



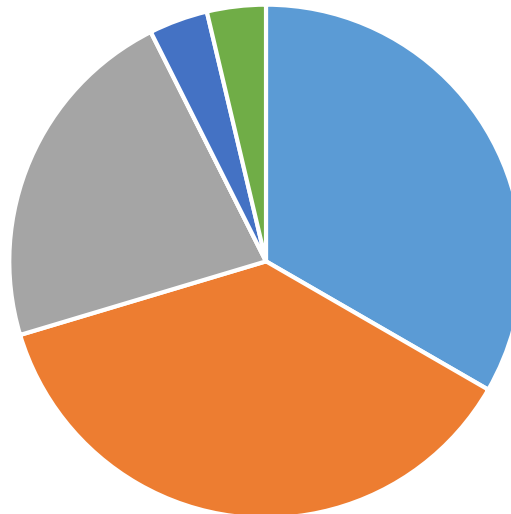
Summary Notes

As part of the Scituate Harbor Resiliency Master Plan, MAPC hosted a Community Forum to engage in initial discussions about the study, issues, opportunities, and potential solutions for coastal resilience in the district. About 50 attendees were present for participation in the forum. The following notes and tables provide a summary of the conversations at this Community Forum.

Results

Interactive exercise results:

What is your primary relationship to Scituate Harbor?

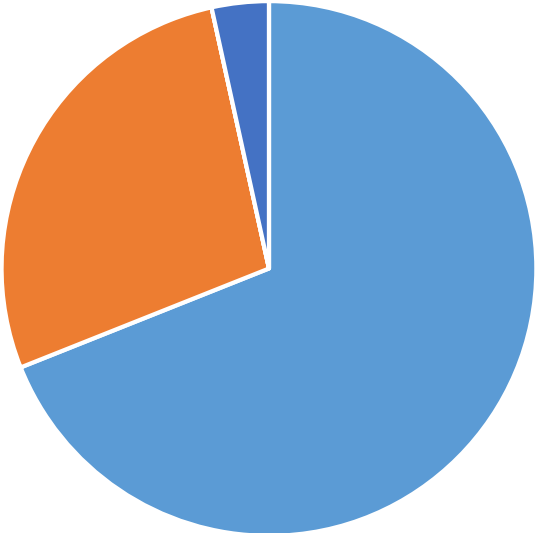


- Shopper/patron of businesses
- Resident (living in the district)
- Business/property owner
- Water-based business
- Water-based recreation
- Other

Other:

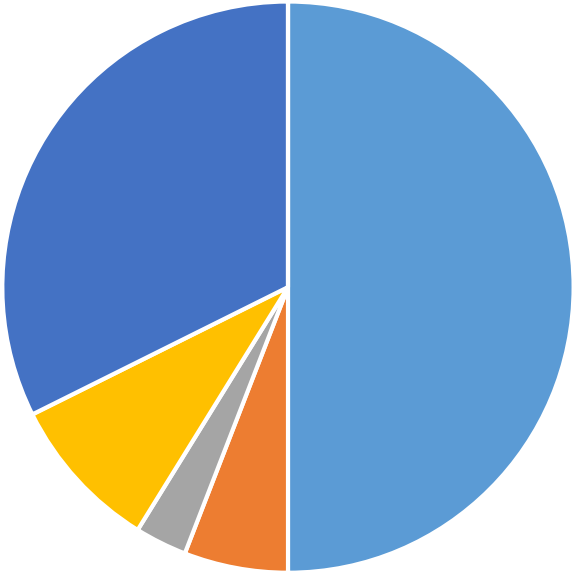
- Realtor – work in the Harbor
- Scituate resident
- Nearby resident

How often do you visit Scituate Harbor?



- At least once per day
- At least once per week
- At least once per month
- At least every few months
- At least once per year
- Less frequently

What is your main concern for Scituate Harbor?

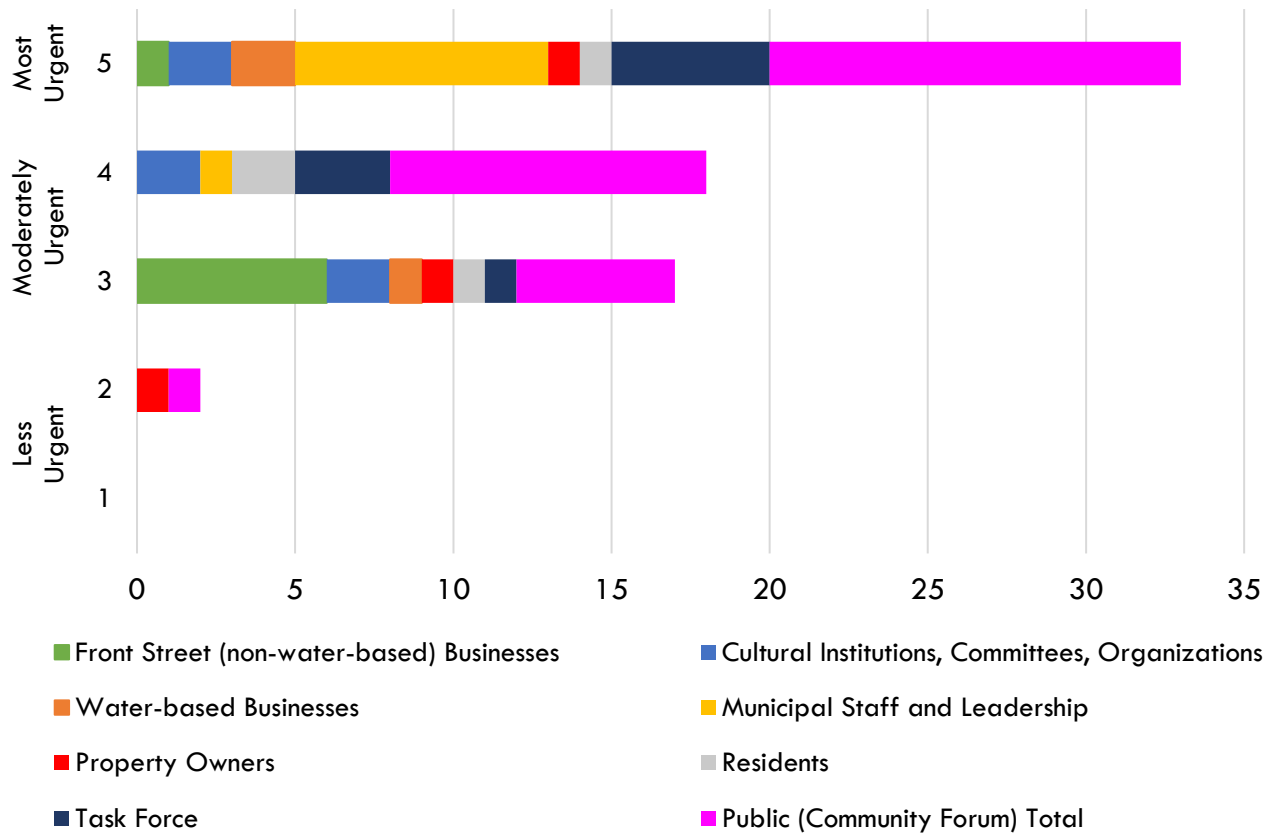


- Businesses, shops, restaurants
- Things to do, events, community gathering
- Access to the water
- Convenient parking
- Flood risks
- Other

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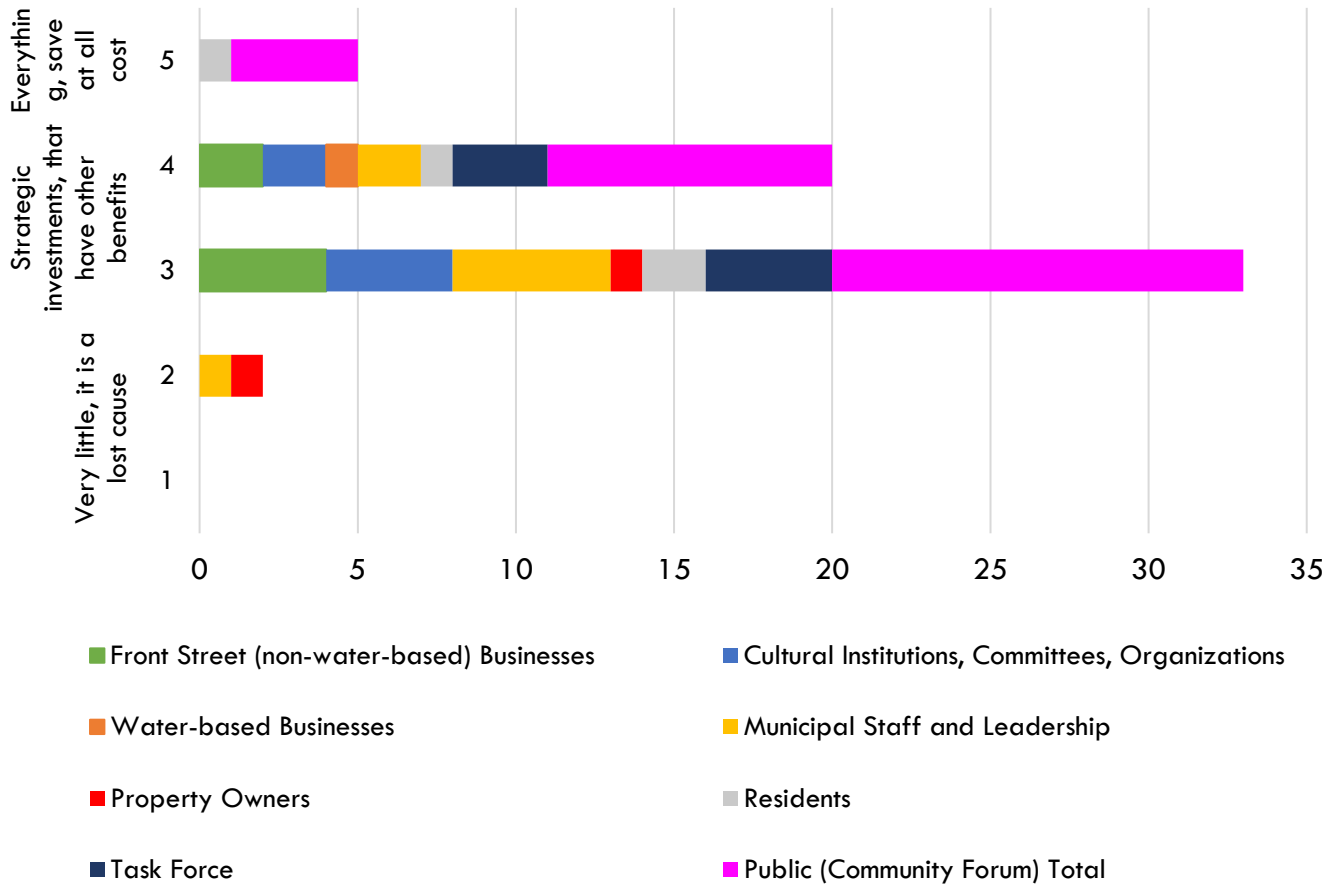
- Empty storefronts, flood damage
- Enforcement of parking issues
- Loss of businesses, unattractive appearance of harbor business district

How urgent do you feel coastal flooding issues are?



Average of all participants (Community Forum and Focus Groups) is 4.2

What should be done collectively to save all that?

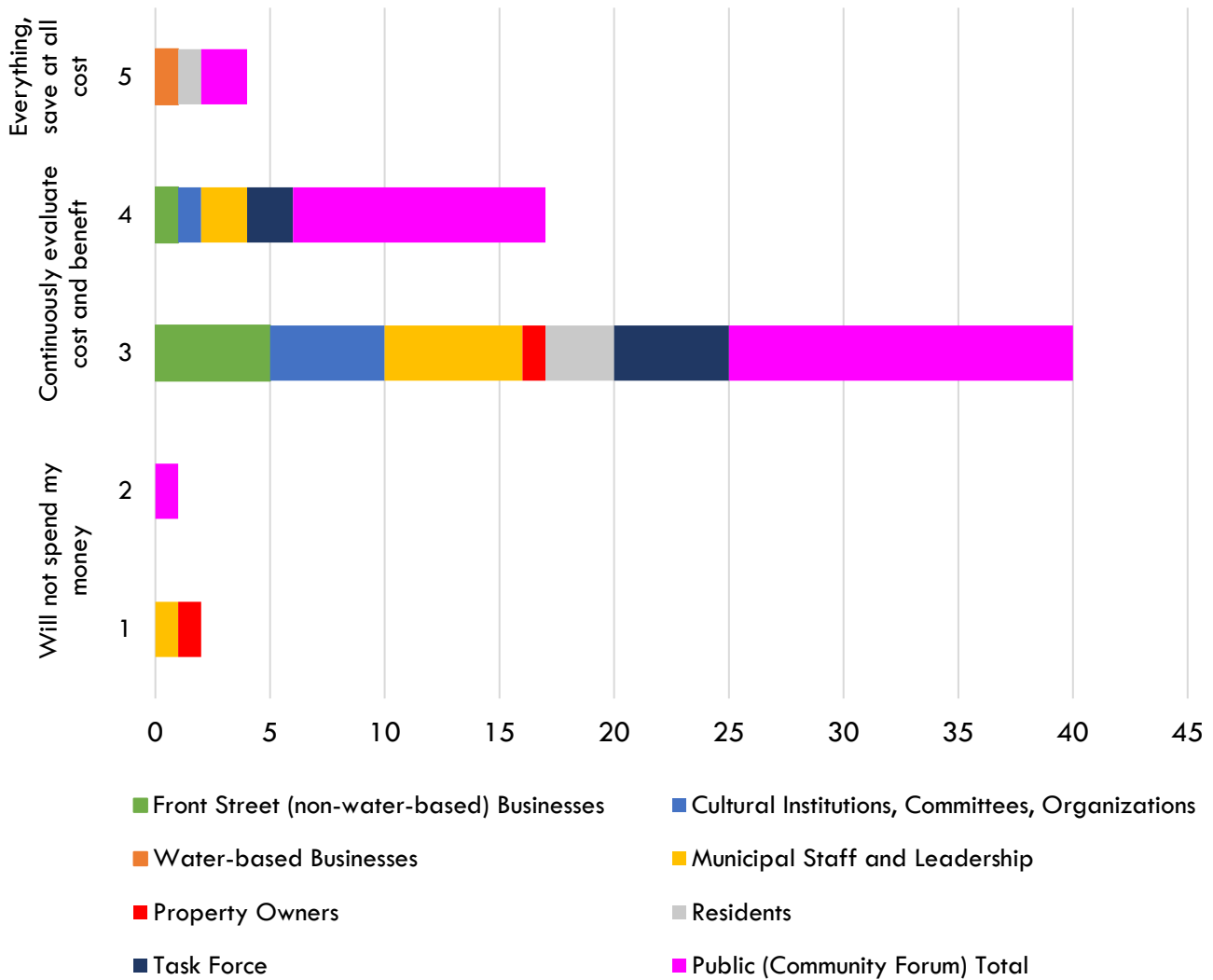


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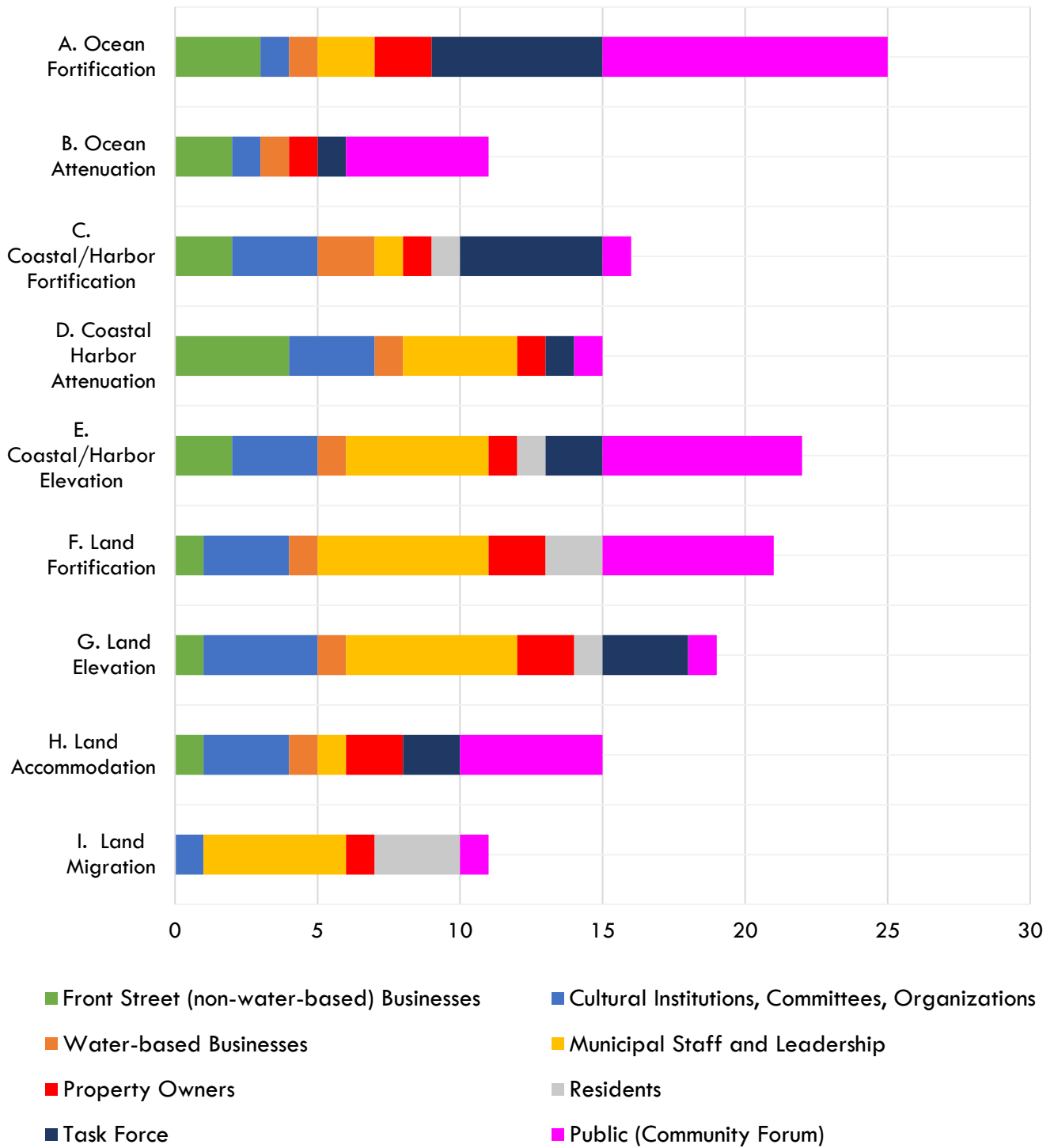
- Well, it's going to change. Our influence on that change is not unlimited.

What would you do to save all that?



Average of all participants (Community Forum and Focus Groups) is 3.3

Which types of solutions do you think are most appropriate?



What is not working well today in Scituate Harbor?

- Traffic and retail storefronts
- Flooding is a serious issue, parking is a bit of a challenge
- Enforcement of parking! Cole Parkway parking – the new reconfigured traffic pattern
- Parking!!! Speeding
- Lack of trash barrels – rate of speed vehicles travel thru harbor (Front Street), crosswalks not clearly defined – lack of variety of business – we do not need another realtor! Inconsistent business signage – parking!! – re-direction of traffic flow Cole Parkway – noise from bands at restaurants
- Drainage
- Maintaining business and consumer base while preserving the coastal heritage and feel of the harbor. Wi-Fi
- Parking is a major problem. Vacant storefronts
- Too many vacant stores
- In Scituate, elevation of homes, elevation in Harbor
- Empty stores
- Too many empty storefronts, more diversity in businesses to attract tourism. Potters, bicycle shop, paint the boats pastel colors!
- Today it's great. Perfect.
- Poor inconsistent appearance, empty storefronts
- Drainage on Front Street – harbor seawater has on occasion come up onto Front Street through stormwater manhole covers. Power outages from above ground electrical service/would like to see underground utilities.
- Parking and enforcement of parking: there might be more parking, but it's taken up for 8 hours
- Not enough trash barrels, trash is terrible
- People speed on Front Street! Crossing front street puts your life in peril
- Crosswalks blocked by parked cars
- Diversity of businesses encourage walking around lingering
- Backflow preventers on storm drains
- Flooding since 1982
- Flooding since Blizzard of 1978
- Better use of storefronts through design guidelines and zoning
- Build up structures with parking below
- Add attractive parks
- Keep the quaintness
- Build to FEMA elevation +3-4 feet
- Salt water on Front Street
- Follow Newburyport walkway along waterfront provide shoreline protection, civic space, parks, beautification
- Vacant storefronts pay more taxes
- Pop-up stores don't exist

- Hard to keep businesses going in Scituate
- Empty storefronts, some for 10 years
- Unless you need a bottle of wine and a cup of coffee there is not enough business diversity
- Promotion of all businesses/wayfinding to support tourism
- The side of the harbor that goes to the water could benefit dramatically from being elevated – maybe we can build parks or gardens around them and put parking under
- Fix drainage dampers to flow one way
- Harvard study said better recommendations for store fronts and facades
- Securing the seawalls around the harbor
- Flooding is disincentive to investment in the harbor
- Parking out of flood area
- Building conditions and poor use of space
- Town layout
- Storm drain management
- Antiquated infrastructure
- Having fairs and carnivals in the harbor parking lot taking precious parking spots
- Attracting new and attractive retail stores
- Storm drain management. Install check valves in all storm drains in Cole Parkway and Mill Wharf lots
- Parking
- No plan to increase tourism
- Vacant storefronts

What is working well today in Scituate Harbor?

- Harbormaster
- Great businesses, wonderful community events
- Diversity of shops and restaurants. Beauty of the harbor!
- Nice shopping, restaurants
- Incredible scenic harbor
- Businesses and town are working together to figure out how to go forward
- Enthusiastic vibrant businesses – but we need more!
- Parking, overall appearance
- Mill Wharf, new condos
- Boating, marinas
- Lovely water views, quaint downtown.
- Good and numerous restaurants/bars, movie theater, summer tourists, good grocery store
- Motivated harbor business association
- The best geographic waterfront business district on the south shore
- It is vibrant with activity. Everyone wants to live close to the harbor

- Sea water comes up on to Front Street through manhole covers

What is most important for the future of Scituate Harbor?

- Stop apocalyptic sea level rise forecasts. See Kleinfelder Study
- Keeping storefronts occupied and safe from flooding
- Support small business, look into shuttle parking for workers in the Harbor. Encourage input from Harbor residents
- Flooding issues, parking – noise
- Pedestrian safety – clean downtown area – attract businesses – lack of beach restoration of Peggotty Beach as a barrier beach
- Keep businesses open during storm
- Maintaining the charm of the harbor while encouraging growth and securing infrastructure for future enjoyment
- Parking, parking, parking
- Generate businesses
- Flood control especially Front Street
- Fix flooding with parking under elevated buildings. Maintain quaintness
- Fishing industry, tourism
- Enhance tourism. Preparing for climate change.
- Adapting to inevitable change. Assuming that we will have very little Federal and State financial support will lead to better outcomes. Our resiliency and planning should be self-sufficient.
- Preserve and protect it, make it more consistently attractive to attract day tourists and others, attract more businesses, better use of community building (Pier 44), enhance walkable waterfront.
- Amenities – facility for outdoor music/theatre events where you are not standing, sitting in a parking lot (Cole Parkway)
- Green space
- Pedestrian safety
- Bike safety
- More residents for economic development
- Fishing industry
- All water-based activities
- Tourism, winter-time activity at the Harbor
- More and better locations for parking
- Trolley/bus system to connect to Greenbush or other locations
- Norwell 40B as a model for affordable more housing in center (55+ community)
- Our fisherman! And that industry's vibrancy!
- More parking and better located
- First Friday was really nice and we need more like it!
- Business-owned properties

- More cohesive working relationships between town, business and residents of the harbor
- Flood mitigation. Look to other coastal communities success with this challenge
- Businesses that attract visitors
- Incentivize investment in new businesses
- More residents
- Pedestrian safety
- Flood prevention
- Green space

Discussion Summary Notes:

- Population projection for next 25 years?
- Build in-water barrier as in New Bedford. Army Corps of Engineers.
- Consider W.A.D.s and other make underwater shoals, boats (ships)
- Repair sea walls

The Mooring:

- Elevate Edward Foster Bridge/Road
- Suggestion: have GoGreen gather seaweed off of beaches and compost for mulch for town.
- Explore Florida Beach Management to see how we get CZM to adopt a plan for Mass. Beaches