

Results of the Citizen Survey

1. What are the town's most pressing problems at present and in the foreseeable future?

State failure to deal with traffic problems created by growth at Tradeport and area in general.

Potential that open and/or undeveloped land will be developed. Potential for increased air traffic & road traffic. Falling into disrepair of certain buildings.

Water quality

Growth. Lack of leadership

Rt. 16 traffic. Airplane noise

Rt. 16

Property taxes - going to the state. Airport noise

Traffic on Spaulding

Keeping the historic character and rural scenic landscape

Rapid growth is a big problem. Check the end of airport road.

Loss of open space, and wetlands. Our brooks are drying up.

Finding a middle ground between keeping town costs & taxes low, while maintaining or improving town services.

Property taxes. Road's. Old town buildings. Get our own zip code and Post Office

It's inability to access its resources = this town is full of many intelligent diverse people with varied backgrounds who are made to feel unwelcomed - town employees have no job descriptions - have no accountability - I.e. town planner has done nothing on master plan for the last ten years and now the town is being asked to give money for this to be accomplished?

Over development

Pease in all aspects pertaining to quality of life

Directed to 2nd introductory paragraph for answer: We anticipate dramatic population growth during the next 20 years. That would mean many more homes, more roads, an expanded school, more traffic, and more business and industry. Where should all this development go? How fast should it happen? Let us know your views & ideas.

Getting out onto Spaulding. Traffic goes way too fast coming over bridge

Keeping costs down - looking for best services for a reasonable cost.

Residential growth. Disposition of the numerous town owned buildings

Taxes

Lack of effective land conservation. Lack of professional town manager.

Lack of effective noise control at Pease

Residential growth - there is only so much land. God is not making any more. Once it's gone, it's gone. Statewide property tax - extreme threat as well as estate taxation by IRS

Spaulding TPKE. State school tax.

The most pressing crisis is our form of government - the Board of Selectmen no longer acts as a public servant nor protector of the town assets. The BOS consists of unqualified individuals who do as they please and ignore their responsibilities.

1-Property taxes. 2. Airport noise. 3. Congestion at rush hour on bridges,

Spaulding Turnpike and Woodbury Ave.

Growth to fast. This is a great private area.

No opinion

Renovating Old Stone School. Providing adequate services to residents.

Spaulding tnpk. School tax to the state.

Sewer hook up for Patterson Ln residents.

The dangerous driving situation to merge onto rte 16 by the Exxon station off Nimble Hill Rd.

The Shaheen State Tax. Exit 4 "cross over". Pease contamination and noise.

Expansion of Pease airport & increase air/auto traffic.

People who live in town that have a clue, that are not already fed up with the bull that's here now to run for selectmen. The one's we have now suck and no body says anything because it wouldn't matter anyway.

Replace septic tank with town sewage system. Have gas line link to all residence.

The tank farm (Sprague)

Planning for manageable growth

Taxes too high. Congestion on the Spaulding Turnpike

Spaulding Turnpike - access, exiting from Nimble Hill Rd.

Taxes

State property tax. Traffic. Exit Nimble Hill Rd. on to Spaulding Turnpike

1-The increasing proportion of revenue that goes to the state to support public education. 2. Attracting competent people to serve on town committees

Improving Nimble Hill Road. State wide property tax.

Traffic on Woodbury Ave. To much industry

Property taxes. Merging onto Spaulding

Stone school - for 3-4 years nothing has been done to the bldg.

Regain the tax revenue from the two power plants. Rescind state real estate taxes. Change present form of town government.

Loss of town's identity as we are taken over by greedy developers and yuppies

Improving Nimble Hill Rd. Statewide property tax.

Property taxes, airport noise, recreation and other offerings

Traffic on Woodbury Avenue particularly morning and evening commuters.

Speeding on Woodbury Avenue.

Exorbitant property tax (robbery!!) gossip & slander

Remaining rural while keeping taxes minimal

The Spaulding turn pike

The Spaulding Turnpike and access to town from that location. Also the increasing traffic on Nimble Hill Rd.

The most pressing problem is traffic congestion on the highway. The second problem would be the lack of interest taken by most citizens towards public service on the town boards.

Liberal democrats who want to spend other people's money

Taxes; maintaining country atmosphere.

Taxes

Taxes - Traffic - Nimble Hill Rd. - Turnpike

Increased traffic. Fire Department losing it's call members

WE NEED MORE PEOPLE IN THE MIDDLE CLASS AND LOWER INCOME GROUP IN ORDER TO SURVIVE AS A STABLE COMMUNITY

The town is decaying. Middle class can't afford to live here. The transient rich people stay here less than 10 years and move on. No stability. poor, inexperienced leadership

Stone school

We need a Town Manager. The selectmen don't have the know how or skill to handle the myriad issues facing Newington

No more new development. Keeping taxes low

Education funding & taxes

The property tax situation

Present = statewide property taxes, airport noise. Future = control growth of air flight, keep property values high

Present: Impact of taxes (Statewide PPT) on large homesteads. Future: Growth of airport and impact on property values

Traffic in the commercial district

Increase in noise from Pease.

Continuing increases in property tax burden.

Public building maintenance - new & old -

Increasing property tax

Cable TV too expensive

TAXES. AIR TRAFFIC - from Pease. ROAD TRAFFIC - from Spaulding Trnpk onto & into from Nimble Hill Rd

Population growth, senior housing, taxes

PROPERTY TAXES

State's property tax mess. Lack of interest/apathy by citizens in becoming productively involved in the operation of the town.

Loss of leadership - past 4 years. TAXES - Driving out the families. We look like a suburb with the new subdivision.

1-Too small school population (difficult to read) 2. Too few people interested in running for town offices.

Airport noise, the school tax, too much growth

Growth, taxes, loss of character

Traffic on Rte 16; some deteriorating valuable older buildings in town; roads not maintained properly; some town authorized construction substandard.

The town needs sensible controlled growth

Rising tax rate mainly the property tax rate

Taxes too high

Access during rush hour! I would like to see Fox Point Rd reopened from

Pease

Traffic on the Spaulding @ rush hour/Fridays/Summer

Taxes

TAXES

Getting the selectpersons and planning board to listen to the Residents of Newington

Industries

The statewide prop tax

No acceptance of public involvement by town officials and no program to solicit participation, thus frustration and disinterest of residents

Managing growth, Airport noise

Keep Newington a special place to live. Aircraft. Noise Pollution

Increasing property taxes. * Traffic: problem going north on Spaulding Turnpike from Nimble Hill Rd. esp. during commuting hours. We call it running the gauntlet! - Very hazardous!

Taxes. Growth in Seacoast. Traffic on Spaulding Turn around in center.

Have the town managed by qualified people.

Not staying current with the region. Not reacting quick enough in order to capitalize on what Newington has to offer.

Too little representation on state and PDA matters. Turn around on highway and cross over - dangerous. Taxes due to statewide state tax

Maintaining slow, steady growth. Keeping rural nature of town
PDA land development. Lack of leadership (board of selectmen) re: Noise
Pan Am maintenance at night - mitigation necessary & state donor tax.

Rapid growth everywhere - high speed traffic

The danger of excessive growth

2. What are the worst eyesores in town?

Can't think of any

Baseball field, power plants, tank farm, asphalt plant, junky cars/yards/properties

Not aware of any

The entrance to residential area from Spaulding. The debris pile over the bank at the right of the boat dock.

Certain obvious residential properties

There are several residential properties in both S.Newington and N.Newington

Some properties not kept up (residential)

Custom Pools. Unpainted tanks at Sprague. Chevrolet Auto. DeRochemont yard. Bill White's yard. Watson yard

Some residential houses and lots. You know who they are.

Old town hall, old stone school. These buildings need maintenance. Town grove & field

Mott House, Old Stone School, Old town hall, town garage
Old stone school

Along Fox Point blue commercial building and old farm with wrecked vehicles in back

Nothing but restaurants, restaurants, restaurants, restaurants, restaurants, restaurants,ad infinitum....stop the madness!
junk cars

There are a number of them. Junk cars, trucks, boats, machinery & buildings falling in.

Pond on Fox Point Rd.

Pond on Fox Point Rd used to be nice fishing whole (sic) - Crappy now

Properties all around town where numerous trucks, commercial vehicles, plows are parked in viewing areas.

Old school, buildings @ Fox Pt.

Pease

To be honest, I really know of none. Possibility but not really are the storage garages/bins across from skating rink.

The sides of roads are all 8-10 inches high.

1-Junkyard view on Fox Point Rd (on left from Nimble Hill). 2. Wood frame building on corner of Beane & Fox Pt. Rd. Custom Pool area.

Exxon gas station

Old Stone school, Newington Inn

Junk cars & caved in buildings

None, we have a great town.

The old car/auto body shop on Fox Pt. Rd (near Grt Bay Marine) & the Junk Yard behind Dorothy's house (on Fox Pt. Rd).

Colburns blue building on Fox Point Rd. Many of the industrial complexes along the river.

Town Hall

none

The little shed opposite Gundalow Landing & the shed along McIntire Road

JUNK CARS!! The numbers are building!

none

Newington Inn

Trash on coastline

the Mott House

No opinion

none

stone school

Mott House at Fox Pt. Junk yard at end of Airport Rd.

All these new subdivisions

the Mott House

A few deteriorating properties

No comment

Thomas front yard; houses on Little Bay Rd.

Mott house on Fox Point - houses with many old cars in the yard

The junk yard that personal residences are allowed to have.

Some of the personal properties in town with junk cars or just basic junk.

Watson property, Kaddy property
The Watson House. Bill White's yard

Tax Bills

junkyards in or around peoples houses

PSNH. Coal Plant

Traffic and new power plant

Newington Energy and all the gas tank farms
industrial complexes and airbase

the industrial zone

Bill Board sign at Verge Insurance

The old unregistered cars in yards

Junk cars and clutter around some home's

Town buildings that have been left to rot!

Stone school - come on - fix it up!

Junk cars on the Watson property. Car restoration building on Fox Pt. Rd
and Beane Ln.

Vapor recovery system on M

Utility Poles

1-FIRST VISUAL VIEW OF NEWINGTON ONTO NIMBLE NILL RD. OPEN
Pking Area - Newington Inn. 2. BLUE GARAGE BLDG ON CORNER FOX
PT & BEANE LANE

Walmart, Eastern Bearing, basketball court in S. Newington

Woodbury Avenue

Watsons. However Lorna is trying

Really very few. Dead/unregistered vehicles parked where they are visible.

Town entrance - Commercial area has no charm. They area look like Rt. 1 in
Mass. Woodbury Ave needs vegetation

The entrance to town from the Spaulding Tpke. The road to the Marina -
needs trees etc.

There are some, but the town doesn't need to be picture perfect. The fact that it has a mix of industry, commerce & residential areas is an asset.

Parking lot by Newington Inn

New building across from Neslab - Ugh!

Junkyard at Watson's house on Fox Point Rd & cars & boats at the DeRochemont house on Fox Point Rd.

Newington Inn

Newington Motel

Eastern part of Newington

Eastern part of Newington

Newington Inn

Run down buildings & roads

Flying airplanes, especially Pan Am planes

First 2 houses on right side of Coleman Drive. 1) Yard full of junk 2) No siding for 2 yrs - code violation?

The unmaintained town buildings

Vacant property at Fox Point & Beane Lane

Home on Coleman Drive with no siding for years. Old DeRochemont homestead on Fox Pt. Road

1-Industrial section (near New Asia Restaurant) 2. Boats stored on individual properties year-round in yards

the "dumps" on private land - abandoned vehicles & multi-small storage sheds

malls

3. What are the town's greatest assets?

The people

Little & Great Bay, open lands, low traffic, Fox Point

Friendly & accepting people

Historic district, Fire & Police depts. & Industrial area.

Industrial base, preservation areas

Our town planner. Industrial base

The inhabitants, and as of now, low taxes

The river

Fox Point. Scenic yards - Frink, Mosher, Spinney Farm. Shoreline

Small population, industrial area

The historic district, present zoning laws, and the people who live here.

Close knit community.

school

It's people - if they were allowed to participate without the towny-carpet bagger mentality.

Responsible town officials who listen to residents concerns, neighbors who care.

Preserved areas, historic district . . . Please . . . More Variety!
people

Our senior citizens and young people. And the willingness of people to offer services and their time.

the presents (sic) of Police within the town residence area patrolling constantly - country setting

Town works to keep cost down for townspeople. Recreation for children.

Preservation of land

Open space, devoted town citizens

Small, good open spaces

Fox Point, Great Bay and the Town Forest

Open space

Being a VILLAGE. It's history. It's long time residents.

Those citizens which care about the town's history.

Rural, privacy, water access at point.

Low population and a concern for low taxes.

It's natives.

Fox Point.

Its people, and good, planning and zoning board.

It's green space

Great Bay, Fox Point, Historical District, Separation of residential & commercial/industrial areas & Tom Morgan

Fox Point, its marine facilities, trails, water views, historic pier, open fields and vistas. This needs care and maintenance.

The old buildings that are neglected.
country setting

The Library, the police & the firefighter

Enjoyable and beautiful open space.

Small community. Rural environment. Historical sites.

Town Center, Fox Point, Town Church, size of residential area.

Industrial base. Rural atmosphere.

location

Historic District, waterfront, Fox Point.

No opinion

Industrial base

Fox point

Small town, friendly atmosphere

location

Historic District, waterfront, Fox Point.

Friendly people & small town atmosphere

No comment

library

open space

Simplicity and lack of urban sprawl

Easy access and the small community

The fact that there are requirements for min. land to build. However obviously starting to let "condos" or duplexes a concern.

Rural atmosphere, industrial tax base, small school

It's people

Good people, effective government, effective departments

It's concerned citizens

the People; location to other towns

Fox Point, historical areas (church area)

Neighbor helping neighbors. Sense of community.

People caring about each other

Little & Great Bays & the Rivers

its young, old & middle aged generation who make a community

Great place to live

its people

It's woods and rural feeling

open land, rural setting

security & privacy

Country living with conveniences close by. Newington has been well planned.

rural beauty and character, convenient location

Bucolic feel minutes off highway, History & one voting ward!!

What open space is still here. Good school system. Historical and small town character.

Location and rural character

Rural character, open farmland views over Great Bay, Fox Point Wildlife preserve walking trails. Easy access to highways (dangerous access)
It's people/residents.

Quiet residential area, tax rate, easy access to shopping.

Open spaces, wooded areas, shore line

Businesses

OPEN SHORELINE VIEWS! For all to see from roadways or walkways!

Fox Point, Historic District

Waterfront industrial

Open space, segregation of industrial, commercial and residential property by zoning.

Rural setting in residential area before 1985. Character is still in place but we could lose it.

1-The residents. 2.- the school

There are some, but the town doesn't need to be picture perfect. The fact that it has a mix of industry, commerce & residential areas is an asset.

Rural flavor

Wildlife refuge, Great Bay - shoreline, town conservation lands & forest.

School, esp. student/teacher ratio.

Fox Point, Historical area (church, stone school, library)

Separate industrial commercial zones. Town still rural in character.

The people

Ruralness & Great Bay

Feeling of safety

Parks, recreation and town land

being rural for residential - yet the conveniences as short distances away

Low taxes (for now)

Great school

The way the town has kept the commercial & Industry out of the living part of our town.

Industrial waterfront; conservation land (Fox Pt., Town forest)

School, rural character, convenient location

Community events for the family and a good school system.

Small town - great location to live.

People, open land, Fox Point, School

It's history and forethought in planning for the future.

People, rural status, combination zoning (blend of res./indus/commerce

Parks, land, great bay

History, undeveloped land, tax base from business. 1. The citizens

Open space & Great Bay

historic center, older homes, waterfront, library

Size, beauty, reasonable separation of residences/businesses

4. Which of the following would you like to see increased, decreased or remain the same?

	Number of Responses	Increase	Decrease	Same Level
Recreational facilities for youth	120	45	4	70
Recreational facilities for the elderly	120	52	2	64
Fire protection	122	7	6	109
Police protection	122	7	9	105
Road maintenance	123	43	0	79
Snow removal	120	13	0	106
Ambulance Service	120	6	4	109
Library	121	29	2	90
Bicycle paths	119	52	9	57
Public education	121	27	3	91
Water	119	29	0	90
Natural gas availability in residential districts	115	52	4	58
Sewage	113	31	3	79
Environmental Protection	124	59	0	65
Protection of Newington's Historical Character	128	69	0	59

Other comments:

Add more historic areas/museums of local character (boat building museum; farm museum; military museum; church museum; etc.)

Increase - Recreation facilities for everyone

Historical markers need to be replaced - would love to read them.
City sewage
Perhaps include 7th & 8th grades in school, or send them to Greenland
instead of Portsmouth

5. How often do you visit the town library?

Family members visit once every week

Every 2-3 weeks

not often enough

at least weekly

not often enough

Rarely - would like to go more often

twice a week

Every 1 1/2 weeks

Every couple of weeks

weekly

once a month

once a month

Seldom - everything is on the internet today.

Never

Would like Scrabble competition once a week at least.

Not often

never

occasionally

couple of times a year

don't

weekly

rare

weekly

2/month

weekly

very often, once per week

never

I do not.

not at all, once only

never

5-6 times per year

some

twice a month

Rarely, but appreciate that we have the option to use it

once or twice a year

3-4 times a year

very seldom

don't

never

As often as time permits

monthly

1 time a week.

once a week

weekly

once a week

seldom

once every 2 weeks

Every day it's open

several times a year

at least once a week

weekly

once a week

2 times week

weekly
once a year
once/week
every week
several times/year
not to often
never
Rarely
1/month
twice a year
Never
very little
seldom
monthly
often
not often - little there
a handful of times a year, out of date, needs better resources & space
6-10 times a year
once a month
often
twice a week
once a month
about 1 a month
rarely
10-15 times a year
2-3 times a year
1/yr
Not often enough
once/month

4x/month - weekly

once or twice a week

1-2 per month

3 per year

Never

1-2 times a month

once a month

once a month

occasionally

3 times per month. We have a great "Library". Our Town Center.

Don't - Not a big reader

I buy more books but this is a very important town resource!

occasionally

Once or twice a week

Weekly

Several times a year

Once a week or less

12x/yr

Never

0

1/month

Not as often as I'd like

not often enough

once a week

Once per week

not at all

Never

monthly

once every 2 weeks

A few times a year

3 times a yr.

Never

1x/week

quarterly

Once a month in winter, weekly in summer

Not often enough

about every 2 weeks

1-2 per year

6A. Do you desire greater town services?

71 Responded No, Negative responses w/ comments are included

41 Responded Yey

No. Fix my mailbox each time it is smashed. Joking, actually, no.
see section 4

generally, no. Road services, recycling

Not sure.

Not if it means higher taxes.

6B. If yes, which ones?

Fix my mailbox each time it is smashed. Joking, actually, no.

Recreation

see section 4

More upgraded facilities. Better playground and safer playground for
younger children at town grove.

generally, no. Road services, recycling

Better hours for the town clerk, open every day

Better roads w/in town in residential area

Improved opportunities for recycling more materials, I.e. corrugated paper -
click paper

better car registration hours

increased offerings by the youth recreation committee

The basic services are fine. But we are in desperate need of town leadership
but keep the DUMP open to residents, that is super good.

More playing fields and resurface tennis court.

recreational services

keep taxes down

keep it simple & keep taxes low.

Plowing town roads properly and maintenance of them.

snow & sewage.

sewer

An indoor recreational facility especially for during the cold months - an
indoor pool, squash court, tennis court.

The recycling program is a sham. I don't believe for one minute that we
actually recycle. It most likely gets dumped as garbage.
we need a recreation director to plan activities for adults & senior citizens
such as trips to Quincy Market & other places. Plays at Ogunquit & other
playhouses. These are activities that used to be and would be appreciated
again.

library & stone school

More rec. services & a paid director

more library hours - 1 evening?

Unless the town plows resident's driveways

Full day kindergarten. Library and Town Clerk open more hours and days of
the week.

Yes for the elderly, Portsmouth cares about their old people. Newington
doesn't

it's sad that the local hangout is the bar at the Asia Restaurant. Where is the
Town Center? Where do people go to have fun?

the roads are getting "taller" every year so there is a ditch on either side of
them - better programs for the kids, more community activities, the town has
been too cheap on its citizens - many other area towns offer far better
programs

Recreation, elder programs, elder care, extra so bus runs so children can
take advantage of Portsmouth afterschool programs

excellent as is

one day a week for city clerk hours to be open either early morning or later evening. Example - 7-10am or 5-7pm

Morning or Evening hours one day/wk for city clerk e.g. 7-10am or 5-7pm

Plowing

Not sure.

The town does a great job providing services to residents

More recycling

Public transportation

A good recycling program (not just #1 & #2 plastics) that includes residential pickup

Public Transportation

Curbside, recyclables pickup

Make open governance - Encourage citizen participation; information accessible & distributed to all. Accountability.

The town does fine with services

Recycling as mandatory

Not if it means higher taxes.

Better care & improvement of town owned blds, property, and roads
It would be nice to have the tennis courts resurfaces and offer a summer tennis program for kids

Clean roads in Spring after sand & salt season.

Pick up of large trash items twice a year. Sweep streets in Spring (can be dangerous)

Would love regular sewer system

curbside mandatory recycling. Mandatory business cardboard. Recycling

7. What types of businesses and services does Newington need the most?

There is amply supply

We have enough except maybe more help for our elderly

Seems adequate now

Industrial development

more recycling

No more retail! Clean manufacturing, utilities, anything with low amount of workers & visitors in relation to value of business.

Post Office

Post Office

Not retail, commercial or residential

Better communication to residents about town events and issues.

Proper maintenance of roads & culverts. Dead tree removal so future power losses due to those dead trees do not increase. Improper road drainage.

Health care; flea markets; anything but walmart and grease chains

Industry

Office complexes - 24 hour garage services

Office complexes - technical

upscale clothing/shoe stores. Florist, indoor tennis facility

Post Office

The current mix is fine

Continue to develop industrial sector - power plant expansion

A post office would be nice

Doctor, dentist

Take out food! No one delivers to Newington even though we are so close.

No opinion

we have enough now

restaurants

A post office would be a welcome addition

Post Office

Post office in town center.

does not need more

Light industry, medical clinics

non

adequate now.

We have enough!

Business - we have plenty. Services - real recycling.

Post office

We need a Post Office!

post office

none

we've got enough

post office

No more in residential area unless a post office.

none

better marina for town use

nothing

What Newington currently has seems adequate. However I'm not sure what public transportation goes in the town.

Manufacturing and industrial

Post office. Pizza/Beer restaurant

NA

less retail

More services to help people. Too much goes to fire, police, malls and industry. People suffer.

recreational & community activities. Places to gather and do things with other people

Small home grown businesses - no more giants - the industrial zone is a horror - did someone really plan that?

No more industry, no more commercial, we need office, small business, recreational activities

a private road

none

N/A

absolutely none

Grocery stores

a video rental store & a pizza place that delivers

ok

No more businesses

none

privately owned businesses

Local pub :) - just kidding

Post Office

Rod & gun club

No more services

They have plenty

local post office

Post Office

Tax generating, environmental businesses that are clean. Plus public transportation. We need to get the traffic controlled. Quality businesses to keep our recent graduates local

Certainly no more retail! To malls are enough

High wage industry. Road improvements off turnpike

Good telephone service with affordable high speed Internet

Businesses which produce tax revenues & provide jobs vs. those which require support.

We have enough commercial businesses! We don't need anymore stores, restaurants, strip malls!

Types that don't require additional town services

None

None we have it all now

none

Office bldgs, Post office/substation, waterfront industry

none

How about a "green" dry cleaner and a small to medium-sized daycare

Small corner grocery. Postal annex.

Cleaners. Small postal service somewhere.

Those that contribute to the local tax base - not utility tax to state

No more businesses!

None

8. Do you consider any of the following to be serious local problems?

Water quality	26
Housing supply	17
Commercial growth & increased growth in surrounding communities	37
Traffic congestion	78
Industrial growth	20
Residential growth	31
Aircraft noise	60
Traffic noise	24
Speeding vehicles	53
Other comments:	no serious problem merging on Spaulding <u>underlined serious</u> industrial noise

9. At the present time, is Newington:

	Commercial	Industrial	Residential
Not growing fast enough	2	12	8
Not growing fast enough/Growing rate about right	1	1	0
Growing rate about right	54	61	57
Growing rate about right/Growing too rapidly	1	0	0
Growing too rapidly	12	9	27
Growing too rapidly/Already saturated	16	13	9
Already saturated	29	16	14
No opinion	5	7	9

Comments: If we have to increase our school size, we should plan ahead instead of having to rent modular classrooms.

10. In general is the current zoning ordinance:

too restrictive?	15
too lax?	12
about right?	94
unsure/don't know	4

Comments: Problem is ZBA granting all requests in front of them.

Some items are too restrictive too restrictive. We need creative residential zoning I.e. cluster, multiple housing in designated areas needs to be updated

too lax - residential

slightly too restrictive/about right

Residential is too lax

OK as is if enforced

11A. In general, has the land been put to the best use? 11B. If not, please specify

23 Responded No, Negative responses w/ comments are included
72 Responded Yes, Positive responses w/ comments are included
2 Responded Don't Know or ?

No. Where recreational facilities have been established they should be maintained/improved. Also certain buildings - stone school, old town hall,

Mott house should be improved. A nice equestrian center/use could have potential too.

No. Already early proposals for industrial corridor are for restaurants and I am willing to bet their granted (sic)

Yes. Keep our open space. Preserve historic character of town.

No. You let lawyers rule us and hire people to plan our lives for us.

Fox point has greater potential than has been realized

Yes, town has done an excellent job

For the most part, yes

No. In particular Fox Point continues to be underutilized. With proper buildings there is no reason our summer youth program could not be located out on that idyllic spot.

No. Fox Point should be better used by the town.

yes - very good zoning that separates commercial, industrial and residential

yes. You do a great job.

Yes - people love to walk on the walk paths & trails - they are always being used.

Yes, Thanks to Capt. Rowe

No. Fox Point is poorly managed. This is a town jewel that needs better care. The bridge abutment is deteriorating, the views are overgrown! Clean some areas and clean up with mosquito control in mind. Some housing in environmentally fragile areas (e.g., Airport Road, Captains' Landing, etc.)

yes. Continue to keep commercial and industrial east of Spaulding Tpk.

yes. Continue to save open areas.

yes ... so far.

No, 2 acre house lots means no one can afford to buy a house here or build one, the zoning has favored industry and malls over people

NO, we have lots of Town buildings and Town land and nothing has been done to develop or utilize them. The residential areas are under constant pressure and are continually eroding. The most recent erosion coming from open space initiatives.

Not really the industrial, commercial & air force take up over half the town. Of the remaining the wildlife refuge takes half. Of the 20-25% left, more & more is taken out for Fox Pt and Nature Conservancy. Nothing is ever done to improve these areas and there is a very restrictive, small residential area. Why is so little done for people areas?

No, overzealous development of industry & commercial areas at the expense of residential & recreational areas. The tax rate is NOT THAT IMPORTANT. People are important

yes - keep protected lands and try to protect more

NO Shoreline areas should be preserved. HOWEVER - We are every so fastly loosing open areas with views. Views that are the most beautiful in town.

I think so. We're happy with the way the town has developed. Future planning of development w/ conservation areas. Very important at this time. Without strategic planning, things could develop chaotically very quickly

If a development must go in, put in cluster housing & then leave a section of the development as 'open space' so the residents can enjoy it! Don't jut cram as many houses as possible on the land.

No - too much of one thing in one section of town

Too much of a bad thing on one side of town pushing longtime residents to sell homes

No, industry to close to residents

Yes except for the elimination of housing on Patterson Lane. No more residential buildings should be allowed there and the town should buy any land that comes available there so that no residents will live in an Industrial area.

Would love to see more of the base return to town use. Overall land has been used wisely

Over built - need to protect more land

12 A. Is Newington's environment threatened at present?

46 Responded No, Negative responses w/ comments are included

42 Responded Yes, Positive responses w/ comments are included

6 Responded Don't Know, Unsure, or ?

Not by local growth, but by growth to our north that could effect river & bay quality by too much traffic especially By predictions of more airport use.

Mostly by the statewide property tax forcing older residents to leave.

Could be.

Sprague Inc & there (sic) smells.

no option

Minimally at present

not seriously

borderline

yes by Pease & overgrowth

Not that I can see

No, other than liberal Democrats

Yes, from within

YES All the forests are going to grow in and NO ONE will see the BAY!

yes, air quality, noise

Yes. Air pollution from local and distant industrial operations, and from traffic.

Absolutely!!

I don't know. Smelling petroleum when you leave the highway doesn't seem good.

Yes, by increased air traffic

Yes - Pease Development Authority

12B. Do you anticipate threats in the future?

23 Responded No, Negative responses w/ comments are included

71 Responded Yes, Positive responses w/ comments are included

1 Responded ?

Possibly with excessive growth and activity at Pease.

Yes. Air traffic. Existing owners of large tracts of land could bring town to its knees by development & resulting sprawl would ruin town.

Only if overbuilding in adjoining towns creates problems with water quality

Fast development. The dump - old Flynn pit - behind Frink's needs to be addressed.

Growth of aircraft at Pease.

expansion of airport

same

Air pollution. Water resources. Open space

Yes - see above. Watch the power plants and the "little salt pile". Housing encroaching on wet lands.

Yes, If we ignore environmental concerns, we will have problems in the future. This town seems to act first and think second too often.

yes. Too many restaurants with poor job opportunity and increased traffic and pollution.

Keep developers out who change town and then move out.
air and water pollution

Depends on what happens with Pease airport

Depends on what happens at Pease

Pollution to Great Bay/McIntyre Creek. Fertilizer run-off.

Rapid growth`

I worry that the large farms will be subdivided. This will cause increased residential growth causing a larger burden on town services like the elementary school.

Pease

Yes! Continued unfair taxation. During the past Newington wide tag sale I personally spoke to two older families that were moving out of Newington partly because of the statewide property tax impact on them. It is a tremendous threat to this town.

The continuing attitude that we have to not spend on citizens and infrastructure is going to create a meaningless suburb of Portsmouth.

Oil tankers, Sprague tanks

No, but that propane tank if hit could be one but we won't know?

As in 11B above. [Some housing in environmentally fragile areas (e.g., Airport Road, Captains' Landing, etc.)]

yes. Too much development

Traffic congestion - inability to leave town & proceed towards Dover because of a woefully congested turnpike. We need a real merge lane onto the highway without car noses poking out at the Exxon.

Too much development

Probably, air quality due to emissions from automobiles and airplanes.
noise pollution

yes. Renewed activity at airbase. Well meaning bureaucrats that have no sense of the town's history making dumb decisions

Yes. Air quality auto & planes

yes. As in 12A [by Pease & overgrowth]

yes - too much noise from traffic, aircraft, and industrial facilities.

Yes. Residential growth

We need to set aside open space to allow the town to remain rural.
yes, by Pease

Liberal Democrats will always be a threat to working people, families, communities and nations.

Noise. Pease/Hwy
increased traffic

Traffic, airplanes, asphalt fumes, salt piles, gas tanks - we will be lucky if we all don't all blow up or die of cancer.

Newington has sacrificed its best assets along the Piscataqua River at the altar of a low tax rate. We got too greedy and have created our own environmental hell there. These zones must be recaptured for uses by people that are not mall uses.

Traffic & air plane troubles. Plus a mistake in the industrial zone could be catastrophic. There is a complacent attitude toward the environmental issues. Why? Our zoning has created most of our environmental threats. Other towns seem to have handled this better.

PDA

Industrial noise, water, air & land pollution, fumes, dust. Traffic noise & water & air pollution.

Traffic and noise from air planes
airplane noise in morning

yes. Need sewers get rid of old faulty septic systems

Yes, don't want large parcels of land broke up because of statewide property tax. Need to keep the "country feeling"

yes, if large tracts of land broken up due to statewide property tax.
Newington must retain rural, country feel.

yes. Air quality - traffic. Water quality - river traffic. Open space - over crowding

spread of industrialization

yes - increased noise levels from airport.

Industry along the river is a potential threat. Close supervision is probably the only required action needed.

Yes - Wooded areas along the shoreline need to be cleaned up - cleaned out and taken care of properly. Not left to be overgrown. Soon open views areas will fill in and NO VIEWS will be had.

Water quality unless we are vigilant

Traffic & air pollution

Increased aircraft noise unless stringent controls are applied by the Pease airport management

Pollution

None foreseen

If there is a push to turn the airport into a more commercial use. Does not seem likely in today's climate, since airport use has declined.
Sale of rural property for housing development.

Yes, if people continue to sell their land & developments are put in. Some things you can't stop so developments must be done wisely and make the best use of the land. Leave some open space.

More development & air traffic at Pease

yes. If Industry continues to grow we will most certainly have problems

yes. The more that is built the more the town will have environmental problems.

air quality from the power plant. I always have soot on my house (and I have no wood stove)

Yes - from state by developing tradeport, - get town forest back
Before the government gives the town back the piece of polluted forest, I hope the polluted dirt is removed, not just contained. I don't know much about the industry in town, but it should be monitored carefully.

By enhancements to the Spaulding Turnpike in the future. Noise!
Traffic from Macintyre/Newington Rd. Potential for Pease to expand too rapidly without any town input. Police frequently involved with "the Mall". Rest of town/town roads difficult for rest of force on duty to adequately cover.

Yes - development on Pease lands w/I Newington

Growth of airport - Possibility of someone tempted to sell large land tract for quick bucks to R.E. Developer

13. In 1980, Newington had 716 residents. By 2000, Newington had approximately 900 residents. During the next ten years, would you like Newington's population to:

Stay the same or decrease	63
Stay the same	7
Stay the same/Increase to 1,000	3
Increase to 1,000	43
Increase to 1,000/1,500	1
Increase to 1,500	7
Increase to 2,000	6

Comments: should balance with commercial
Stay the same or decrease (not possible)
possibly increase to 1,000 over the next twenty years

14. Would you like Newington's character to be rural or suburban?

Rural 112

Suburban 4

comments:

Don't know

Please! Rural!

It's character is slowly dying -- so what's your point!!

Rural, of course

Rural on west side of Spaulding Tnpk

Who are we kidding? It's suburban. But I wish it was rural.
wishing isn't getting - we are already industry, commercial and suburban

Some areas historic & rural, most areas suburban, some districts multi-unit housing & urban

Our character is an industrial-government complex ringed by natural resources & bridges with traffic. There is no residential character to speak of.

it is already commercial, industrial & suburban
rural. MUST ABSOLUTELY!!!

a rural residential area

a rural residential area

rural, but has already turned suburban

Overall rural, but well-cared for

Rural! It should not become a suburb!

Some areas historic & rural, most areas suburban, some districts multi-unit housing & urban

some of both

Too late for that question

Is that a trick?

Mixed - preserved rural areas (permanent) with pockets of dense residential

some of both

Rural @ Suburban proximity

Rural. Oh my God! Please not suburban. I don't want to be Hampton!
a mixture

15. What type of growth would you like to see?

More industry	31
Commercial	15
Low & moderate income housing	23
High priced housing	14
Elderly housing	50
Preserve open space and the town's historic character, regardless of growth	99
None of the above	8
Other? Please explain	6

comments:

I think the town should have limited residential growth that would include some moderate income housing.

Preserve open space, not wooded!!

break some residential areas into urban-suburban housing of 3-4 stories, apartments allowed for old, newly married & low income people

Cluster housing & apartment complexes. Gymnasium, pool, soccer fields, corner "bar" for the town to survive we need a soul, a heart and a community who shares activities.

stay as is

We need an area in town for group housing and an area for low income or middle class housing zoned with 1 acre lots - no more transient wealthy snobs

anything that will lower my property taxes

If growth was cancer would we still be so sure it was inevitable?

mix of housing

mixture of all housing, low, moderate, median, high

Slow expansion of single family homes - no housing tracts

16. Should the planning board require developers of large residential subdivisions to include:

Sidewalks	47	Yes		No
Granite curbs	32	Yes	19	No
Underground utilities	102	Yes	6	No
Land set aside for recreation/open space	99	Yes	9	No

Comments

But board should not vote in favor of such subdivisions in the 1st place.

Prefer that developers go elsewhere

yes - a fee for Town sponsored recreation

yes, and a min 2 acre lots - No Exceptions!!!

Maintain the rural character

If we have to have it, all of the above

We need to preserve open space! The Seacoast is growing too fast! Once the land is developed, that's it! They aren't making anymore land! circled 'large residential subdivisions' and wrote in NO MORE

Where and when?

No large residential subdivisions!!!

17. Should the town limit the number of residential building permits issues in a year?

44 Responded No, Negative responses w/ comments are included
 69 Responded Yes, Positive responses w/ comments are included
 1 Responded Unsure

Comments:

absolutely not

Damn right, smaller the better

don't think you can

how can you?

I think good judgement should be used v. a "set number"

If possible

Is that legal???

limit only the number of high priced housing

No - go for the gold

no - not necessary - too few lots

no - not necessary - too few lots

NO ABSOLUTELY NOT

No! No!

No, just consider, cause & effect, impact on historic character, etc.

No. But would not like to see commercial developers though build big housing developments

Not at this time

only on new residents

That is both foolish and illegal

yes - if possible

yes - to keep valuations up - helps off set neg. impact of state PPT

yes, controlled growth

yes, to 5-10/year

Yes, without a limit, just a few developments could send the town into a frenzy service wise.

18. Along present roads alone, frontage exits for approximately 200 new house lots in the residential zone. Where in Newington would you like to see future residential development take place?

Along present roads	62
On new streets in planned subdivision	41
Not in my backyard	33
Anywhere in town	13
Specific areas (specify & explain why)	10

comments:

5-10 homes/year - no housing tracts - no mass development - houses sprinkled throughout town by individual builders

capture some more of Pease property in Newington for low to moderate income housing plus rezone business, commercial & industrial areas in places back to residential, add multi-unit housing there and in other pockets of the current residential zones

rezone to recapture residential areas in the industrial & commercial zones = much more important than open space

We don't need a trailer park but we need AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR LOW TO MODERATE INCOME PEOPLE

some housing should be included in tradeport growth. Any new jobs created there will create traffic as people come in from other towns to work.

woodland

Maybe along McIntyre/Newington Rd

New areas zone for group housing. New areas zoned for low to moderate income housing on 1 acre lots.

2.5 - 5 acre minimum

Flynn property? Any commercial property that could be low income?

I wouldn't

Is there any room left?

It would be nice if the houses were within walking distance of school/library leave as is no more houses

NOWHERE

Nowhere

nowhere in town

People need to live somewhere. More housing is needed for middle income families. Not rich people who move in, make changes & then move away! The only real threat are subdivisions. Large subdivisions. Impact on surrounding areas could be negative. Individual house lots pose little threat to Newingtons residents & historic presence.

the Town is no equipt for more multiple housing

Well planned is paramount.

19. Some claim that Newington's younger generation will be unable to make their homes in town:

19A. Is this true?

Yes	79
No	19
Don't Know	5

Comments:

damaged if buying ***** it could be too expensive

Absolutely

Circled question

Circled 'Some' and added who are they?

No - everyone I know in this town born here have been given land by their parents

If land values continue to increase at historic rates, I don't see how anyone will be able to afford them.

If so, might not be so bad as we will be looking to "global villages" influence

If they get a good education and work hard they will be able to live where they want.

It has happened in several small town where we have lived.

it's true if prices keep escalating

For some

no - they need to get a good paying job like anyone else who wants to live here.

No. If kids want to stay they will

OF COURSE,,,,,

Partially. (price)

possibly

no - they need to get a good paying job like anyone else who wants to live here.

No. If kids want to stay they will

Not sure

Quite possibly.

Some of the Native's younger gen. If purchasing property.

taxes may contribute!

why do we have to take on this responsibility or answer a question like this?

This is manipulative and controlling.

yes it is already

Yes, if they all want new land and homes

yes, this is true in most communities

yes - no reasonably priced building lots.

19B. If so, what can be done to improve the situation?

not much, as market conditions drive prices.

see next response

Lower taxes, waiver of current use for town's younger generation.

Nothing I'm aware of except to allow construction in P.U.D. (planned urban development.)

I don't know

Tax relief to offspring of families with long time residence.

increase moderate priced housing, but not large multi-family dwellings.

have low-moderate housing

change off (sic) attitude and outlook on the situation

reduce price of lots but character check of applicants

I have no solution

decrease taxes

education tax repeal

Bring back what made Newington the envy of other towns - we once had it all. We're loosing most of it now.

the snob zoning of the 1980's has given us a town of snobs!

don't know

Don't know

move

limit the number of residential building permits

Prices are to high like in the rest of N.H.

Get rid of high taxes.

not much - due to the current real estate climate.

Get rid of State School Tax

watch the spending.

mixed housing

Lower taxes & the cost of housing.

Earn higher income

Lower taxes. Lower cost of land

stop paying for education/misc. in other towns!!!

There's nothing you really can do.

Not sure. the market drives the price up.

Reduce the price of land and somehow allow building on back land with shared driveways

Approve more residential

Not much - pray that you kids will be wealthy

Move into their parent's homes

Education -good jobs, A lot of money!

Find a way to make houses more affordable

Smaller house lots, multi-unit housing

more affordable housing for all stages of a person's life, student - newly married - established - old

affordable housing, expand the residential zones, allow apartment complexes, remove snob zoning

special zoning districts with multi unit buildings, group housing and 1 acre house lots like Durham

lower the cost

the town has no control over this. The individuals have the responsibility.

Nothing - Newington doesn't need to be a "starter home" community. One needs to acquire taste and experience to appreciate town!!

Better money management

Not much

Prices are to high for most to buy, plus build a home.

the taxes & cost of land & building costs. How do we stop these?

Elderly housing

Elderly housing

Allow moderate income housing, well done

Probably nothing, although keeping taxes low will help.

Change statewide property tax (eliminate); More & better paying jobs close-by.

that's a tough question.

Keep the tax rate down

Reduce taxes

not much

nothing

house prices are too high

they need to get a good paying job like anyone else who wants to live here.

I don't know

How about new houses that cost less than \$300 thousand? Maybe smaller than 2 acre lots in planned communities.

19C. A good idea.

Allow back land to be built on by family members without new roads with the elderly living longer, we would need more housing.
damaged

Too complex an issue for a questionnaire. Not solely a Newington issue.

Little

19C. Would providing elderly housing for the older generations be an answer to allow the younger generation to live in the family's existing home?

Yes	56
No	54
Unsure	17

Comments:

Interesting. Worth considering

Depends entirely on the family's choices.

do you mean allowing dual family (separate apt.) housing? If so, yes
maybe - needs exploration

Maybe, since I'm not elderly, I don't know if elderly housing is desired.

maybe. Lots of older people want to stay in their own homes.

no - but allowing multi-family living arrangements in many of these homes would, e.g. 3-4 unrelated people or 3 apartments etc.

no. But elder care housing plus a skilled nursing facility is needed.

No. How could it? Some already live in the house. They don't have to go anywhere.

no. I hope, prefer when I become old that I can continue in my own home. I will assure I have long term care protection that allows that. We all deserve to stay in our own home.

no. It places guilt on the parents - they deserve to stay in their home (their blood, sweat & tears are preserved in the home - the kids can assist the parents if need be -

no. They cannot afford to buy them from other siblings/estate.

NO. WHY SHOULD I GIVE UP MY HOUSE

no. Insufficient local services for elderly.

only if there is only one child

possibly

This is a private matter we don't have to take on this much responsibility

Totally depends on real estate market

yes - it would be one answer

yes - it would help

yes - probably in theory only.

yes, no, sounds too good - can both afford it?

yes. As long as taxpayers don't fund housing

yes. In cases where the generation house is too small to house entire family

Yes. There must be incentive for Newington's elderly and/or parents of current residents

yes? Maybe?

20A. Is there a need in Newington for elderly housing

Yes	71
No	41
I don't know	7

Comments:

maybe one complex

Possibly

some

yes - some

yes - some 20-30 units

yes - somewhere in the area

20B. If so, should it be subsidized by the town?

Yes	32
No	63
Partially	3
I don't know	4

Comments:

Do we have "enough" elderly to support it? I don't know.

Most of elderly in Newington seem to be too independent to leave their homes; if they can afford to stay in homes, More important to provide relief from property tax.

No - This question sounds like a Liberal Democrat's

no. Federally funded

no. Newington did not become what it is by trying to imitate Portsmouth and other towns. We don't want to create something that becomes harder and harder to maintain

no. Tax exempt?

Partially with state or federal help

yes - limited

yes - on town land or rezone areas in the commercial, business or industrial district

yes - to some degree

yes & no, depends

yes, only if all my current taxes are re-directed back to my town, otherwise, no.

yes. Because every town should have elderly housing, not just to service our existing elderly.

yes. Or private contractor

yes. There is also a need for low income housing for young people just starting out.

yes. Why not, but can it be restricted to ONLY town residents,, (I don't think so if you start using Federal money, then it's "wide open"))))

yes. Town land donated, property tax free.

21. What changes would you make in Newington, given the chance?

none

Have "townspeople only website". Help all or as many as possible gain access. Town wide email lists w/ interest groups & chat centers for each. A Republican and or Libertarian government majority. See answers to items 1-20

None

Limit building permits for residential; stop further residential use on Patterson Lane.

Add a Town Manager. Contract out more city services - rubbish, road maintenance, snow removal, custodial.

Hire a Town Manager

Reinstate office of "Fence Viewer"

The Mott house should be torn down and a nice new facility built. There is a need for a place for town residents activities(sic).

Replace the Mott house with a pavilion for outdoor activities. Make better use of the Carriage house. Rehabilitate the brook that runs past the school house.

Increase town facilities at the town grove and take care of the older buildings which have been unmaintained.

Improve fire & police protection. Improve roads. Improve school

Accept the help and opinions of the residents who would like to help but are too intelligent to play the games that go on with town politics. People's lives are busy - maybe its time for a professional in the field to help run the town in our legalized 21st cemetery.

Keep out gambling casinos. No beer parlors

Stop all industrial and commercial "growth" immediately - empty out the restaurants and encourage a variety of vendors into the empty husks the eateries have left behind - we have no character - it's pathetic - let's regain some measure of control over this town - why aren't there guidelines governing "saturation points" for these businesses?

New people running the town

More people to run for town select people
Improved utilization of the Knowledge/Skills of newcomers. Reduced animosity.

Invest in the Stone School & the building @ Fox Pt. To make them usable for recreation and functions. Improve access to town Nimble Hill Rd - Pease entrance.

I would increase the Youth summer program to an 8-week program; 5 days a week. I would also like to see the older buildings in town maintained

Get touch with Pease arrogance. Solve the severe safety problem with the access to Rt. 4.

Bring back a viable recreation department for the town's residents. Show enviable pride in Newington. Some places give you a good feeling when you arrive and some places give you a good feeling to leave. Maybe a town contest of a pride sign on the town hall lawn. Just a thought.

Abolish BOS in favor of a new form of government. Sidewalks to make it safer to go for a walk. Start spending on town building, land, & citizens

Get rid of aircraft noise or reduce significantly

Correct traffic on Rt. 33 and Dover Bridge, North and South.

None, but can it remain so, as is????

Spend a little more to upgrade the existing recreational facilities, tennis court, ball fields, rehab stone school. Don't be so low class, show some pride!

Complete renovation Old Stone School!!! - not just temporary fixups.

Renovate houses at Fox Point so residents can use them. More recreational facilities - playground, bleachers

stop all the build up.

Get Sprague to clean up its smell - other than that you all have done a wonderful job.

Close Pease to commercial air traffic & open & develop it to small business & personal air traffic.

Fix the entrance & exit ramp onto Rte 16. This is a death trap!! Someone will get killed there!! It most likely will be a Newington Resident.

Stop feeling like you need to give everybody in town a goddam(sic) position in town because their (sic) to lazy to go out and get a real job, because they come here and get paid to do crap, (it it reflects), (p.s. management so this wouldn't happen!!!)

don't know

none

Build a recreational facility for indoor sports accessible to all residents.

Develop Fox Point waterfront & renovate the 2 houses into an inn for residents' visitors/guests & charge a modest rate.

No changes - the challenge is to preserve what we have.
lower taxes (taxes down arrow)

Again - access & exiting the town - highway merging is so dangerous.

Pretty good as is.

The Mott house torn down and a building with bathrooms & a kitchen area built. A recreation building for use by small groups like Reapers, Newington Neighbor, senior citizens & youths. If the Old Stone School could be renovated this would be the answer.

none

up grade stone school. Fox Point add bathroom w/water for town functions.

Not jiffy Johns

Increase amount of open space

Go back in time 30 years

Public swimming pool and accompanying rec facilities at Mott House on Fox Point.

Get the Newington Police to stop speeders on Woodbury Avenue

Get all new people in gov't to rid us of nepotism & the "5th generation" bias!

Tear the old stone school down and build a community building for various groups to use all on 1 floor.

None

I really have no ideas

The highway access needs to be improved. Run gas lines around the town.

Slow retail development and encourage more industry.
the town needs a better communications network. We need someone to report more about what's going on in the town. Maybe a reporter to the Ports. Herald or Fosters. (Not all of us are online)

No changes - the town is fine the way it is now. Few people have the wisdom to improve upon what we now enjoy.

I hope in the future all traffic is not to travel through town to Pease.
More residents involved in town projects and committees.

TURN BACK 50 YEARS OF ZONING AN PRESERVE MORE
RESIDENTIAL AREAS IN TOWN, THE TAX RATE COULD DOUBLE AND
STILL BE LOW

More people, the current demographics are not sustainable, the population is becoming transient & no one knows anyone, different classes of people must exist in Town for stability - GET RID OF THE SNOB ZONING BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE

Town manager needed. No more land or open space purchases until we have taken care of the land & buildings we already have.

No more open space conservation - it is making things worse, already in 1year we lost Hen Island, Fabyan Point and the Mazeau property - where are the people of the next generation going to live? We will be a town of only rich people from out of state.

Building a town house community for the elderly

none

N/A

Keep development and growth at a minimum

Improve the boat launches at Fox Pt. & Patterson Ln.

Minor improvements in Fox Pt. & Patterson Lane Boat Launch!

Roll back the commercial growth

none

1-Spauldng Turnpike exit/entrance onto Nimble Hill Road is very dangerous.
2. Strict noise abatement procedures by jet aircraft. Specifically, require all jets to fly their departures on the runway heading until they reach a certain altitude (1200' about sea level(

Less politics - more open & honest communication - less need to know basis communicating - less fighting to spend a dime.

Better access on and off the Spaulding Turnpike

Increase amount of information available to residents. Perhaps a newsletter describing current decisions being discussed.

Keep dump open

Stop allowing the environmental committee being so narrow minded. And stop letting certain folk in town having more of their way. It is everyone's town! Newington's forests protecting - BUT NEED THINNING & CONTROLLED BETTER

Better recreational use of Fox Point. Day camp?

Preservation

Reduce through traffic on Nimble Hill/Newington Road by reducing speed limits. Adopt a Town Manager system. The selectman system has not been able to responsibly manage the operation of the town.

Utilize the Town Property in an efficient manner. Improve the buildings. 1-Changing, if possible our postal definition. The Greenland Post office much easier to access. 2. A larger school population at least 100 students - helping w/ \$ to help family to send their children to a middle school other than Portsmouth or expand our school to include K-8.

Figure a way to have industry and commerce support the needs of the community.

The town should purchase the parcel of land next to the Spinney Farm and across from the Coleman's. Make nature trails for walking, bike trails for riding, cross country skiing in winter. Allow Dick Spinney to continue haying the fields. A lot of people would take advantage of that! Picnic areas! It is a beautiful piece of land! It shouldn't be developed. Purchase the deRochemont house on Fox Point Road. Turn it into elderly apartments! It is a huge house! Put it to good use!!

Limit growth. Lower taxes to state

None

I would start developing some Industry in other parts of town - I think we should all share.

Let see you put some Industries in the middle of town so we can all share in the pleasure of having them in our backyards.

Less industry

Get all the glass of the beach at Fox Point. Have an outdoor skating rink and a summer tennis program. We could use a cell phone tower, if the environmental impact is minimal.

Make available an afterschool daycare for school children. Our daughter is starting school next year and we don't know where she can go until one of us can pick her up. My wife works 3 days a week.

1) Crossing highway - worst problem. 2) Taxes (from school "donor" town portion) 3) Air traffic from "Touch & Goes"

Hire a town manager and eliminate the Selectmans positions. Establish a public works department to maintain town roads, run the waste water

treatment plant and plow the roads by hiring experienced people not like the highway dept. now.

Promote the family community.

A).Post Office B) Late mail pickup at a box C) Accessing highway to north made easier

Sewer system. Bike paths. Enlarge Library. Improve EMS (need \$ for education/staff). One more police officer per shift.

Limit McIntyre Rd. to local traffic. Enforce stringent anti-noise regs for Pease. Open a Recycling Center. Encourage & maintain open space.

Preserve open land, limit future growth

Find some successful way to mute the noise of planes at Pease

22. How long have you lived in town

Average	21.5 years
Newest residency	6 months
Oldest residency	80 years
0-5 years	20
6-10 years	23
11-15 years	13
16-20 years	15
21-30 years	22
Over 30 years	11
Over 40 years	7
Over 50 years	9

23. What part of town do you live in

21	South Newington
12	East of the Spaulding Turnpike
95	Town Center (west of the Spaulding and North of Pease)

24. How old are you

Average	57 years old
Youngest response	19 years old
Oldest response	88 years old
19 - 25 years of age	1
31-35 years of age	6
36-40 years of age	7
41-45 years of age	13
46-50 years of age	7
51-55 years of age	23
56-60 years of age	11
61-65 years of age	11
66-70 years of age	8
71-80 years of age	18
Over age 80	3
Middle aged	5
Old	5
Other responses	4

23. If you were born elsewhere, why did you move to Newington?

Geographic location

Rural area, Low taxes, Small town atmosphere

Convenience to highway, hospital, stores

married

quality and style of living

married a local

Connecticut became too expensive for retirement.

Taxes, location, school: teacher student ratio

small rural community

nice community, friend moving out referred us to a great apartment. Like area so much we bought a house.

schools, small town living

available housing

Beautiful, quiet, low taxes, easy access, lifestyle

Married a native. Harold R. Frink 10/1/44

2 years old at the time

Because my husband lived here

Country living

country atmosphere

Business relocation

My husband was born here and we restored his family home

work

I had always heard of the desirability of Newington and was under the impression that it was difficult to get into Newington. The town protected itself and its heritage by limiting construction on new residents (sic). That made Newington unique and I remained aware of opportunities to move here and jumped at the opportunity when it presented itself

Married a resident, did not move to town by choice

low taxes, but not anymore!

Town and house

Born Exeter, NH, lived Newmarket until 1996, BAD politics in Newmarket.

Cheap land!

Open space

parents lived here

the waterfront

For job in Greenland - to be close to the water, in a rural setting, but still enjoy all the goods & services of the area - proximity to Portland & Boston.

low taxes, quality of life

quality of life and location.

N/H

was in the air force

Beautiful location, convenient to Portsmouth, low tax (property tax)

To be by the water

Wanted to live on the water.

Because I married a resident of Newington

family moved here in 1965

bought relative's house

low tax rate

low taxes (property) and small town atmosphere

location

Parents

good question

Low property taxes. Small town

small town, good school, low taxes

attracted by rural atmosphere

I was born in Portsmouth Hospital but my parents lived in Newington. They brought me here so I could live with them. It worked ok I guess.

Wife's parents

To retire to a quiet, rural town

good question

low taxes

I like it out here - living in the country, friendly people

Circumstances brought on by my parents & my total love of the Newington area.

I liked the small town atmosphere

Parents moved here after I was born.

For tax rate and rural feel

Nice town, LOW TAXES. Despite efforts of Liberal DEMOCRATS for love

The location, the way of live & the people

Loved the rural setting! Small town leadership represents all the people in this village not just a few.

moved in with someone already living here. I stayed because I liked the services . . . FD, PD, school. I enjoy "small town" life, and a sense of neighbors helping neighbors. The community feels like family.

MARRIED

married into town

rural small town feeling but close to everything

Parents moved here after I was born.

for the look of the Tranquility of the Town (unique)

liked area. Close to Boston and Logan

rural

Because we like it here

Open land, rural setting, little development

available

Low property taxes!

Convenient location, country feel, closeness of police & fire station

Rural atmosphere, but close to ocean, shopping. Simple town politics (one ward!)

My father was born here. 2. Fox access to Great Bay and the river. low taxes, character of town. Specific house and view.

close to seacoast, clean & quiet town. Previously affordable property taxes.

Proximity to stores yet close to main highways

Small town environment - school system - friendly neighbors - community spirit

Favorable tax rate, rural atmosphere

I wanted to live in the land of Coz.

Because I bought a house here.

Cheaper taxes - quiet town - close proximity to Ports. Rural - but quaint!

Quality of life - recreational facilities and services easily available

Always loved Newington, the town, the people, and the water.

Character of the town & the excellent school system. Hope we can preserve what is here.

Close to work. Lower taxes (at the time!). Rural character

the quality of living in Newington, a low tax rate.

small town, relatively close to Boston, house in perfect spot.

Low taxes, Location, rural setting in proximity to a town

Setting, atmosphere, conservative fiscal policy, tax situation.

N/A

Summered here all my life & land owned by relatives & eventually given to me.

Location, Particular property, Taxes

Rural environment

low taxes, rural environment

lot size, recreation facilities, taxes

For the country atmosphere - (gone) - for low taxes - (slowly slipping away)

Portsmouth

I grew up in Rye, the town has changed due to new people moving in.

Newington still has a small town feel, when you attend town meeting people really care about what happens here.

Returned with parents

Tax rate

It is so close to shopping, the interstate, & Portsmouth jobs, yet the only sound I hear from my house besides airplanes is birds. Also student/teacher ratio @ school.

Convenient location. Also there were not many houses on the market when bought. The house is not our ideal home, but the town is a great place to live. We moved from Maine due to a job change and we enjoy the low taxes.

Built on family land

Family. Quality of life

Employment in the region & lower taxes.

marriage

Historical, rural well-tended town - NOT SUBURBIA - central location to Seacoast amenities. Low taxes

Tax rate & Rural character

Found house w/ more space & L-DR & less BRs that we could afford

26. What distance do you commute to your workplace

Average	12 miles
Longest commute	60 miles
work at home	5
0-5 miles	17
6-10 miles	30
11-15 miles	10
16-20 miles	3
21-30 miles	1
31-40 miles	1
41-50 miles	3
Over 50 miles	1
Retired/ Don't work	28
Other responses	13

Other comments found on surveys

Thank you for the opportunity to respond!

On page 1 of the survey circled "We anticipate dramatic population growth during the next 20 years" and then added: As a town, we should be able to decide whether or not there is a dramatic population growth.

