



# MetroWest Town Meeting Survey – Holliston

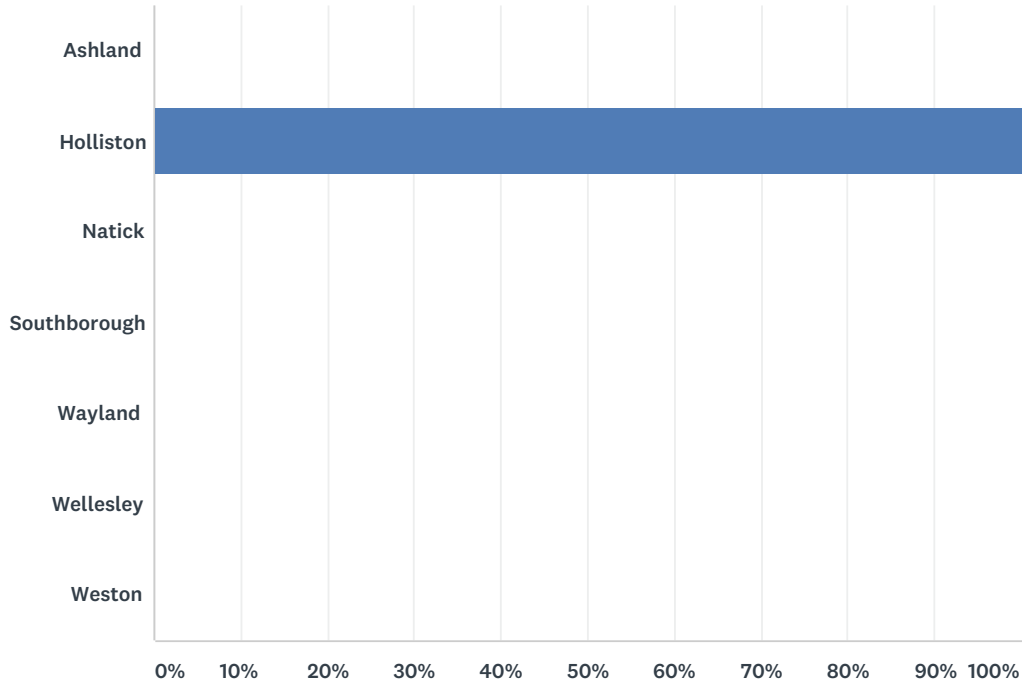
Monday, July 02, 2018

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

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# Q1 What town do you live in?

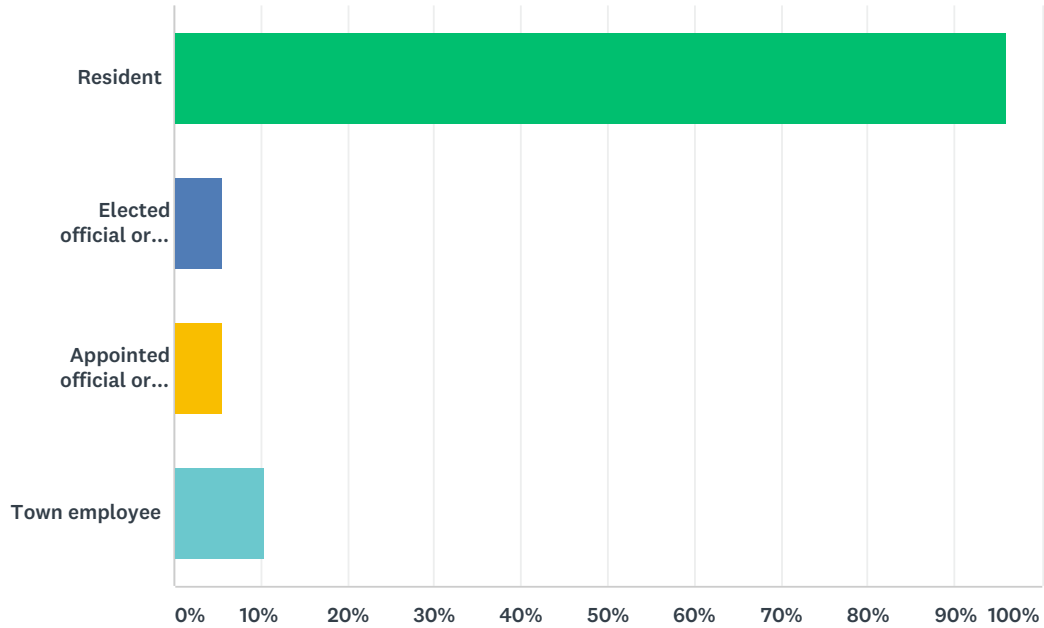
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Ashland	0.00%	0
Holliston	100.00%	136
Natick	0.00%	0
Southborough	0.00%	0
Wayland	0.00%	0
Wellesley	0.00%	0
Weston	0.00%	0
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>136</b>

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

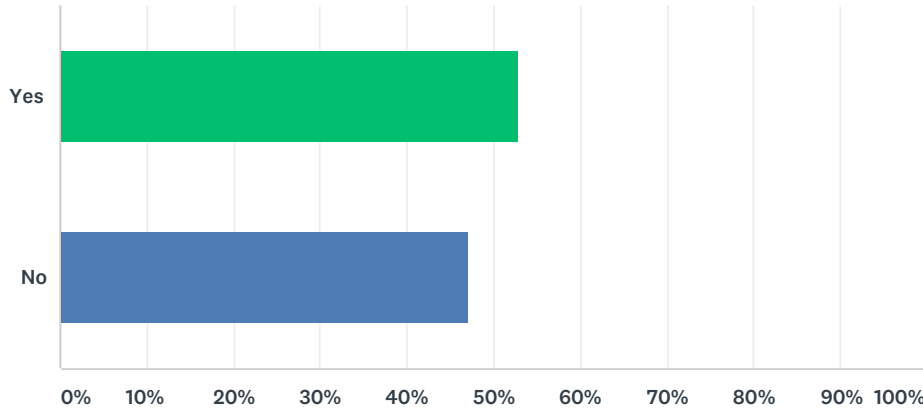
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Resident	96.00%	120
Elected official or town board/committee member	5.60%	7
Appointed official or town board/committee member	5.60%	7
Town employee	10.40%	13
Total Respondents: 125		

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

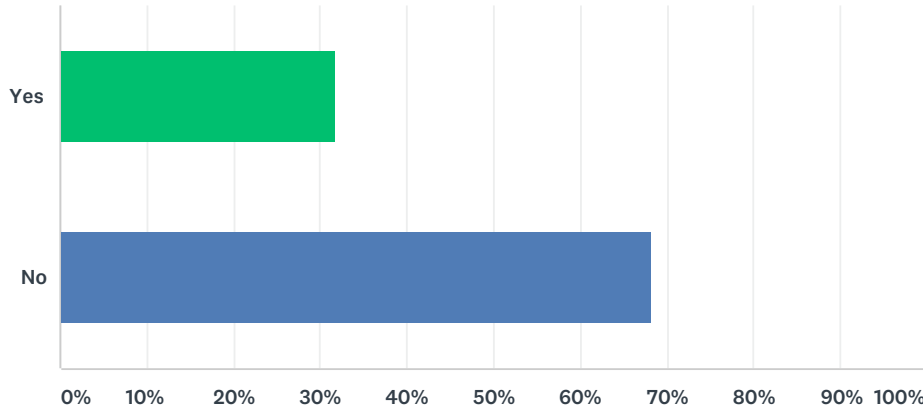
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	52.85%	65
No	47.15%	58
TOTAL		123

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

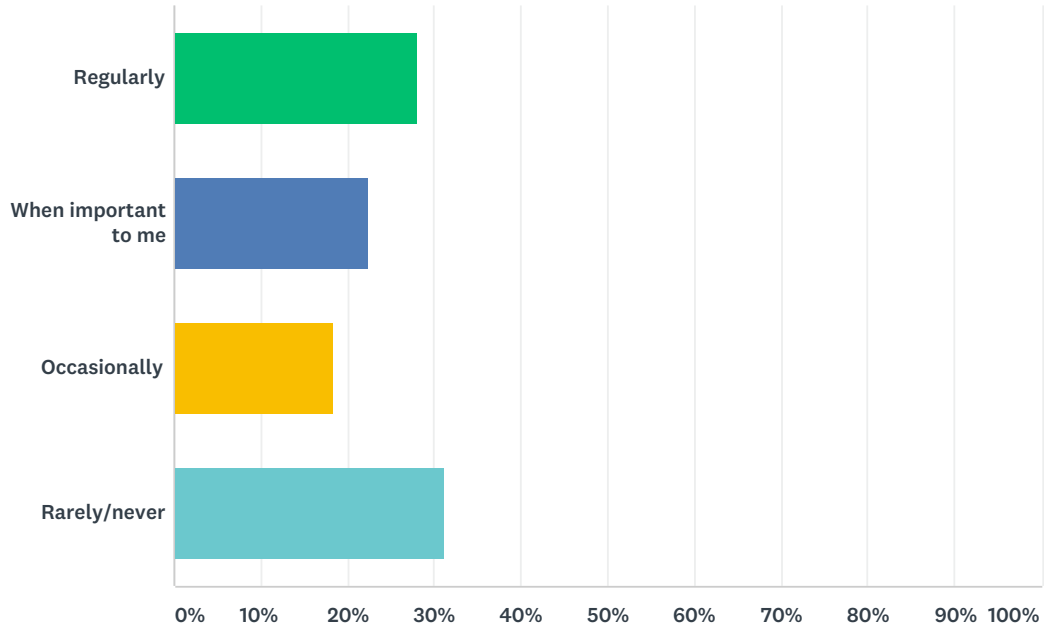
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	31.71%	39
No	68.29%	84
TOTAL		123

## Q5 How often do you attend Town Meetings?

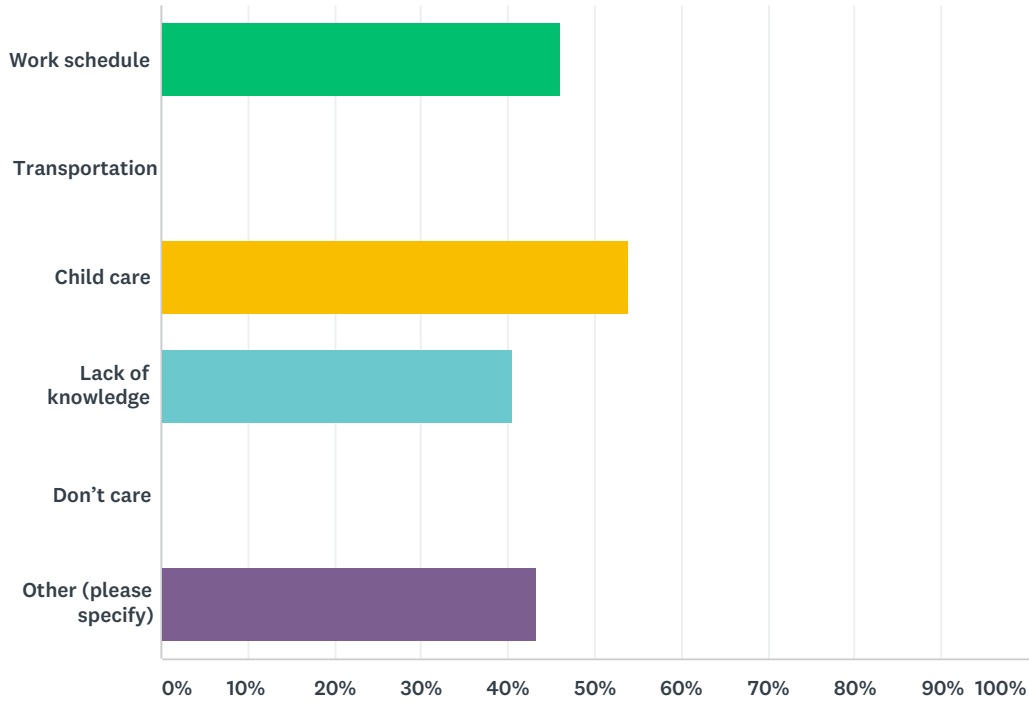
Answered: 125 Skipped: 11



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Regularly	28.00%	35
When important to me	22.40%	28
Occasionally	18.40%	23
Rarely/never	31.20%	39
TOTAL		125

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

Answered: 37 Skipped: 99



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Work schedule	45.95%	17
Transportation	0.00%	0
Child care	54.05%	20
Lack of knowledge	40.54%	15
Don't care	0.00%	0
Other (please specify)	43.24%	16
Total Respondents: 37		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	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
2	would prefer to watch AND participate via web cast	5/14/2018 12:43 PM
3	Not representative of all residents.	5/6/2018 9:57 PM
4	I don't feel it's a good use of my time	4/30/2018 11:45 AM
5	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
6	Out of date and biased	4/26/2018 9:20 PM
7	To dream out. Lots of waisted time.	4/26/2018 7:28 PM

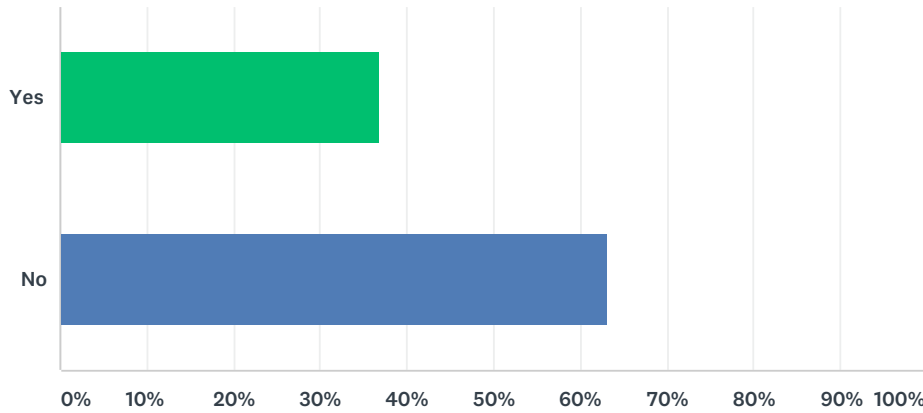
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8	Knowing that I potentially have to go to 2, 3, 4 nights of meetings to get through the agenda is not a good use of my time, with family and other commitments. I dont want to listen to every person's comments on every matter on the warrant.	4/26/2018 4:37 PM
9	Feel that my vote is useless. The one who is the most loud always win	4/26/2018 1:08 PM
10	Waste of time	4/26/2018 8:56 AM
11	Work, and meetings not widely promoted	4/26/2018 8:35 AM
12	Takes too long	4/25/2018 11:57 PM
13	Takes way too much time	4/25/2018 2:57 PM
14	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
15	Not Prominently Advertised	4/25/2018 9:20 AM
16	Time constraints	4/25/2018 9:00 AM



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

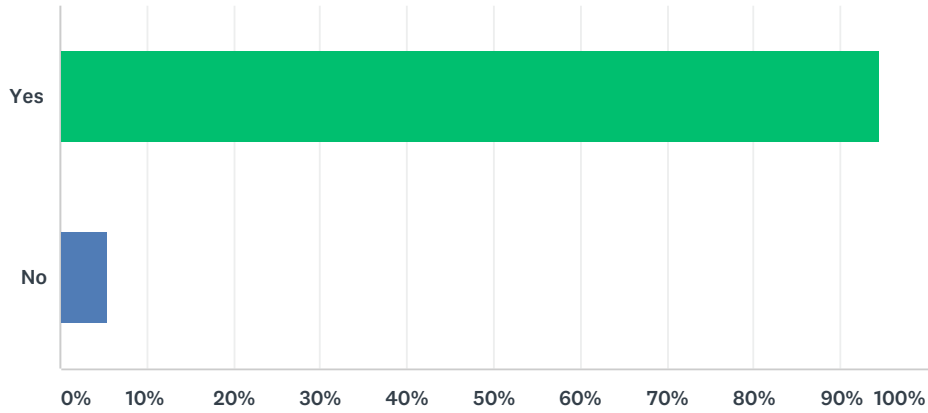
Answered: 38 Skipped: 98



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	36.84%	14
No	63.16%	24
TOTAL		38

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

Answered: 37 Skipped: 99



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	94.59%	35
No	5.41%	2
TOTAL		37

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

Answered: 28 Skipped: 108

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	More publicized meeting times, a clearer agenda	6/12/2018 8:49 PM
2	Start time early and school issues are voted on last.	5/22/2018 10:27 AM
3	More convenient scheduling.	5/15/2018 2:00 PM
4	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
5	Shorter duration and scheduled at convenient time for working parents.	5/8/2018 2:46 PM
6	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
7	Don't know.	5/6/2018 9:57 PM
8	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
9	When children are grown	4/29/2018 7:36 AM
10	Why bother	4/28/2018 8:46 AM
11	Work and child schedule prohibits participation	4/26/2018 9:20 PM
12	More efficient use of time	4/26/2018 7:28 PM
13	1 night	4/26/2018 4:37 PM
14	set schedule (we know when it will end) and my vote actually means something	4/26/2018 1:08 PM
15	end the scripting. officials are prepped and things go by the script	4/26/2018 8:56 AM
16	More notice, weekend meetings	4/26/2018 8:35 AM
17	Knowing that town meeting wouldn't last more than one night	4/25/2018 11:57 PM
18	Shorter, not during the evening.	4/25/2018 4:08 PM
19	Nothing.	4/25/2018 2:57 PM
20	make it shorter, just vote. Have pre-reads available.	4/25/2018 2:03 PM
21	If it were better advertised	4/25/2018 12:31 PM
22	Remote meetings	4/25/2018 10:56 AM
23	More decorum.	4/25/2018 10:32 AM
24	Issues that affected my family	4/25/2018 10:22 AM
25	I would watch a stream online	4/25/2018 9:37 AM
26	I'm not sure my attendance has any value to the town meeting, that me being there has any effect on the running of the town.	4/25/2018 9:00 AM
27	Saturday meeting, faster meeting (less nights), or eVoting	4/25/2018 9:00 AM
28	I know this is unpopular, but I'd give up a Sat or Sun morning for town meeting.	4/25/2018 8:38 AM

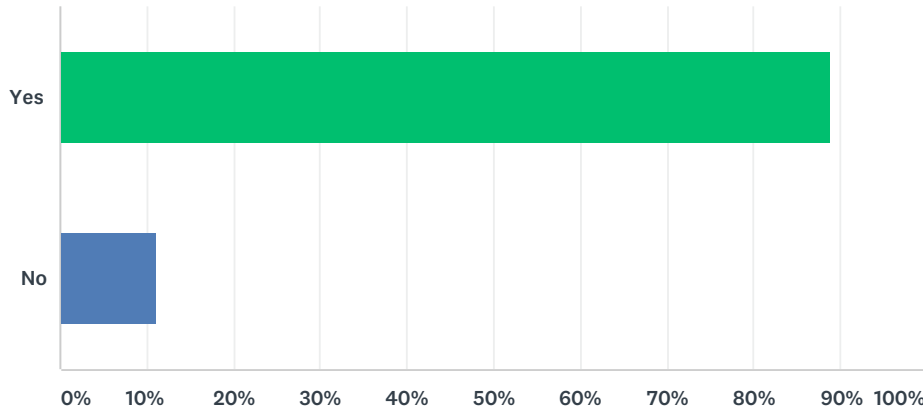
## Q10 What would make others more likely to attend Town Meeting?

Answered: 24 Skipped: 112

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Ask them	6/12/2018 8:49 PM
2	Start time early	5/22/2018 10:27 AM
3	Shorter duration and scheduled at convenient time for working parents.	5/8/2018 2:46 PM
4	Don't know.	5/6/2018 9:57 PM
5	Shorten the meeting; enforce time limits on speaking	4/30/2018 11:45 AM
6	Quicker meetings	4/29/2018 7:36 AM
7	important issue to them but it really doesn't matter	4/28/2018 8:46 AM
8	smaller, topic specific, timebound	4/26/2018 9:20 PM
9	More efficient use of time	4/26/2018 7:28 PM
10	1 night	4/26/2018 4:37 PM
11	online voting.	4/26/2018 1:08 PM
12	a more professional management structure	4/26/2018 8:56 AM
13	n/a	4/26/2018 8:35 AM
14	Knowledge of issues/decisions needed	4/25/2018 11:57 PM
15	Being better informed.	4/25/2018 4:08 PM
16	Nothing. Too time consuming.	4/25/2018 2:57 PM
17	Awareness	4/25/2018 2:03 PM
18	Same	4/25/2018 12:31 PM
19	Not sure	4/25/2018 10:56 AM
20	Not sure.	4/25/2018 10:32 AM
21	Not sure	4/25/2018 10:22 AM
22	Scheduling at different times each meeting	4/25/2018 9:37 AM
23	EVoting, more efficient/fewer meetings	4/25/2018 9:00 AM
24	I don't think anyone should speak for another person.	4/25/2018 8:38 AM

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

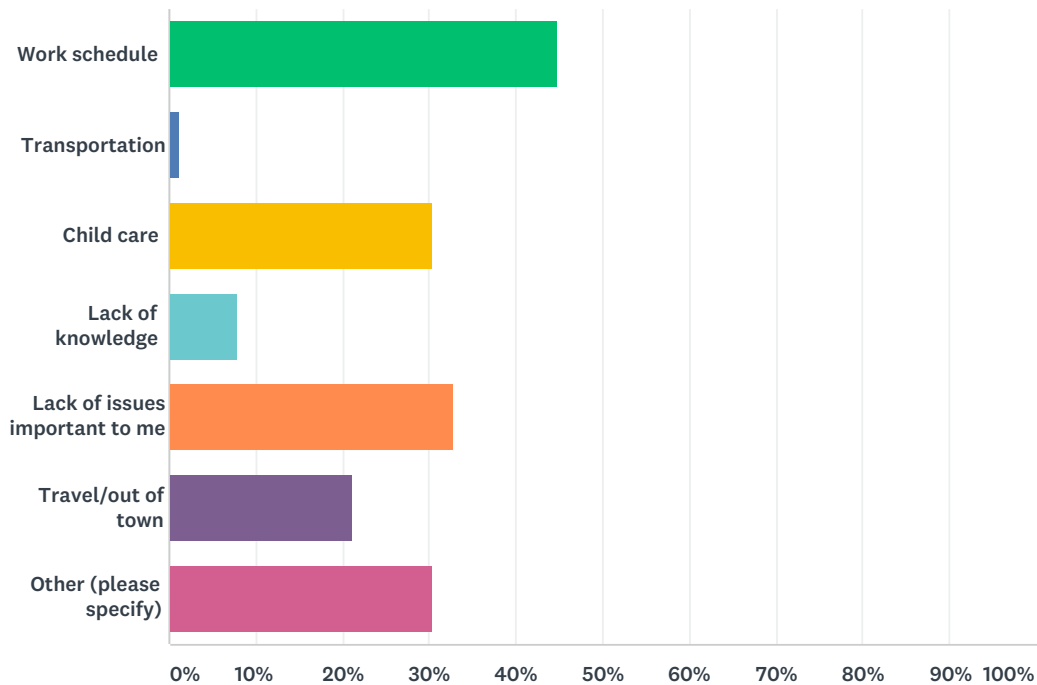
Answered: 36 Skipped: 100



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	88.89%	32
No	11.11%	4
TOTAL		36

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

Answered: 76 Skipped: 60



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Work schedule	44.74%	34
Transportation	1.32%	1
Child care	30.26%	23
Lack of knowledge	7.89%	6
Lack of issues important to me	32.89%	25
Travel/out of town	21.05%	16
Other (please specify)	30.26%	23
Total Respondents: 76		

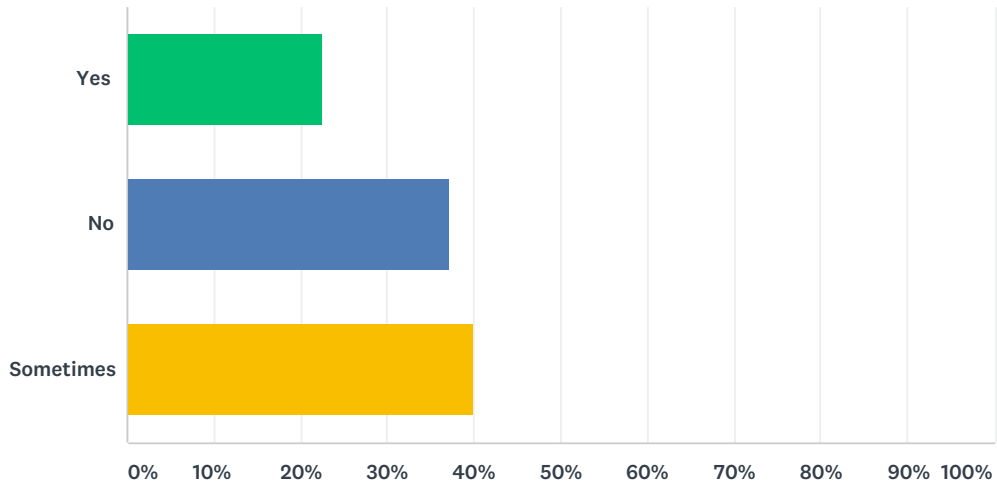
#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Health	6/8/2018 7:35 PM
2	pure laziness	5/21/2018 7:16 PM
3	I don't get reliable information of when it is. I usually only find out the timing only a day or two before or sometimes after the fact	5/15/2018 3:15 PM
4	I do attend.	5/15/2018 1:39 PM
5	illness	5/15/2018 12:05 PM
6	Physically Unable	5/10/2018 3:12 PM
7	lazy	5/7/2018 7:15 PM

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8	runs too late at night	5/7/2018 4:59 PM
9	It's a circus, and sometimes I don't want to deal with the drama	4/29/2018 6:49 PM
10	Don't miss town mtg	4/26/2018 8:14 PM
11	Conflict with a course	4/26/2018 7:00 PM
12	Snow storm	4/26/2018 5:59 PM
13	Sometimes the weather	4/26/2018 5:26 PM
14	other commitments that night	4/26/2018 10:41 AM
15	Frustration	4/26/2018 9:16 AM
16	They continue too late into night, & practically always never make decisions. They keep carrying over a subject!	4/26/2018 8:43 AM
17	Too tired after work	4/25/2018 7:10 PM
18	Procedural red tape	4/25/2018 1:46 PM
19	Other obligations	4/25/2018 12:48 PM
20	Privacy, I don't want people judging me	4/25/2018 10:29 AM
21	Tired. I know I will get home late and have to get up early.	4/25/2018 10:16 AM
22	2nd job, previous engagement	4/25/2018 10:13 AM
23	I am dead.	4/25/2018 9:06 AM

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

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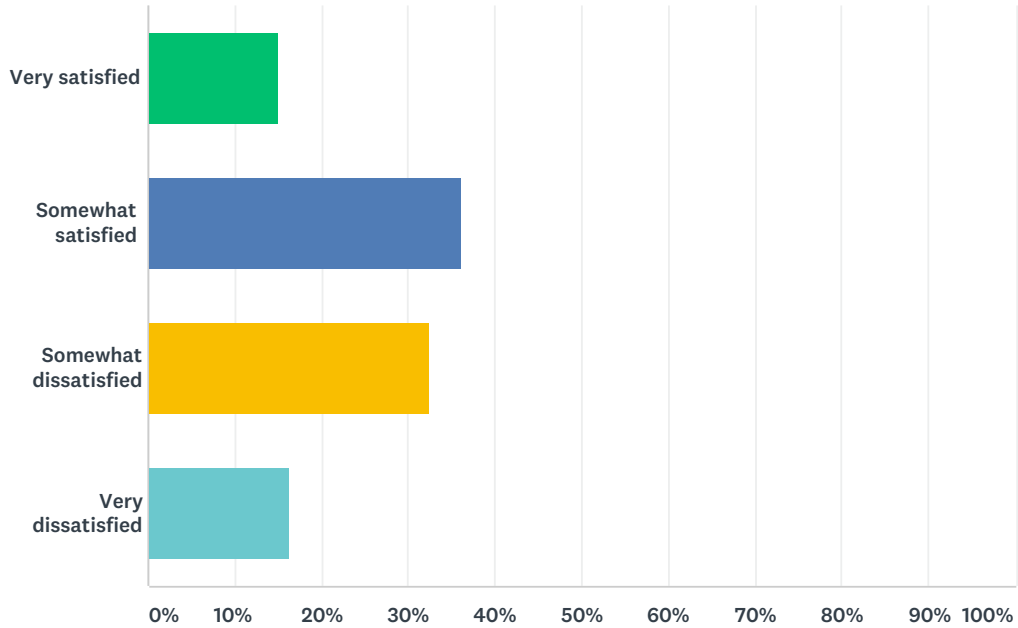


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	22.67%	17
No	37.33%	28
Sometimes	40.00%	30
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>75</b>



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

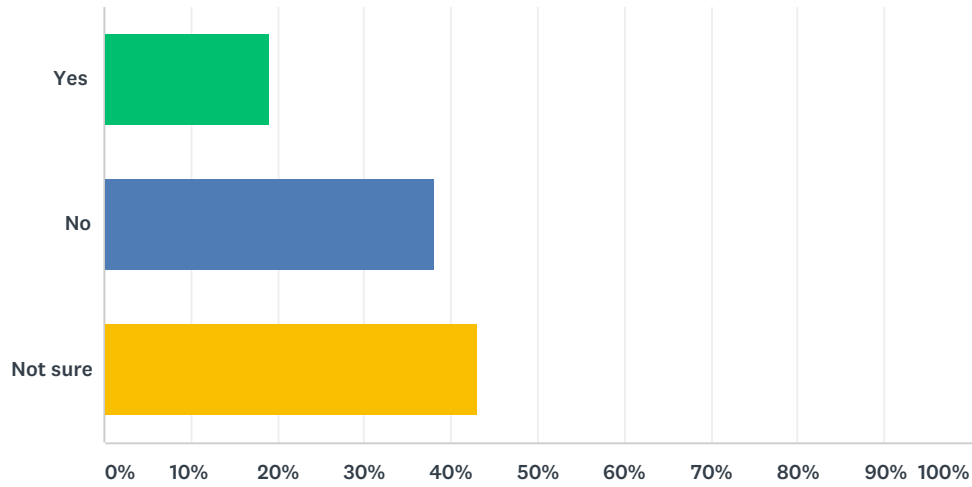
Answered: 80 Skipped: 56



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very satisfied	15.00%	12
Somewhat satisfied	36.25%	29
Somewhat dissatisfied	32.50%	26
Very dissatisfied	16.25%	13
TOTAL		80

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

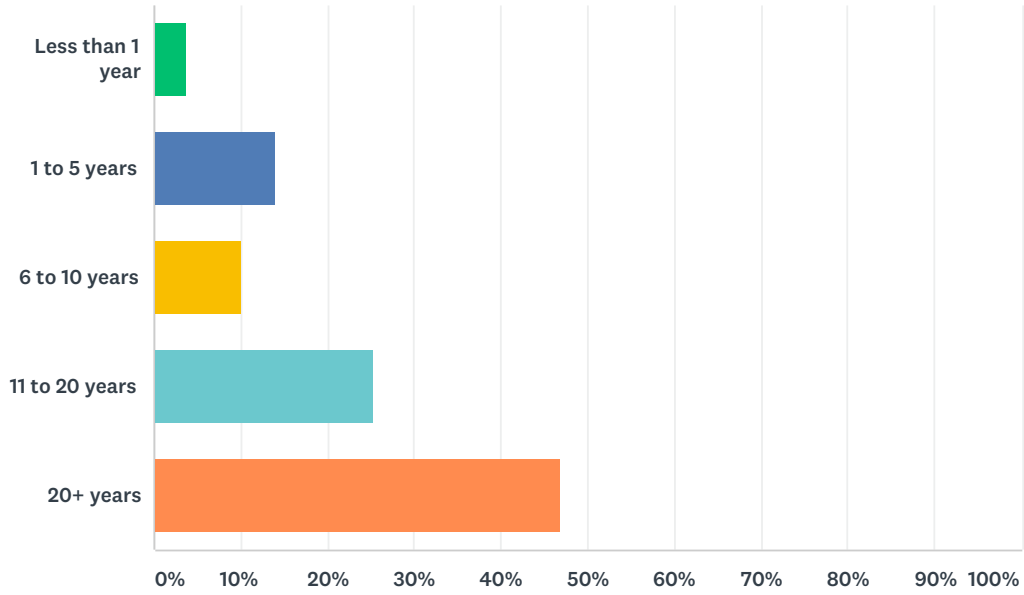
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	18.99%	15
No	37.97%	30
Not sure	43.04%	34
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>79</b>

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

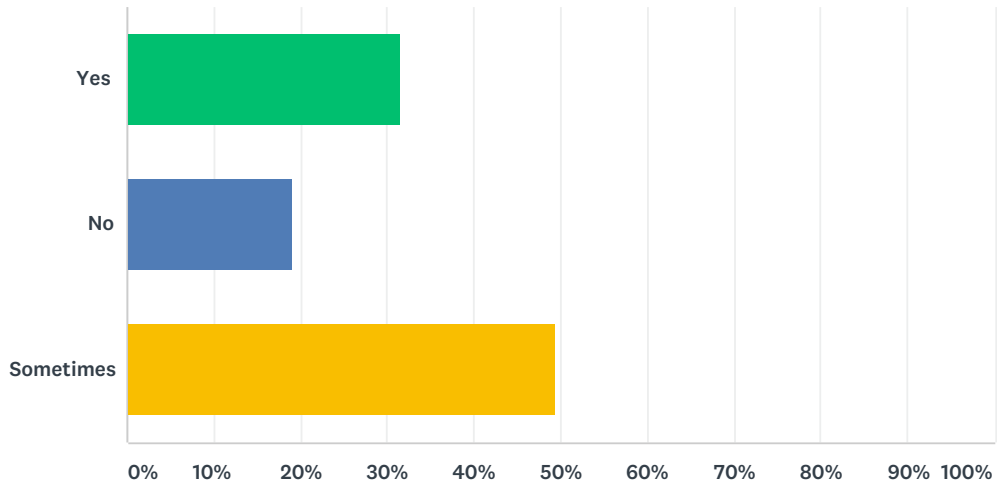
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Less than 1 year	3.80%	3
1 to 5 years	13.92%	11
6 to 10 years	10.13%	8
11 to 20 years	25.32%	20
20+ years	46.84%	37
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>79</b>

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

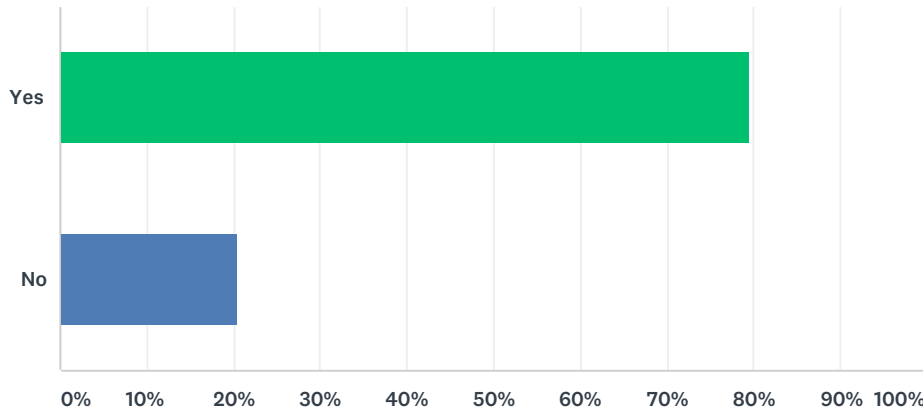
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	31.65%	25
No	18.99%	15
Sometimes	49.37%	39
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>79</b>

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

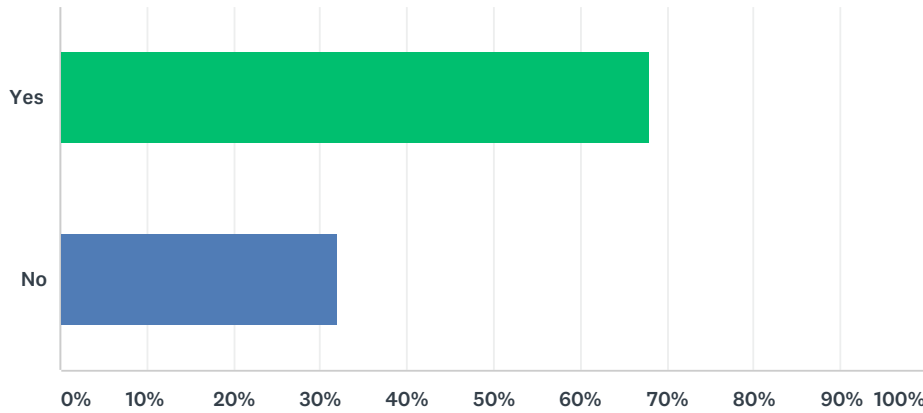
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	79.49%	62
No	20.51%	16
TOTAL		78

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

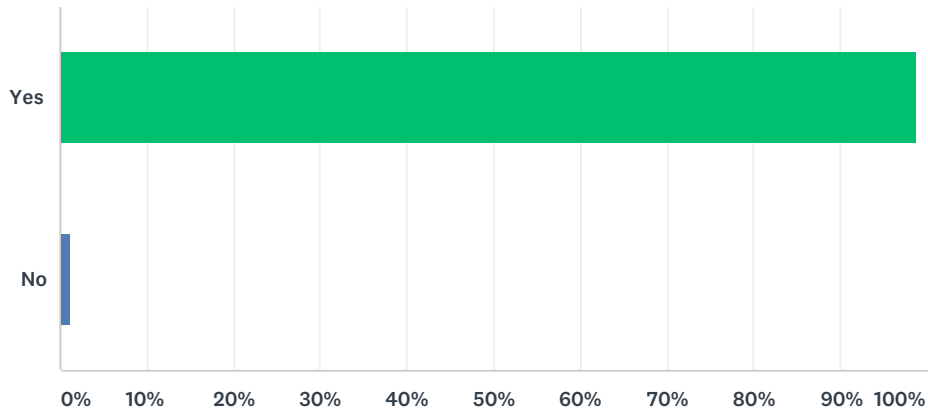
Answered: 78 Skipped: 58



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	67.95%	53
No	32.05%	25
TOTAL		78

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

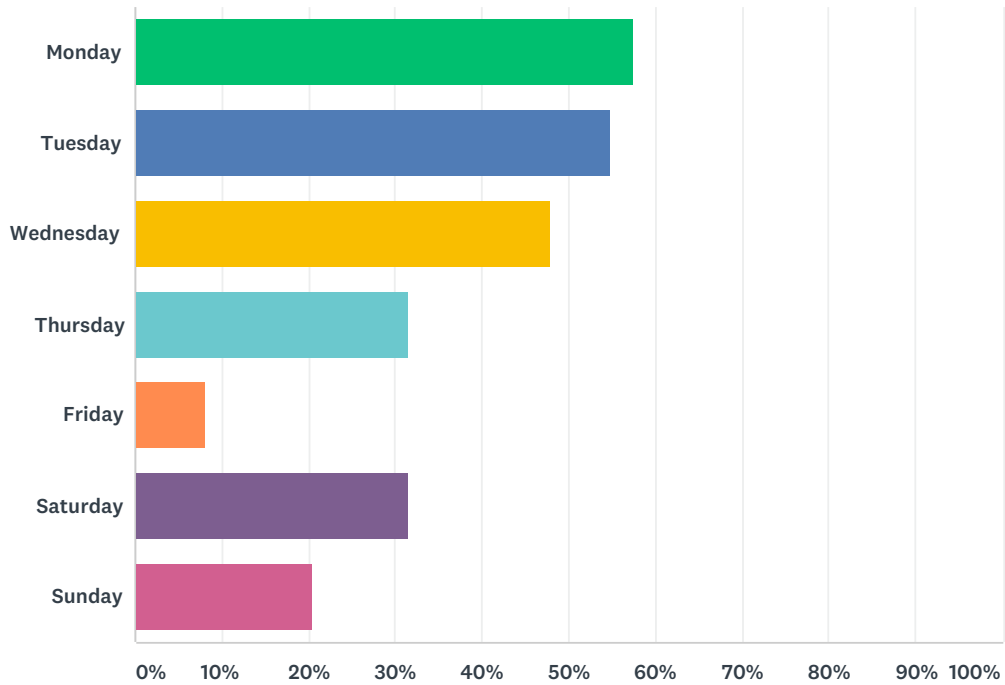
Answered: 77 Skipped: 59



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	98.70%	76
No	1.30%	1
TOTAL		77

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

Answered: 73 Skipped: 63

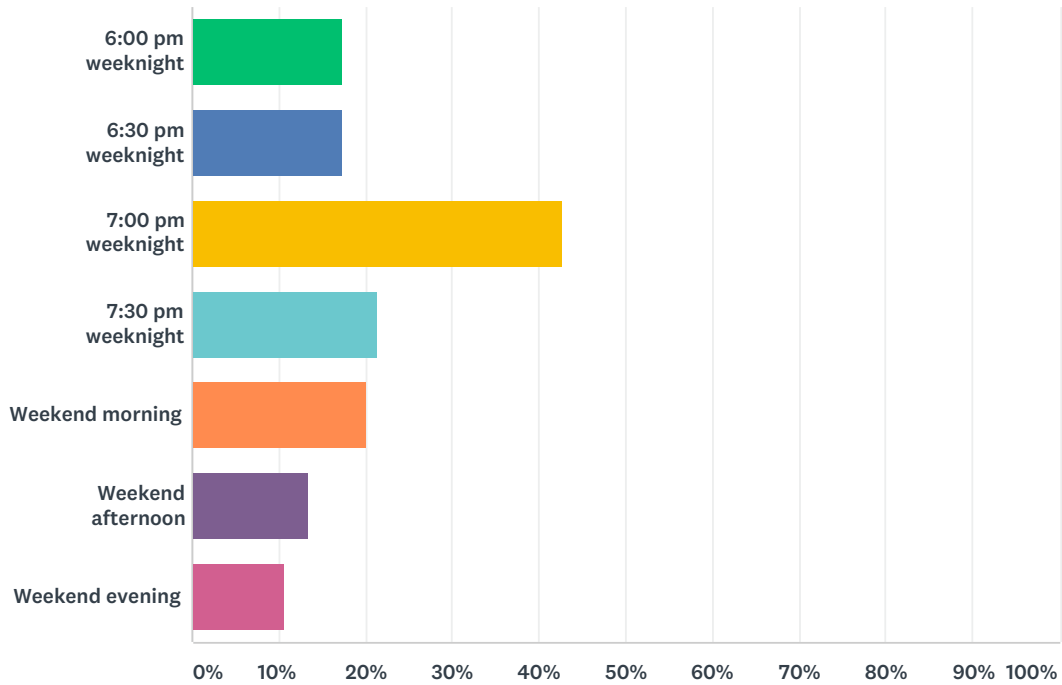


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Monday	57.53%	42
Tuesday	54.79%	40
Wednesday	47.95%	35
Thursday	31.51%	23
Friday	8.22%	6
Saturday	31.51%	23
Sunday	20.55%	15
Total Respondents: 73		



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

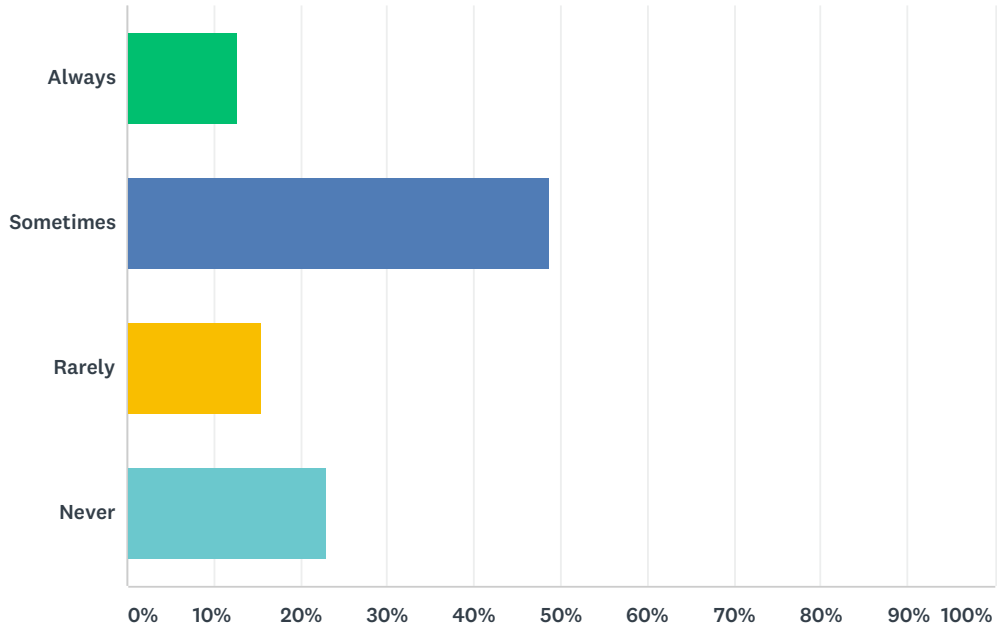
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
6:00 pm weeknight	17.33%	13
6:30 pm weeknight	17.33%	13
7:00 pm weeknight	42.67%	32
7:30 pm weeknight	21.33%	16
Weekend morning	20.00%	15
Weekend afternoon	13.33%	10
Weekend evening	10.67%	8
Total Respondents: 75		

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

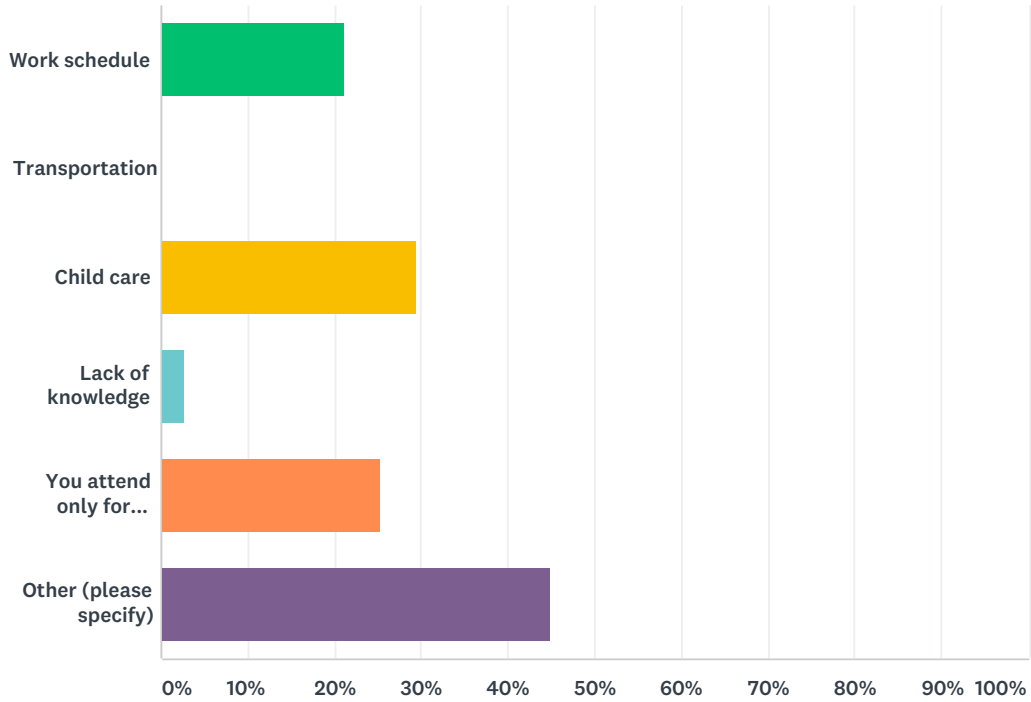
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Always	12.82%	10
Sometimes	48.72%	38
Rarely	15.38%	12
Never	23.08%	18
TOTAL		78

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

Answered: 71 Skipped: 65



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Work schedule	21.13%	15
Transportation	0.00%	0
Child care	29.58%	21
Lack of knowledge	2.82%	2
You attend only for articles important to you	25.35%	18
Other (please specify)	45.07%	32
Total Respondents: 71		

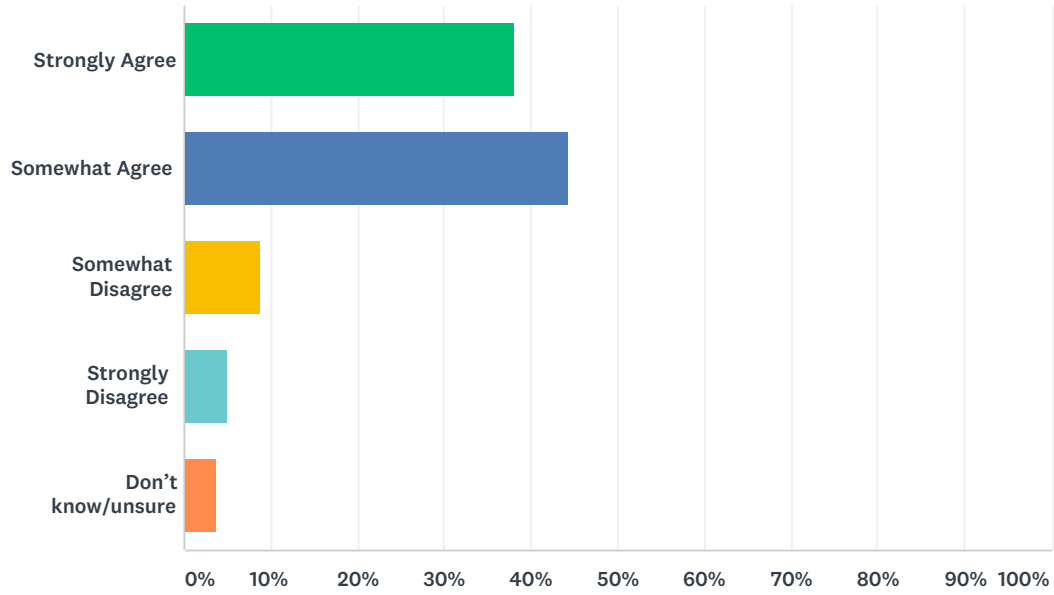
#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	they just run too late.	5/21/2018 7:16 PM
2	don't remember ever leaving early	5/15/2018 3:15 PM
3	usually stay to the end	5/15/2018 12:05 PM
4	It goes too late	5/15/2018 11:23 AM
5	Letting people drone on and on (usually the same ones) only wastes everyone's time	5/15/2018 8:57 AM
6	Meeting is too late and I need to get up early	5/15/2018 5:32 AM
7	Fatigue	5/7/2018 6:59 PM
8	Never leave early but I wasn't allowed to skip this question.	5/7/2018 10:15 AM
9	It is running very late	5/1/2018 7:15 PM

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10	Drags on too long, too much drama	4/29/2018 6:49 PM
11	I don't leave early	4/29/2018 5:54 PM
12	Topics going off on a tangent	4/29/2018 7:41 AM
13	town places items of interest at end of agenda so that discussion carries over to the following day	4/27/2018 4:25 PM
14	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
15	Just gets too late for me (& no, I'm not that old)	4/27/2018 9:02 AM
16	Late time	4/26/2018 9:38 PM
17	unimportant articles left	4/26/2018 9:23 PM
18	Don't leave early	4/26/2018 8:14 PM
19	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
20	Never	4/26/2018 5:59 PM
21	Going too late	4/26/2018 5:26 PM
22	Bored	4/26/2018 3:10 PM
23	need to get up the next day	4/26/2018 10:41 AM
24	They run too late	4/26/2018 9:28 AM
25	Frustration bored	4/26/2018 9:16 AM
26	It goes too late and I have to get up early for work	4/26/2018 9:09 AM
27	Gets too late, & very dark.	4/26/2018 8:43 AM
28	Meetings run very late	4/25/2018 10:43 PM
29	Don't leave early	4/25/2018 12:48 PM
30	TIRED	4/25/2018 10:50 AM
31	Tired, Frustrated with discussion etc.	4/25/2018 10:16 AM
32	late hour	4/25/2018 8:56 AM

## Q25 Town Meetings are too long:

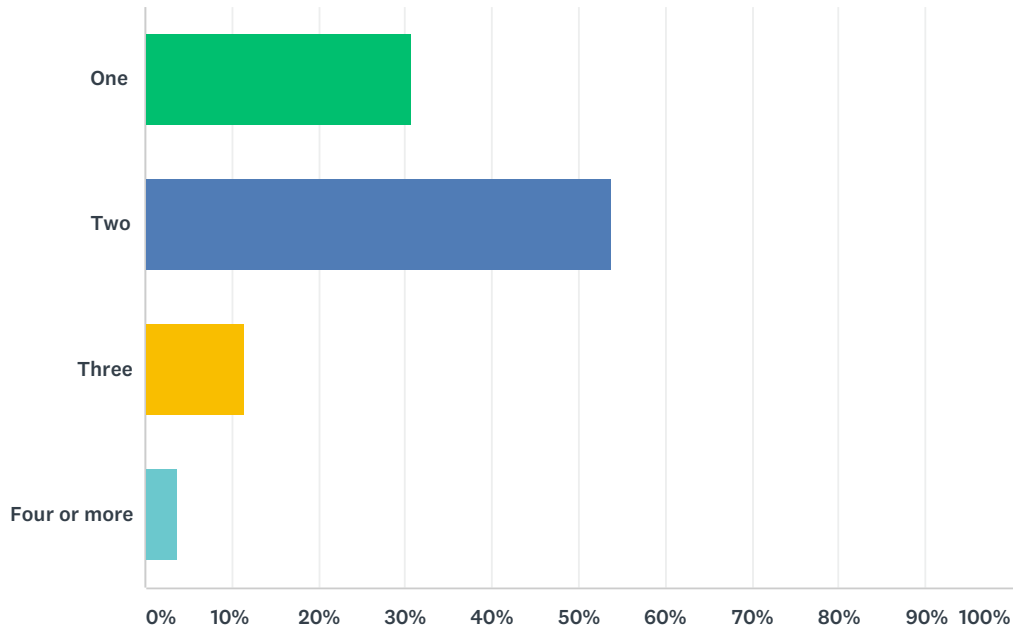
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Strongly Agree	37.97%	30
Somewhat Agree	44.30%	35
Somewhat Disagree	8.86%	7
Strongly Disagree	5.06%	4
Don't know/unsure	3.80%	3
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>79</b>

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

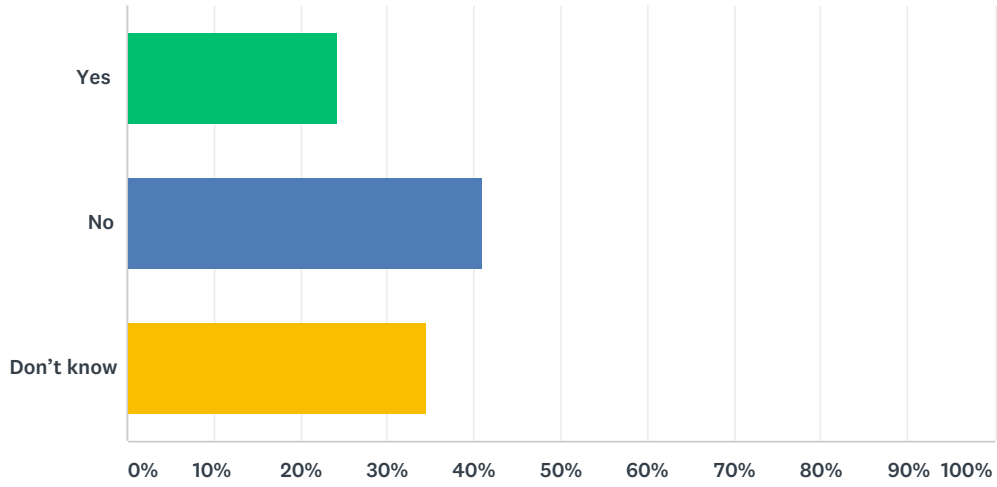
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
One	30.77%	24
Two	53.85%	42
Three	11.54%	9
Four or more	3.85%	3
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>78</b>

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

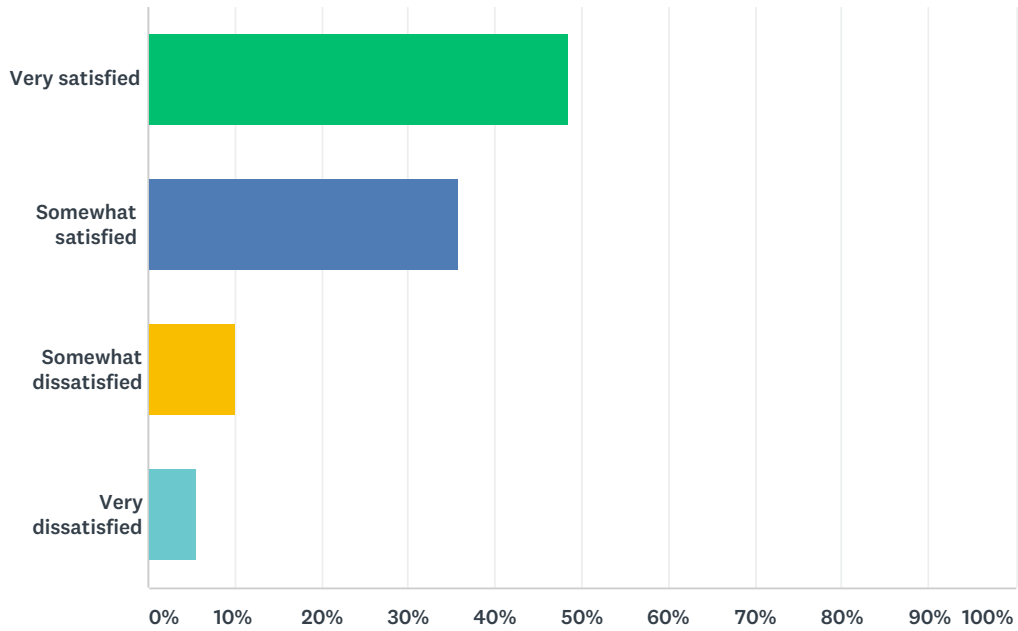
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	24.36%	19
No	41.03%	32
Don't know	34.62%	27
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>78</b>

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

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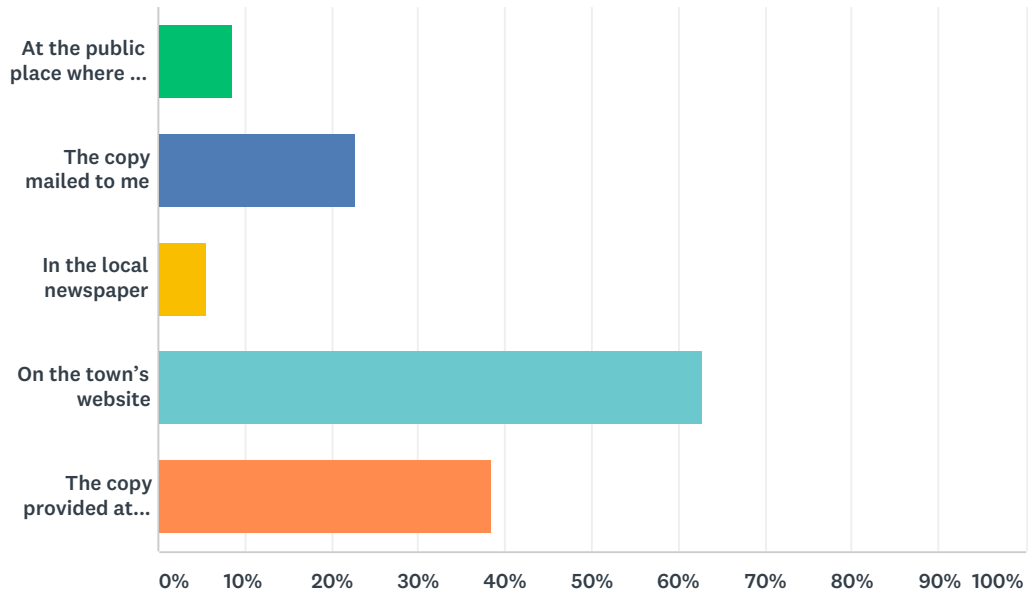


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very satisfied	48.57%	34
Somewhat satisfied	35.71%	25
Somewhat dissatisfied	10.00%	7
Very dissatisfied	5.71%	4
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>70</b>



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

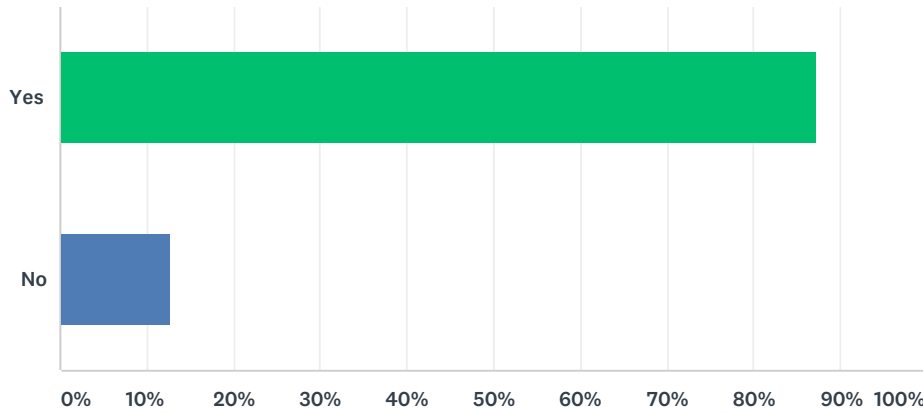
Answered: 70 Skipped: 66



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
At the public place where it is posted	8.57%	6
The copy mailed to me	22.86%	16
In the local newspaper	5.71%	4
On the town's website	62.86%	44
The copy provided at Town Meeting	38.57%	27
Total Respondents: 70		

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

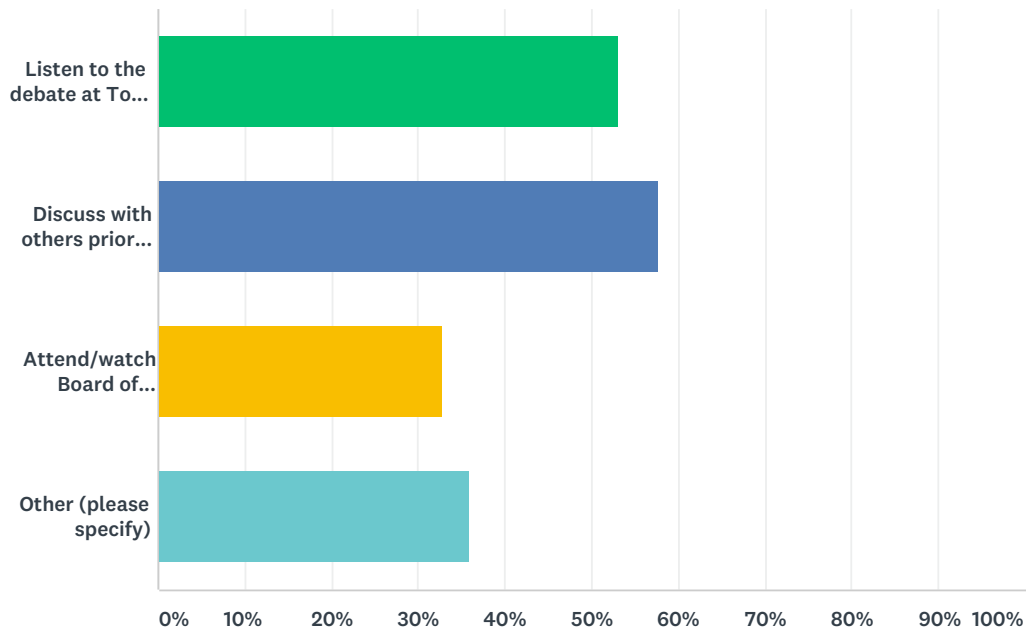
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	87.14%	61
No	12.86%	9
TOTAL		70

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

Answered: 64 Skipped: 72



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Listen to the debate at Town Meeting	53.13% 34
Discuss with others prior to Town Meeting	57.81% 37
Attend/watch Board of Selectmen/Finance Committee or other meetings	32.81% 21
Other (please specify)	35.94% 23
Total Respondents: 64	

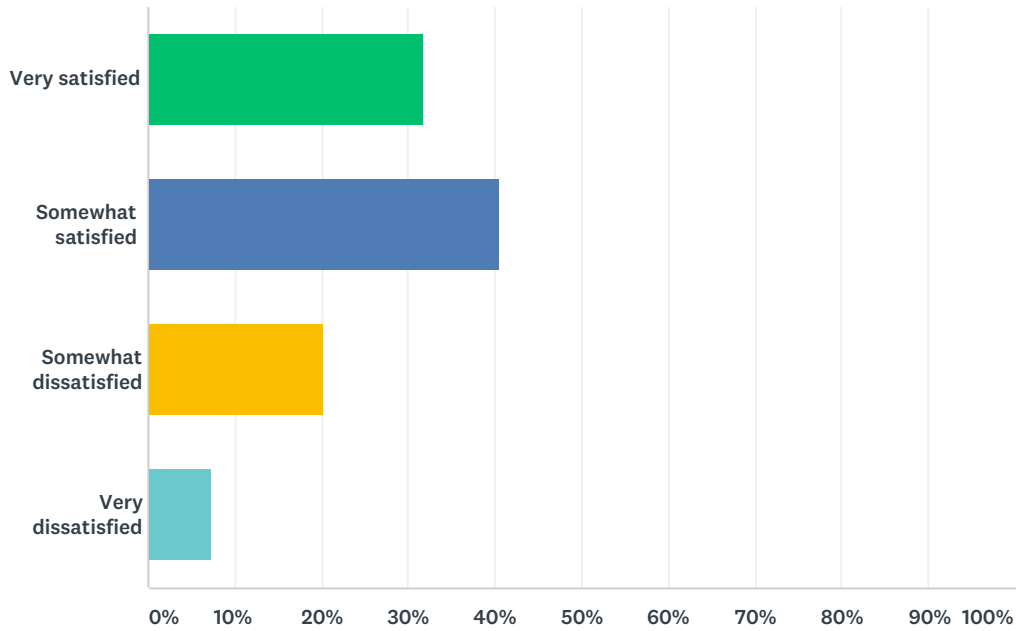
#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Local paper	5/26/2018 9:03 AM
2	social media	5/23/2018 11:21 AM
3	local newspaper coverage, social media	5/21/2018 7:18 PM
4	Town websites and/or town online paper	5/15/2018 11:25 AM
5	Facebook	5/15/2018 5:34 AM
6	Holliston Reporter	5/7/2018 7:18 PM
7	Local news sources, such as HCAT and Holliston Reporter	5/7/2018 10:18 AM
8	Discussion between townspeople ahead of time on social media	5/7/2018 9:37 AM
9	News	4/29/2018 8:34 PM
10	Social media	4/29/2018 9:10 AM
11	Facebook/Holliston reporter	4/29/2018 9:09 AM
12	articles in media, if applicable and sometimes discussions on social media	4/27/2018 10:22 AM

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13	Holliston Reporter & HCAT	4/27/2018 9:04 AM
14	Read Holliston reporter on line and follow discussions on FB	4/26/2018 5:30 PM
15	Local news	4/26/2018 3:12 PM
16	Town Facebook Page; town web site	4/26/2018 10:55 AM
17	on town website or local discussion groups online	4/26/2018 10:43 AM
18	Internet	4/25/2018 10:45 PM
19	Facebook	4/25/2018 1:46 PM
20	Work at Town Hall	4/25/2018 10:52 AM
21	Social media	4/25/2018 10:31 AM
22	Holliston Reporter	4/25/2018 10:16 AM
23	web and newspaper articles	4/25/2018 8:59 AM

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

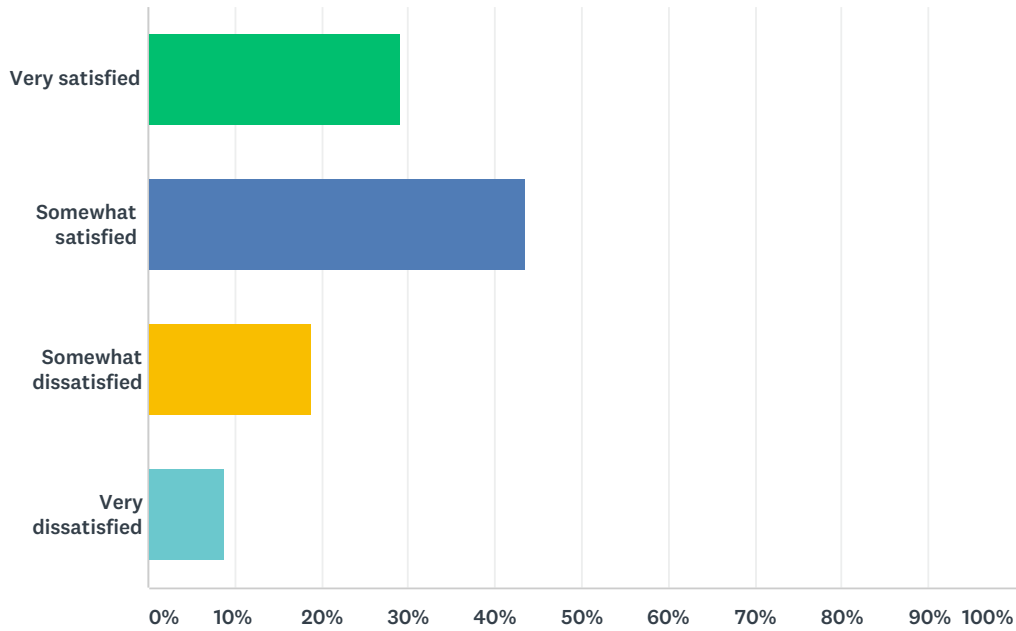
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very satisfied	31.88%	22
Somewhat satisfied	40.58%	28
Somewhat dissatisfied	20.29%	14
Very dissatisfied	7.25%	5
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>69</b>

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

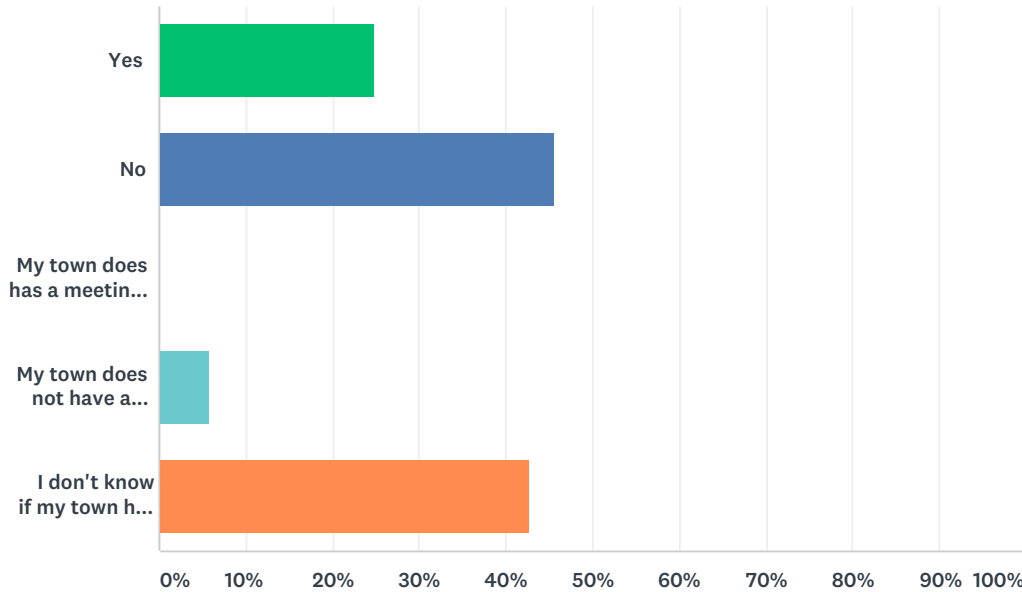
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very satisfied	28.99%	20
Somewhat satisfied	43.48%	30
Somewhat dissatisfied	18.84%	13
Very dissatisfied	8.70%	6
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>69</b>

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

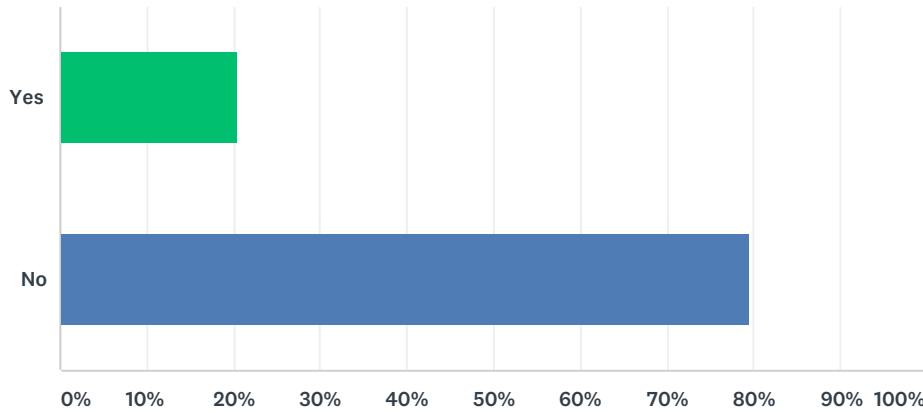
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	25.00%	17
No	45.59%	31
My town does has a meeting group	0.00%	0
My town does not have a meeting group	5.88%	4
I don't know if my town has a meeting group	42.65%	29
Total Respondents: 68		

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

Answered: 68 Skipped: 68

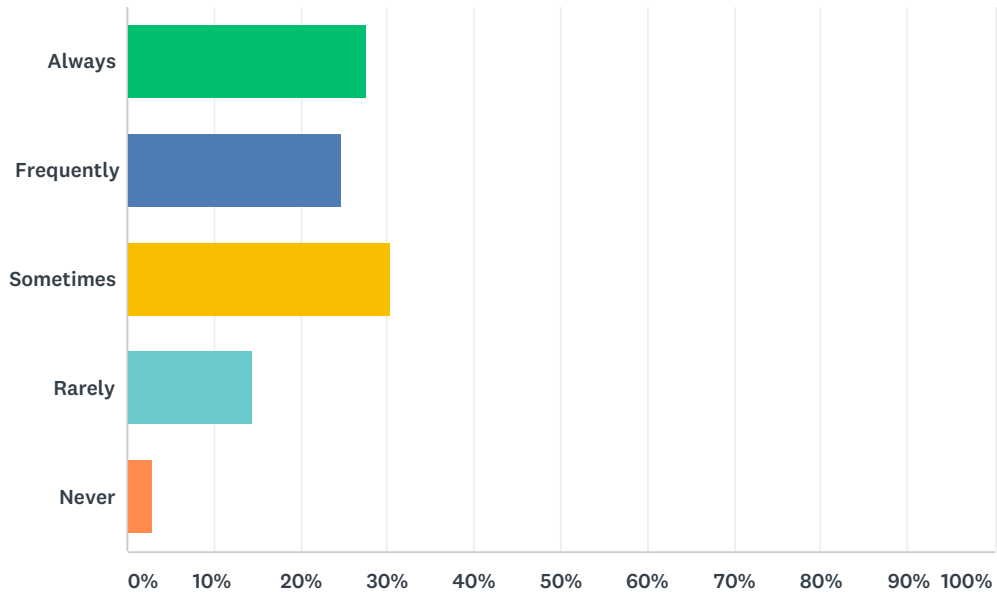


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	20.59%	14
No	79.41%	54
TOTAL		68



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

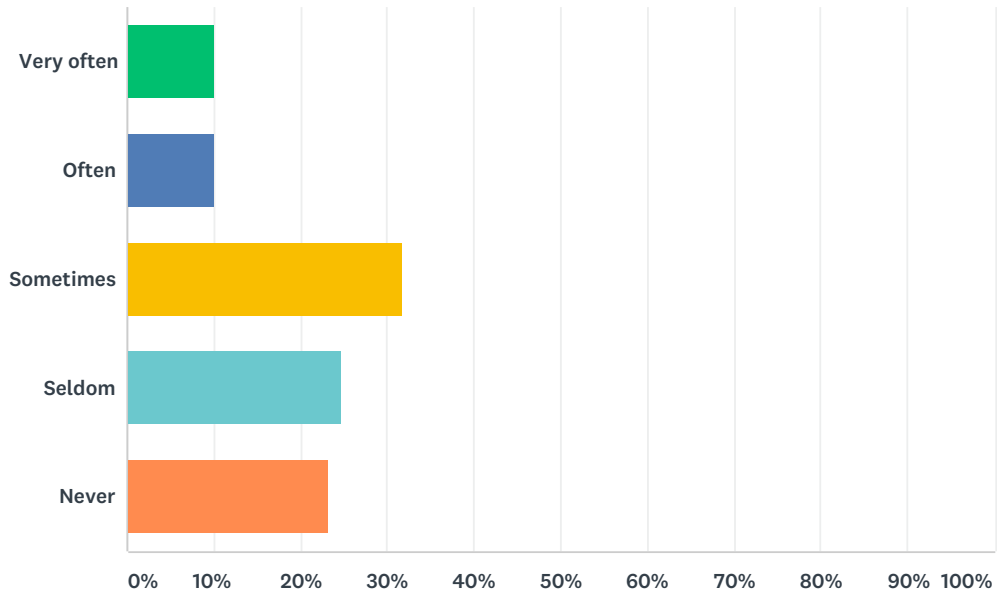
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Always	27.54%	19
Frequently	24.64%	17
Sometimes	30.43%	21
Rarely	14.49%	10
Never	2.90%	2
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>69</b>

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

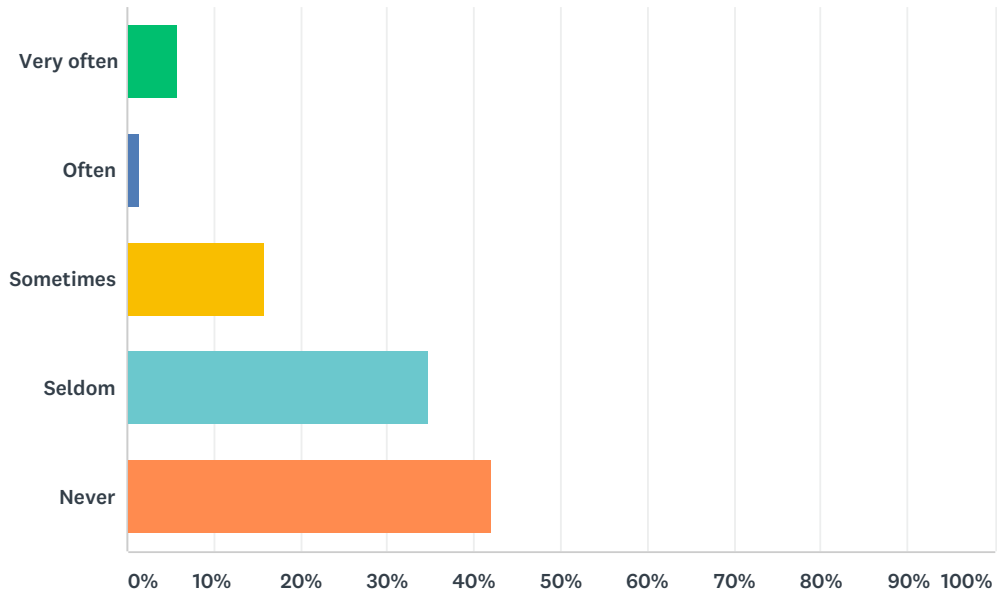
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very often	10.14%	7
Often	10.14%	7
Sometimes	31.88%	22
Seldom	24.64%	17
Never	23.19%	16
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>69</b>

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

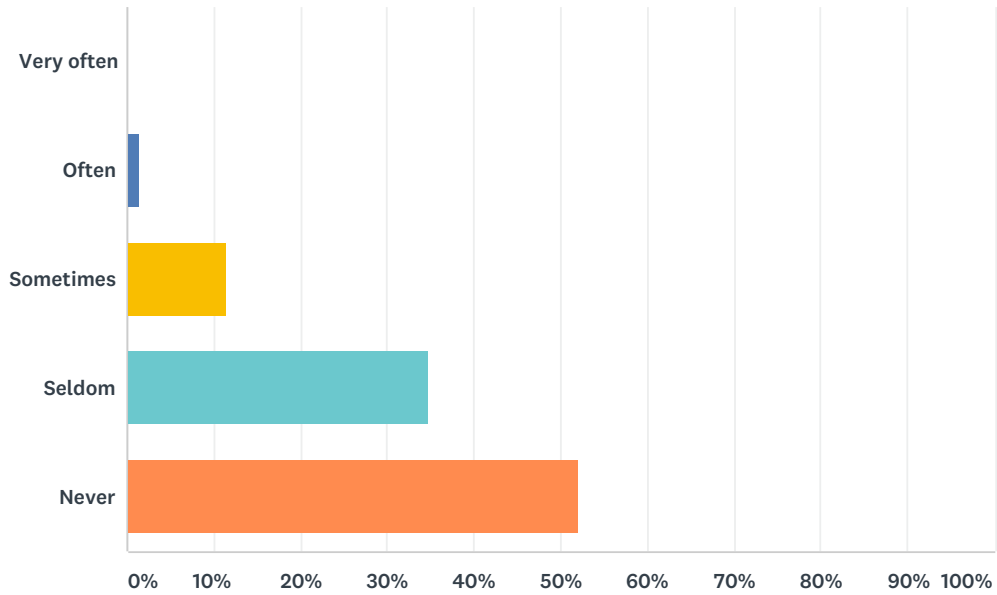
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very often	5.80%	4
Often	1.45%	1
Sometimes	15.94%	11
Seldom	34.78%	24
Never	42.03%	29
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>69</b>

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

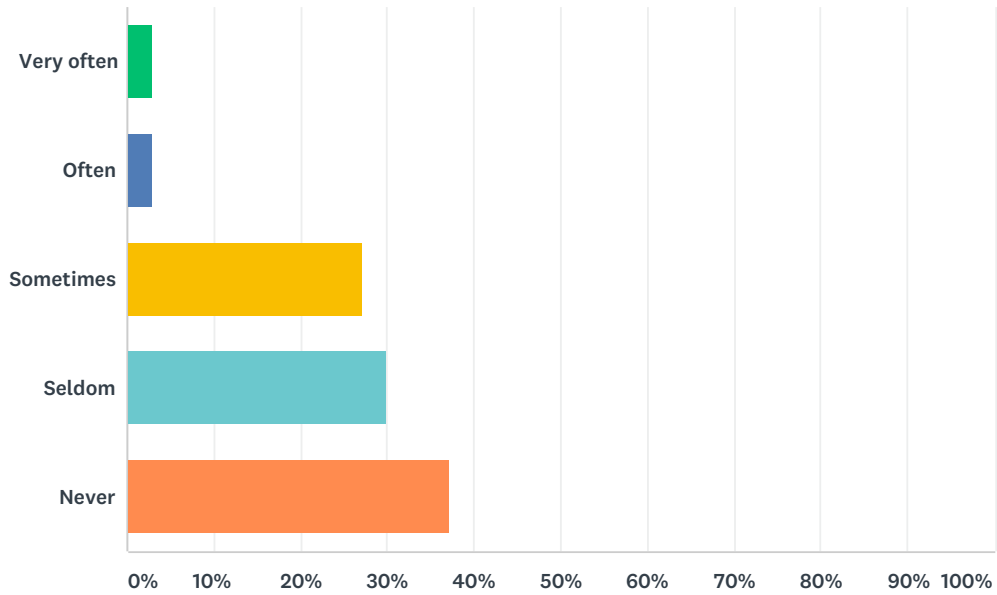
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very often	0.00%	0
Often	1.45%	1
Sometimes	11.59%	8
Seldom	34.78%	24
Never	52.17%	36
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>69</b>

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

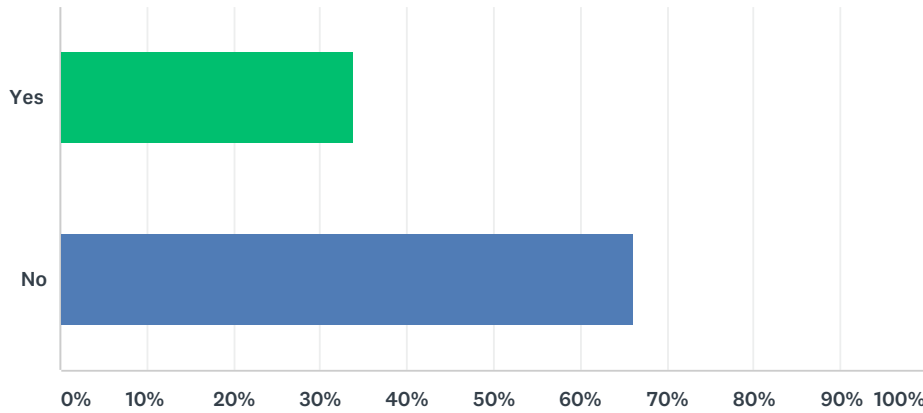
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very often	2.86%	2
Often	2.86%	2
Sometimes	27.14%	19
Seldom	30.00%	21
Never	37.14%	26
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>70</b>

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

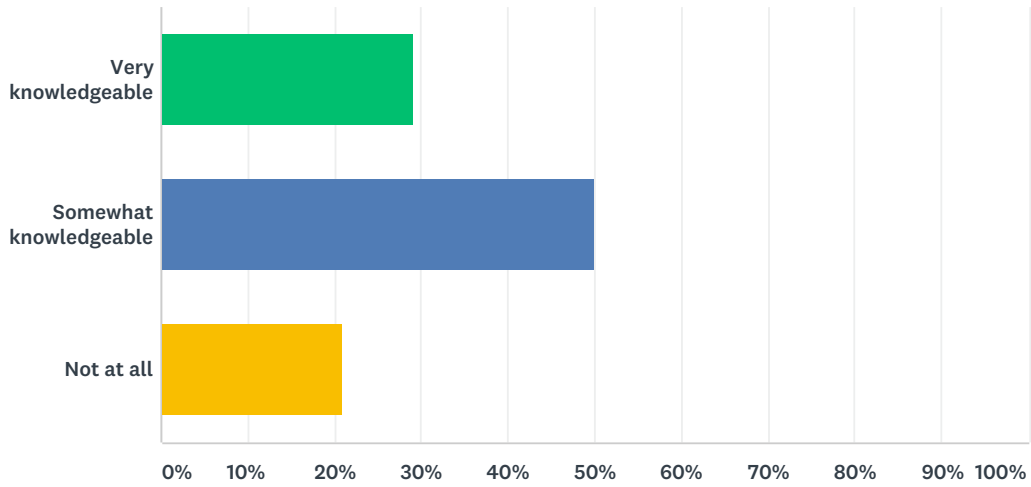
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	33.87%	21
No	66.13%	41
TOTAL		62

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

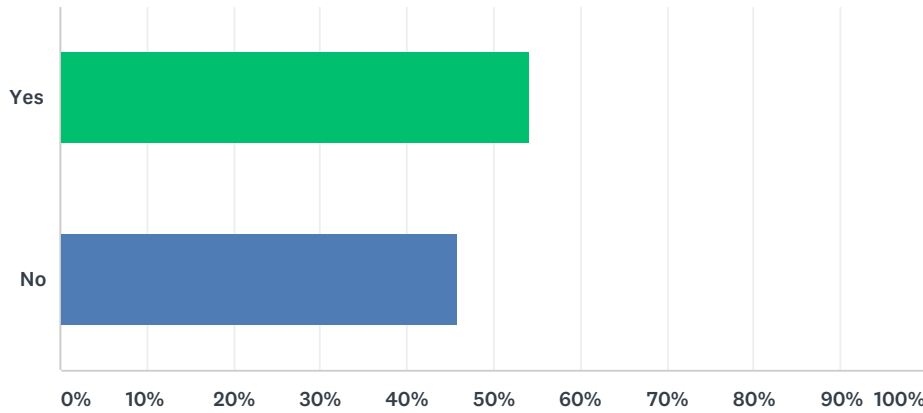
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very knowledgeable	29.03%	18
Somewhat knowledgeable	50.00%	31
Not at all	20.97%	13
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>62</b>

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

Answered: 61 Skipped: 75

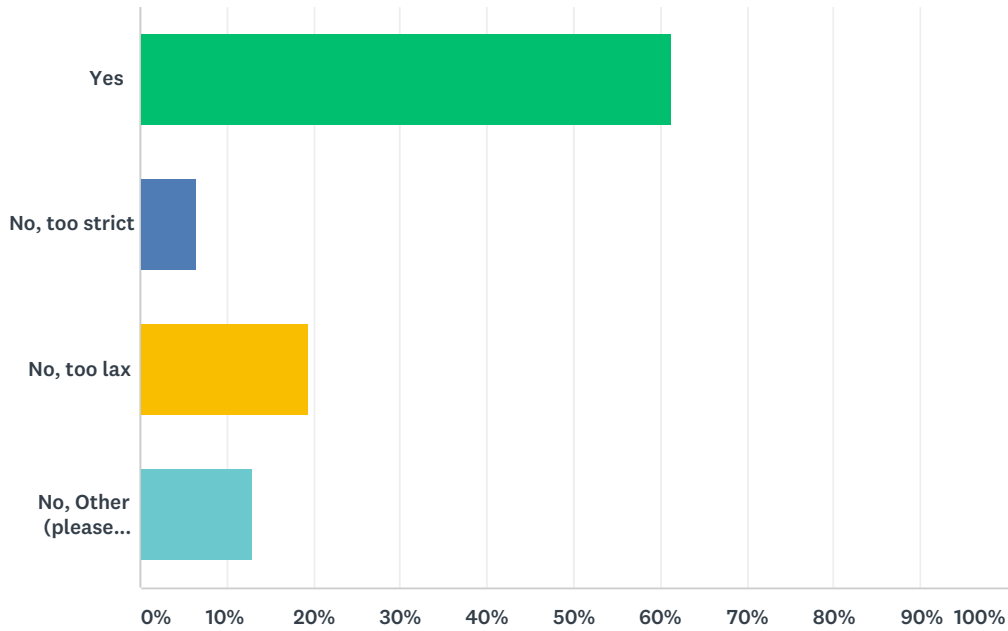


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	54.10%	33
No	45.90%	28
TOTAL		61



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

Answered: 62 Skipped: 74

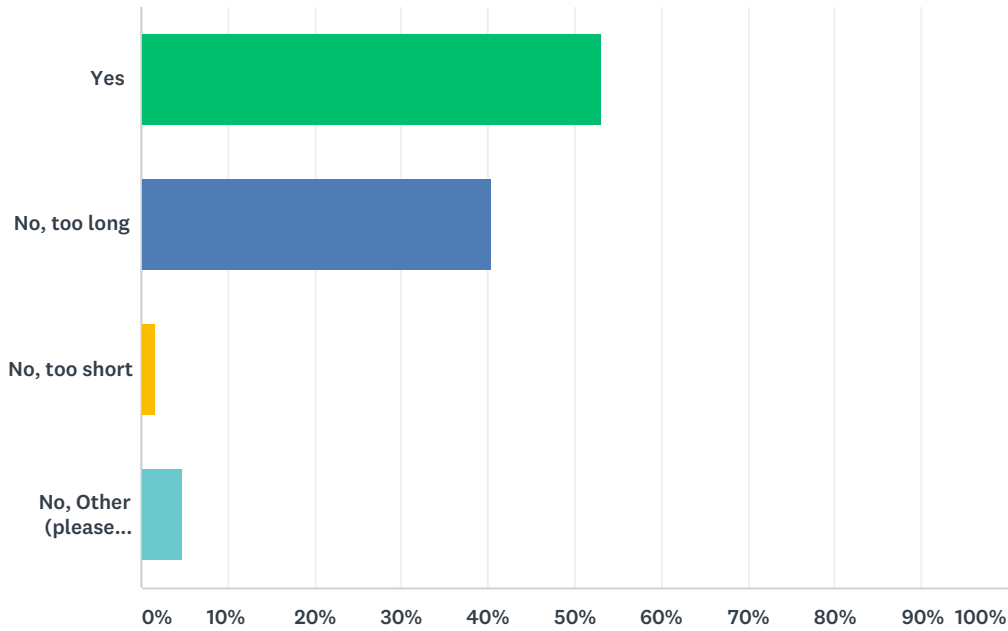


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	61.29%	38
No, too strict	6.45%	4
No, too lax	19.35%	12
No, Other (please specify)	12.90%	8
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>62</b>

#	NO, OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	rules not clearly articulated	5/23/2018 11:23 AM
2	There should be a firm time limit	5/15/2018 1:43 PM
3	confusing	5/15/2018 1:04 PM
4	They speak too long	5/10/2018 3:07 PM
5	Inconsistency in actions of moderator	5/7/2018 7:03 PM
6	not consistent	5/3/2018 10:59 PM
7	Does not apply	4/26/2018 6:06 PM
8	I believe everyone should be able to speak but it is not a place to vent.	4/26/2018 9:13 AM

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

Answered: 62 Skipped: 74

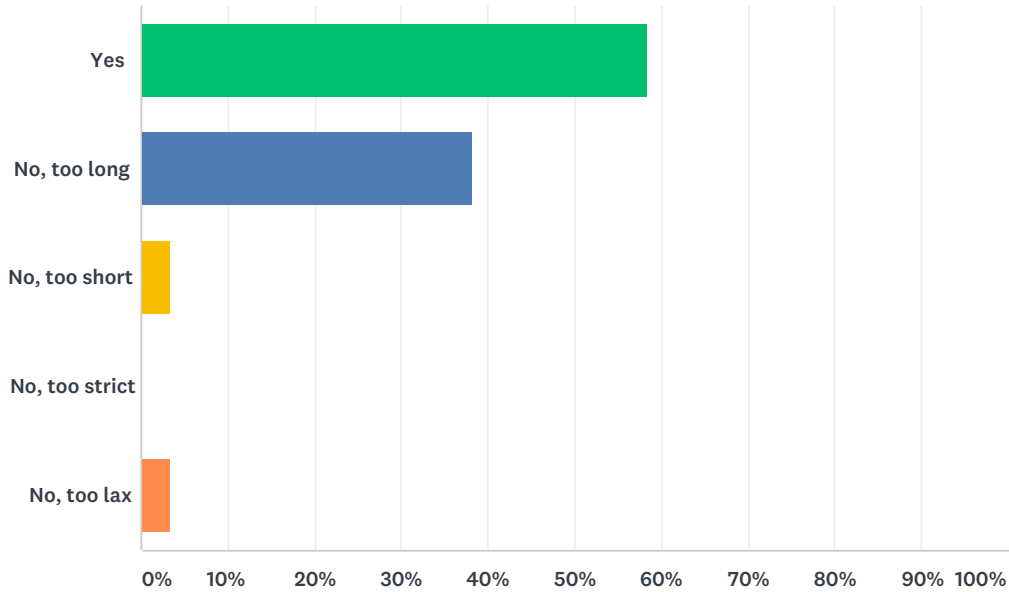


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	53.23%	33
No, too long	40.32%	25
No, too short	1.61%	1
No, Other (please specify)	4.84%	3
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>62</b>

#	NO, OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	not consistent	5/3/2018 10:59 PM
2	not enforced	4/26/2018 9:27 PM
3	Depends, a few people love to hear themselves speak and it goes on forever!	4/25/2018 10:34 AM

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

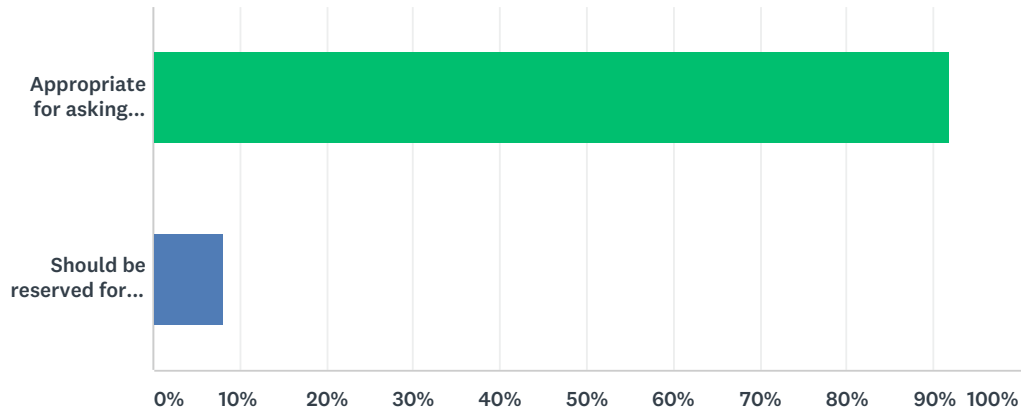
Answered: 60 Skipped: 76



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	58.33%	35
No, too long	38.33%	23
No, too short	3.33%	2
No, too strict	0.00%	0
No, too lax	3.33%	2
Total Respondents: 60		

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

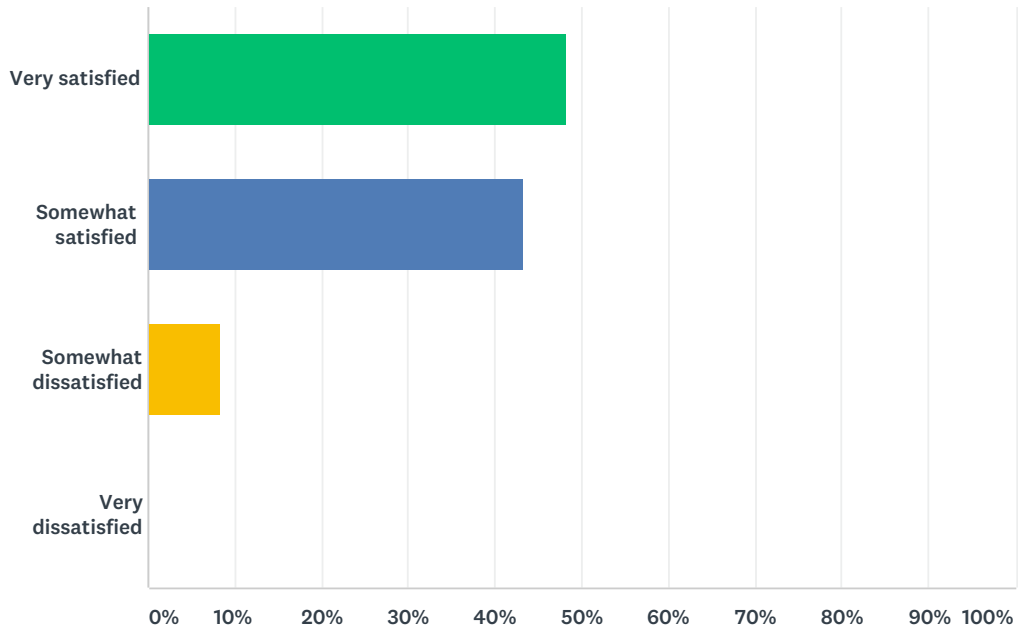
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Appropriate for asking questions	91.80%	56
Should be reserved for opinions	8.20%	5
TOTAL		61

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

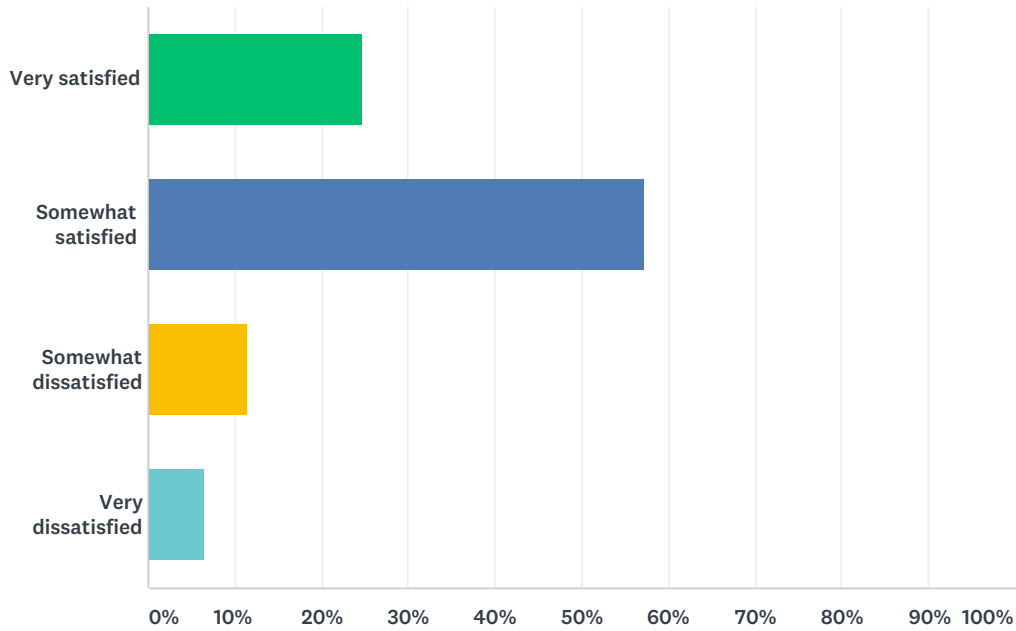
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very satisfied	48.33%	29
Somewhat satisfied	43.33%	26
Somewhat dissatisfied	8.33%	5
Very dissatisfied	0.00%	0
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>60</b>

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

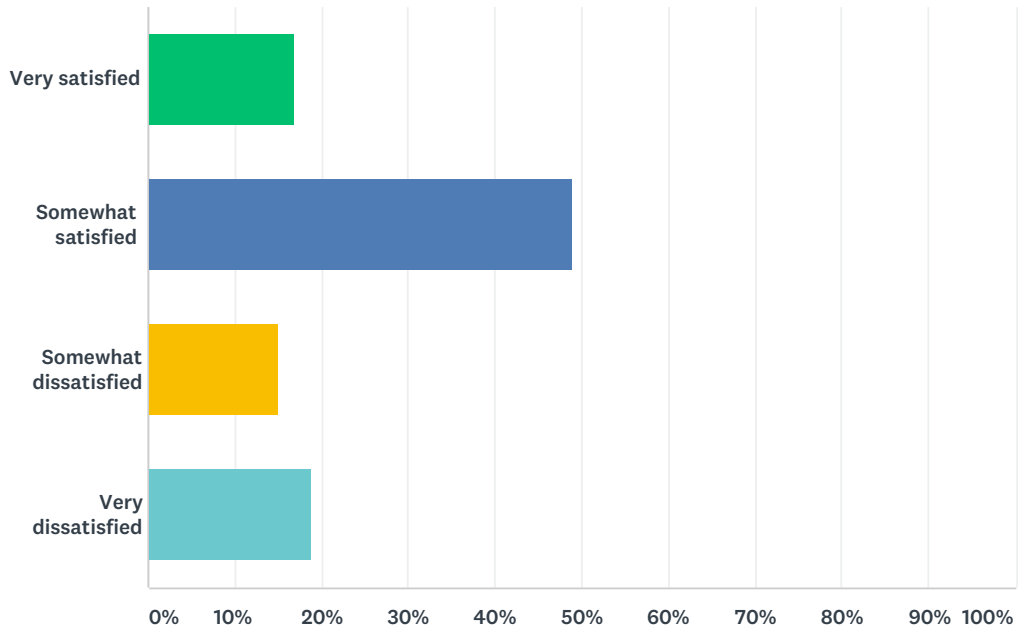
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very satisfied	24.59%	15
Somewhat satisfied	57.38%	35
Somewhat dissatisfied	11.48%	7
Very dissatisfied	6.56%	4
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>61</b>

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

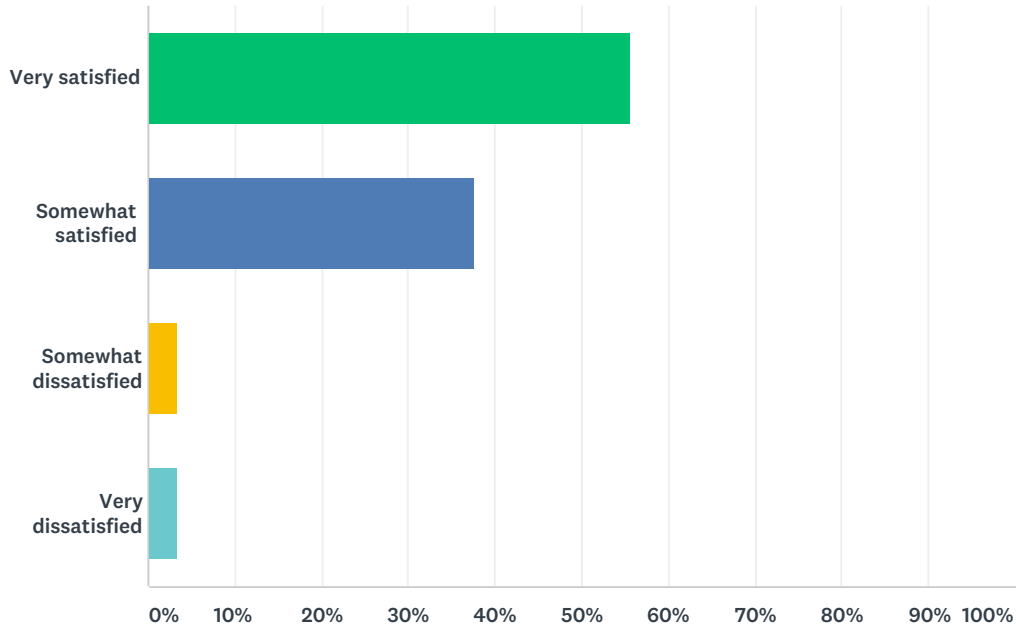
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very satisfied	16.98%	9
Somewhat satisfied	49.06%	26
Somewhat dissatisfied	15.09%	8
Very dissatisfied	18.87%	10
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>53</b>

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

Answered: 61 Skipped: 75

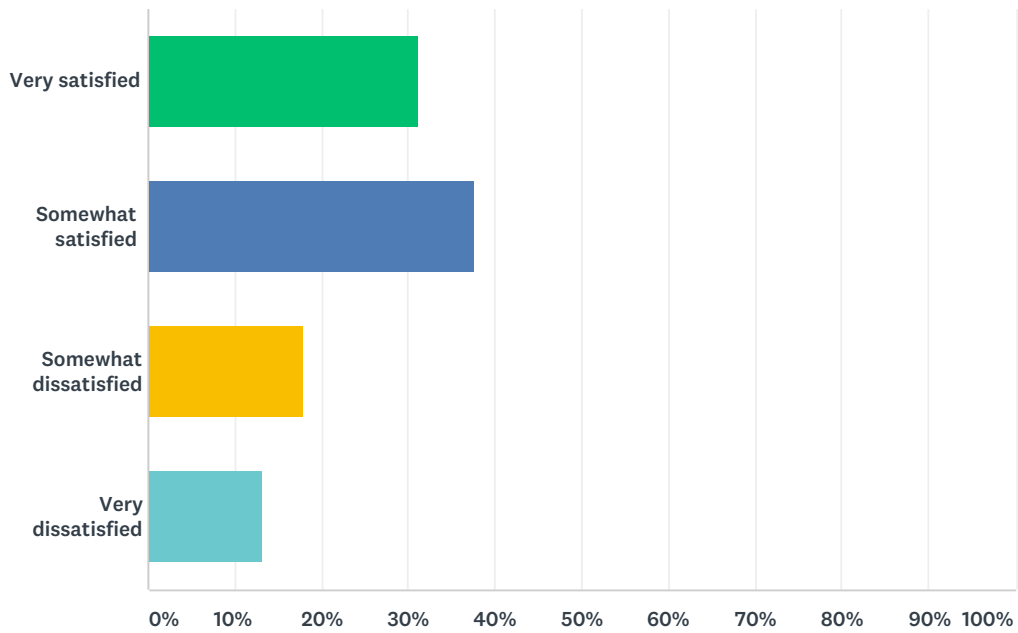


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very satisfied	55.74%	34
Somewhat satisfied	37.70%	23
Somewhat dissatisfied	3.28%	2
Very dissatisfied	3.28%	2
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>61</b>



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

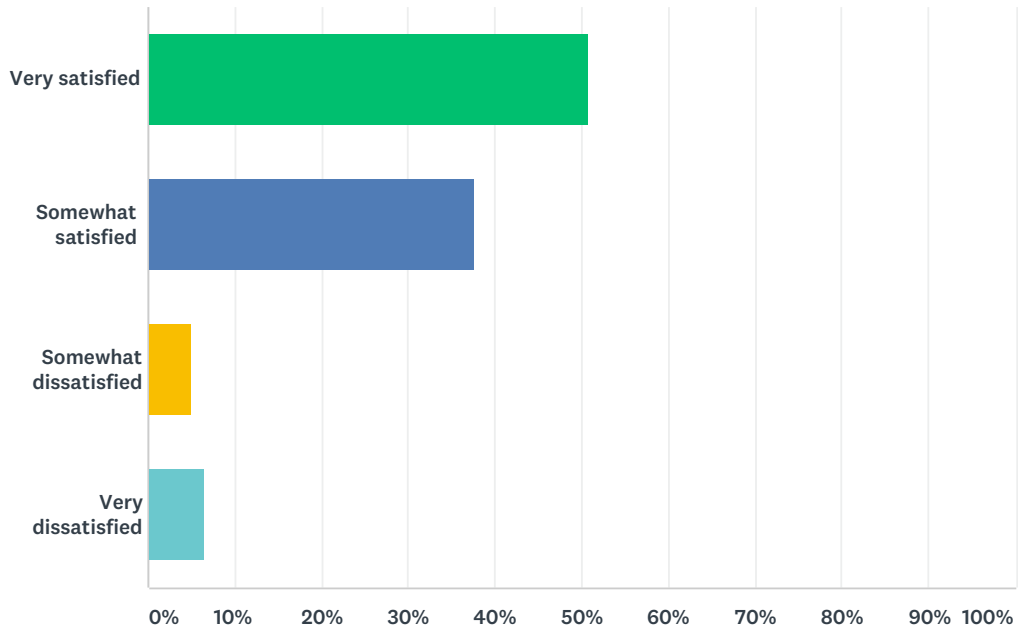
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very satisfied	31.15%	19
Somewhat satisfied	37.70%	23
Somewhat dissatisfied	18.03%	11
Very dissatisfied	13.11%	8
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>61</b>

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

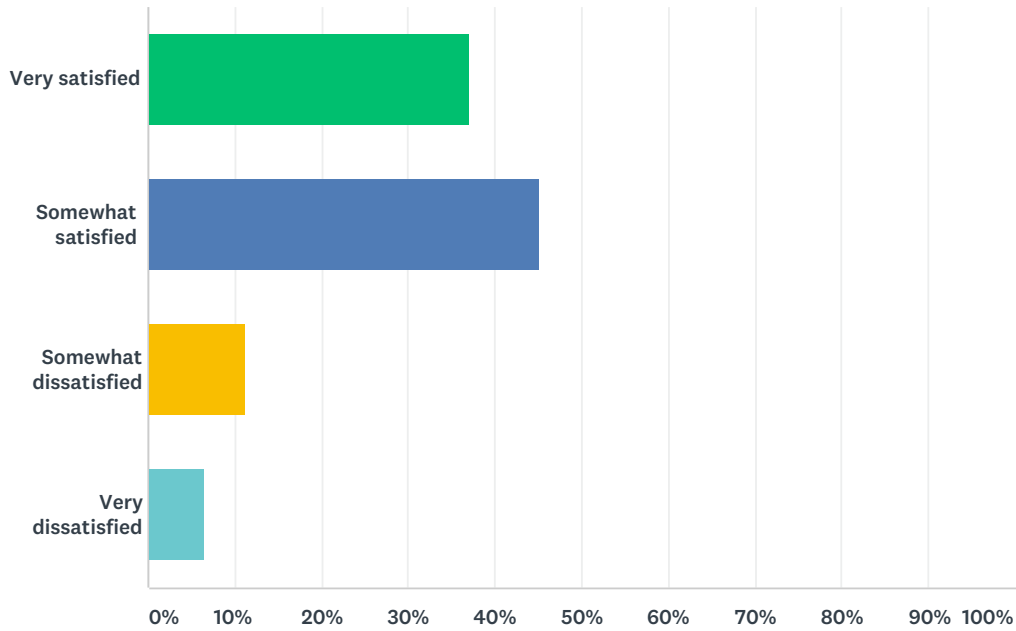
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very satisfied	50.82%	31
Somewhat satisfied	37.70%	23
Somewhat dissatisfied	4.92%	3
Very dissatisfied	6.56%	4
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>61</b>

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

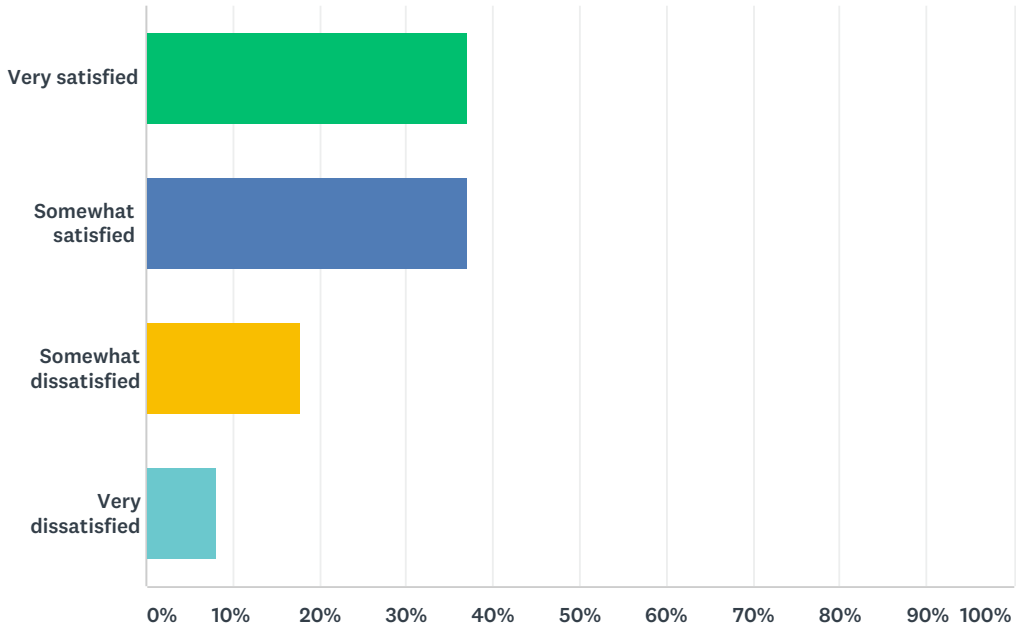
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very satisfied	37.10%	23
Somewhat satisfied	45.16%	28
Somewhat dissatisfied	11.29%	7
Very dissatisfied	6.45%	4
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>62</b>

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

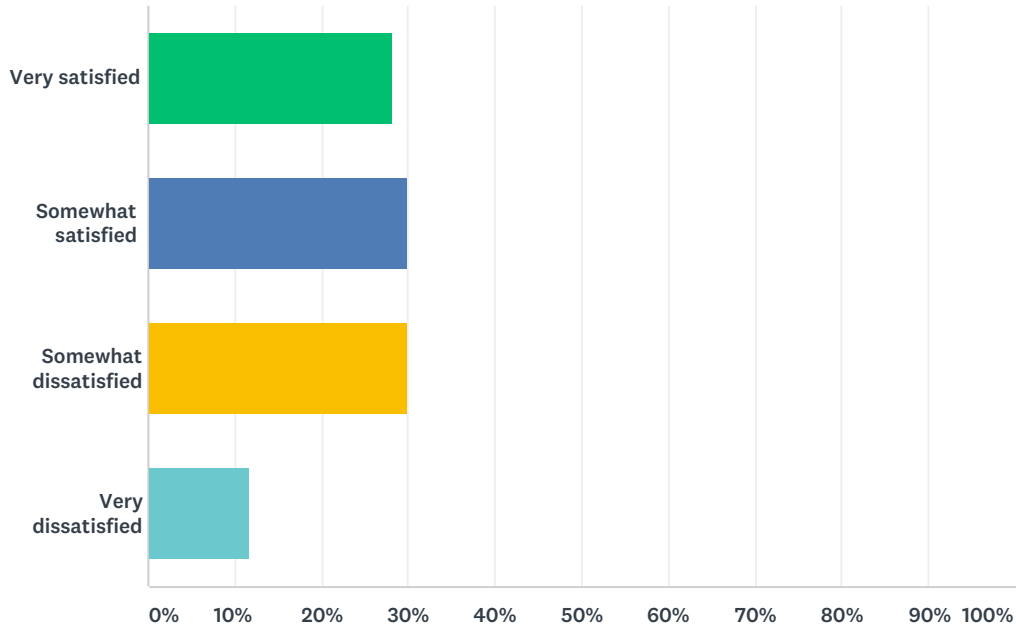
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very satisfied	37.10%	23
Somewhat satisfied	37.10%	23
Somewhat dissatisfied	17.74%	11
Very dissatisfied	8.06%	5
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>62</b>

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

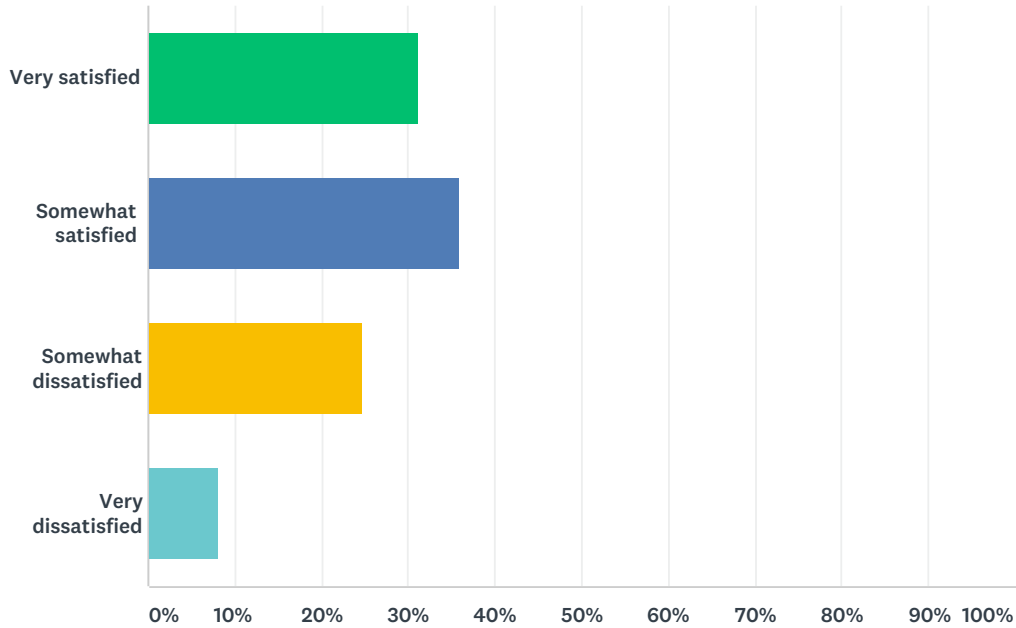
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very satisfied	28.33%	17
Somewhat satisfied	30.00%	18
Somewhat dissatisfied	30.00%	18
Very dissatisfied	11.67%	7
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>60</b>

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

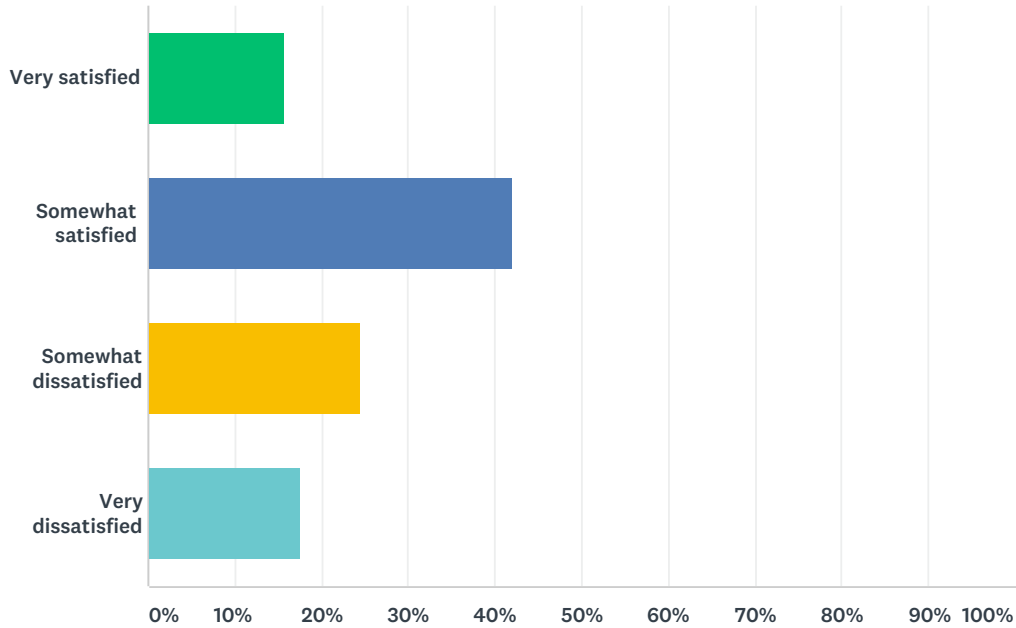
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very satisfied	31.15%	19
Somewhat satisfied	36.07%	22
Somewhat dissatisfied	24.59%	15
Very dissatisfied	8.20%	5
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>61</b>

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

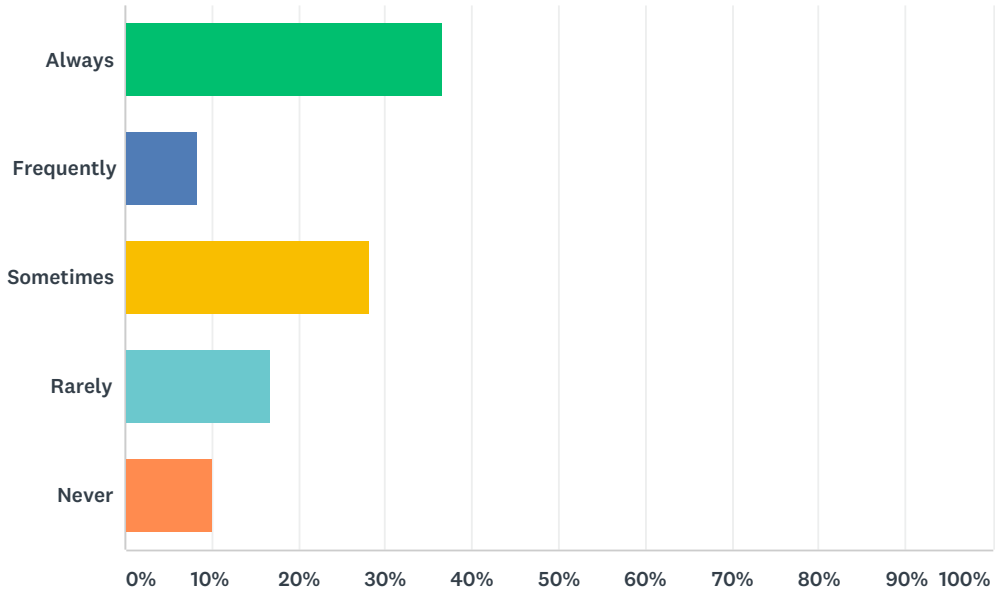
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very satisfied	15.79%	9
Somewhat satisfied	42.11%	24
Somewhat dissatisfied	24.56%	14
Very dissatisfied	17.54%	10
TOTAL		57

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

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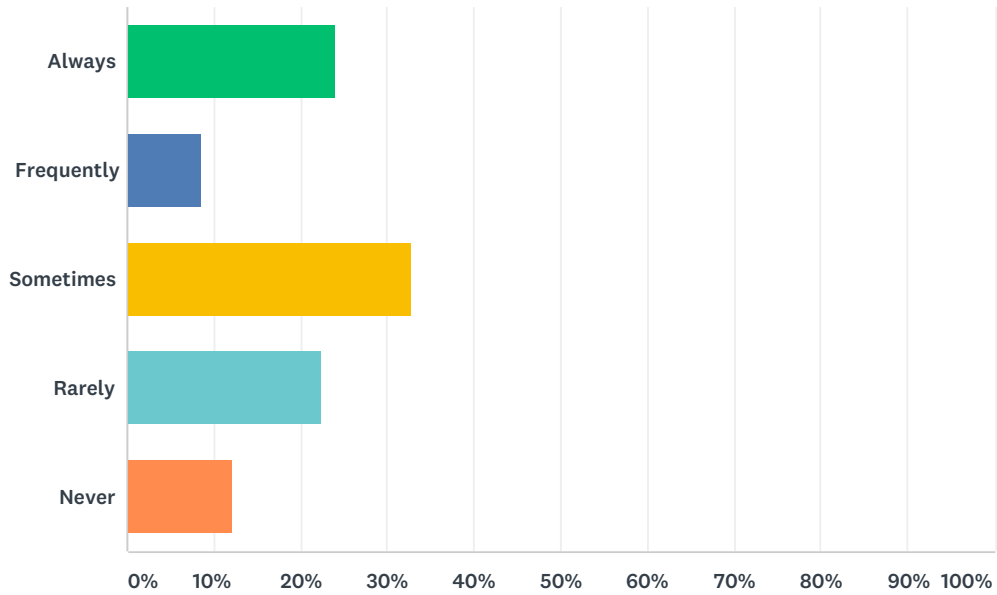


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Always	36.67%	22
Frequently	8.33%	5
Sometimes	28.33%	17
Rarely	16.67%	10
Never	10.00%	6
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>60</b>



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

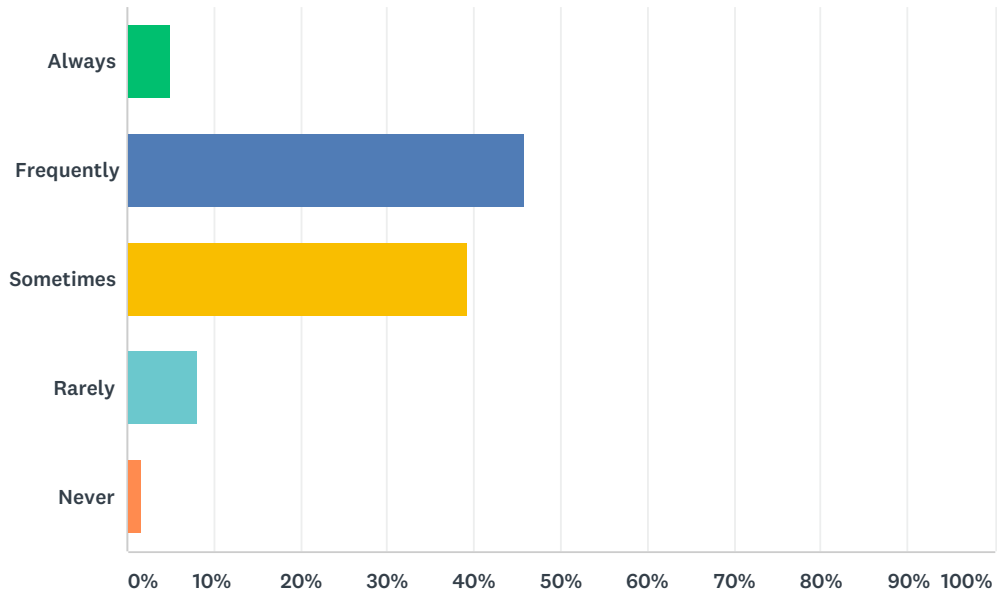
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Always	24.14%	14
Frequently	8.62%	5
Sometimes	32.76%	19
Rarely	22.41%	13
Never	12.07%	7
TOTAL		58

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

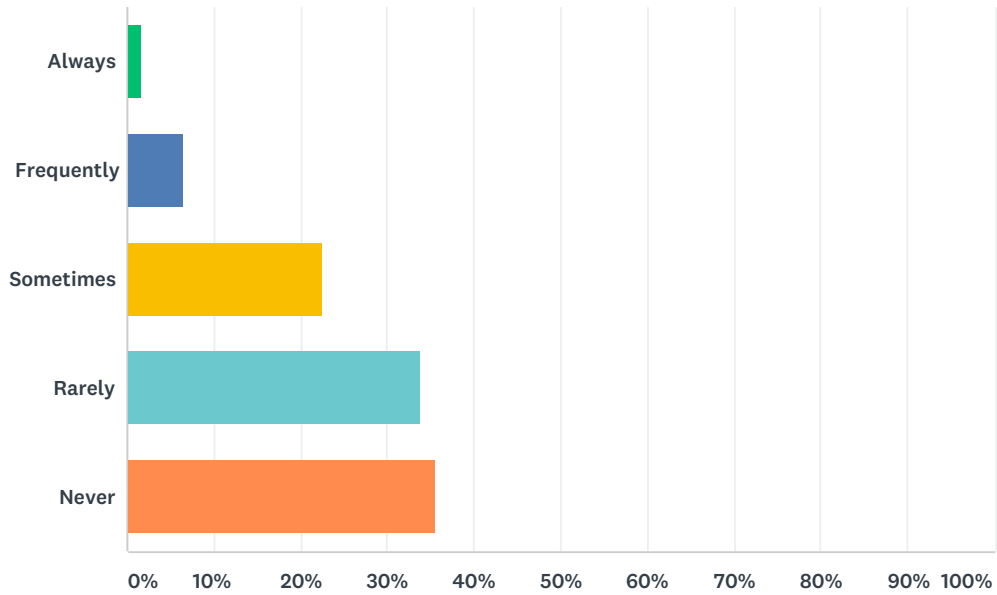
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Always	4.92%	3
Frequently	45.90%	28
Sometimes	39.34%	24
Rarely	8.20%	5
Never	1.64%	1
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>61</b>

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

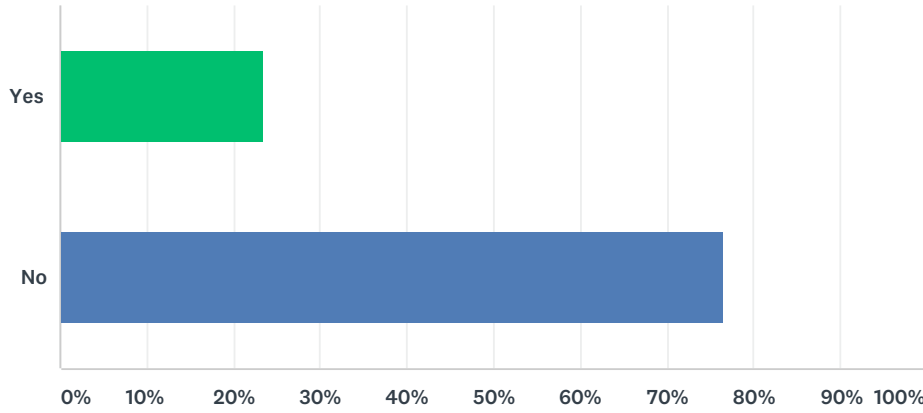
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Always	1.61%	1
Frequently	6.45%	4
Sometimes	22.58%	14
Rarely	33.87%	21
Never	35.48%	22
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>62</b>

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

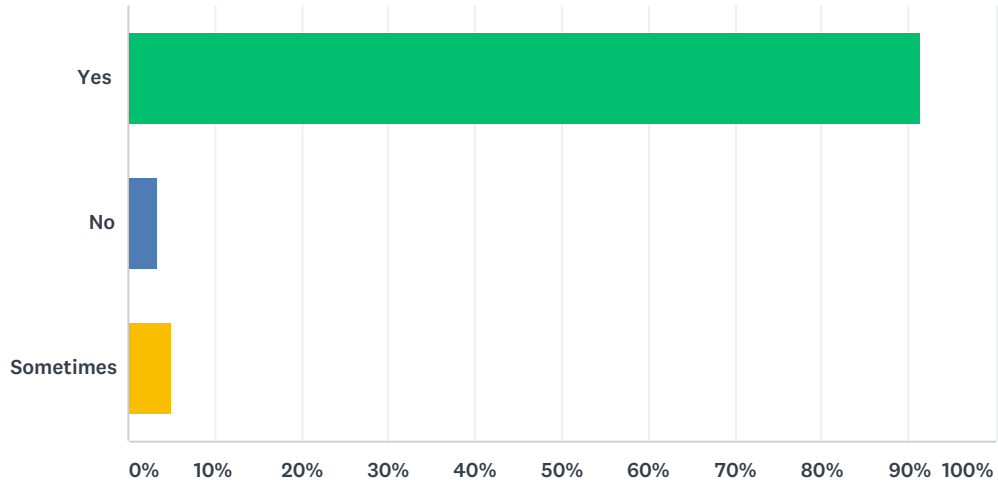
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	23.33%	14
No	76.67%	46
TOTAL		60

### Q64 Do you feel qualified to vote?

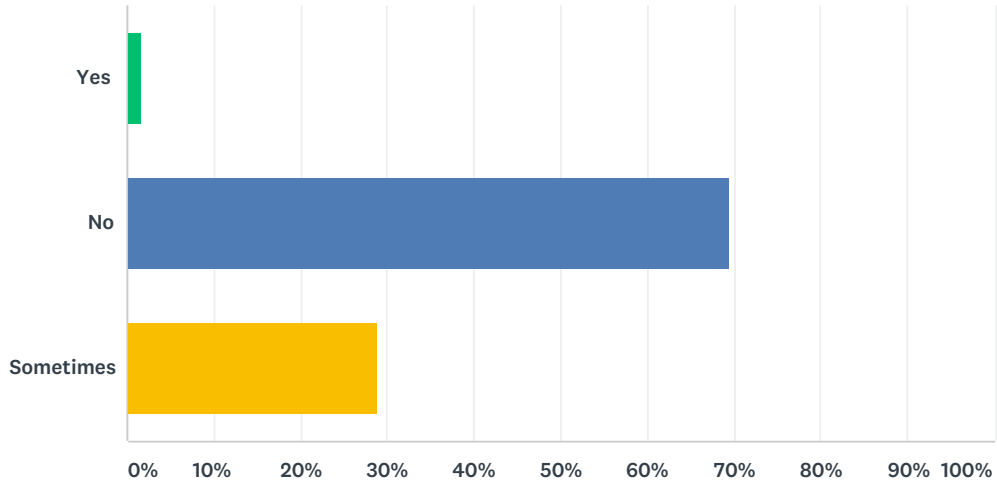
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	91.53%	54
No	3.39%	2
Sometimes	5.08%	3
TOTAL		59

### Q65 Are the subjects too complex?

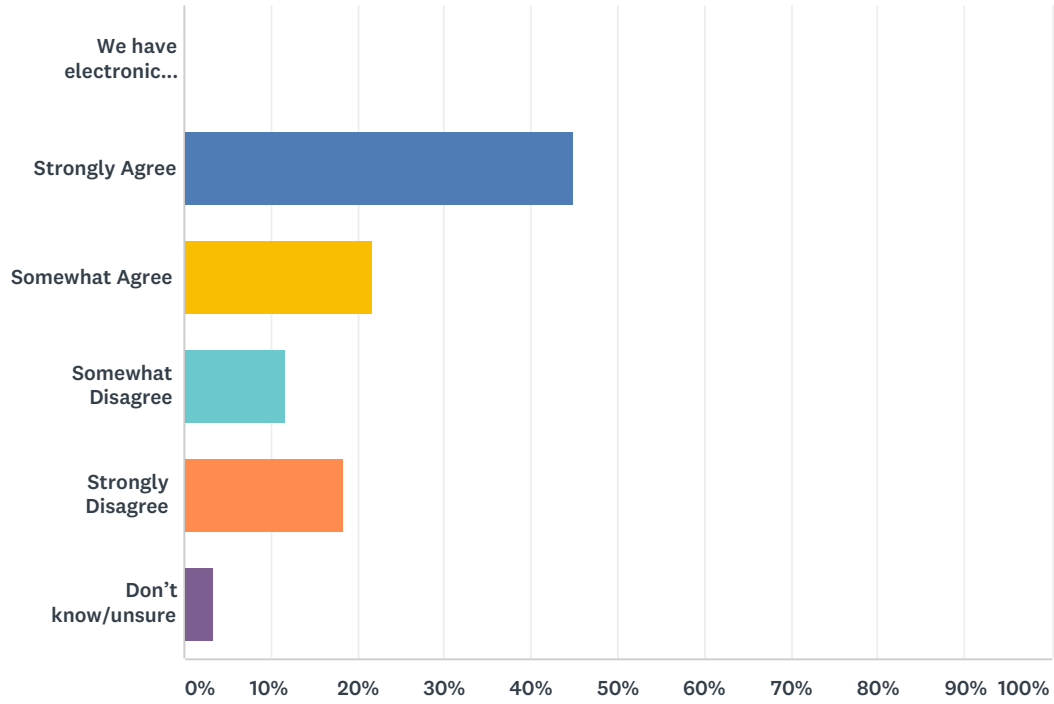
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	1.69% 1
No	69.49% 41
Sometimes	28.81% 17
TOTAL	59

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

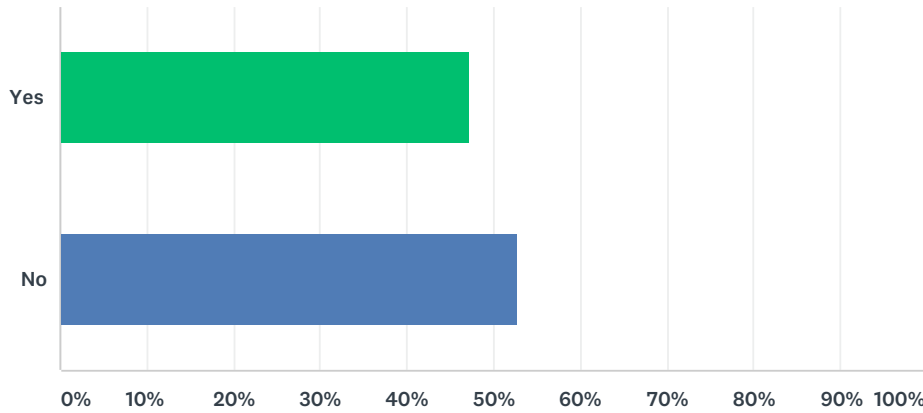
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
We have electronic voting	0.00%	0
Strongly Agree	45.00%	27
Somewhat Agree	21.67%	13
Somewhat Disagree	11.67%	7
Strongly Disagree	18.33%	11
Don't know/unsure	3.33%	2
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>60</b>

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

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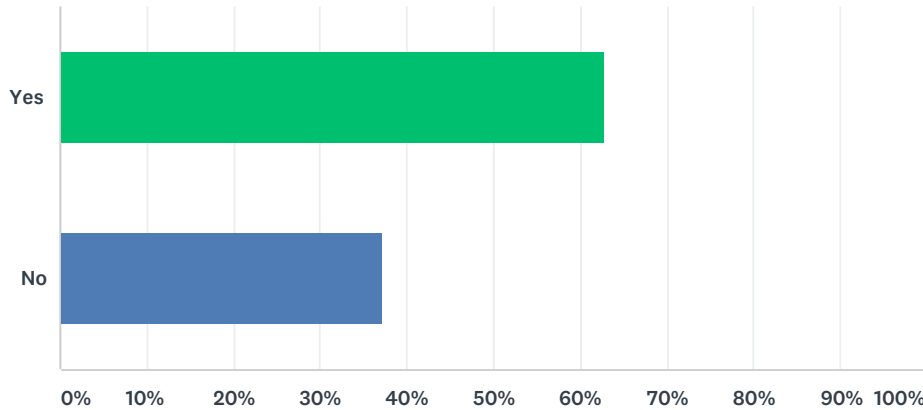


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	47.37%	27
No	52.63%	30
TOTAL		57



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

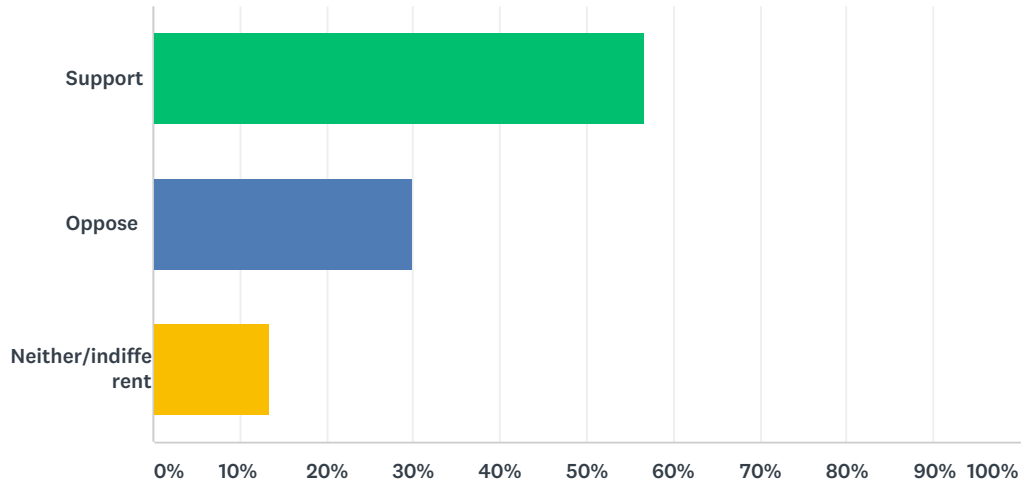
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	62.71%	37
No	37.29%	22
TOTAL		59

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

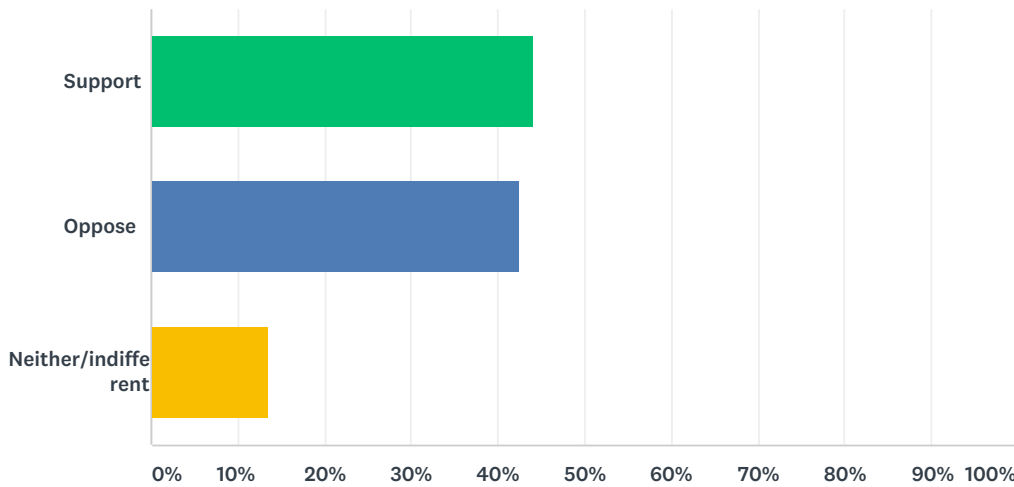
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Support	56.67%	34
Oppose	30.00%	18
Neither/indifferent	13.33%	8
TOTAL		60

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

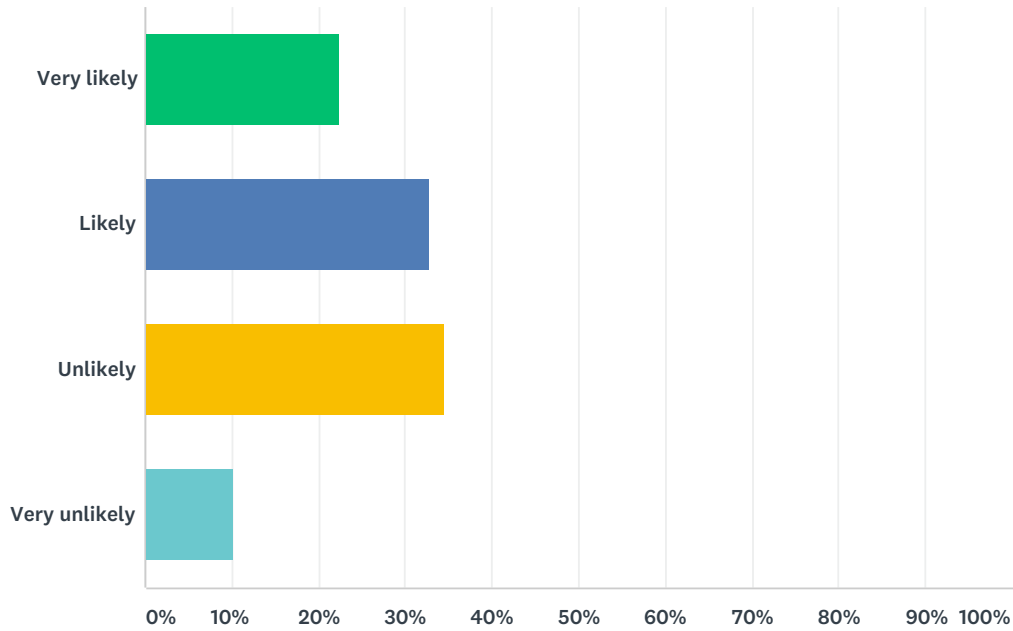
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Support	44.07%	26
Oppose	42.37%	25
Neither/indifferent	13.56%	8
TOTAL		59

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

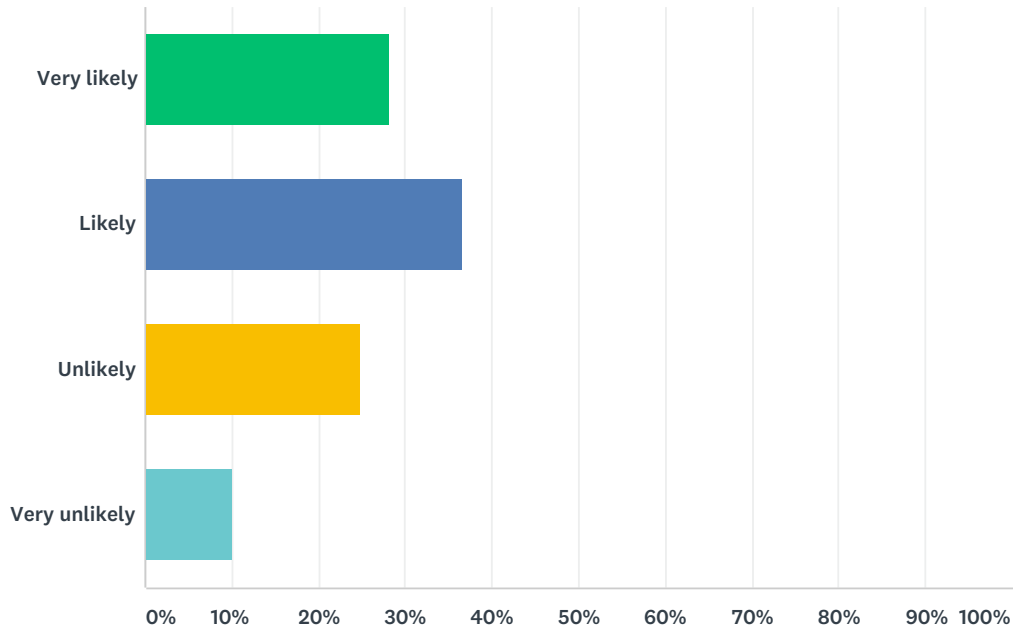
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very likely	22.41%	13
Likely	32.76%	19
Unlikely	34.48%	20
Very unlikely	10.34%	6
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>58</b>

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

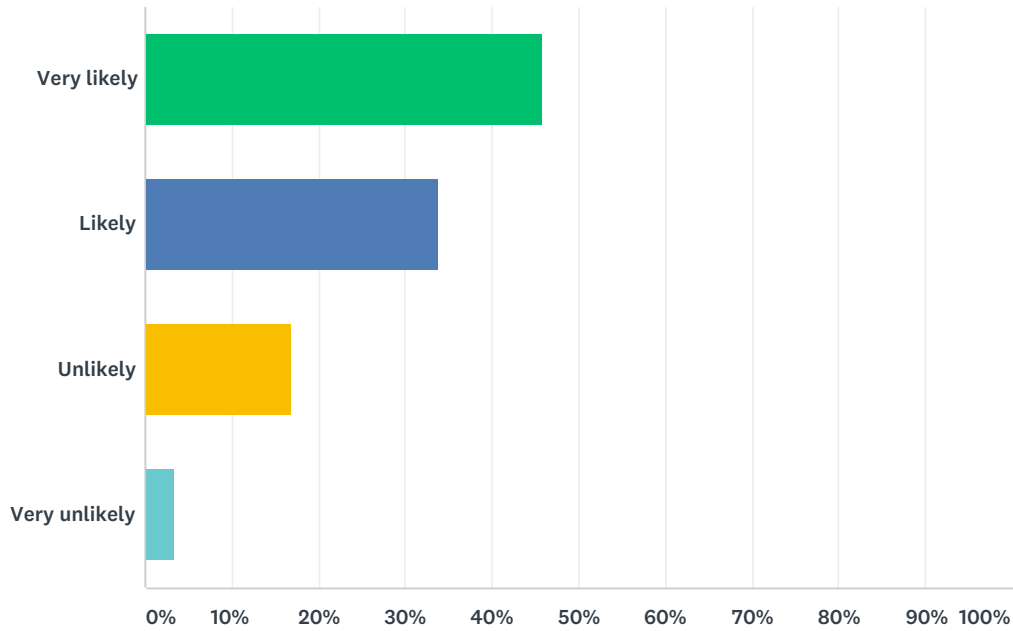
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very likely	28.33%	17
Likely	36.67%	22
Unlikely	25.00%	15
Very unlikely	10.00%	6
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>60</b>

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

Answered: 59 Skipped: 77



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very likely	45.76%	27
Likely	33.90%	20
Unlikely	16.95%	10
Very unlikely	3.39%	2
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>59</b>