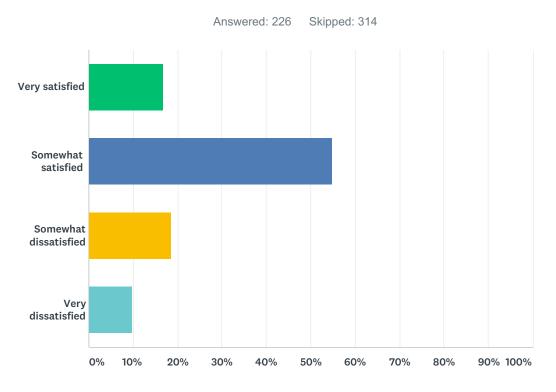
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very satisfied	16.81%	40
Somewhat satisfied	36.97%	88
Somewhat dissatisfied	27.73%	66
Very dissatisfied	18.49%	44
TOTAL		238

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



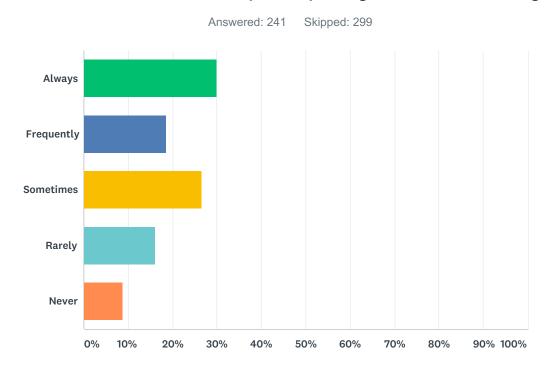
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very satisfied	21.28%	50
Somewhat satisfied	50.64%	119
Somewhat dissatisfied	18.30%	43
Very dissatisfied	9.79%	23
TOTAL		235

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



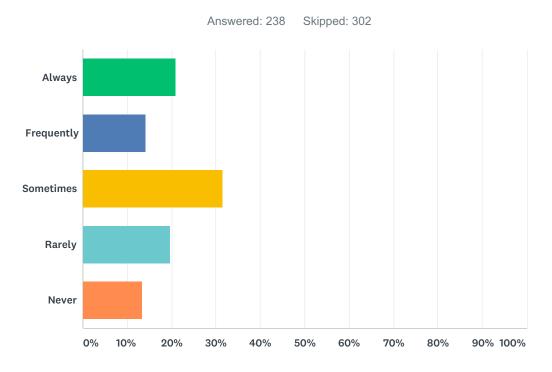
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very satisfied	16.81%	38
Somewhat satisfied	54.87%	124
Somewhat dissatisfied	18.58%	42
Very dissatisfied	9.73%	22
TOTAL		226

### Q59 I feel comfortable participating at Town Meeting:



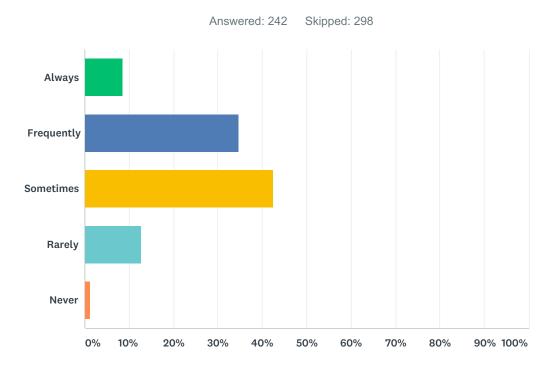
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Always	29.88%	72
Frequently	18.67%	45
Sometimes	26.56%	64
Rarely	16.18%	39
Never	8.71%	21
TOTAL		241

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



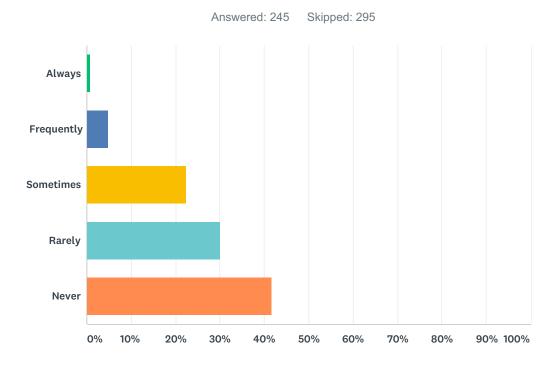
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Always	21.01%	50
Frequently	14.29%	34
Sometimes	31.51%	75
Rarely	19.75%	47
Never	13.45%	32
TOTAL		238

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



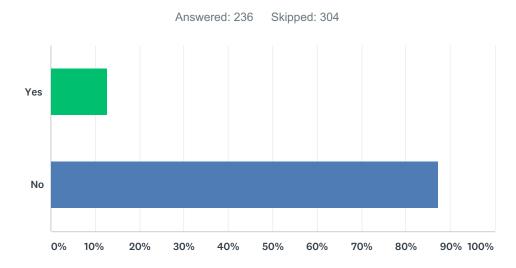
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Always	8.68%	21
Frequently	34.71%	84
Sometimes	42.56%	103
Rarely	12.81%	31
Never	1.24%	3
TOTAL		242

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



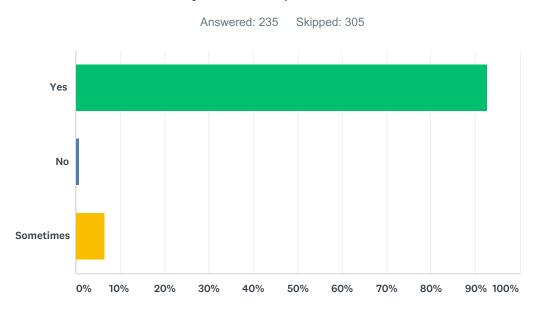
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Always	0.82%	2
Frequently	4.90%	12
Sometimes	22.45%	55
Rarely	30.20%	74
Never	41.63%	102
TOTAL		245

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



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	12.71%	30
No	87.29%	206
TOTAL		236

### Q64 Do you feel qualified to vote?



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	92.77% 21	8
No	0.85%	2
Sometimes	6.38%	15
TOTAL	23	5

### Q65 Are the subjects too complex?

Yes

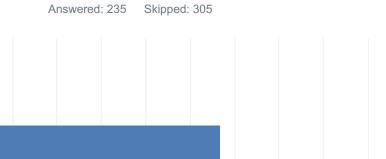
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20%

30%

Sometimes



60%

70%

80%

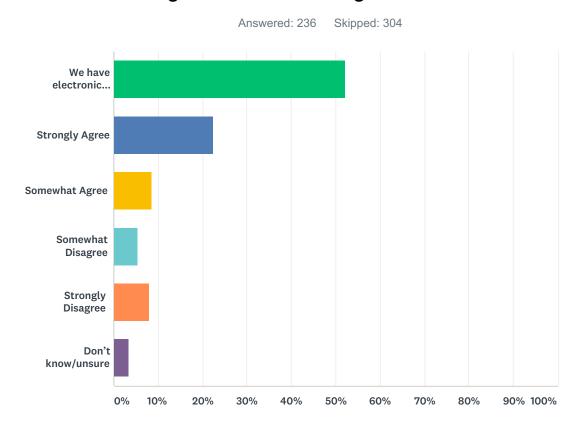
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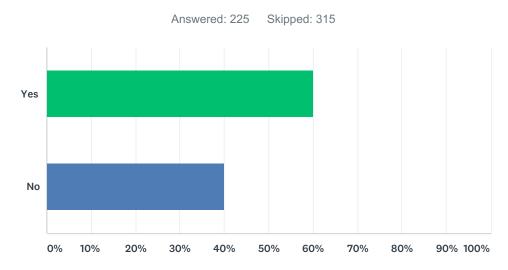
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### Q66 Electronic voting should be investigated for use at Town Meeting:



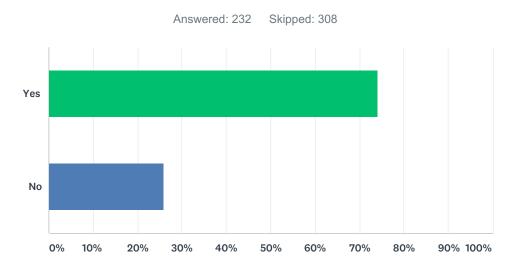
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
We have electronic voting	52.12%	123
Strongly Agree	22.46%	53
Somewhat Agree	8.47%	20
Somewhat Disagree	5.51%	13
Strongly Disagree	8.05%	19
Don't know/unsure	3.39%	8
TOTAL		236

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



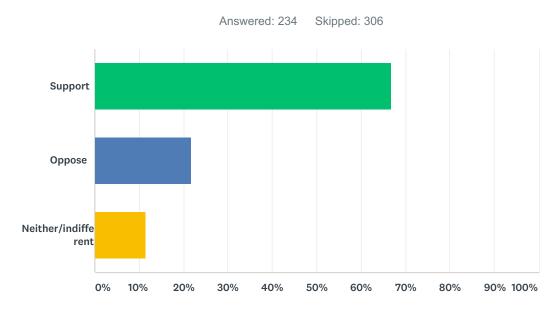
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	60.00%	135
No	40.00%	90
TOTAL		225

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



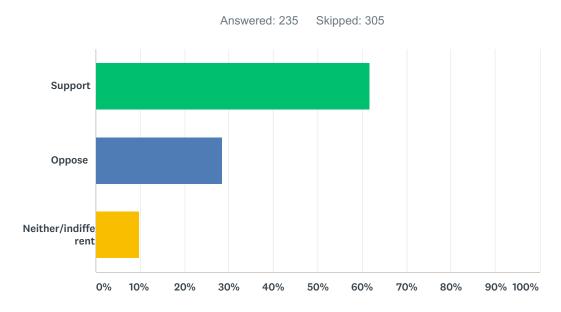
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	74.14%	172
No	25.86%	60
TOTAL		232

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



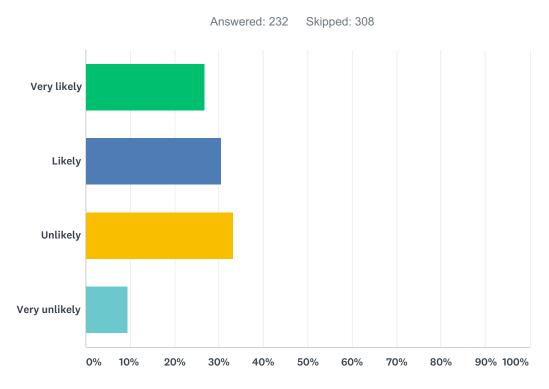
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Support	66.67%	156
Oppose	21.79%	51
Neither/indifferent	11.54%	27
TOTAL		234

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



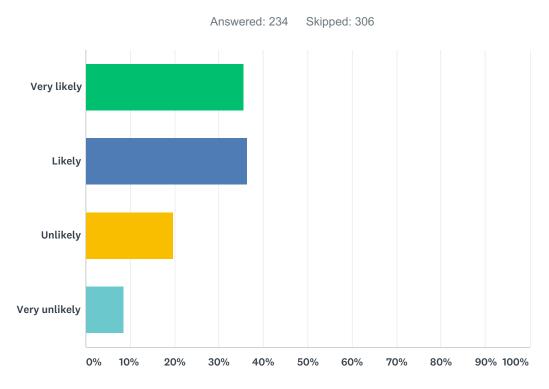
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Support	61.70%	145
Oppose	28.51%	67
Neither/indifferent	9.79%	23
TOTAL		235

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



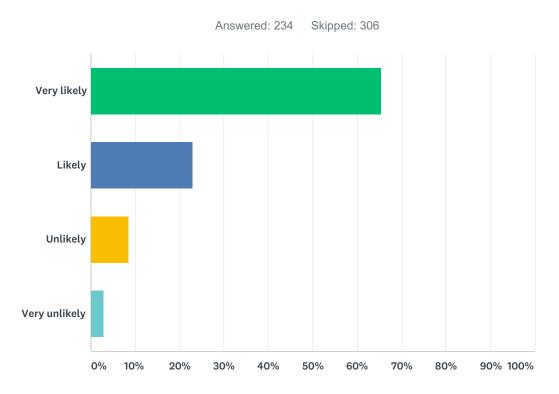
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very likely	26.72%	62
Likely	30.60%	71
Unlikely	33.19%	77
Very unlikely	9.48%	22
TOTAL		232

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



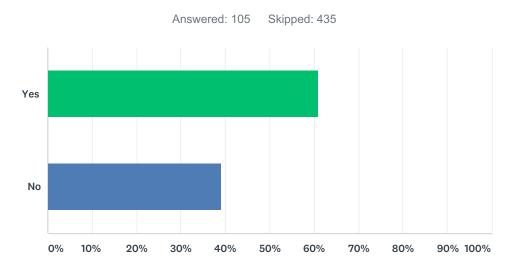
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very likely	35.47%	83
Likely	36.32%	85
Unlikely	19.66%	46
Very unlikely	8.55%	20
TOTAL		234

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



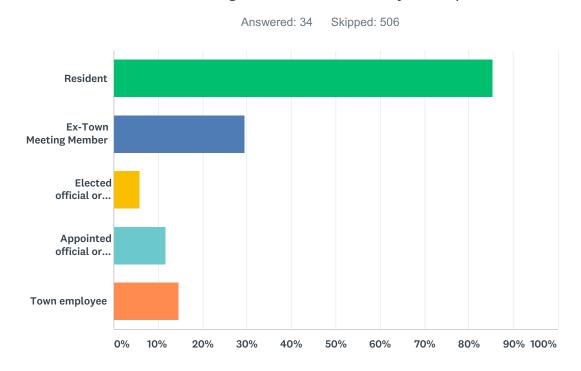
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very likely	65.38%	153
Likely	23.08%	54
Unlikely	8.55%	20
Very unlikely	2.99%	7
TOTAL		234

### Q74 Are you a current Town Meeting member?



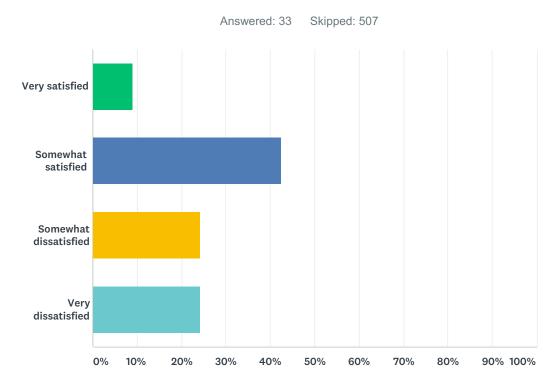
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	60.95%	64
No	39.05%	41
TOTAL		105

### Q75 Which of the following best describes you? (check all that apply)



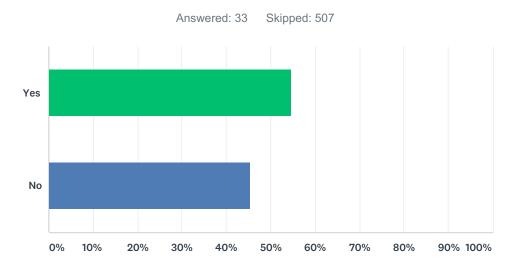
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Resident	85.29%	29
Ex-Town Meeting Member	29.41%	10
Elected official or town board/committee member	5.88%	2
Appointed official or town board/committee member	11.76%	4
Town employee	14.71%	5
Total Respondents: 34		

### Q76 Overall, how satisfied are you with the way Town Meeting operates?



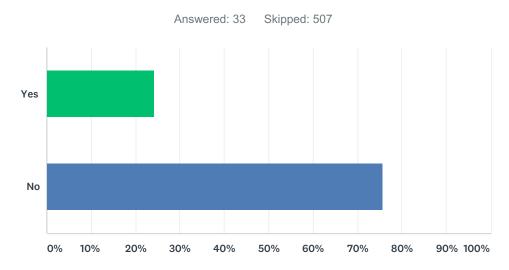
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very satisfied	9.09%	3
Somewhat satisfied	42.42%	14
Somewhat dissatisfied	24.24%	8
Very dissatisfied	24.24%	8
TOTAL		33

### Q77 Do you think Town Meeting is an effective form of government?



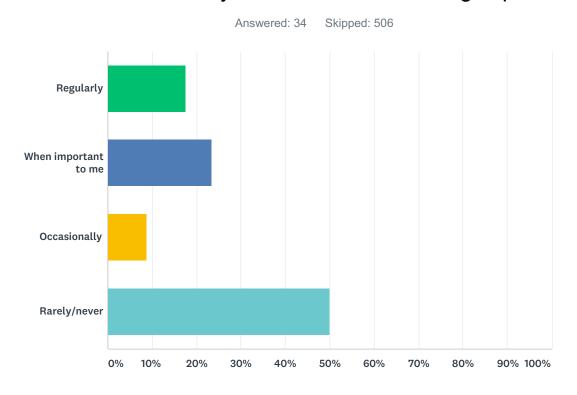
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	54.55%	18
No	45.45%	15
TOTAL		33

### Q78 Do you think Town Meeting is an efficient form of government?



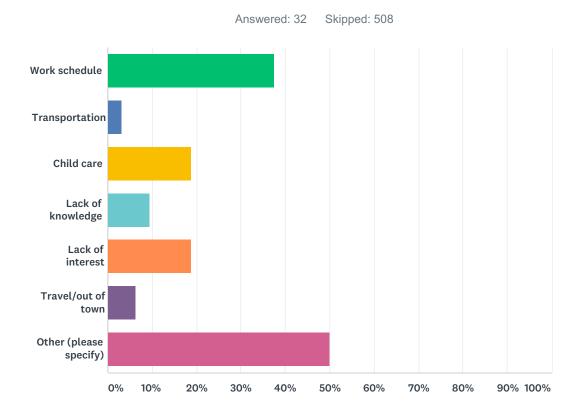
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	24.24%	8
No	75.76%	25
TOTAL		33

### Q79 How often do you attend Town Meeting in person?



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Regularly	17.65%	6
When important to me	23.53%	8
Occasionally	8.82%	3
Rarely/never	50.00%	17
TOTAL		34

### Q80 Why don't you attend? (check all that apply)

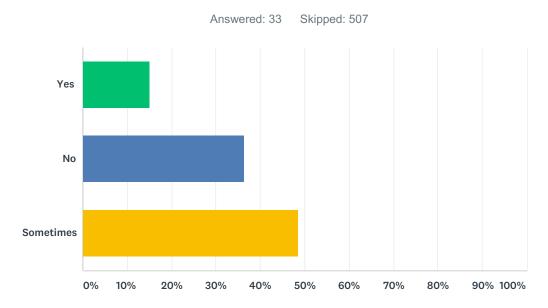


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Work schedule	37.50%	12
Transportation	3.13%	1
Child care	18.75%	6
Lack of knowledge	9.38%	3
Lack of interest	18.75%	6
Travel/out of town	6.25%	2
Other (please specify)	50.00%	16

Total Respondents: 32

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	With a representative town meeting, there's not much for a non-member to do at town meeting.	6/20/2018 1:22 AM
2	Watch on TV livestreaming	6/19/2018 4:58 PM
3	1. I have a perception that residents who are not town meeting members are not permitted to speak their views. 2. I have further perception that given town meeting members do not reach out to the individuals they represent in their precinct, they do not have a complete sense of what their neighbors' views are on overrides, etc.	6/19/2018 6:46 AM
4	Not a town meeting member	6/18/2018 9:26 PM
5	Inability to provide any input.	6/18/2018 12:28 PM
6	meetings run too late	6/18/2018 10:26 AM
7	Can watch on local channel	6/18/2018 8:58 AM
8	Not a member now	6/18/2018 7:03 AM
9	Not knowing how late it will go, or what agendas will be	6/11/2018 9:28 PM
10	Meetings are so tedious and speakers are so repetitive. The moderator allows too much repetitive discussion.	6/11/2018 4:06 PM
11	Issues on warrant that aren't relevant to my position	6/11/2018 3:36 PM
12	Sick	6/11/2018 11:28 AM
13	Does not seem like the most welcoming space for minority residents.	6/11/2018 11:01 AM
14	I attend regularly	5/31/2018 11:12 PM
15	The time of day	5/15/2018 5:51 PM
16	Just really busy with life. Same conversation lasts hours.	5/15/2018 9:21 AM

### Q81 Do you watch Town Meeting via webcast or TV if you don't attend in person?



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	15.15%	5
No	36.36%	12
Sometimes	48.48%	16
TOTAL		33

### Q82 What would make you more likely to attend or watch Town Meeting, if you don't?

Answered: 21 Skipped: 519

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	More vested interest in the decisions	6/21/2018 11:21 AM
2	Eliminate the Town Meeting Member tier of representation to permit all residents to have a direct voice.	6/19/2018 6:46 AM
3	If it were more efficient	6/18/2018 9:26 PM
4	Utter boredom	6/18/2018 4:48 PM
5	Earlier ending time.	6/18/2018 10:26 AM
6	Better video quality (especially sound)	6/18/2018 7:56 AM
7	Nothing	6/18/2018 7:00 AM
8	An issue I felt strongly about	6/15/2018 7:21 AM
9	More info about when where	6/12/2018 8:17 AM
10	Getting emails with agendas, and a summarized 'highlighted' version	6/11/2018 9:28 PM
11	Rarely watch TV	6/11/2018 8:36 PM
12	Better notification when meetig are and when they will be televised	6/11/2018 5:31 PM
13	Having them shorter and earlier	6/11/2018 4:59 PM
14	If town meeting moved through it's adgenda more efficiently, I would run for town meeting representative again.	6/11/2018 4:06 PM
15	If it were shorter and if it were on a weekend vs. at night	6/11/2018 3:36 PM
16	Greater diversity both in terms of people, and opinions that are being voiced	6/11/2018 11:01 AM
17	Subject matters that directly affect my financial position or personal property.	5/31/2018 11:12 PM
18	This is a tough one to answer. Basically the same people have control the town meeting and Natickit for decades	5/15/2018 5:51 PM
19	more publicity, knowledge of agenda for that day	5/15/2018 10:35 AM
20	make it a podcast to listen to during free time	5/15/2018 9:21 AM
21	topics of interest to me	5/15/2018 5:37 AM

### Q83 What would make others more likely to attend or watch Town Meeting?

Answered: 21 Skipped: 519

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	More efficiency - less people talking to hear themselves talk	6/21/2018 11:21 AM
2	No idea	6/19/2018 6:46 AM
3	Invested in a particular outcome	6/18/2018 4:48 PM
4	Probably only if there are topics that interest or affect that person - otherwise no reason to attend or watch.	6/18/2018 1:56 PM
5	I think the same thing - shorter town meetings.	6/18/2018 10:26 AM
6	If town officials weren't some "political"	6/18/2018 7:03 AM
7	More clear notice of topics for discussion	6/18/2018 7:00 AM
8	More efficiency, important issues	6/15/2018 7:21 AM
9	More info about when where	6/12/2018 8:17 AM
10	I don't know	6/11/2018 9:28 PM
11	If they knew areas under discussion	6/11/2018 8:36 PM
12	See response #10	6/11/2018 5:31 PM
13	Easier to find info about issues on the table	6/11/2018 4:59 PM
14	Same as above	6/11/2018 4:06 PM
15	If it was shorter	6/11/2018 3:36 PM
16	Town Meeting members doing there homework	6/11/2018 11:28 AM
17	If clear and concise descriptions where provided to residents, it is more likely that they would better understand how Town Meeting Actions affect their daily lives.	5/31/2018 11:12 PM
18	Changing composition of town meeting members with more representatives from the middle age and younger age community.	5/15/2018 5:51 PM
19	?	5/15/2018 10:35 AM
20	if a point has been made write it down on whiteboard and nobody else needs to speak on that same point.	5/15/2018 9:21 AM
21	urging from neighbors/friends/family to do so	5/15/2018 5:37 AM

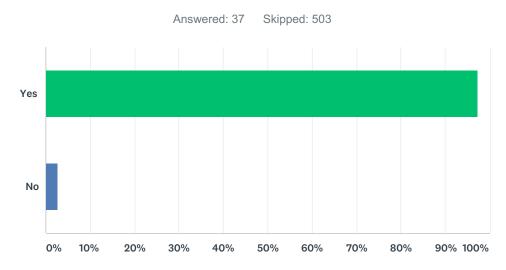
### Q84 What would make you more likely to run for Town Meeting, if you're not a member?

Answered: 22 Skipped: 518

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Do not plan to run ever	6/21/2018 11:21 AM
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2	A more detailed voter guide/candidate questionnaire so that there is comparable information available about all candidates.	6/20/2018 1:22 AM
3	Nothing now. The process and "canned/baked" attitude of the few on every board caused me to realize, the hard way, that it's not a democracy and that makes me disinterested.	6/19/2018 4:58 PM
4	Not interested in becoming a Town Meeting Member.	6/19/2018 6:46 AM
5	Masochism	6/18/2018 4:48 PM
6	Shorter town meetings.	6/18/2018 10:26 AM
7	Compelling issue	6/18/2018 7:56 AM
8	nothing	6/18/2018 7:00 AM
9	A more manageable schedule	6/15/2018 7:21 AM
10	More info	6/12/2018 8:17 AM
11	Making the meetings run less late.	6/11/2018 9:28 PM
12	Impossible with current employment	6/11/2018 8:36 PM
13	Time	6/11/2018 5:31 PM
14	An easier schedule	6/11/2018 4:59 PM
15	The moderator needs to control discussion so that members are not repeating each other. The moderator needs to look for new views instead of repetitive views.	6/11/2018 4:06 PM
16	If it was shorter and if it were not on multiple weeknights. Town meeting is not conducive to engaging adults who are parents in young families.	6/11/2018 3:36 PM
17	I was a member but am now the town clerk	6/11/2018 1:32 PM
18	If a prospective action(s) were before Town Meeting that directly affected me and the timing to run for Town Meeting was right, I'd run for a seat in my precinct.	5/31/2018 11:12 PM
19	I was a member but I would run again if the format change somewhat to allow all members a chance to speak	5/15/2018 5:51 PM
20	n/a	5/15/2018 10:35 AM
21	need to be shown the value	5/15/2018 9:21 AM

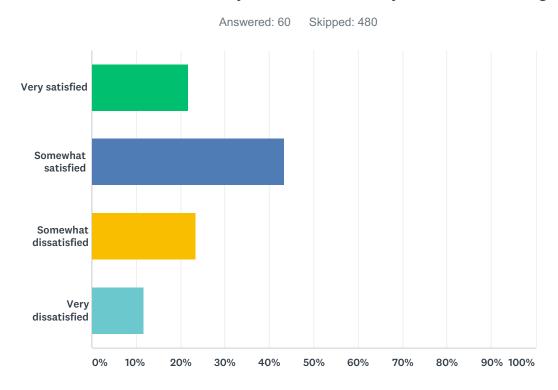
22	if asked by an existing member	5/15/2018 5:37 AM

Q85 Is it your understanding that Town Meeting is the legislative branch of your town and that only Town Meeting can approve a town's annual operating budget and enact town bylaws relating to zoning and general operations of the town?



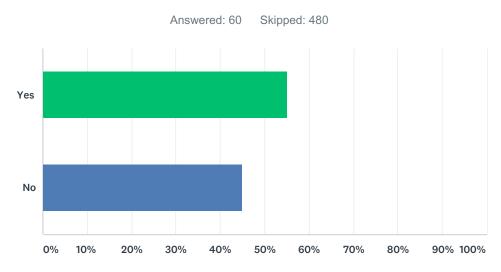
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	97.30%	36
No	2.70%	1
TOTAL		37

#### Q86 Overall, how satisfied are you with the way Town Meeting operates?



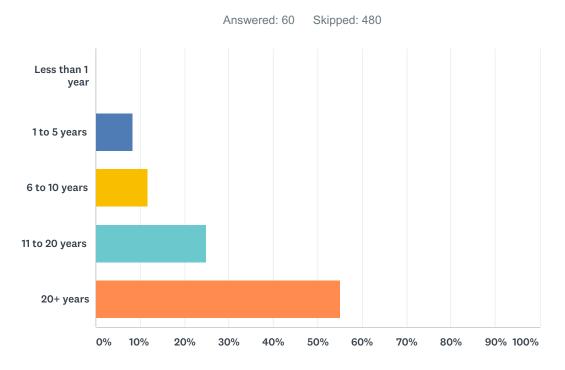
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very satisfied	21.67%	13
Somewhat satisfied	43.33%	26
Somewhat dissatisfied	23.33%	14
Very dissatisfied	11.67%	7
TOTAL		60

#### Q87 Do you think Town Meeting is an efficient form of government?



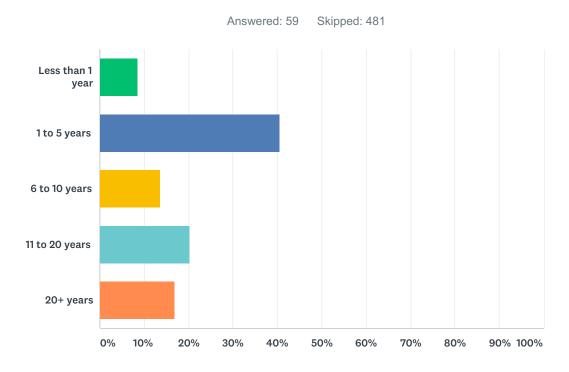
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	55.00%	33
No	45.00%	27
TOTAL		60

#### Q88 How long have you lived in your town?



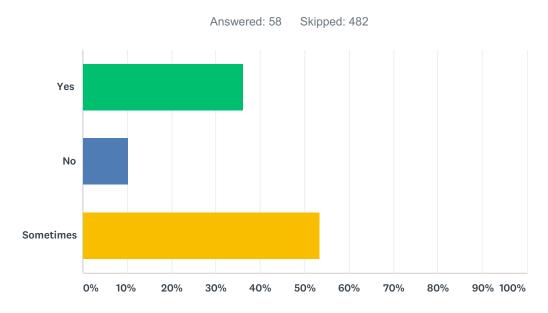
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Less than 1 year	0.00%	0
1 to 5 years	8.33%	5
6 to 10 years	11.67%	7
11 to 20 years	25.00%	15
20+ years	55.00%	33
TOTAL		60

#### Q89 How long have you been a Town Meeting member?



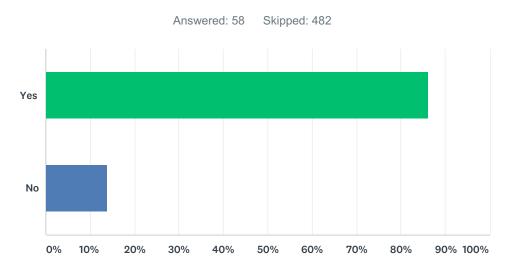
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Less than 1 year	8.47%	5
1 to 5 years	40.68%	24
6 to 10 years	13.56%	8
11 to 20 years	20.34%	12
20+ years	16.95%	10
TOTAL		59

## Q90 Special town meetings – do you feel that Special Town Meeting articles substantially are of an urgent nature?



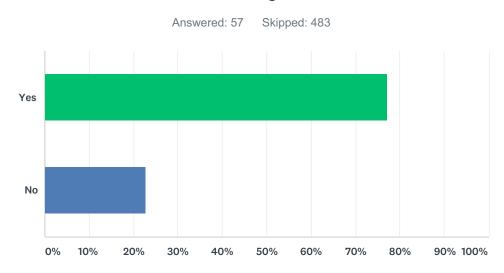
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	36.21%	21
No	10.34%	6
Sometimes	53.45%	31
TOTAL		58

## Q91 In thinking about the most recent Town Meetings, are you satisfied with the date of Town Meeting?



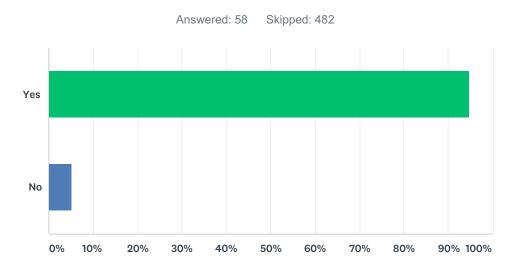
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	86.21%	50
No	13.79%	8
TOTAL		58

## Q92 In thinking about the most recent Town Meetings, are you satisfied with the time of Town Meeting?



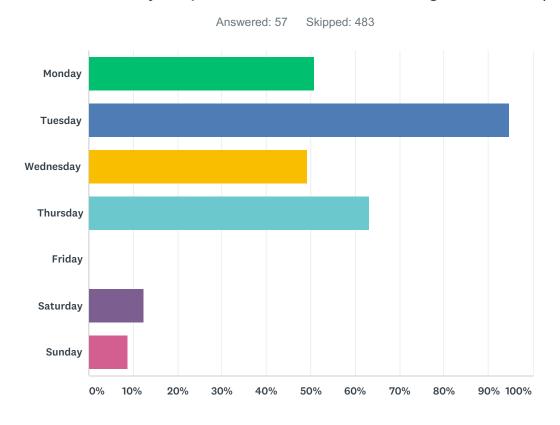
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	77.19%	44
No	22.81%	13
TOTAL		57

## Q93 In thinking about the most recent Town Meetings, are you satisfied with the location of Town Meeting?



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	94.83%	55
No	5.17%	3
TOTAL		58

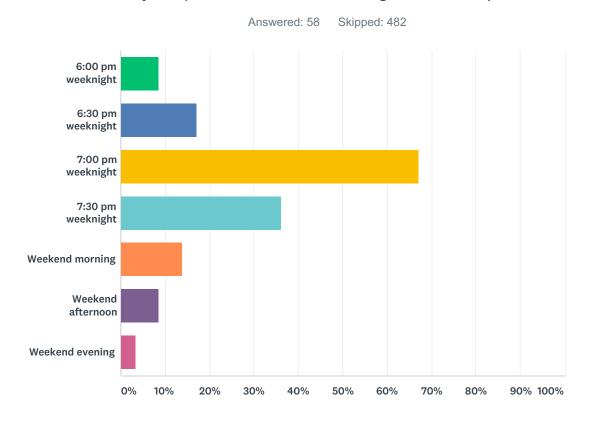
#### Q94 What days of the week do you prefer that Town Meeting be held? (select all that apply)



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Monday	50.88%	29
Tuesday	94.74%	54
Wednesday	49.12%	28
Thursday	63.16%	36
Friday	0.00%	0
Saturday	12.28%	7
Sunday	8.77%	5

Total Respondents: 57

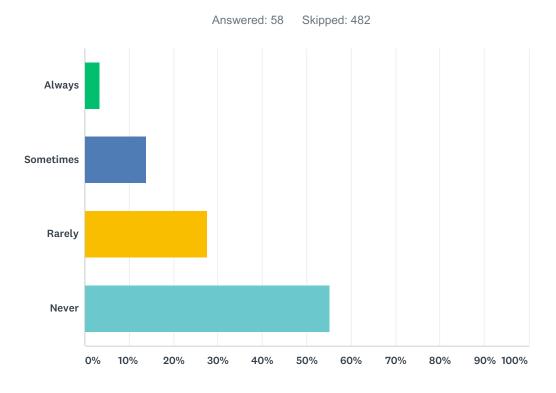
#### Q95 What time do you prefer Town Meeting to start? (check all that apply)



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
6:00 pm weeknight	8.62%	5
6:30 pm weeknight	17.24%	10
7:00 pm weeknight	67.24%	39
7:30 pm weeknight	36.21%	21
Weekend morning	13.79%	8
Weekend afternoon	8.62%	5
Weekend evening	3.45%	2

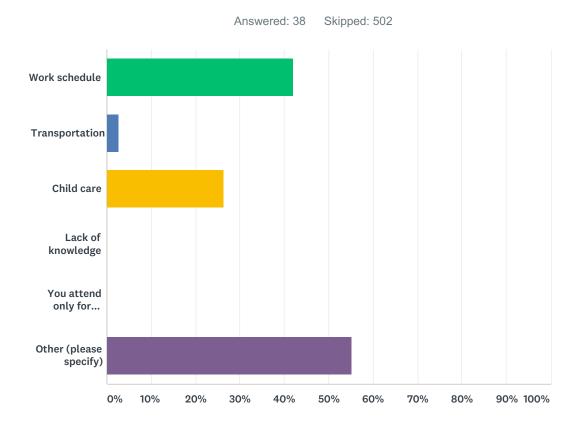
Total Respondents: 58

#### Q96 How often do you leave Town Meeting early?



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Always	3.45%	2
Sometimes	13.79%	8
Rarely	27.59%	16
Never	55.17%	32
TOTAL		58

#### Q97 If you do leave early, it usually is due to: (check all that apply)

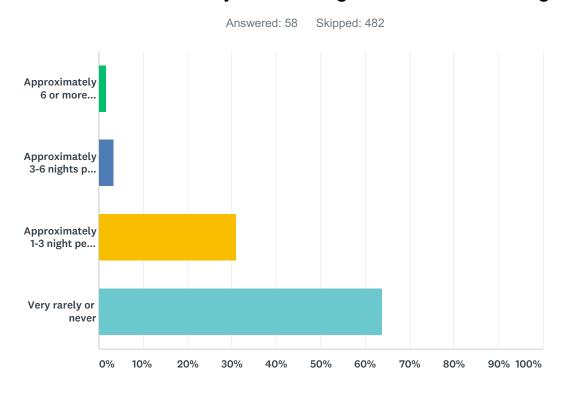


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Work schedule	42.11%	16
Transportation	2.63%	1
Child care	26.32%	10
Lack of knowledge	0.00%	0
You attend only for articles important to you	0.00%	0
Other (please specify)	55.26%	21
Total Respondents: 38		

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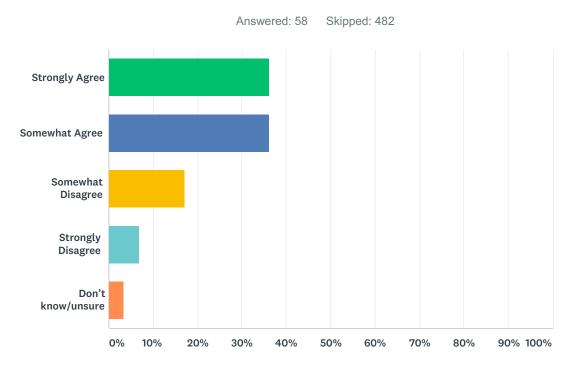
#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Health reasons	6/19/2018 5:17 PM
2	I don't leave early	6/19/2018 1:02 PM
3	fatigue	6/17/2018 8:35 PM
4	n/a	6/14/2018 6:17 PM
5	I don't leave early.	6/14/2018 5:36 PM
6	n/a	6/12/2018 4:59 PM
7	dont leave early	6/12/2018 4:33 PM
8	Never have left TM early, I feel it is insulting to those presenting.	6/12/2018 3:45 PM
9	I don't leave early	6/12/2018 11:41 AM
10	Merdical	6/11/2018 4:46 PM
11	Boring and I'm tired	6/11/2018 4:25 PM
12	i don't leave early	6/11/2018 2:15 PM
13	Just find it drags along too slowly.	6/11/2018 1:40 PM
14	usually ends too late and I have to work in the morning	6/11/2018 1:20 PM
15	Personal wellbeing - need to go bed early to get enough sleep before waking up to go to work/be a parent	6/11/2018 12:11 PM
16	We run so late sometimes and my kid will wake me up early no matter what	6/11/2018 11:31 AM
17	I have to rise early for my job and must tend to a good nights sleep	6/11/2018 11:17 AM
18	Health	6/11/2018 11:12 AM
19	It's so late I'm worried about not getting enough sleep before work the next day	6/11/2018 10:56 AM
20	I tend to leave when debate & motions get out of hand.	5/17/2018 11:41 AM
21	Agenda runs too long for me to be up for work the following morning	5/15/2018 4:54 PM

#### Q98 How often do you miss nights of Town Meeting?



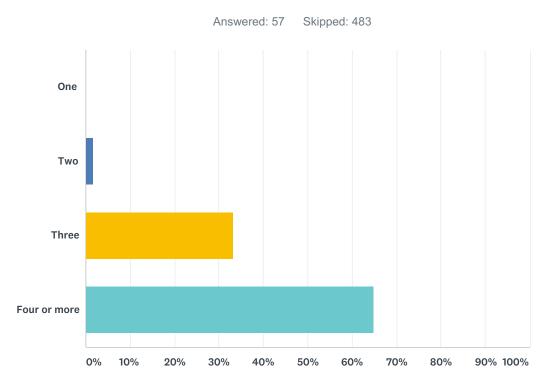
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Approximately 6 or more nights per year	1.72%	1
Approximately 3-6 nights per year	3.45%	2
Approximately 1-3 night per year	31.03%	18
Very rarely or never	63.79%	37
TOTAL		58

#### Q99 Town Meetings are too long:



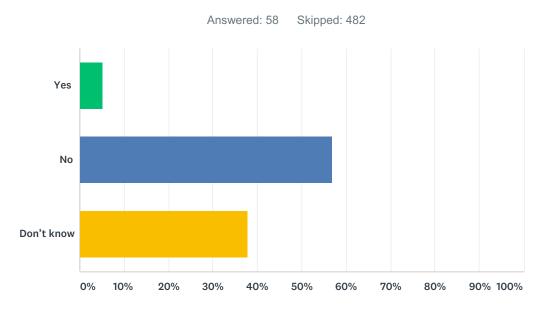
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Strongly Agree	36.21%	21
Somewhat Agree	36.21%	21
Somewhat Disagree	17.24%	10
Strongly Disagree	6.90%	4
Don't know/unsure	3.45%	2
TOTAL		58

# Q100 What is the maximum number days that you considerable to be reasonable for a session of Town Meeting?



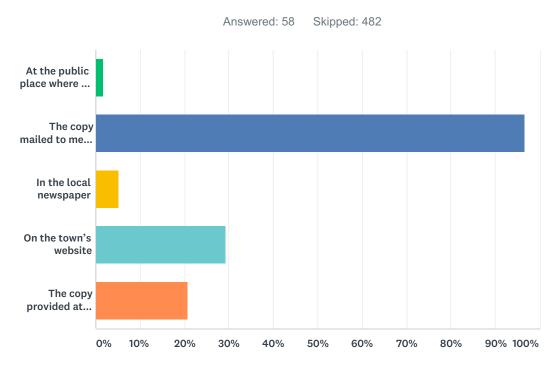
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
One	0.00%	0
Two	1.75%	1
Three	33.33%	19
Four or more	64.91%	37
TOTAL		57

#### Q101 Is a lottery system for the order of warrant articles a good idea?



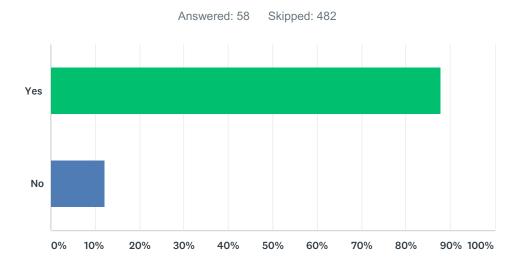
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	5.17%	3
No	56.90%	33
Don't know	37.93%	22
TOTAL		58

## Q102 Where/how do you review the Town Meeting warrant/Finance Committee book? (check all that apply)



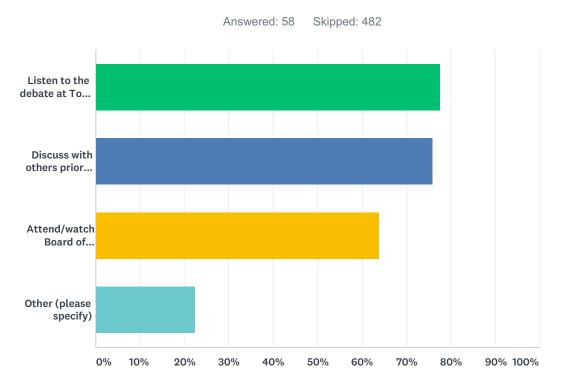
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
At the public place where it is posted	1.72%	1
The copy mailed to me as a Town Meeting Member	96.55%	56
In the local newspaper	5.17%	3
On the town's website	29.31%	17
The copy provided at Town Meeting	20.69%	12
Total Respondents: 58		

#### Q103 Do you usually read the Town Meeting materials before you come to Town Meeting?



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	87.93%	51
No	12.07%	7
TOTAL		58

### Q104 Other than reading the Town Meeting materials, how do you learn about the issues in front of Town Meeting? (check all that apply)



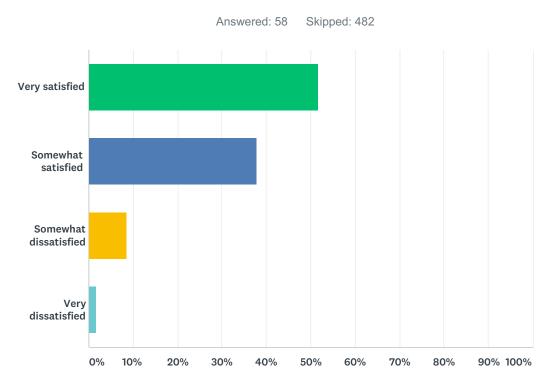
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Listen to the debate at Town Meeting	77.59%	45
Discuss with others prior to Town Meeting	75.86%	44
Attend/watch Board of Selectmen/Finance Committee or other meetings	63.79%	37
Other (please specify)	22.41%	13
Total Respondents: 58		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Advisory overview meeting	6/19/2018 9:09 AM

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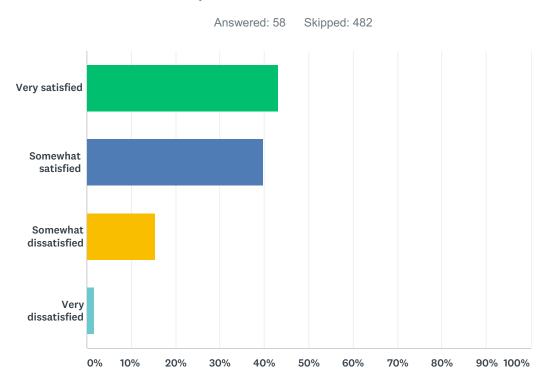
2	Speak with citizens in town	6/18/2018 6:48 AM
3	Sometimes go to prep meeting.	6/14/2018 5:38 PM
4	Discussion with town residents	6/12/2018 8:18 PM
5	local newspaper	6/12/2018 3:42 PM
6	newspaper	6/12/2018 12:36 PM
7	Discussion of issues at other committee meetings	6/12/2018 11:58 AM
8	Talk to friends & neighbors	6/11/2018 4:50 PM
9	social media	6/11/2018 12:13 PM
10	Read local media online if and when they cover issues.	6/11/2018 11:16 AM
11	Monitor social media groups	6/11/2018 11:02 AM
12	TM facebook page	6/11/2018 11:00 AM
13	Speak to sponsors	6/11/2018 10:54 AM

### Q105 How satisfied are you that the materials you receive to prepare you for Town Meeting arrive in sufficient time for you to prepare?



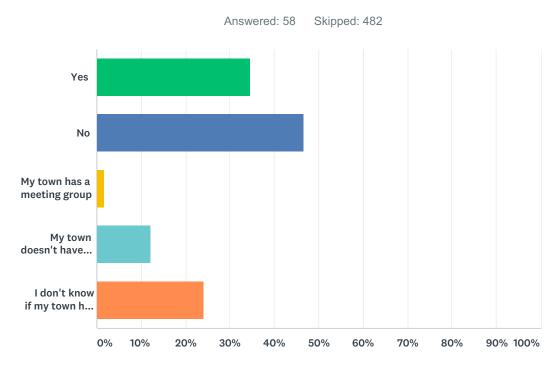
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very satisfied	51.72%	30
Somewhat satisfied	37.93%	22
Somewhat dissatisfied	8.62%	5
Very dissatisfied	1.72%	1
TOTAL		58

### Q106 How satisfied are you that the materials you receive to prepare you for Town Meeting are complete and informative?



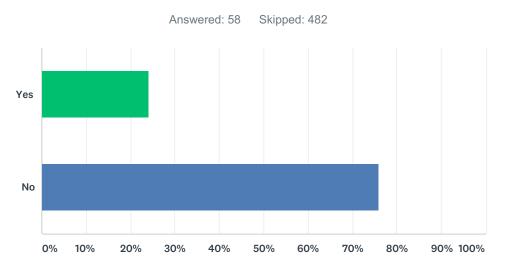
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very satisfied	43.10%	25
Somewhat satisfied	39.66%	23
Somewhat dissatisfied	15.52%	9
Very dissatisfied	1.72%	1
TOTAL		58

Q107 Would you be interested in participating in a Town Meeting association to meet periodically and suggest ways to improve Town Meeting and communication about Town Meeting to town residents? (check all that apply)



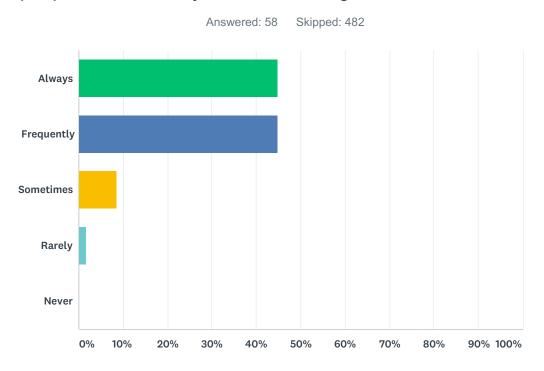
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	34.48%	20
No	46.55%	27
My town has a meeting group	1.72%	1
My town doesn't have a meeting group	12.07%	7
I don't know if my town has a meeting group	24.14%	14
Total Respondents: 58		

# Q108 Do you thinkl that warrant article information/data changes too much between the date it is published and the day of Town Meeting?



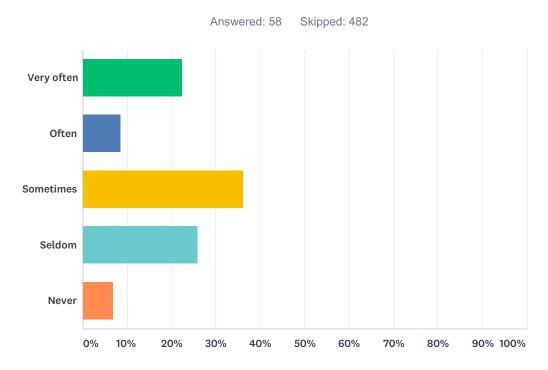
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	24.14%	14
No	75.86%	44
TOTAL		58

#### Q109 I come prepared for every Town Meeting to vote on all articles presented:



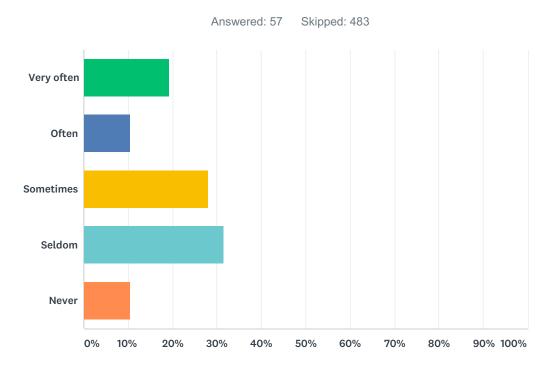
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Always	44.83%	26
Frequently	44.83%	26
Sometimes	8.62%	5
Rarely	1.72%	1
Never	0.00%	0
TOTAL		58

## Q110 How often do you attend or watch on TV/video meetings or hearings of the Board of Selectmen in preparation for Town Meeting?



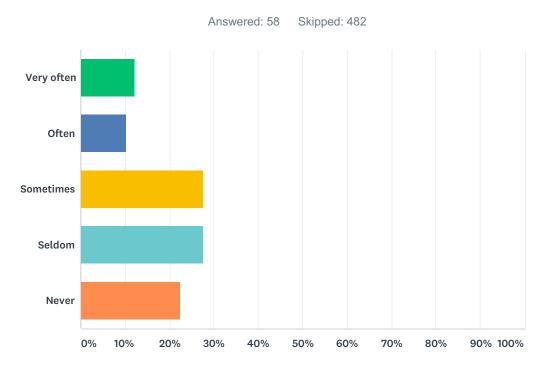
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very often	22.41%	13
Often	8.62%	5
Sometimes	36.21%	21
Seldom	25.86%	15
Never	6.90%	4
TOTAL		58

### Q111 How often do you attend or watch on TV/video meetings or hearings of the Finance/Advisory Committee in preparation for Town Meeting?



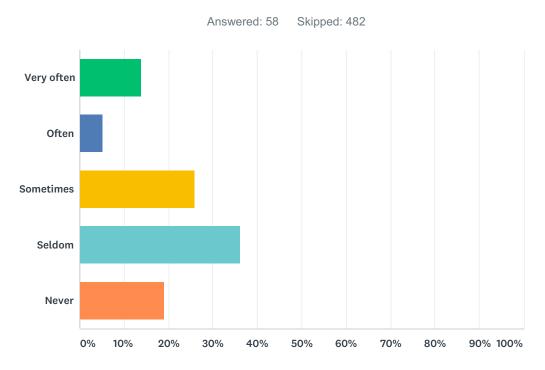
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very often	19.30%	11
Often	10.53%	6
Sometimes	28.07%	16
Seldom	31.58%	18
Never	10.53%	6
TOTAL		57

### Q112 How often do you attend or watch on TV/video meetings or hearings of the Planning Board in preparation for Town Meeting?



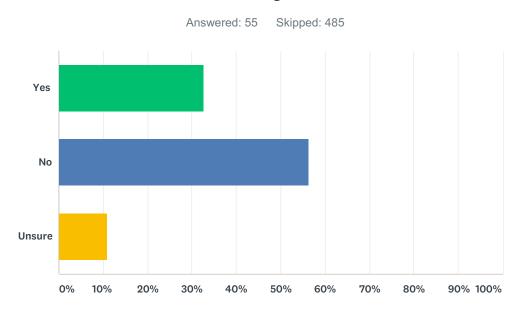
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very often	12.07%	7
Often	10.34%	6
Sometimes	27.59%	16
Seldom	27.59%	16
Never	22.41%	13
TOTAL		58

## Q113 How often do you attend or watch on TV/video meetings or hearings of the School Committee in preparation for Town Meeting?



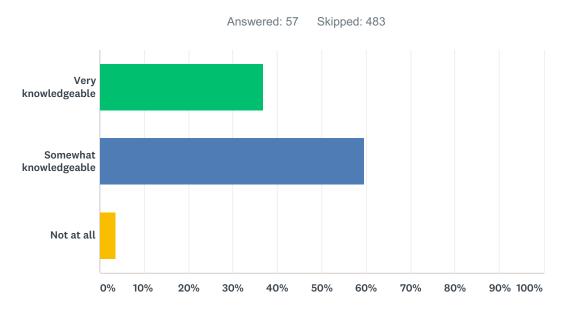
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very often	13.79%	8
Often	5.17%	3
Sometimes	25.86%	15
Seldom	36.21%	21
Never	18.97%	11
TOTAL		58

## Q114 Have you ever read a copy of the Secretary of State's "Citizen's Guide to Town Meetings"?



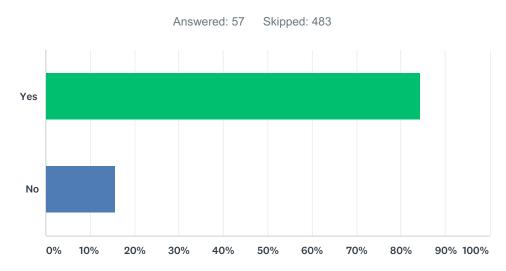
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	32.73%	18
No	56.36%	31
Unsure	10.91%	6
TOTAL		55

### Q115 How well do you understand Town Meeting parliamentary procedure (for example, moving the question, a point of order, reconsideration)?



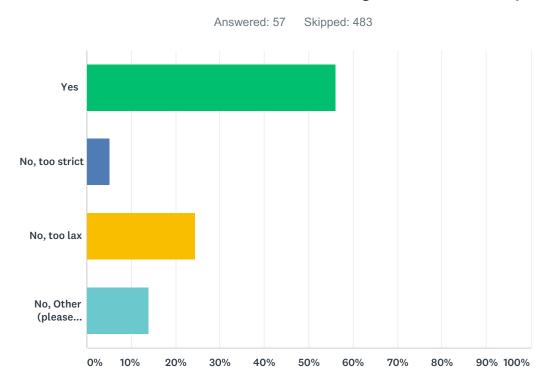
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very knowledgeable	36.84%	21
Somewhat knowledgeable	59.65%	34
Not at all	3.51%	2
TOTAL		57

# Q116 Are you satisfied with the Moderator's explanation of the procedural rules of Town Meeting?



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	84.21%	48
No	15.79%	9
TOTAL		57

### Q117 Are you satisfied with the rules for Town Meeting members to speak at Town Meeting?



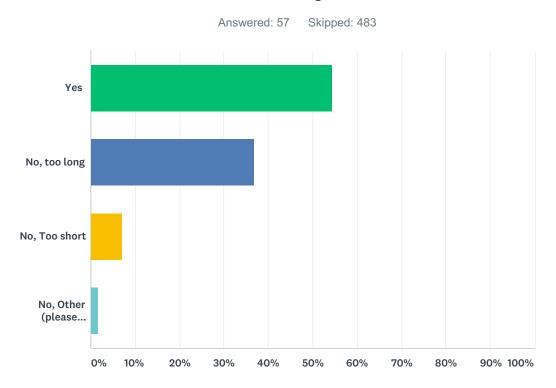
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	56.14%	32
No, too strict	5.26%	3
No, too lax	24.56%	14
No, Other (please specify)	14.04%	8
TOTAL		57

#	NO, OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Moderator doesn't enforce adequately	6/19/2018 11:45 AM
2	rules seem to fit moderators agenda only	6/18/2018 6:56 AM

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3	I would like more focus on ensuring comments are relevant to the decision at hand only	6/12/2018 3:46 PM
4	Not all TMMs were allowed to speak at last. Others were cut-off, heckled and rushed.	6/12/2018 12:56 PM
5	some talk too much, only to hear themselves think	6/11/2018 9:04 PM
6	don't like 3 question rule	6/11/2018 12:15 PM
7	In some instances, too lax (and points get repeated ad nauseum) and in other case, too strict (and questions should be allowed to help explore/explain)	6/11/2018 11:37 AM
8	I feel the amount of debate (usually by the same few people) should be limited.	5/17/2018 11:49 AM

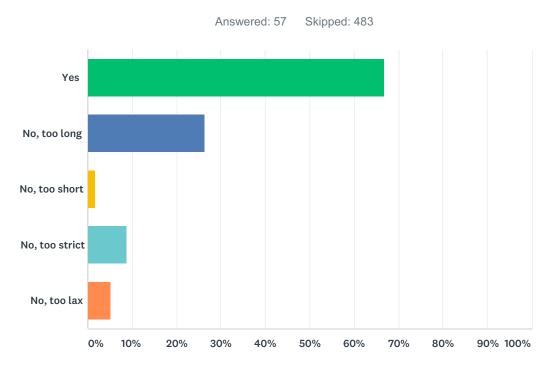
# Q118 Are you satisfied with the time allowed for Town Meeting members to speak at Town Meeting?



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	54.39%	31
No, too long	36.84%	21
No, Too short	7.02%	4
No, Other (please specify)	1.75%	1
TOTAL		57

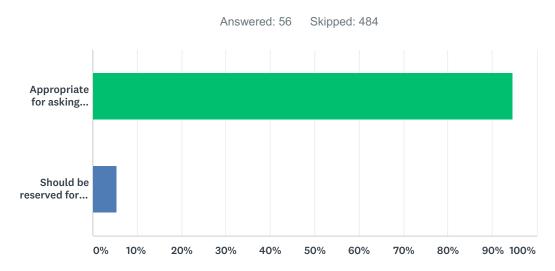
#	NO, OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	We routinely go 7-8 nights, since we cannot figure out how to limit presentation or discussion	6/12/2018 11:39 AM

# Q119 Are you satisfied with the opportunity and rules for formal presentations by sponsors and opponents of warrant articles at Town Meeting? (check all that apply)



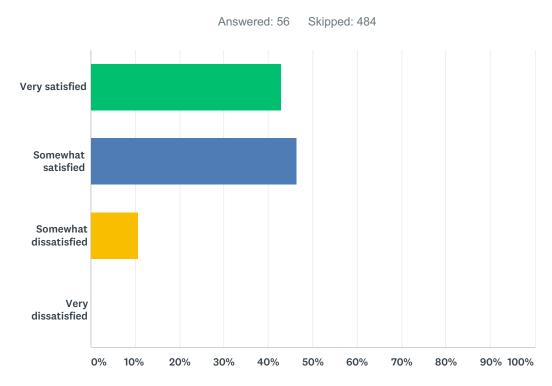
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	66.67%	38
No, too long	26.32%	15
No, too short	1.75%	1
No, too strict	8.77%	5
No, too lax	5.26%	3
Total Respondents: 57		

# Q120 Is Town Meeting the appropriate time to ask questions or should Town Meeting be reserved for opinions?



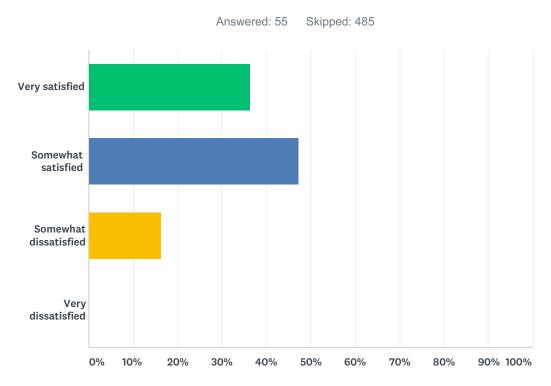
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Appropriate for asking questions	94.64%	53
Should be reserved for opinions	5.36%	3
TOTAL		56

# Q121 How satisfied are you with the clarity of the information in the Finance/Advisory Committee presentations at Town Meeting?



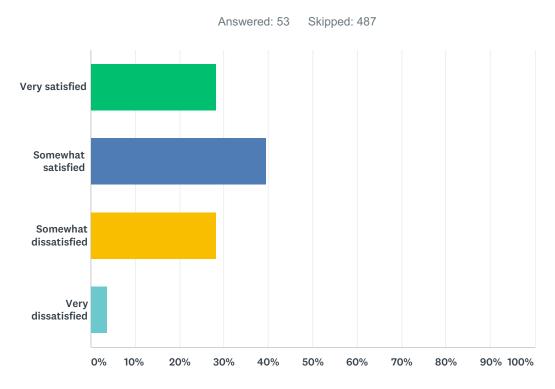
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very satisfied	42.86%	24
Somewhat satisfied	46.43%	26
Somewhat dissatisfied	10.71%	6
Very dissatisfied	0.00%	0
TOTAL		56

# Q122 How satisfied are you with the clarity of the information in the Planning Board presentations at Town Meeting?



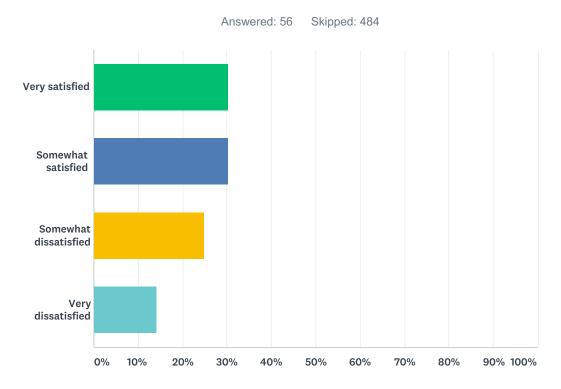
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very satisfied	36.36%	20
Somewhat satisfied	47.27%	26
Somewhat dissatisfied	16.36%	9
Very dissatisfied	0.00%	0
TOTAL		55

# Q123 How satisfied are you with the clarity of the information in the Personnel Board presentations at Town Meeting?



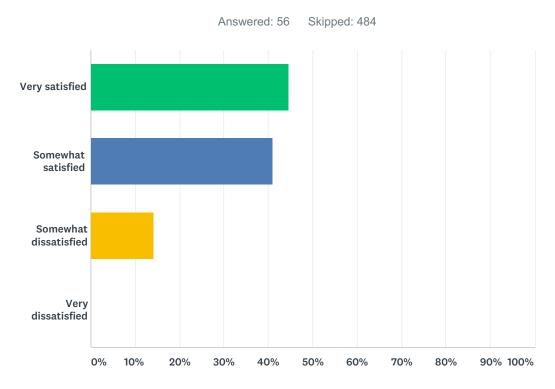
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very satisfied	28.30%	15
Somewhat satisfied	39.62%	21
Somewhat dissatisfied	28.30%	15
Very dissatisfied	3.77%	2
TOTAL		53

## Q124 In thinking about the most recent Town Meetings, please indicate how satisfied you that the meeting begins promptly at the designated time.



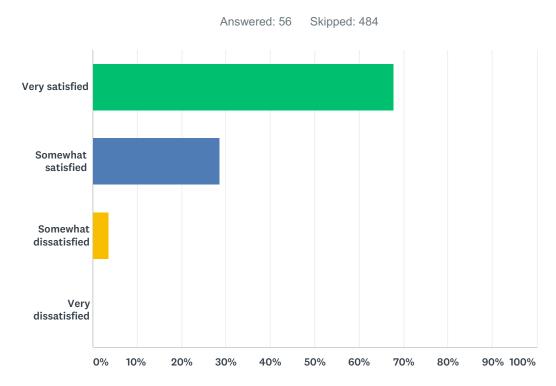
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very satisfied	30.36%	17
Somewhat satisfied	30.36%	17
Somewhat dissatisfied	25.00%	14
Very dissatisfied	14.29%	8
TOTAL		56

## Q125 In thinking about the most recent Town Meetings, please indicate how satisfied you that the meeting is run in an organized fashion.



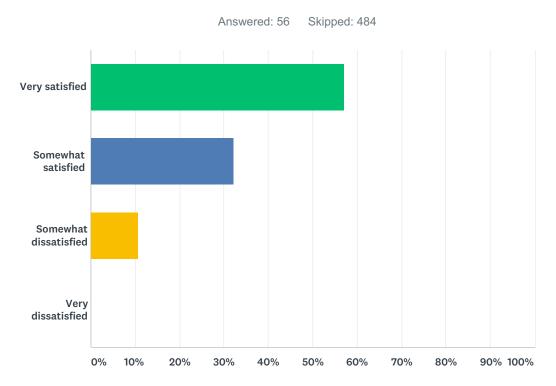
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very satisfied	44.64%	25
Somewhat satisfied	41.07%	23
Somewhat dissatisfied	14.29%	8
Very dissatisfied	0.00%	0
TOTAL		56

## Q126 In thinking about the most recent Town Meetings, please indicate how satisfied you are with the quality of the audio system.



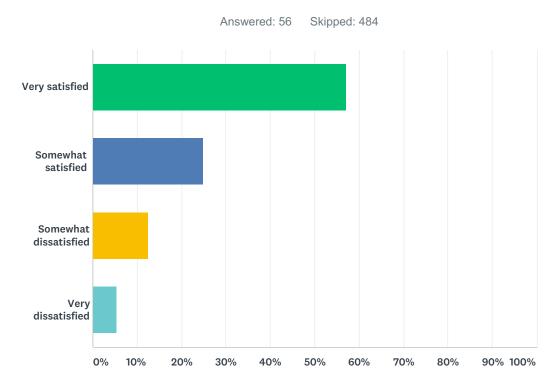
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very satisfied	67.86%	38
Somewhat satisfied	28.57%	16
Somewhat dissatisfied	3.57%	2
Very dissatisfied	0.00%	0
TOTAL		56

## Q127 In thinking about the most recent Town Meetings, please indicate how satisfied you are with the quality of the visual presentations.



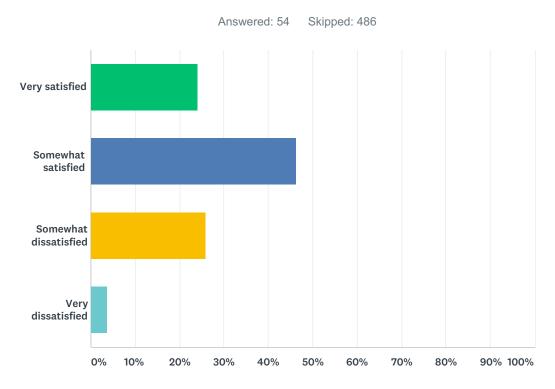
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very satisfied	57.14%	32
Somewhat satisfied	32.14%	18
Somewhat dissatisfied	10.71%	6
Very dissatisfied	0.00%	0
TOTAL		56

# Q128 In thinking about the most recent Town Meetings, please indicate how satisfied you with the voting process (standing to vote, voice votes, etc.)



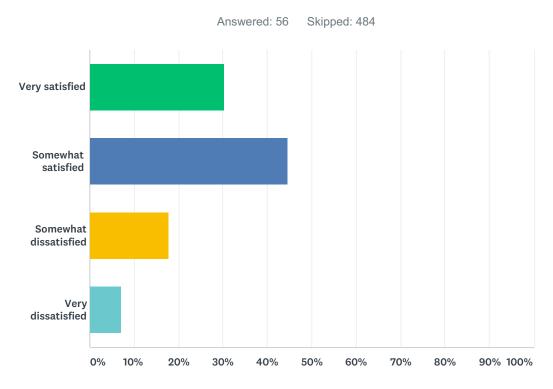
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very satisfied	57.14%	32
Somewhat satisfied	25.00%	14
Somewhat dissatisfied	12.50%	7
Very dissatisfied	5.36%	3
TOTAL		56

## Q129 In thinking about the most recent Town Meetings, please indicate how satisfied you with the process to make amendments to motions at Town Meeting.



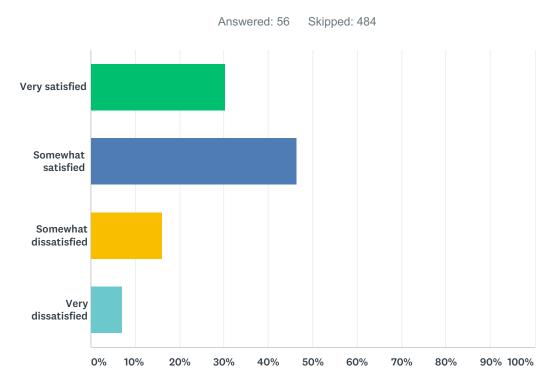
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very satisfied	24.07%	13
Somewhat satisfied	46.30%	25
Somewhat dissatisfied	25.93%	14
Very dissatisfied	3.70%	2
TOTAL		54

Q130 In thinking about the most recent Town Meetings, please indicate how satisfied you are with the way in the Town Budget is presented, discussed and approved.



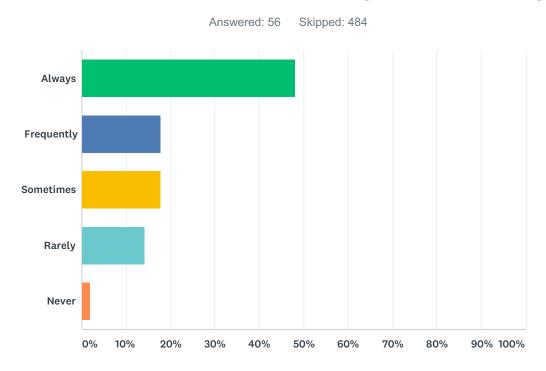
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very satisfied	30.36%	17
Somewhat satisfied	44.64%	25
Somewhat dissatisfied	17.86%	10
Very dissatisfied	7.14%	4
TOTAL		56

Q131 In thinking about the most recent Town Meetings, please indicate how satisfied you are with the way in which Zoning and Land Articles are presented, discussed and approved.



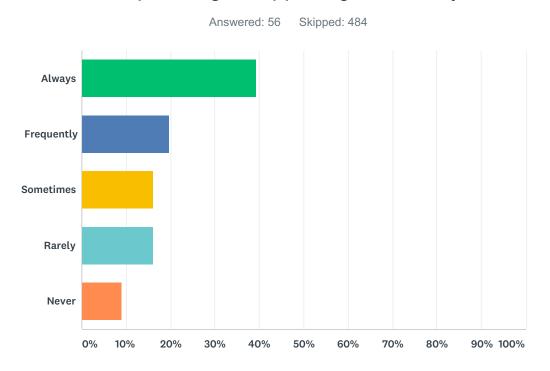
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very satisfied	30.36%	17
Somewhat satisfied	46.43%	26
Somewhat dissatisfied	16.07%	9
Very dissatisfied	7.14%	4
TOTAL		56

### Q132 I feel comfortable participating at Town Meeting:



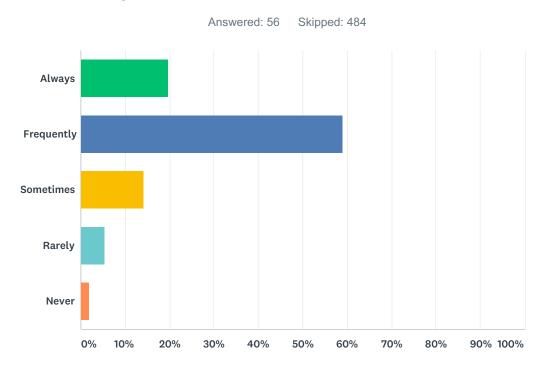
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Always	48.21%	27
Frequently	17.86%	10
Sometimes	17.86%	10
Rarely	14.29%	8
Never	1.79%	1
TOTAL		56

### Q133 I feel comfortable expressing an opposing or minority view at Town Meeting:



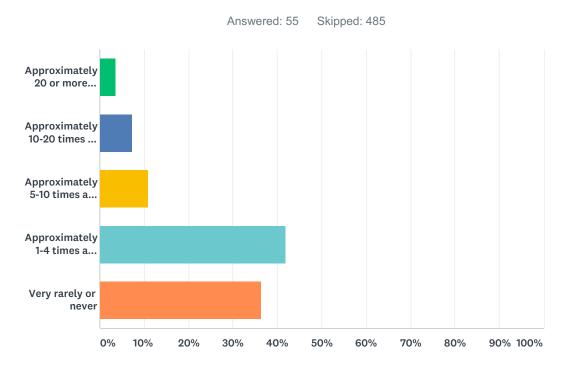
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Always	39.29%	22
Frequently	19.64%	11
Sometimes	16.07%	9
Rarely	16.07%	9
Never	8.93%	5
TOTAL		56

### Q134 I feel Town Meeting Members are respectful and listen to others' comments:



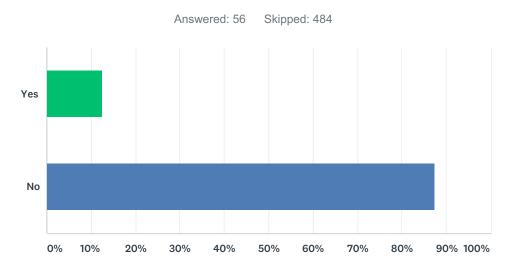
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Always	19.64%	11
Frequently	58.93%	33
Sometimes	14.29%	8
Rarely	5.36%	3
Never	1.79%	1
TOTAL		56

#### Q135 How often do you speak at Town Meeting in support or opposition to an article?



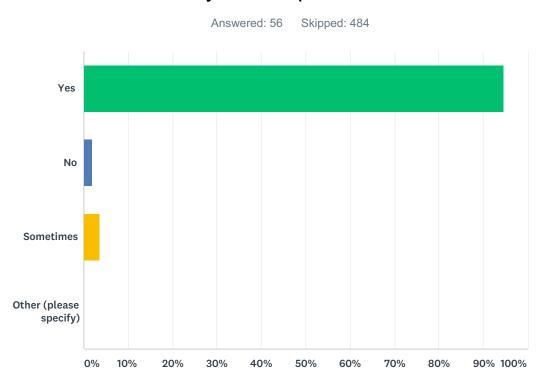
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Approximately 20 or more times a year	3.64%	2
Approximately 10-20 times a year	7.27%	4
Approximately 5-10 times a year	10.91%	6
Approximately 1-4 times a year	41.82%	23
Very rarely or never	36.36%	20
TOTAL		55

### Q136 Have you ever attended Town Meeting but did not vote?



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	12.50%	7
No	87.50%	49
TOTAL		56

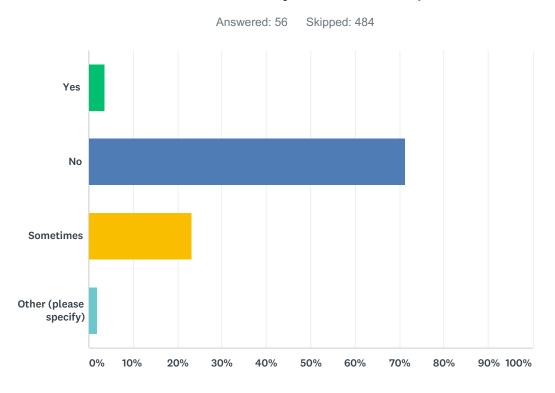
### Q137 Do you feel qualified to vote?



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	94.64%	53
No	1.79%	1
Sometimes	3.57%	2
Other (please specify)	0.00%	0
TOTAL		56

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
	There are no responses.	

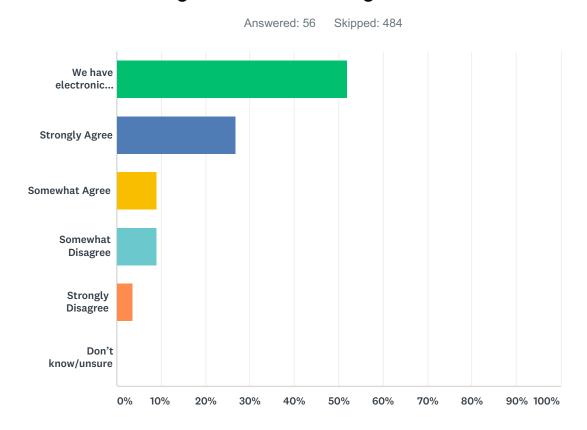
### Q138 Are the subjects too complex?



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	3.57%	2
No	71.43%	40
Sometimes	23.21%	13
Other (please specify)	1.79%	1
TOTAL		56

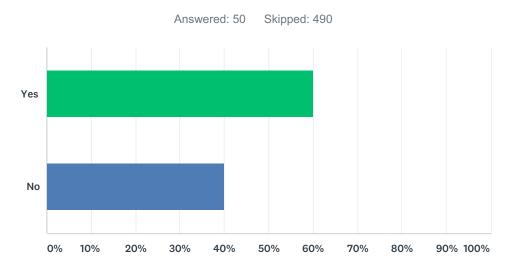
#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Some Items could be better explained prior to voting	6/11/2018 4:56 PM

### Q139 Electronic voting should be investigated for use at Town Meeting:



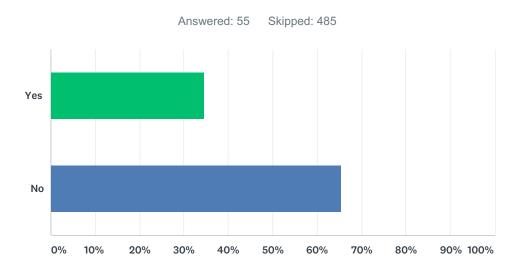
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
We have electronic voting	51.79%	29
Strongly Agree	26.79%	15
Somewhat Agree	8.93%	5
Somewhat Disagree	8.93%	5
Strongly Disagree	3.57%	2
Don't know/unsure	0.00%	0
TOTAL		56

### Q140 Would you be more likely to vote if electronic voting were used at Town Meeting?



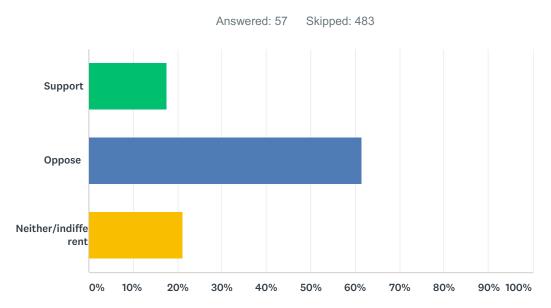
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	60.00%	30
No	40.00%	20
TOTAL		50

Q141 If remote internet-voting were available for Town Meeting Members (from your home or anywhere) while viewing town meetings live via a webcast or TV, would you be more likely to vote?



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	34.55%	19
No	65.45%	36
TOTAL		55

Q142 Would you be willing to support or oppose the town or residents seeking changes in state law and town bylaws, and taking other necessary steps, to allow remote internet-voting while viewing Town Meeting live via a webcast or TV?



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Support	17.54%	10
Oppose	61.40%	35
Neither/indifferent	21.05%	12
TOTAL		57