

Hampstead Master Plan Survey Results

July 23, 2021

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Between June 1, 2021 and June 30, 2021, a total of 800 individuals took the survey. The survey was intended primarily for residents, however, individuals who own property or a business in Hampstead were also invited to provide their thoughts. Please note that a few comments have been redacted in part due to language attacking an individual.

The Hampstead Master Plan Steering Committee and the Hampstead Planning Board are working with Rockingham Planning Commission on drafting updates to the entire Master Plan. In addition to this survey, additional public input opportunities, and review of the updated Master Plan are planned to occur

in late 2021 and early 2022. The anticipated completion date of the Master Plan is 2022. Any updates to the Hampstead Master Plan will require a public hearing prior to Planning Board adoption in accordance with RSA 674:1-4.

Project Engagement

VIEWS	PARTICIPANTS
1,710	800
RESPONSES	COMMENTS
77,586	2,156
SUBSCRIBERS	
219	

1. Do you live in Hampstead, own property in Hampstead, or have a business in Hampstead? Please select all that apply.

33%	I have lived in Hampstead for 20 years or more.	256 ✓
33%	I own property in Hampstead.	254 ✓
26%	I have lived in Hampstead for 5 years or less	200 ✓
17%	I have lived in Hampstead for 6 -10 years.	132 ✓
17%	I have lived in Hampstead for 10-20 years.	128 ✓
7%	I have lived in Hampstead my entire life.	53 ✓
3%	I own a business in Hampstead	21 ✓
0%	I do not live in Hampstead.	3 ✓

768 Respondents

2. What do you like about living in Hampstead? Select your top 3 answers.

60%	Hometown feel	454 ✓
48%	Rural atmosphere	363 ✓
38%	Quality of schools	288 ✓
25%	Friendly atmosphere	190 ✓
22%	Near family	167 ✓
22%	Natural features	165 ✓
19%	Family-friendly opportunities and activities	147 ✓
18%	Ease of access to highways	134 ✓
10%	Recreational opportunities	79 ✓
8%	Near employeer	63 ✓
6%	Proximity to commercial services	45 ✓
5%	Affordability	39 ✓
3%	Other	21 ✓

759 Respondents

I love the 55 and above neighborhood. Love the library.

10 days ago

Currently in 55+ community of 31 homes with the opportunity to have a larger family sense of community.

21 days ago

What I like most are knowing my children will receive a quality education, the family friendly activities (Library, town sports/recreation, free concerts, 4th of July celebration etc), and the quietness and low crime of the town.

21 days ago

I love our community. People work to help each other. I've made lots of connections through my children and their activities. Love the high school.

21 days ago

Live in over 55 community. Know all the residents & enjoy social gatherings.

21 days ago

Homey feel

21 days ago

Splits the commutes for me and my wife

21 days ago

Small town feel.

22 days ago

Affordable living in Emerson Village allows me to expand my social life and travel.

22 days ago

I like the way that neighbors help neighbors.

22 days ago

I feel safe. I felt safe for my elderly father who just enjoyed Being able to stop at the Post Office or the library and be familiar with someone who he could talk to. People are very friendly in general and respectful.

22 days ago

Schools more recently haven't been as good as I expected. Love the small town feel and how easy it is to get involved in organizations where you can get to know people around the town.

22 days ago

Hampstead has a large population of professionals that are invested in providing great opportunities for the future of their children. There is tremendous volunteer support throughout the town and a willingness to help anyone in need. People are friendly and they take pride in their neighborhoods as extensions of their families. It is very common to know each family in our neighborhoods.

22 days ago

It is safe

22 days ago

Emergency services are in close proximity. Hampstead senior services are helpful in having a good life. Vice Geary is a good example.

22 days ago

Hampstead reminded me of the town I grew up in, got married, oved here plus basketball rivals in school many years ago (1950's)

22 days ago

It's picture perfect with important necessities and closeness to other necessities. But not at all respectful to the senior citizens - a known fact.

22 days ago

1. It was budget friendly and affordable when we chose to move here.
2. Central location to beach, Mountains, Boston, Portsmouth...

22 days ago

community spirit-different clubs that bring the town together

22 days ago

Conservation trails are wonderful, as is the library!

23 days ago

Been living here most of my life and almost my whole life as I was just over in sandown for a few years as a child. I like the quality of people. People mind their business, show their respect, are friendly. Good quality of education, not an excess of traffic like surrounding towns

23 days ago

Safe neighborhood

23 days ago

I enjoy the sense of community with my neighbors and those I have met through volunteering with Civic Club and with my town position. Location is great - 1/2 hour to ocean, hour to Boston and hour to mountains. Enjoy the local restaurants. Wish Hampstead was more of a sidewalk community though. Good thing about covid is that it has brought outdoor dining to area - but wish this could be enhanced vs the parking lot setups.

23 days ago

I enjoy being close to a busier place if I need something, but I would like to keep a small town feel without the congestion of places like Salem and Derry.

23 days ago

I grew up in Hampstead, left after completing college, returning after 5 years later to begin a family, primarily for the School system. Now, after my youngest enters college and we look to retire within 5-10 years, we'll likely relocate to a more tax-friendly town.

23 days ago

I love the blend of farms, fields and lakes.

23 days ago

I used to love the small town feel that was here when I moved here almost 20 years ago. Things have changed, I would like it to go back.

23 days ago

love my house

23 days ago

Specifically moved here because it's remote. I do not want to see commercial businesses what so ever.

23 days ago

I like that it's quiet and not too busy but also close enough to get to an airport or hospital quickly if needed

23 days ago

I like that there aren't a lot of businesses . I would like it to stay rural . It has already developed so much since I first moved here . It is close to so many stores and businesses we don't need anymore

23 days ago

Good schools with access to Pinkerton, close to major commercial areas, room for development and growth. Additional business opportunities will help the tax base, create opportunities for school and town renovations.

23 days ago

Although I don't have kids old enough for the school district yet, I've always been led to believe it's great. I'm hoping that by the time my kids are in school (3 or so years) things will have been sorted with the buildings...

23 days ago

My family moved to Hampstead to escape suburbs and relocate to somewhere with a small town feel, a little more land and someplace truly relaxing to live. We found it in Hampstead.

24 days ago

I really enjoy that old time feel. Its very quiet in my neighborhood. We feel safe.

24 days ago

When we moved up here, it was more rural. Over time there has been too much building! I didn't move here for that!!!

24 days ago

Having grown up in a small town in rural NY state, I really appreciate the small town feel and friendliness of Hampstead. The fact that it also has conservation land, access to water, and is close to other recreational areas (the rail trail, etc.) is great!

24 days ago

It's where my wife lives.

24 days ago

The small town feel. Moved here because family heard the school system was great. Great community members who look out for each other for the most part.

24 days ago

Still has old time New England feel. Not too busy. People are friendly but mind their own business.

24 days ago

Very friendly, "old school" vibe. Neighbors helping neighbors sums it up!

25 days ago

I moved here in 1986 and didn't think I would stay for long but here I am 35 years later. Once my kids were born in the early 90's, my husband and I realized this would be a great town for them to grow up in. Now that they are grown we have thought about leaving as we see the "small town" appeal fading.

25 days ago

Hampstead is a safe town to raise children physically and emotionally.

27 days ago

safety

27 days ago

The quality of schools certainly is due to the teachers, administration and curriculum - not due to the actual physical buildings of the schools. They need to be updated and provide the students the environment they should be thrive in, serve as excellent places for our teachers and staff to teach in and are facilities that can retain the best talent.

27 days ago

I love how the town comes together to help each other. Many ways to get involved with the community.

27 days ago

Many pretty places here: colonial homes and lots of trees - homes well cared for too

28 days ago

Family friendly, lot of family activities and great community!

28 days ago

For me personally, it has become a convenient place to live. My house is paid off, so I am content remaining in town.

28 days ago

Close to major venues, i.e. beach, Boston, airports

28 days ago

2 UNH graduates because of our school system, love the rural and safe area of our town and the friendliness of neighbors, etc.

29 days ago

Hampstead is kid friendly and events throughout the year

29 days ago

Hampstead is rural and quiet with close proximity to larger towns and cities such as manchester, Portsmouth, and Boston. In more recent years it has been busier but we are still in a calm but not "remote" area.

29 days ago

More trees, less traffic- plenty of places to enjoy the outdoors. Love to walk around the block with my hubby at night and check out all the stars

29 days ago

I like the small town feel with proximity to larger town offerings

29 days ago

We like the fact that there's been minimal commercial growth and that our small town has been able to maintain that small town feeling.

29 days ago

Feels safe, very close to family (Atkinson), quality homes/properties

one month ago

one month ago

I like the small town feel; the activities for children; the quality of the schools and the natural features -- especially all the walking trails

one month ago

We enjoy the conservation trails and small town feel.

one month ago

I love how small and home like this town is I wouldn't want to modernize it with Wal-Mart's and McDonald's I like country living

one month ago

I like the natural feel of my neighborhood and that it is relatively quiet.

one month ago

We have made many friends here.

one month ago

Country setting with reliable technology access.

one month ago

I like the school system, the churches, community endeavors, and the Library.

one month ago

Living in Hampstead for 53-years, I am appreciative of its schools, churches, and various committees which support the entire community's needs. I'm most appreciative of the Hampstead Public Library.

one month ago

Being near lakes, small town, town organized activities

one month ago

Angle Pond Community provides friendship and comradery that not many other communities provide.

one month ago

I like that I know my mail carrier by name, the grocery store employees by name. We truly enjoy our quiet neighborhood where we can relax after a long day, take a walk and say hi to neighbors. I like waking up to fresh air and quiet. I love my church. I like the school teachers and the curriculum with a focus on language arts, math and technology. I like the Mothers' Club for lifelong friends and support. I like that various groups promote their plant sales, yard sales, ice cream socials, and so on. I like the sports programs and fields, I like the open spaces.

one month ago

Nice quiet town

one month ago

I especially like the sense of community that has only gotten better in the 34 years I have lived in Hampstead. The small town feel lives on with dedicated residents who seek to work together in common goals, while respecting differing views

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one month ago

The lakes

one month ago

I've lived here my entire life and have worked for the Town since I was a teen. I enjoy the conservation trails, lakes and seeing other "Townies" that I've known most of my life. I love how the Town history is preserved along with historical buildings and that some older traditions are kept alive!

one month ago

I moved here in 1976 from NYC...Such a huge difference. I immediately began a study of the history of my house which was built in 1740 +/- and found the folks who lived there buried in the center cemetery...I began to attend town meetings and was amazed that I could have a true voice in the town decisions...I began to know people and be known by many...not something I was used to in the city. But it was when I sent my child to school and he began to participate in the Civic Club activities that I really feel involve with this town and the civic nature..we attended the 250 celebrations and every 4th of July festivities as well as the Santa Parades. The schools had a homey feel to them and wonderful people. We have grown, but I get the feeling that there is still the small town connectedness I always loved. Let's be careful not to lose that...We can always go to Plaistow or Salem if we want a hustle bustle...

one month ago

What I like about Hampstead is the people in town tend to stay. I like knowing people that grew up in this town move back and raise families here, that is what makes Hampstead special.

one month ago

We moved to Hampstead originally for the schools. Unfortunately, they haven't lived up to the expectation.

one month ago

I love the fact that Hampstead is not built up. Not a ton of commercial areas. Hampstead's values for the most part are on track with mine.

one month ago

stable property values

one month ago

I loved volunteering in my kids' schools when they were younger. I got to know their teachers and staff and knew I was contributing to their education. They are adults now but I still support the necessary renovations and additions to the facilities. I like the family oriented events like the fishing derby, 4th of July celebrations, concerts on the town green, etc.

one month ago

Nice mix of rural & commercial. Seems to still value family first. Somewhat centrally located to seacoast, lakes, mountains, activities, entertainment, city, shopping & travel options.

one month ago

Big Island Pond

one month ago

It used to be affordable to live here but now the prices are getting insane.

one month ago

Sports for the kids. Hiking trails.

one month ago

I would have selected quality of schools but the failure of the town to upgrade and repair the two schools over the last 10 years is a significant problem

one month ago

Hampstead provides opportunities for residents of all ages to be physically, spiritually active. The respect for the conservation land and the residents is clear and evident. True community!

one month ago

I am a college student living in Hampstead. I like that I can get to the main roads i drive to school on in under an hour, and I also loved the school system growing up. The natural landscape is classic New England and good for foliage, hiking, trailing, etc.

one month ago

Nothing else. When we first moved here I loved all the other selections.

one month ago

I love the classic New England look and feel of the center of town, especially in the fall.

one month ago

I love the hometown feel. I moved here from Derry and I feel welcomed and part of the community. I am happy to use the town beach and attend town concerts. I feel the organizations town-wide churches, schools, town offices, and organizations work together to create a cozy, helpful and caring community.

one month ago

We moved here to have a home on a beautiful lake and found it on Sunset Lake.

one month ago

Schools and that's it's a small town with good people.

one month ago

I really like all the amenities this town has to offer. There is lots of outdoor activity space, and lots of family activities available.

one month ago

A small, friendly community of my neighbors (I live in a condo) and the people at my church.

one month ago

The rural atmosphere and the abundance of open and conservation land. Away from 111 & 121 it is quiet.

one month ago

A lot of activities !

one month ago

Small, traditional New England feel.

one month ago

Grew up in Chester and love this area. Very accessible to local amenities while giving the small town feel.

one month ago

I always liked driving through Main Street... it is a pretty road and give us a small town feel. I like how the town is small, and was more affordable when we moved in. I am concerned that too much development will make us a small Windham... I remember when Windham was small town, now it's mini-mansions and commercial property... it's not the same as it used to be.

one month ago

We moved to Hampstead 10 years ago looking for the best school district for our family and a convenient location. Hampstead was at the top of our list. It's hard to judge right now with the housing market so crazy and the overall political scheme of the country also very frantic but the town doesn't seem to be as behind the school system and community as we originally thought.

one month ago

Schools appear to have gone downhill since we moved here. Hopefully that changes or we will regret moving here.

one month ago

I like like small town feel as it is similar to where I grew up. We moved out of MA for more space and because of the school system

one month ago

I grew up in northern NH and always wanted to raise my family in NH because of the small community feel and be in a rural area. My husbands job is in Boston and Hampstead is the one town within commuting distance that had great school and the small town New England feel. Everyone is so welcoming and happy and it has such a charming, historic downtown.

one month ago

The amount of home you get for the price, and land.

one month ago

I love that generations of my family have been here and it has always been a community that sticks together. Allowing too much expansion is not going to keep the town the same ever again and I fear it will lose its charm.

one month ago

I like that it is a very safe and low crime area.

one month ago

Great small town community with wonderful neighbors.

one month ago

I grew up in Hampstead and most of my family still lives here.

one month ago

Growing up in Derry, my perception was that Hampstead was a great place to raise kids. So when my husband and I were looking at homes, that was our number 1 priority. We have been very happy with the community in general.

one month ago

Love small town with great access to highways and trails, nice lot, reasonably affordable housing. Love having a Hannafords!

one month ago

Hampstead still has tremendous areas of natural beauty and a small town feel.

one month ago

I would like to see more recreational and social activities middle and older ages.

one month ago

I like the small town atmosphere. We've grown and it's becoming less that way but so far we are holding on to the small town feel.

one month ago

I love living in the Northeast version of a Patriotic country town

one month ago

I really love having the conservation trails in Hampstead that connect to trails in other towns. Kudos to the Conservation Commission for updating trail markers and maps.

one month ago

We love the small town feeling and the conservation trails. We like that it is not overdeveloped.

one month ago

I love my neighbor and the elementary school, not so much the middle. Not much more I feel cut off over in East Hampstead. Feels less important over here

one month ago

The small town feel that is all but disappearing in NH is the biggest feature Hampstead has to offer. Even the towns up North are becoming more & more congested. I feel that if it loses that appeal that it would change the coveted status the town now has been sought out for.

one month ago

I don't like living here

one month ago

We moved here because of its small town feel. Community seemed close and I loved the small size if the schools.

one month ago

Family friendly

one month ago

We love Hampstead. Great town with plenty to do for the kids. Phenomenal teachers and providers. School buildings desperately need work. The improvements to the school building need to align with the growth of new construction.

one month ago

I really like how the town is made up of all ages.... Young help the old and neighbors help neighbors. Hampstead isn't about trying to keep up with the Jones'..... everyone is equal no matter their Silvio-economic situation.

one month ago

We moved to Hampstead to be close enough to Boston to commute to work but have that hometown feeling of what we grew up with as kids for our kids.

one month ago

It's a quiet sleepy town that is driving distance too everything but isn't too close to make it too busy.

one month ago

Access to Conservation areas, small town feel, no "strip" commercial area, larger lot sizes, access to food grown locally

one month ago

Small town with great spirit. Like access to highways and rural feel

one month ago

Middle of everything, middle of nothing

one month ago

Small town feel without traffic, traffic lights, multi unit housing

one month ago

large house lots, minimal commercialized property. Small hometown country family feel. plenty of green space, trees, back country roads. quaint NE village feel.

one month ago

Good wholesome town but town politics and friends getting friends jobs who are not qualified are getting old byway and school facility manager needs to go not qualified job and jeff

one month ago

I moved here for the schools- unfortunately my perception of them being "good" has changed and I am paying for private school now for my kids.

one month ago

I love the trail system here and how serious the town takes conservation protection. I love the home town feel and how involved the community is. I appreciate that we had one of the highest turnouts for local voting.

one month ago

Very nice town but we wish it had more of a "downtown" - I compare to the town we lived in outside of Akron, Ohio-shops, restaurants, soda-fountain drug store, gazebo, library in town, etc. But that would take a major change.

one month ago

my community

one month ago

I like living in a community that is mostly residential.

one month ago

I moved to Hampstead because I saw it as the place I wanted to raise my children.

one month ago

Character of the Town

one month ago

Proximity to seacoast, skiing and Boston

one month ago

We've lived in Hampstead for almost 30 years. Our kids went to school here and our grandson is now at HCS. Our initial reason for moving here was the schools but overall I think Hampstead is a nice place to raise a family. It has a nice town feeling. I do hope that there is some focus on the school system and the updates/renovations needed to bring the school system to where it should be.

one month ago

Quaint New England downtown, conservation areas

one month ago

3. When you think of Hampstead in 5, 10, or 20 years, what would you like to see?

Stable taxes. A senior citizen center / community center in town, senior transportation to appointments.

10 days ago

Less development on the lakes. Better traffic control - 4 way stop or real traffic light at intersection of West and Main (stage) and right turn lane off Route 111 (coming from East) onto Emerson.

13 days ago

A Senior Center; more senior activities, support for local senior softball team

21 days ago

A small town that is open minded and focuses on quality of education.

21 days ago

Improvement in central and middle school buildings (safer for children as far as spacing/air quality), bring in high quality, professionals. Sidewalks for biking/walking/running. Clean town beach. More restaurants and take out options.

21 days ago

A walkable downtown area near town hall. (Historically Hampstead had sidewalks!) More small shops that are independently owned and very few big box places like storage units and used car/ trailer sales businesses. A proper (larger) elementary facility that is healthy, safe, secure, up to code and updated to fully support today's curriculum standards. Continued support of our conservation land and trails (no more parking lots or cell towers). Proper maintenance of our wetlands. (No more allowing construction on them by modification)

21 days ago

Embracing our beautiful natural environment, becoming a top ranked school

21 days ago

The same small town feel. No chains. No over building.

21 days ago

The same way it is now.

21 days ago

School improvements.

21 days ago

Being able to afford taxes in retirement.

21 days ago

Main street and our historic buildings and that little small rain old fashioned feel is what I envision.

21 days ago

An improved town beach - sand hauled in.

Senior center or access (maybe library) to a room available for seniors for pot luck meal.

21 days ago

Farmers' market

21 days ago

A school renovation, a Market Basket

21 days ago

Maintain the rural feel of the town.

21 days ago

Keep taxes at bay

21 days ago

A combined community center with a indoor basketball court and a walking track

21 days ago

I would like to see money go into improving both central and middle school within reason, senior activity center, few more locally owned businesses.

21 days ago

Improved schools buildings, town use facilities, CONTROLLED TAXES

21 days ago

Annual Open house-- Police and Fire Stations-- for adults and kids.

Public beach on Island Pond

Public Ice Skating

Weekly column of events etc in Carriage Town News

Elderly bus service

Community Vegetable Garden

Thrift shop at the dump

21 days ago

More public access to lake, walkable downtown

22 days ago

Hampstead is "right sized" now. I really don't want it to get any larger.

No further development on rt 111. Definitely do not want it to become a strip - like in Plaistow.

22 days ago

Controlled growth, school addition, sense of community

22 days ago

I think it is a great town to live in and so homy feel.

22 days ago

Keep New England small town atmosphere.

22 days ago

Love to see more sidewalks to take grandkids on. Have all the schools updated.

22 days ago

Newer schools. Less new development

22 days ago

More restaurants and local shops.

22 days ago

Less development, lower taxes. Better public access to natural resources (lakes). Transfer station that is open more often.

22 days ago

The same amount of people and homes. I do not want to see anymore building. We are losing that small town feel with multi unit condos.

22 days ago

Honestly I would prefer not to see it change much at all.

22 days ago

More commercial development on 111 to off set residential taxes. Invest in School buildings- infrastructure is failing and only costs more every year it is delayed. Increase firefighter staffing to 3 firefighters/24/7 coverage.

22 days ago

Sidewalks

22 days ago

Sidewalks, more small businesses

22 days ago

Less waste in the school budget with focus directly on education of students

22 days ago

Great school district, continued family activity opportunities, clean water supply, not over commercialized, safe for children to play freely.

22 days ago

I would like to see Hampstead maintain a small town feel where the growth is controlled. I would like to see the schools updated with sensible renovations. I would like to see people continue to volunteer and get more involved in budgetary items. The taxes in Hampstead need to get more under control.

22 days ago

Better tax breaks for senior parks.

22 days ago

Strong education system k-12 (Pinkerton!), More diversity on boards and committees (age, socio-economic, ethnic background, education), mutual respect of other points of view, "effective listening," no additional urban sprawl.

22 days ago

Maintain "hometown feel" while improving school quality and recreational facilities for young and older people.

22 days ago

Good traffic flow, better coordination of input and activities. Better input to BOS

22 days ago

Cleaner yards - "new ordinance," new code enforcement officer - areas that look like slums taken care of. Keep Hampstead beautiful.

22 days ago

Affordable senior housing

22 days ago

Acquisition of more green space, protection of watersheds and vernal pools.

22 days ago

Lower taxes

22 days ago

We enjoy living in Hampstead and would like the town to remain basically the same as it is now.

22 days ago

Leave it alone but let it grow keeping within the moving boundaries and keep the conservation. Also, more business along Route 111.

22 days ago

Get smaller.

22 days ago

Sidewalks for walking, biking and running safety. Street lights in neighborhood, more restaurant choices, paving neighborhood roads.

22 days ago

It's continuing to be affordable with good schools to keep property values and educate those that have children and stay as natural environment as possible.

22 days ago

A family oriented town that includes our elderly. A small scale village concept that would be inclusive without a emphasis on large retail buildings. But off road development that would include mom and pop businesses and affordable housing both starter homes and smaller homes for the elderly. Maybe a limited amount of rentals as rental properties can put a financial burden on a town.

22 days ago

A safe strong community.

22 days ago

I don't know if I want it to change much-upgrade to schools is needed, maybe some sidewalks on Main Street/Emerson Ave area

22 days ago

I would like to see Hampstead stay small and quiet a close knot community, no commercial properties.

22 days ago

I would like Hampstead to stay as is small and quiet.

22 days ago

Not much more residential growth. Keep the small town a small town, and the current residents water resources intact.

22 days ago

The Rockingham Trail eliminating recreational vehicles and returned to hikers, horseback riders, and walkers. Less development. and wind and solar energy utilized.

23 days ago

More of the same. Keep a small town feel

23 days ago

I would like it to stay a small town

23 days ago

At my age, I most likely won't be alive! I hope for 10 years, but 5 is a possibility! Limiting growth would be nice. Too many houses built since I move here in 1979. Pool's installed should always meet the guidelines. Not allowed if even a few feet short of land guidelines. Sidewalks along Main Street if residents want? NO ROOSTERS/CHICKENS allowed unless all abutting neighbors agree to them!!! I would not have bought my house if I knew they would be allowed!

23 days ago

Controlled development along 111 with space for small business.

23 days ago

Town water

23 days ago

The town to stop growing, I like it to stay small and quaint

23 days ago

Cheaper taxes

23 days ago

Less land clearing and construction. More conservation.

23 days ago

A better link between town committees with an eye on the balance between population growth and scarce town resources (school classroom seats, water, open land)

23 days ago

I like the open land and space that Hampstead offers. The only change I would like to see would be public water available in more areas of the town. Other than that, we have good specialty shops and amenities available for our town size.

23 days ago

see above comment

23 days ago

After I have graduated from College at SNHU and moved on to my adult life, I'd like to see Hampstead- and return to Hampstead- as a town that has retained much of what it was built on when it was founded in the 1700s. I think a large draw to the town, as well as New Hampshire as a whole, is its historical value and many of the Colonial Era buildings that still stand today. It provides quite a bit of tourism as well, and it is my belief that these structures ought to be maintained for both historical and economic value (New Hampshire makes a large portion of money from tourism), which could of course help the town to counterbalance taxes to keep them from getting too high.

But apart from that, I want to see my hometown remaining the same it has been since I was young: a place with historical value and a rural atmosphere.

23 days ago

A well maintained rural community, with affordable taxes, and areas that provide for commercial economic growth.

23 days ago

Remain as close to what it is today

23 days ago

To stay a quiet quaint town.

23 days ago

Sidewalks

23 days ago

I would like Hampstead to stay a small town

23 days ago

Keep the green spaces, not too built up or commercialized like Plaistow or Salem, keep the good quality school system, updated school buildings

23 days ago

Controlled commercial building, keeping the historic nature of the town. Also, fewer storage facilities, pizzerias, and low-scale restaurants.

23 days ago

Less new construction and more revival of current areas

23 days ago

Sidewalks from library to schools

23 days ago

Keeping with the old NH town feel.

23 days ago

More smaller owned businesses.

23 days ago

Elementary and middle schools updated. Long overdue and will help town with better home values. I first moved here because of the schools but it's no longer a top reason to live here.

23 days ago

Sidewalks, rail trail

23 days ago

Updated buildings such as schools and fire department.

A slowing of real estate development.

Less worry about water issues.

23 days ago

Walking paths, sidewalks, safe place for kids to ride bikes or push strollers. Conservation trails to be here and well preserved. Water issues resolved (not to worry about water being sold for profit to other towns leaving us dry)

23 days ago

I would like to see a rural family oriented town with good schools and strong local government.

23 days ago

I would like to see more investment in our schools. Good schools are good for all property owners in town, and currently our schools are falling into disrepair.

23 days ago

The same way it is now.

23 days ago

No more condos, Dunkin' donuts, gas stations, or self storage. I would like to see a town rec center that would replace Memorial gym and add some meeting space for activities for seniors, and I would like to see an addition for the elementary school completed.

23 days ago

Sidewalks, a bike path, a town swimming pool and Rec center.

23 days ago

Reinvestment in schools - facilities improvements. Municipal water. Diversity.

23 days ago

I would like to see less commercial buildings and gas stations being built. I would like to see the older, historic homes continue to be maintained and see less developments being built. I would like to see the open land and wooded areas not disappear.

23 days ago

Continues to feel rural but with a downtown that has fun things to walk to. More of a downtown destination. Cafe and restaurants - Indian, Thai, etc

23 days ago

Good schools, green/ recreational space hometown feel

23 days ago

Still have quality schools, better town Beach, quality businesses in town, friendly atmosphere

23 days ago

I would like the rural areas of hampstead to maintain its current integrity but would not mind seeing more commercial areas on 111

23 days ago

An investment in quality of school buildings and infrastructure. More bike or waking paths.

23 days ago

I would like to see side walks to be able to safely walk along main roads, especially near the schools.

I would like a larger minimum lot size to slow growth in town. Enforce 400ft sight distances on driveways to make our roads safer.

Limit any additional private water company wells.

23 days ago

I would like to see a place where our teens can go and not get in trouble. I would love some added attractions to our beach area, like a swim dock, more sand than what is being delivered this summer. I would love a walking track at Depot Fields.

23 days ago

Lower taxes or more services for the taxes we are paying.

23 days ago

I want it to stay small. Stop with the low income housing, apartments, condos, multi unit stuff.

23 days ago

Sidewalks, continued transparency with all town affairs

23 days ago

Would like it to stay exactly the same. Possibly bringing the downtown convenience store brought back

23 days ago

I would like to see some sidewalks along the main walking roads.

23 days ago

Affordable taxes. Thriving local businesses. Good roads and efficient traffic patterns.

23 days ago

No more supermarkets or donut shops or gas stations . The center market country store back loves that store

23 days ago

More of the same.

23 days ago

Same small town rural community. We do not need to be Massachusetts.

23 days ago

Sidewalk or bike lane for 121

23 days ago

More commercial property to ease the tax burden on home owner

23 days ago

Still have small town feel. Not a lot of developments or numerous new houses

23 days ago

Less homes being built. There are already water issues in town. More homes will put more strain on an already fragile system.

23 days ago

More diversity as well as more community support for the schools.

23 days ago

lower taxes

23 days ago

Renovated elementary and middle schools to provide long-term success. Welcoming atmosphere to different businesses/housing types that will bring jobs and additional workforce.

23 days ago

It would be great to have sidewalks, because right now I have to drive to anywhere safe enough to walk with my kids... I'd also like to keep it relatively rural, with the understanding that some development will happen over time.

23 days ago

I am hopeful that our schools will get back on track after the embarrassment of the past year. I would love for Hampstead to retain its hometown feel, with no more/few new homes built, continued recreational opportunities and town events. I hope we can find meaningful ways to protect our drinking water.

23 days ago

Schools improved. Small-town feel maintained. Public places maintained. Less commercialization.

24 days ago

My family came to Hampstead to escape the suburbs. I hope Hampstead stays that way, and doesn't turn into what we escaped from.

24 days ago

A Rural and spread out town. Population density oversight

24 days ago

Lower taxes! Its the one negative of Hampstead, our taxes are pretty high. We used to live just over the boarder to HN. My takes are almost 4x higher in Hampstead.

24 days ago

More restaurants, less gas stations and storage facilities

24 days ago

NO MORE BUILDING! NO MORE condos, apartment buildings, storage facilities!

24 days ago

Lower taxes, better schools and public servants to be taken care of.

24 days ago

I would like to see not too much change, honestly. I do think that there are things that need updating (like the school buildings!) but I would prefer not to see the town become crowded with new development, residential or commercial. I would like the natural elements of the town, such as the conservation, the ponds, and the forested land, to be preserved and protected.

24 days ago

Renovated Central School!!!!

24 days ago

A new elementary school

24 days ago

More fiscally responsible school board and library trustees. Better maintenance of town properties. Also better cooperation of sharing use of properties between town, school and library

24 days ago

Continued great schools

24 days ago

Improvements to school building. Small town size similar to present. Better access to internet (more competition)... & I would like a public shooting range

24 days ago

Less commercial properties and updates to schools.

24 days ago

No changes would be ideal. Quaint and quiet.

24 days ago

I would like for it to still feel like a small town.

24 days ago

Preservation of open space. Commercial development limited to 111. No more sprawling condos or apartment complexes.

25 days ago

Less politics live free or die remember

25 days ago

Less new homes

25 days ago

As a resident on Main st would love to have limitations on the types of new construction being built. Some of the newer homes ruin the colonial feel of Main st.

25 days ago

I would like to see less commercial zoning. I worry about the state of our water supply since I am on a well. The only thing I have always wished for were sidewalks on main Street. The roads are more heavily traveled now and I feel the main roads have become more dangerous for walkers and riders.

25 days ago

Minimal changes... The town is great as is. It already has significant commercial sectors. The schools are already over funded and seem to misappropriate funds in such a way they need to beg for more money for future changes (no thanks... make it work with the massive funding already earmarked for the school). The PD/FD is very good and properly staffed.

I can only imagine proper maintenance being critical to keeping our infrastructure up to date.

26 days ago

Sidewalks, a performance center

26 days ago

The same small town feel, reinvestment into the community such as improving and supporting the schools and the library. Maintaining the natural recreation areas such as the conservation trails and maintaining the wetlands.

26 days ago

maintain the rural feeling, access to all my needs via retail development which should help with taxes. Develop retail on Rt111 Business district.

26 days ago

The schools need better funding! The fact it has been voted down multiple times is what currently prevents living here long term

26 days ago

Smaller population

26 days ago

less building; a skate park at Depo Field

26 days ago

less commercial building fix schools

26 days ago

lower taxes. Not sure if we can afford to stay here much longer. More common sense when it comes to expenditures.

27 days ago

Lower Property Taxes

27 days ago

I would like to see a more established "downtown" or center of town with quaint shops and gathering places. I would love to see our schools get updated and be on par with surrounding towns as the physical nature of the buildings and grounds help to attract and retain the best talent, as well as our children as well as the staff deserve to thrive in comfortable and enriching environments every day.

27 days ago

More of the same, but would appreciate sidewalks from Post Office to Central School, to promote safety and encourage walking instead of driving through town. This would further promote family friendly interaction.

27 days ago

I would like to see a small town feel with emphasis on community. I do not want to see the huge growth in buildings that we have seen recently. The houses especially in rec zone B have gotten too big and takes away from the lakes. I would like to see more concern for the lake quality. I think the runoff needs to be controlled.

27 days ago

Sidewalks on main st. To encourage less cars on the road.

27 days ago

Lots of undeveloped land / conservation land

27 days ago

Be nice if it remained a quiet & friendly town. Realize this is very hard to do.

27 days ago

Nothing changed

27 days ago

More small town businesses. Less commercial

27 days ago

Better school buildings and more public lake/boat access for town residents.

27 days ago

I would like to see the towns school system and public safety continue to evolve to better serve the community. I would also like to keep the rural atmosphere that is present here.

28 days ago

I would like to see a greater focus on food and culture. This town could really benefit from more restaurants that offer a broad spectrum of flavors. This will create more space for community connection. I would like to see an increase in conservation efforts and trying to find ways to make connections between our trail systems. I would like to see our town's schools get back to a place of being top rated which means improving test scores, better teachers, a representative school board and an administration that operates in a balanced way by trying to meet the needs of both the students and teachers unions.

28 days ago

less litter

28 days ago

A little bit of expansion of availability of amenities like restaurants, but I do not want to have it end up feeling overly congested or built up (like Plaistow has gotten). I want my son to have a similar experience growing up in town as I did.

28 days ago

I would like to see us preserve the small town we have. Please no more developments. I moved up here to get away from small towns in Massachusetts overdeveloping. Also, our property taxes are too high for your older residents they have quadrupled since I moved here.

28 days ago

Small town feel, more land

28 days ago

Less building

28 days ago

Less building and commercial growth. The obnoxious Dunkin Donuts at the + of 121 and East Derry road is a blight on the town and should never have been allowed to be built

28 days ago

Great schools, family oriented town, allowing seniors to age in place.

28 days ago

I'd like to see it the same way as today. A close knit community with great schools.

28 days ago

Just fine the way it is

28 days ago

I honestly hope it stays the same, that it always remains on the other side of being a city.

28 days ago

The same small town feel with good schools and reasonable taxes.

28 days ago

It still being a nice quiet town, not over run with condos and town houses. The water problems have been fixed. I love our little town

28 days ago

Limited/no further commercial development, further residential development restricted to only single family homes/lots, protected conservation land percentage equal or increased

28 days ago

More parks,Senior center

28 days ago

Not overgrown with large businesses. Town forest remains and improved. Noise restrictions for loud cars and motorcycles (very high priority now)

28 days ago

Better schools and better school board.

28 days ago

NO MORE BUILDING. Hampstead is losing the small rural town feel I enjoy plus I am concerned about the pressure all the additional building will put on our infrastructure - police, fire, schools, WATER WATER WATER, etc. Even though revenue will be brought in via taxes, ultimately I believe the additional building will impact my (higher) taxes.

28 days ago

Lowered taxes and a renovated school.

28 days ago

More Investment into the schools. More services/activities for residents.

28 days ago

No change.

28 days ago

Less taxes

29 days ago

Limited expansion of homes and businesses...I don't want to live in Salem or Plaistow...that's why I came here.

29 days ago

Small town Hampstead

29 days ago

Remain small, keep commercial businesses out on Rt. 111, continue small town activities (fairs, fireworks, etc), slow growth (no condo developments, reduced duplex housing, keep it small), and control the water issue for the future (stop draining the underground water level for the benefit of ONE company).

29 days ago

Not much change - just updating services like schools police fire

29 days ago

More affordable, lower taxes, less 55+ developments

29 days ago

A community center for all ages that does things on a weekly basis.

29 days ago

I would love to see a little town center; with some little country stores and coffee shop.

29 days ago

I would like Hampstead to keep its natural beauty. There is not much I would want to change.

29 days ago

I'd like to see a town with a vision for the future. Central school needs to be replaced, road intersections need to be built to accommodate the increased population(right & left turn lanes), common sense regarding wetlands(a large puddle isn't what was regarding a wetlands when legislation was enacted), a master plan that includes drinkable water resources, maybe interconnected large wells, use of solar panels on public buildings and natural gas.

29 days ago

Updated central school, possible small senior center, more fields for sports

29 days ago

Less storage units... more restaurants

29 days ago

Less commercial

29 days ago

Tradition and family

29 days ago

Sidewalks!

29 days ago

Maintain the same "small town feel."

29 days ago

More activities to get residents to know each other better. Friendliness, togetherness, community.

29 days ago

Updated school buildings and no more threats of water shortages

29 days ago

For it to stay a small town

29 days ago

Lower taxes so we can still afford to live here

29 days ago

Much of the same.

29 days ago

More Local business such as place to eat.

29 days ago

Keeping commercial development confined to the route 111 corridor

29 days ago

No more gas stations, storage facilities, mini marts, chain donut shops or car lots !!!!

29 days ago

No more house building!!! k

Keep the conservation areas maintained

29 days ago

Updated schools. More local small business. Continued community events.

29 days ago

Keep it small town and safe

29 days ago

That it stays rural. No more big condo complexes. More access to lakes and ponds for residents of the town

29 days ago

I hope Hampstead remains largely as is. There are always ways to improve but Hampstead is already a great place to live and shouldn't look to reinvent itself drastically.

29 days ago

Good school system.

29 days ago

Improved school facilities. Concentration on creating recreational opportunities across the lifespan ie sidewalks, walking tracks etc.

29 days ago

Hoping it does not change too much. I expect though there will be more building which is concerning given there are already water issues

29 days ago

Less development. Maintain woodlands. Keep the small town atmosphere.

29 days ago

Updated schools

29 days ago

Sidewalks to walk to various shopping areas would be nice! No more storage facility units; more local businesses

29 days ago

More things for young adults to do

29 days ago

Updated school buildings, lower taxes,

29 days ago

A bit of preservation towards that small town feel.

29 days ago

fiber internet

29 days ago

Affordable rentals for families who can't afford to buy a home but want to live and raise their children in a safe and beautiful community.

29 days ago

I'd like to see maybe one fast food restaurant

29 days ago

No more lights on 111

one month ago

We'd like to see: a more politically diverse local government, a recreational gym (could be at a school or the Community Center) open not just for competitive teams, but also for pick-up games, etc, and lower property taxes (or at least access to a sliding scale for older & mid-SES folks.)

one month ago

That the town stay exactly the same as it is today.

one month ago

small town atmosphere, safe and not overcrowded

one month ago

More things to do!! More restaurants/bars/cafes. Sunset Lake and Big Island Pond should be large attractions. More culture! More identity! Attract younger crowds!

one month ago

Remain undeveloped

one month ago

Conservative growth that keeps pace with our services. I think we need need another grocery store go in on 111, such as a Trader Joe's, and maybe some better use and renovations made of some of the existing commercial developments instead of cutting down more trees. A 3rd school site might need to be considered because our 2 schools seem to be maxed out. Stop letting commercial interests take our groundwater. This is a very big concern to my neighborhood because if our wells start running dry, all of our real estate is worthless.

one month ago

Continued quality of life and recreation

one month ago

Little development. The charm of the town is that there are many unpopulated areas. I would not want to see any more apartment/condominium development -- and I would like the zoning to remain at 1 acre or greater

one month ago

Same home town feel

one month ago

Continued small town feel, keep the schools top notch is a big priority, this is such an important aspect and a must have.

one month ago

Nothing !!!its great the way it is please

one month ago

A family-friendly community that is affordable, where taxes are controlled, and seniors (like I am on the precipice of becoming) don't feel forced to sell and move because taxes have become astronomical. A community where there are friends, compatriots of similar age and resources that are affordable, accessible, and supportive.

one month ago

The quality of our public cable stations, both for Town and educational purposes, is pathetic. Today's product is no better than when it was first introduced many years ago. I have worked in a nearby town of similar population to Hampstead and less financial means than we have, and their cable productions and programming far exceed what we do. The Town and Schools fund a position and find ways to provide state of the art equipment. It's a priority in that town, but here it obviously is not.

one month ago

School facilities are in great need of being upgraded. That this town fails to meet this need over the past decade or so sends a poor message about our schools and community. Having lived here for over 40 years, I can honestly say that there was a time when we would not accept these conditions.

one month ago

More services for elders

one month ago

Very similar to current. Please STOP issuing building permits until the water issue is resolved.

one month ago

Better roads

one month ago

Roads like croypath tabor hood lighthouse lane become town maintained rds as many cars use them anyway

one month ago

For the town to retain quiet quaint atmosphere

one month ago

Reliable medical/dental professionals linked to Lahey Clinic and Boston hospitals. QUICK and easy access to Interstate 93, quality car wash, fast food restaurants such as McDonald's, Dollar General, Dollar Tree, larger super market for better selections and pricing. Farm stand to meet the quality standards and pricing of Peter's Farm in Salem. Also encourage Plaistow (Rt 125) to solicit COSTCO and SUPER WALMART.

one month ago

less development.

one month ago

I'd like to see a Community Center, with an emphasis on the elderly needs.

one month ago

planned growth. lower taxes

one month ago

Emphasis on family friendly, a great place to raise your family.

one month ago

Increased commercial and industrial development to increase the tax base.

one month ago

More public access to beaches and boat rentals. More town planned events. A few more restaurants. Keep rural/small feel. Not a lot of strip malls.

one month ago

Lower taxes. I understand the commitment the town has to the schools but you also have to understand that many people in this town are on fixed incomes and find it hard to keep up with the constant increases to the tax base, namely the schools.

one month ago

I'd like to see the corner of Route 111 and Emerson Ave built into an attractive plaza for community commerce with traditional New England style buildings. I'd like to see new restaurants, shops, doctor's office, and a community center in that space. No more used car businesses. Eyesore's need to be replaced with stunning landscaping and building designs to welcome visitors. No resident or business should have unregistered vehicles or junk in the front yard, and side yards if those are visible. I wish we had more farms and less developments.

one month ago

Limit new building and keep the rural feeling

Look at programmatic changes in schools - not only the buildings

one month ago

No I'm over building, don't want to see rt 111 to look like rt 28 in salem. Not over populated.

one month ago

Updated and renovated schools that fully serve the needs of Hampstead's children and space for community use. A safe, fully functional fire station that respects and protects the needs of our emergency responders. Well maintained roads and conservation trails. Strict building regulations and well regulated access to the town's well-water resources - only for Hampstead residents. Protection for existing individual property owners wells, as well as reasonable cost for connecting to a town water system. Continued protection of conservation land and open spaces. Thriving small businesses in current commercially zoned areas.

one month ago

I'd like to see the hometown feel maintained - no overgrowth of strip malls or large retail establishments. I realize that they provide needed tax revenue but the change the feel of the town and increase traffic significantly. This is one of the reasons I left a town in Massachusetts to move to Hampstead.

one month ago

More detailed Ordinances and Laws. More involvement on the boards and committees so there are fresh ideas and avoidance of career board members.

one month ago

A cap on building. There are too many wooded areas being clear cut for building. I fear this town will be all buildings too soon.

one month ago

No more new subdivisions, no more condos... leave the remaining land alone! Keep this Town rural.

one month ago

Folksy messages on the message boards in front of the Congregational church or in the center...lots of well cared for antique homes along Main Street. Careful blending of small businesses in with established homes...no blinking lit up signs on residential streets...Already many businesses along Rt 111 are ridiculously over lit with garish colors and ugly signs..We should have the right to limit the appearance of the future businesses...It can be a compromise between their ability to be noticed and residents feeling that they are concerned with our historic town. People not concerned with their water being diverted by a company which is in it for profit...very careful use of land when it comes to multi family units...

one month ago

A more stable water supply - do not continue to build new homes or businesses unless there is a plan to increase the water supply which is currently inadequate.

one month ago

A more stable water supply - do not continue to build more houses/condos if there is no plan to increase the water supply

one month ago

Less 50+ communities, or at least not more of them. Diversity of new home styles rather than cookie cutter neighborhoods. Maintaining trail network as is or expanding. School improvements.

one month ago

I would like to see more single family homes for first time home buyers that are affordable.

one month ago

Over crowded. We need to stop allowing building and keep open spaces. No New Residential building. No New Commercial building. Stop Hampstead Area Water Company developing new wells.

one month ago

Maintain the "small town" feel of the town. Would like to see improvements to the schools special education services. A community center for the elder population.

one month ago

Same rural feel with same zoning focus

one month ago

Small New England town ambiance and historic look preserved; Excellent schools, which are fully economically supported; Property values maintained; Population still under 10,000.

one month ago

Accelerated growth, smarter zoning, a high school.

one month ago

I would like to see Hampstead retain the small "hometown community" feel I believe we currently have. I would like to see zoning ordinances that keep the character of the town in place. I have heard that we are going to be getting a storage facility near the intersection of Emerson Ave and Rt. 111. I feel disappointed that is what will take that space. We could use more small business, local restaurants to add to our charm and that would offer local residents more accommodations in town.

one month ago

A close rural community with a nice central business area.

one month ago

I would love to see an astro turf field at Depot to get our kids more competitive with other towns ability to practice sooner.

one month ago

Much of the same. The small town feel is where its at for our family. In my opinion it will be lost if the town grows to big.

one month ago

I would like to see it stay the same. Have a lot of pride and attention towards our schools our police and our fire department.

one month ago

A new planning board with more members who aren't fossils 🗿

one month ago

More benifits for seniors. Better way to help seniors keep their homes

one month ago

Taxes change

one month ago

Less taxes

one month ago

Much less traffic at lower speeds on route 121. The increase in traffic volume and the high speed of traffic as well as the increasing loud pipes on private pickups and increased commercial truck volume is really harming the quality of life in town. Have lived here for 30 years and seen this aspect of life significantly deteriorate.

one month ago

Schools that are updated to ensure our children are learning in a modern and comfortable environment

one month ago

The schools and fire station renovated and meeting our needs. Limited development both residential and commercial. A seniors' center.

one month ago

Less traffic, lower taxes, and a smaller more efficient government.

one month ago

Having moved here 30+ years, ago the town has tripled in size. Finding the town struggling a bit to handle the increased demand for services, education, open space and costing more to stay/live. So, the future to me looks like a similarly sized town that has figured out to maintain that Hometown feel, provide for its residents, both young & old, and make Hampstead a desirable place to live.

one month ago

A slow down of the exploitation of the open and green space within the community. Curb new building or the McMansion craze. Increase building lot size and ensure any big development mitigates impact on area e.g. set aside conservation lands.

one month ago

Just a bit larger.

one month ago

What I do NOT want to see is a clone of Plaistow - no fast food chains, no more chain grocery stores, and no more storage units. I'm aware it's hard/impossible to reject businesses from moving into town, but maybe that's something we can figure out how to limit if there are any loopholes we can take advantage of?

one month ago

Same as it is today.

one month ago

A small town community. Quality education, that does not include CRT.

one month ago

I would like to see the wooded and open areas remain undeveloped to maintain the small town environment. I would not like to see Rt 111 continue to be developed and end up busy with yet more traffic lights like Rt. 125 or 28. I would like to see sidewalks installed on busier roads such as Emerson Ave to allow people to walk more places safely.

one month ago

Sidewalks

one month ago

I want Hampstead to continue to be a quaint, quiet town. I love all the park areas and activities the town and communities put together, fishing derby, 4th of July celebration, turkey trot.

one month ago

Maintain what's working well for the citizens.

one month ago

More retail and restaurants. There's a huge empty lot on 111 and Emerson that could accommodate several stores and restaurants.

one month ago

A education system that works. Continuing to throw money at a failed system is mindless. As a former employer that ran decades of co-op and apprenticeship programs it is clear to me Hampstead fails its greatest resource. Hampstead's Children.

one month ago

A town which still values its history. Its children with fine schools, its families with programs that focus on family values, more involvement by and for churches in town and nearby. Just a few of the things. Why are there no questions about the library?

one month ago

Keep the small town feel and appearance

one month ago

Same atmosphere

one month ago

Secure water supply and other infrastructure safeguards. Community plan for long term emergency preparedness (in light of vulnerable cybersecurity issues, off shore sourcing of critical infrastructure resources) etc. Limited residential development, increased small business opportunities. Emphasis on more balanced lifestyles recognizing that many live here desiring a more quiet environment - address things like noise pollution (fireworks, outdoor music, motorcycles etc.). Continue to improve local and town forest/trails.

one month ago

Less development. Less traffic. Less building. Less congested small developments, (less townhouses, condos, cramming people into unsightly areas)

one month ago

Our facilities are lacking. The school building is pathetic at best. We should have turf at depot and pave it!!! I'd also like to see more done to facelift the community

one month ago

The same small town atmosphere. More ethnic restaurants. I'm not a fan of having 5 places to order take out and 4 are subs and pizza and one is Chinese. I like the feel of living in a bedroom community. I feel that we'll end up being more of a suburban community to Salem in the next 10 years.

one month ago

A few more businesses to help reduce overall taxes

one month ago

Upgrade and update the fire station. Pave and upgrade the Depot Fields parking lot and repair the erosion problem there. Upgrade, repair and expand the schools - this is not 1975. I would like to see the schools if upgraded and repaired to be used by more groups (Scouts, Seniors, Clubs, Rec)

one month ago

The quaint town we moved to. Rural and uncongested.

one month ago

A town forest that is not cut down.

No condos

No apartments

Allow right of ways to have docks

one month ago

Hampstead is a unique and special place, more than people making a quick stop or pass through would acknowledge. Over developing our town both commercially and residentially will bring in more money but at the expense of developing our town into just another town. Knowing your neighbors, appreciating our physical environment and educating and supporting our residents makes this town a bit unique. Being purposeful about maintaining what Hampstead offers and professing our current programs and initiatives is vital. Sometimes making the most of less is worth more.

one month ago

A continuance of the small-town atmosphere.

one month ago

Side walks more small restaurants and stores

one month ago

Sidewalks on Main Street. A few more shopping options on Route 111. Keep the trails maintained and add more if possible. Keep the small town feel!

one month ago

Would love to see upgrades to the town library, which will be in need of more space and upgrades. I also would love to see the schools get renovated to fix things or update how they are now.

one month ago

More commercial growth on Rt. 111

one month ago

lower taxes

one month ago

Lower taxes especially for our seniors. Its been proposed to freeze the school portion tax at the current rate .

one month ago

Less coffee shops, less used car dealers and definitely less storage units. I wish they would stop filling in the wetlands.

one month ago

Maintain current level of woods, pastures, leas, conservation land--no more re-zoning for commercial or residential building. Place higher priority on young family housing rather than over-55 development.

one month ago

Maintain small town charm but add some more business. Preferably not used car lots or Dunkin donuts. Lots of activities for kids. Updated schools as necessary. Growing police/fire department personnel.

one month ago

Preservation of land and updated schools

one month ago

Limited additional retail businesses along Rte 111.

one month ago

Protected wetlands, commercial properties that are reasonably attractive, improvements to the fire station and Central School.

one month ago

I'd like to see sidewalks in the downtown area for the safety of residents walking, attending events and safely visiting downtown businesses.

I am very concerned about our water situation. I feel Lewis Builders has a conflict of interest. As I understand it, we get our water from HAWC, a Lewis owned company. Lewis Builders continues to build in Hampstead and neighboring towns this putting additional stress on an already decreasing water supply. How can we resolve this conflict?

one month ago

THE SAME - DO NOT DESTROY THE TOWN WITH SO CALLED "AFFORDABLE HOUSING" WHICH IS NEVER AFFORDABLE, AND DOES NOTHING BUT DRIVE UP TAXES. NO "PUD'S" OR LOW INCOME HOUSING. NONE OF THEM WORK. LOOK AT ANY TOWN THAT HAS IMPLIMENTED THEM. THEY BRING IN LARGE AMOUNTS OF RESIDENTS, AND PAY LITTLE IN TAXES, IN TURN DRIVING UP TAXES AND THE NEED FOR MORE SERVICES

one month ago

I'd like to see property taxes become more reasonable. If they continue to increase I will not be able to afford life here in Hampstead. Its a problem throughout NH.

one month ago

Nothing changing

one month ago

I would like it to stay rural as it is just with updates to necessities like our schools

one month ago

A school system that focuses on kids, not union mandates that only care about the teachers.

one month ago

Higher commercial tax base in order to control residential taxes

one month ago

Lower taxes for the elderly and for families without children in the school system.

one month ago

Lower taxes for the elderly and families without children in the school system.

one month ago

The same small town feel. High quality schools. Owners not renters. And what I mean by that is not about property but about people that want to be in the town and be a part of the town. Keep it nice, keep it clean, be invested In The town and the people in the town.

one month ago

Pretty much the same, but less development

one month ago

Hope to keep the small town feel

one month ago

The town forest still there and no smaller. Clean water through good stewardship. More sidewalks and bike paths. Improved commerce, especially a better restaurant scene. Good natured neighbors. Many fewer ticks.

one month ago

A mixed age community. The way taxes have increased in last 7 years, I will soon be forced to sell my home. My income is not keeping up with the tax increases. It seems Hampstead is not interested in having seniors live here

one month ago

I would love to keep the small town vibe but keep evolving with the times and other communities
one month ago

I hope the town does not change too much over the course of time. It has a beautiful small town feeling.
If I could make one change it would be sidewalks down Main St. It doesn't appear to be safe to walk or bike on Main St anymore. I wish the speed limit was lower on Main St for safety sake.
one month ago

More activities for seniors
one month ago

No more building. Keep the town the way it is. Put money into a full renovation of HCS
one month ago

I would like to see smart development with more conservation land. You can see the pressure from the developers in the area trying to encroach on town owned open land.
one month ago

I would like to see Hampstead move toward environmentally progressive ideas such as solar and wind energy. I would like to see more business in town, and the expansion of natural spaces. If growth continues I would like to see new schools (Central school)
one month ago

As Mr. Rogers said, "I like you just the way you are."
one month ago

progressive growth and development done in a way to maintain rural feel but providing appropriate architecture and scale
one month ago

I would like to see more affordable housing for young families.
one month ago

More businesses downtown
one month ago

I would like to see Hampstead not grow and stay how it is, not a lot of commercial buildings.
one month ago

about the same as today
one month ago

Keeping the rural, hometown feel. It's the reason I moved here, and erosion of that would be a reason to leave. I would like to see more access to the lakes and ponds for all residents
one month ago

Maintain "Home Town" feel to growth.
one month ago

A continued commitment to conservation. I would hate to see Hampstead become overrun with commercial businesses and cookie cutter housing.
one month ago

No major changes and not a lot of new commercial building
one month ago

Better town managers especially the conservation committee.

one month ago

Less development, lower taxes

one month ago

Smaller

one month ago

I do not want to see a lot of business development, that will detract from the hometown feel... I'd like to see a supportive community for keeping our town a great place - updated buildings (fire and school), community events...

one month ago

More for the children. Upgrade schools

More small shops

one month ago

I would like to see a cap or modified cut-off on residential growth in any natural areas, there are beautiful spots within Hampstead that need to remain that way and not have new complexes built on them. I would rather see parts of 111 rehabilitated commercially or something to that extent instead of more housing developments. Ideally I'd like to see more work done on the schools and public orgs (Police, fire, town offices, town parks).

one month ago

A school that is moving forward to the expectations I imagined it to be and heard it was. Truly disappointed in the school board and actions the school took this year during the pandemic.

one month ago

I would like the hometown, close knit community feeling to continue, I would like to see the school and other town infrastructure improve, particularly water conservation, and to find a way to stop raising property taxes each year.

one month ago

Less land being sold. We don't have the room at our schools for our growing population. The addition was declined so now what? You have all the new developments going up, which will bring more kids to Hampstead. It's sad that it took COVID to get the schools HVAC system updated. I hope you don't wait 5 years to build a new HCS. By then it will be too late. I just hope the pods don't need to become classrooms again.

one month ago

Stay the same

one month ago

Same except with improved schools.

one month ago

Same as now

one month ago

Lower taxes

one month ago

The same town as it is now.

one month ago

more affordable houses for younger families

one month ago

lower taxes

one month ago

Continued focus on family friendly activities for recreation.

one month ago

Bike paths on main routes - I'd love kids in our rural area to be able to bike to school - it's not safe right now! I'd love the community to be able to walk safely from town hall to the library, sidewalks, or a wider street.

one month ago

Improvements made to the school

one month ago

1 new school combo of an Elementary and middle school combined. Access to public water and natural gas

one month ago

Additional small business, restaurants

one month ago

Better school buildings

one month ago

The same small town feel, historic downtown and friendly faces with active citizen within the community but I think our own high school would be awesome. Pinkerton is great, but there is a lot to be said about a small high school with great educators too

one month ago

a walkable town center/area, small shops, restaurant, landscaping, picturesque. (off 111 maybe because there's room) It would add value and it's not common in nh towns.

one month ago

I hope to see what I see now. Our conservation land preserved and not a huge boom in building.

one month ago

Hampstead high school

one month ago

Maintain the small town feel. Maintain the high level of school system and teachers. minimize commercial development

one month ago

More investment in town infrastructure. Take care of what we already have. Town buildings, playground, ballfields, etc.

one month ago

New Schools sooner rather than later

one month ago

Upgraded school buildings

one month ago

A school district that is equal to or exceeds the school districts in surrounding towns. Our elementary school is not adequate for the amount of children attending.

one month ago

Remaining a small town with a great school system.

one month ago

I hope it stays the same

one month ago

I would like to see Hampstead similar to it is now. The town has already grown too large to be considered rural and as the case is in many southern NH towns the "small town" feel is gone. Maybe it exists for those moving from much larger towns but for those who grew up in the area it is slowly being ruined and turned into something resembling the "small towns" in MA. I think that if Hampstead could support the current population without future expansion whatever we do have of the small town feel could be preserved, otherwise its only a matter of time before some try to turn it into Plaistow or Salem.

one month ago

Less condos, more focus on the school renovations and expansion as well as bringing the building up to standards and codes. Stay a small town with the small town feel, stop the over building and leave the green spaces. Lewis builders is ruining Hampstead

one month ago

Increased family recreation - i.e. public pool. Maybe a couple additional restaurants / bars. Sidewalks. Otherwise few changes.

one month ago

I would like to see the school system strive to do better in the upcoming years. I would also like to see the "personal agenda" politics subside.

one month ago

I

one month ago

Not a lot of commercialization

one month ago

I'd like to see more investments in schools, especially school facilities, as well as a community center.

one month ago

More support towards the services this town provides, i.e. schools, police and fire, etc.

one month ago

stop building and making this town look like a city!! use the taxes for schools and other important things!!

one month ago

I'd like to see the school system get it together. We paid 13k last year in taxes and the kids weren't even in school. Kids without masks on in school needs to happen asap.

one month ago

The schools desperately need renovation especially the central school. For the amount of taxes we pay it's crazy how poor quality the building is. I moved my children to private school because the town continues to not prioritize this.

one month ago

State of the art schools. No increase in large businesses to contribute to traffic. Same sense of hometown feel and friendly people.

one month ago

I would like to see less of a tax burden on property owners in the state of NH. We need changes statewide in how and where taxes are collected. Eg. Way overdue to have a sales tax. This alone would help disperse tax burden on homeowners. When I think of Hampstead in 5, 10 or 20 years I hope I can see a community that is not only more diverse, but more connected and less angry...one in which all boards in town can come together, compromise and lift each other up, support each other, rather than remaining so separate. Eg. One year when trying to get the School bond passed, the Town made us remove our informational brochure from the library. I still can't and don't understand how "they" in my town had the power to do that legally...but more sadly, it showed me how disconnected the political entities that represent us ALL were/are. I hope this can change.

one month ago

New or improved elementary school

one month ago

The same small town. No urban sprawl, no commercial building...

one month ago

Improved town amenities IE. schools updated, fire station updated.

one month ago

More restaurants and retail options, affordable housing

one month ago

I would like to see Hampstead stay as a "small town". I don't want to see stores and commercial businesses on every corner and lining 111. I want Hampstead to stay safe so my daughter is able to play outside and be able to feel confident that it is a safe town. I would like to see the school continue to evolve and listen to the community about whats best for the children

one month ago

This is difficult because I do not want to see the level of development in neighboring towns like Plaistow or Derry but I would like there to be more businesses/recreation in town

one month ago

I would like the schools to specialize in nature integrated classrooms and really capitalize on our full but rural environment to educate future climate preservation leaders.

I would also like to see a more centralized town social center, like a residence only cocktail and tapas night every month as a part of staying connected to our selectmen, school board, and each other.

one month ago

I would like to see the town get away from its antiquated "conservative" values and start to focus on supporting schools and allowing the town to become more diverse and welcoming to those who do not fit the Old Tyme "Christian" white value system.

one month ago

As little change as possible

one month ago

Investment into the schools

one month ago

Renovate the central school. Do not expand industry and stop creating housing developments

one month ago

Exactly what I see today!

one month ago

I hope it stays small with a few local shops etc.. I wish there were better restaurant options!

one month ago

Not much change except to the schools. I would love to see school buildings improved and school ranking rise within the state.

one month ago

A new elementary school

one month ago

Keeping the town as is.

one month ago

Less new development, greater commitment to natural resources and respect for conservation and wetlands

one month ago

I would like to see a better more inclusive sense of community. Something to bring more people together more often in downtown. All ages.

one month ago

A more visible/ noticeable town center. Don't be afraid of adding small local businesses — but no more gas stations!

one month ago

A rural community with a tight knit community and a central gathering area for the community and central sports area.

one month ago

I would like to see it stay small town and not grow in to a city

one month ago

More open and green spaces.

one month ago

Would like to see Hampstead stay with that hometown feel and the rural atmosphere. Don't want to see it built up

one month ago

Not much different

one month ago

The same hometown feeling

one month ago

To keep the country town feel and look. Don't want to be overpacked and over developed

one month ago

More unique shops

one month ago

A bit more development on 111 to offset the taxes.... I LOVE everything else just the way it is! I am 70 and want to stay here but the taxes may have a different plan for me.

one month ago

A clean rural town with upgrades to the schools. Yet the same population. Clean water for all.

one month ago

Some remnants of our town today.

one month ago

More community spaces to congregate and more small businesses and restaurants. A farmers market would be nice too

one month ago

More pedestrian and bicycle friendly shoulders on the major arteries. More analysis of water resources with building approval dependant on sustainable water management, including private companies providing (selling) water from wells that impact water aquifers that are in Hampstead.

one month ago

One fast food restaurant along 111. Maybe a department store.

one month ago

We would like to see Hampstead hold to a similar population size while focusing on sustainably using our land and natural resources. We do not wish to see a town filled with cluster developments and small lot sizes as that is not the Hampstead "feel" that we love.

one month ago

Ot remain a small town, stop over developing, start encouraging local mom and pops and save the land and water. We won't stay if it continues to grow with overdevelopment and lack of natural resources.

one month ago

I did not realize till after buying that Hampstead and east hampstead are treated totally different. East seems to be an after thought. I would like to see a more combined front. And less building and allowing companies to take water and more land for profit. I want to stay here but feel if I have the chance I would move further up to the mountains. Does not feel homey, my kids and I still have no friends. Our street is a raceway that will never be properly dealt with. My complaints are sometimes listened to. What I thought would be our forever home doesn't feel it. Middle school was horrible with autistic kids. My son doesn't even attend school in this town. A better teaching program for the middle school principal and staff needs to be addressed. I would love to see small business, mom and pop shops not big business. Let people come here for their needs not walmarts. Seems to be getting taken over with unnecessary big business. Stop over developing and keep it a small town. People come to NH for country life.

one month ago

I want the town to stay relatively the same, I do not want the town to become a Derry or Plaistow I prefer the quaintness of the town

one month ago

Small hometown feel. Less development.

one month ago

I would like for the town to continue to remain a mostly rural town with restricted building and moving toward greener renewable energy sources within out town buildings, including town hall, police, fire and schools

one month ago

I would like to see water security first & foremost. The ability to own a private well as well as have town water sources if desired. I would like to see a clear focus on maintaining the historic buildings & small town charm we have in our town while being able to bring it into the 20th century. More options for community spaces as well as technology while maintaining the beauty of the town. less apartments & condos & a better way to bring revenue into the town to relieve taxpayers from the large burden that will loom ahead for the many new projects & maintenance of existing buildings that need repairs. I would like to see more options for utilities to choose from such as cable & electric service.

one month ago

I would like to see more business a better grocery store and some big chain restaurants

one month ago

I would like to see the same as when we moved here in 2012. Small town feel and a close but community.

one month ago

Some kind of fast food option. Or maybe a Target. Just something so I don't always have to go to Salem or Plaistow.

one month ago

Balance of open land, farm stands, community buildings, and small business stores

one month ago

I would like to see Hampstead have quality infrastructure and facilities while still maintaining small town charm.

one month ago

A newer or overhauled school building. Most everything else the same.

one month ago

NOT full of cookie cutter McMansions. Undeveloped lands..... would have loved to see town farms survive but they haven't. Would like to see New England style buildings where added.... Walgreens is an eyesore. Would like to see memorial Gym still standing and utilized. Ugly parking by the meeting house beautified.... It is also an eyesore. Open communication on town committees and boards. Improvement in schools. Would love to see people of all ages out enjoying our town.

one month ago

I would like it to remain small and not have larger clusters of homes and businesses. I like the small town feel where everyone knows each other.

one month ago

A completely renovated central school and incredible learning environment for our kids.

one month ago

Come out of the Stone Age and stop trying to pinch pennies, we are paying for it now

one month ago

I would like to see it remain the same as far as zoning for homes and businesses

one month ago

I hope it stays small and friendly.

one month ago

Money invested into the school system while maintaining a local home town feel.

one month ago

A new or bigger central and middle school to accommodate the increase in children

one month ago

Better roads. Fewer condos. More businesses on the main drag. Real improvement in the school curriculum

one month ago

More Main St/downtown feel across from the town hall in that empty commercial space. Develop that small area into a hub for the town.

one month ago

More small farms, no chain stores, local businesses, sidewalks, good schools, diverse people

one month ago

More choices for groceries, restaurants along 111.

one month ago

Not over developed

one month ago

Much of the same. I don't want it to grow commercially and look like Plaistow or Salem. Continue relationship with Pinkerton.

one month ago

Affordable tax rate

one month ago

Better school infrastructure. Better use of 111 with Better restaurants and businesses. More resources highlighting businesses not on 111.

one month ago

Although it is growing limiting lot sizes will help

one month ago

I would like to see the small businesses in town succeeding, continued upkeep of conservation trails, perhaps some new outdoor features for our kids.

one month ago

Keep it a small town feel control the amount of building. We do not need what happend in derry with crazy multi family building.

one month ago

A paved walking path from Emerson to main street. Looping around wash pond to Kent rd.

A big splash pad added to the park

A Starbucks on 111

A burger joint

one month ago

I would like to see a good mix of tastefully and well thought out retail and business zones as well as a sustainable approach to housing development. We need to both attract businesses but also conserve water and the look and feel of the town. Please, no more storage places or car dealerships. Hampstead can be a place to both shop and live

one month ago

Lower taxes, updated school buildings

one month ago

A community that put education as a top priority and maintains conservation trails and public lands such as town beach and parks.

one month ago

Minimal change..... focus on schools (the buildings and education) community programs, community recreation, community building, relationships. That small town, home town feel, strengthening the bond among community. many outsiders moving in, let's keep it rural NH, not northern Massachusetts.

one month ago

open minded use from the planning board on agriculturally based businesses

one month ago

I would love to see some attention given to seniors, such as a senior center, meeting place, activities geared to seniors. It's a shame that this group has been ignored. Please remedy the situation.

one month ago

Less dunking donuts municipal water not Lewis water stealing from our aquifer

one month ago

I would like to see sidewalks! And a rec program that works for working parents. I would like to see town minutes on the website within 5 days of meetings, and a better use of technology for board meetings. I would like to see better communication from town officials, and a review process for salaried town employees. I would like to see our schools continue to be invested in, and would like to see space added to HCS in order to accommodate our growing population of students. I would like to see better oversight of our land use boards - I would like to see them better follow our ordinances, and I would like to see non-buildable lots stay non-buildable (I'd like to see a Planning Board with a non-majority of members who make their living in land development). I would like to see fewer apartments and less development for the sake of development - I would like better code enforcement, and more focus on water issues as they pertain to new construction of all types

one month ago

Excellent schools, same small town feel, stable population, enough water for the community

one month ago

Overhaul of schools and personal at schools (admin not so much the staff) ... slow down building. Preserve our water. Increase restrictions on building.

one month ago

I'd like to not see Hampstead turn into Salem, route 111 could benefit from some more businesses (not auto and storage) but not to the point that Plaistow and Salem have. More water protection laws as well as school improvements. I'd like to see some more trail features such as those in Stratham NH.

one month ago

I don't want a target or Walmart or anything like that moving in to Hampstead

one month ago

Continue home town feel and not allow big businesses in. All small

one month ago

Much less development. Leave the natural features alone, we don't need more houses or people moving in.

one month ago

Updated schools, slowdown in the 55+ complexes,

one month ago

I'd like to see more diversity in housing (multi family homes, generally more affordable housing options) including fewer senior living communities. I'd like for the town to attract more people of different backgrounds.

one month ago

Sidewalks, at least close to the schools or on Main street for safer walking for students and other residents. No more new builds, and more renovated existing homes (which is only partly within town control). Improvements to the public library and more of an outdoor developed area on the front lawn. Maybe a fence around the front grass.

one month ago

Less traffic lights, more rotaries instead. Water resource planning

one month ago

Same

one month ago

Minimal expansion of residences and businesses.

one month ago

I would like to see less people from MA imposing their ideas of what Hampstead should be. I would like to see a limit on new home construction.

one month ago

I would like to see it be like it use to be and not over run with out of staters that want to make it like they came from. I am not against progress but it has gotten too crazy with building. What will we do when we have no water pressure to supply the people of Hampstead?

one month ago

Minimal growth in housing.

one month ago

More community centers

one month ago

I would like to see more sidewalks, less overhead wires, a public water system and sewerage treatment, and a new library that befits our town. Main Street could use the sidewalks that used to exist a long time ago that helped connect important places in our town. There are few of these and none that connect our Town Hall, schools, Police station, churches, library.

The number of overhead wires need to be removed and replaced with underground ones.

Our Library is TOO FAR removed from our town center, schools and the general population.

one month ago

Small town atmosphere, historic buildings, updated elementary school with adequate space.

one month ago

I would like it to stay pretty much the same.

one month ago

I think we need to strategically expand our commercial zoning areas to generate tax base without school burden. Other than that I love the small town feel of hampstead.

one month ago

NO cluster building, No more over building, No more building... No more draining the aquifers for commercial purposes.

one month ago

A continued family oriented culture

one month ago

My taxes to stay they same.

one month ago

The town follow a master plan and not put so many big ticket items on ballet at once

one month ago

a totally updated elementary school, a pavilion at the Hampstead Library, a senior center

one month ago

I would like to see a safe town with a strong education system. I would like to see a town where community have a strong sense of volunteering and caring for others. Additionally, I would like to see a town that fosters family /children activities values and activities.

one month ago

Less commercial development, larger lot sizes to reduce over-development.

one month ago

I'd like to see a slowdown on new construction; not only does it change the small town feeling but more construction means more demand on town services and less quality.

one month ago

More commercial services, more family activities. Ideally, more affordable too.

one month ago

Keeping the small town feel and be community based where there is something for everyone to do or participate in

one month ago

I would like to not see large chains and a lot of commercial buildings..

one month ago

Maintain pristine conservation areas

one month ago

Water situation addressed

one month ago

Single family homes, rural community feel

one month ago

Maintain it's traditional feel, not too much commercialization

one month ago

More preserved spaces

A large public beach on one of the lakes

one month ago

4. How important is each of the following land and development features to Hampstead?

	Not important	Important	Very important	No opinion
Dark night-time sky	7% Not important	37% Important	49% Very important	8% No opinion
Locally owned businesses	2% Not important	47% Important	49% Very important	2% No opinion
In-home or home-based businesses	22% Not important	42% Important	17% Very important	19% No opinion
Traditional New England style architecture	15% Not important	43% Important	32% Very important	10% No opinion
Signs with traditional New England style designs	19% Not important	43% Important	29% Very important	10% No opinion
Keep mixed-use development (residential mixed with smaller commercial/retail uses) within the currently allowed zones.	7% Not important	49% Important	33% Very important	11% No opinion
Keep commercial and industrial development within the currently allowed zones.	4% Not important	39% Important	51% Very important	6% No opinion
Increase the separation between industrial/commercial uses and residential uses.	14% Not important	38% Important	34% Very important	14% No opinion
Decrease the separation requirements between industrial/commercial uses and residential uses.	58% Not important	10% Important	9% Very important	23% No opinion
Working farms	5% Not important	46% Important	42% Very important	7% No opinion
Forested areas	1% Not important	24% Important	74% Very important	1% No opinion
Open fields, pastures and meadows	2% Not important	31% Important	64% Very important	2% No opinion
Land suitable for wildlife habitat	1% Not important	28% Important	70% Very important	2% No opinion
Healthy wetlands, streams, and ponds	2% Not important	22% Important	75% Very important	1% No opinion

	Not important	Important	Very important	No opinion
Drinkable water	1% Not important	9% Important	90% Very important	1% No opinion
Antique houses and barns	10% Not important	45% Important	33% Very important	11% No opinion
Maintaining historic public buildings	3% Not important	42% Important	50% Very important	4% No opinion
Old stone walls	9% Not important	39% Important	44% Very important	8% No opinion
Allowing a mixture of uses throughout town (residential, businesses, commercial or industrial)	27% Not important	43% Important	16% Very important	14% No opinion
Maintaining treelined streets and scenic roads	2% Not important	28% Important	68% Very important	2% No opinion

687 respondents

Land suitable for wildlife habitat is especially important for endangered species like cotton tail rabbit; crucial to decrease iron in H2O

10 days ago

Pertaining to mixed-use, commercial and industrial development - don't know current zoning rules.

13 days ago

Small town feel with nod to history

21 days ago

The traditional new England home town feel.

21 days ago

Small town feel

21 days ago

I dont agree to allowing commercial residential being mixed or decreasing soace between them and residential.

21 days ago

Small town feel. Rural setting yet close to amenities.

21 days ago

Preserve the past and our beautiful open spaces

21 days ago

Hometown, quiet feel with friendly residents and feeling safe because of low crime.

21 days ago

Trails, fields for activities, nice moderate commercial streets, DON'T WANT SALEM - - else I'd move there, MODERATE WATER USE and LIMIT HOME BUILDING

21 days ago

Small town feel

21 days ago

town conservation trails.

22 days ago

Maintaining trees and other natural features of the town is a top priority. And do not allow excessive paving around businesses unless in an industrial park.

For example the new storage area on Rte. 111 is very ugly and unsightly...too big... I don't know how it was approved. Need to look at zoning that allowed this. When we moved here, our friends and family said, oh, Hampstead is such a pretty town. Let's keep it that way.

22 days ago

22 days ago

I think its important to keep Hampstead's rural feel and not let it get too developed.

22 days ago

I believe we should increase the minimum lot size for building to two acres so that Hampstead does not become overbuilt for our water supply, infrastructure, our school system and our space between homes within neighborhoods.

22 days ago

A country feel with town friendly feel & safety.

22 days ago

Keeping it countryfied

22 days ago

I enjoy the natural feel of the community; the tree lined roads, the space between houses. I LOVE the conservation trail system and use it almost daily. I feel lucky as I am very close with ALL my neighbors....every single one on my street.... Most of which have been residence of Hampstead for over 30 years. I feel safe, happy and love this town.

.... And I can't forget the civic sports... That has been a tremendous experience for my family.

22 days ago

It's important to maintain the "rural ness" of the town. No more storage facilities! Keep the conservation areas. Sidewalks!!! And walking/running paved trails are a must.

22 days ago

Its close to everything, but is woodsy. I'd hate to see too much development happen. I love the conservation area, but it isn't well marked for hunting/no hunting areas. That question comes up alot- as people don't realize there is hunting there (the conservation pamphlets state no hunting, which is not correct. I'm not against hunting, but I think it needs to be better marked somehow. The Atkinson trails now have signs up about wearing orange.

22 days ago

That there are no walmarts or fast food places its mostly residential

22 days ago

The small town feel. Move to Manchester or Nashua if you want to live in a city.

22 days ago

conservation trails, in-home businesses, antique homes

23 days ago

It is very important to manage the amount of light pollution. Hampstead should adopt recommendations of the International Dark-Sky Association for lighting.

23 days ago

Schools and community organizations.

23 days ago

Love that we have ponds and forest,

23 days ago

We certainly don't need any more donut shops or gas stations but I support addition of restaurants with outdoor seating - ideally locally owned so to speak vs chains as well as any other retail type establishments. Be nice to have a farmers market. I also don't think we need more storage units. Don't want to see 111 turn into 125 plaistow though i do support additional establishments.

23 days ago

What I love about Hampstead is it's old town feel.

23 days ago

Small town feel with convenient access to basic needs and good schools

23 days ago

Bedroom community Neighborhood character but separate from business areas.

23 days ago

The most important feature is it's small picturesque feel with lots of trees, ponds, waters and wild life

23 days ago

I love eating outside, wish we had more options. I dislike the amount of storage facilities there are.

23 days ago

Small town feel. It's not a cheap town and I'd like to keep it that way. Don't make us too big. Stop building

23 days ago

Rural land, single dwelling currently homes, keeping the small town feel.

23 days ago

Its important to make logical planning decisions and maintain balance. That's not usually something you can regulate into place. It's dependent on having good people in decision making positions.

23 days ago

Hampstead's classic, historic New England atmosphere is not only important but vital to its ability to thrive and improve its chances to continue existing.

23 days ago

Small dark quiet town

23 days ago

A wooded tree line second small town .

23 days ago

People should be able to do what they want on property they own without permission.

23 days ago

Too many storage facilities in area

23 days ago

I like the small-town feel and how the majority of commercial land is on the "outskirts" if you will, or along 111. It's nice being able to see the sky at night.

23 days ago

Important to keep neighbors, residential zones quiet while allowing Route 111 and other major areas to be developed for appropriate commercial use.

23 days ago

Control of population density

24 days ago

Clean air, safe neighborhoods.

24 days ago

From the town's website: "Hampstead, NH is rich in history and often described as a picture postcard town with an elegant historic Main Street, characterized by antique Colonial homes." No longer is this town a picture postcard town with multiple large industrial/commercial businesses - storage facilities, lumber, trailer sales, etc. - as well as condo. We are just like any other town around us with overly built-up commercial businesses and condos. It is sad.

24 days ago

Maintaining Hampstead roots and keeping development low

24 days ago

I believe that the natural spaces - including their cleanliness and maintenance - are essential elements of Hampstead. This should not be a heavily commercial town; there are plenty of strip malls already in Derry and Plaistow. I would prefer that the town's land is used for residential and conservation spaces as much as possible, with a intentional effort made to maintain the existing natural space.

I would also really like to see the town do something about cleaning up public spaces, such as the sides of road. There is an enormous amount of trash on the road sides, particularly around Wash Pond, Kent Farm Road, and West Road.

24 days ago

Small town feel but still close to shops

24 days ago

history

24 days ago

Keeping the roads safe and the historic parts of town in good shape for all to see

24 days ago

To keep more wooded areas and less commercial and and developments.

24 days ago

Keeping it green and open with a rural feel. Anything put turning into Plaistow.

24 days ago

We moved to this area because of the feel of the town and really don't commercial business. No Starbucks or Market Basket type places.

24 days ago

Small town vibe.

25 days ago

The charm of the town is everything , and I feel like we are falling behind Chester in Atkinson on main st

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25 days ago

Would like the town to keep its small town appeal

25 days ago

The quality of our drinking water and our lakes

26 days ago

There should be a public shooting range in town and it should be the only place where people be allowed to use their firearms instead of in their backyards all over town.

26 days ago

I love the accessibility to wetland areas for wildlife viewing, the conservation trails and the historic homes in town. There needs to be better consideration for water usage and accessibility when building in town.

26 days ago

we could use another Supermarket and a quality Mexican restaurant

26 days ago

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26 days ago

Not fond of this question. Choices do not clearly reflect opinion. Some appear tricky. For example if I say land suitable for wildlife habitat is important will that create extreme rules to protect obscure wildlife? What is your intention regarding this and other questions. That is what needs to be made clear.

27 days ago

Maintaining the quaint town feel is very important. Thus, having too much commercially owned businesses will detract from that. Also, the more the area is built up the more our biggest resource, water, will be affected. EVERYBODY is entitled to easy access to drinking water. Making this even more possible, especially after the last few years of uncovering the deficiencies in this area, should be of utmost importance in planning our town moving forward.

27 days ago

The historic aspect, create an historic neighborhood designation

27 days ago

Stop the building of new homes and developments

28 days ago

Wonderful neighborhoods with houses with various prices. Not just developments with very expensive homes that our young people can't afford.

28 days ago

I think its important for Hampstead to stay pretty much the way it is with some expansion. If we wanted to live in a congested area we would have bought in one

28 days ago

Hampstead seems to have a good balance of limited commercial/industrial and considerable conservation forest land -- leave the commercial growth to neighboring towns like Salem. There is also solid respect for Hampstead town history.

28 days ago

Natural beauty

28 days ago

Rural town feel.

28 days ago

Hampstead history

28 days ago

The historical look to our older homes and new homes without cluster developments and neighborhoods. I do not want commercial growth, storage units, car dealerships around me...make businesses have buildings that blend with our town...not stand out.

29 days ago

Small town look, stone walls, barns, trees

29 days ago

The forested feel on streets in town including depot, west road, and Emerson

29 days ago

Good schools which leads to increased home value.

29 days ago

One of the reasons that brought me to Hampstead is the forest and trees. I loved the hometown feel. I think it would important to keep local businesses a priority and to maintain our forests and farms. .

29 days ago

Keep small businesses but also would like a market basket

29 days ago

Keep spaces of forest/fields open, and don't let developers cram a house into every "available" space. Limit the size of political signs, they seem to get bigger every year and in some spots can make for a traffic hazard if views are blocked at intersections.

29 days ago

Hampstead hasn't fallen prey to the rogue developer who buys up a whole strip and puts in contractor specials every 200 yards

29 days ago

The conservation land

29 days ago

Small town feel. No big stores

29 days ago

Na

29 days ago

The east and west trails are by far some of the best trails in the area and should be maintained indefinitely. I was happy with the zoning on the new road off Hadley road in East Hampstead.

29 days ago

The history that we have and the rural setting make Hampstead Hampstead

29 days ago

There are no major industrial malls and limited business, although several storage units have been allowed and I don't see that as a plus for Hampstead, taking valuable land for the sites

29 days ago

Hampstead needs to grow and stop the "small town" politics

29 days ago

The small town feel

29 days ago

Conservation trails

29 days ago

Rural yet close to stores

one month ago

small town New England feel

one month ago

Locally owned businesses- don't need more national chains.

one month ago

Small New England town

one month ago

Clean and rural

one month ago

Water, well water, drinking water, groundwater. Trees and lakes. Wish we had a nicer and maybe more developed "downtown."

one month ago

Water availability is very important -- thus I would like to see little to no further development. I do not want zoning to change to allow decreased separation between industrial/commercial uses and residential uses; nor would I like mixed use "complexes" or multi family housing increase at all.

one month ago

Quiet living

one month ago

KEEPING THE FEEL OF THE SMALL TOWN AND NOT ALLOWING WHAT IS CURRENTLY HAPPENING ON RTE 111.EMERSON. ALL THIS IS DESTROYING THE FEEL AND MAKING US IN HAMPSTEAD/EAST HAMPSTEAD TURNING INTO A PLAISTOW OR A SALEM. THIS IS NOT WHAT WE SHOULD DO.

one month ago

Rural feeling, quiet streets,

one month ago

Water!

one month ago

Town center with historic buildings and a very beneficial member - St. Anne Parish.

one month ago

keeping it a small town feel

one month ago

The services of the Cable Committee's concerts, and the services provided by the Hampstead Public Library

one month ago

It would be nice to increase the walk ability of this town. The old stone walls can be found throughout the town as the early settlers were dealing with Rocky land that they were attempting to farm. If some of these walls needed to be moved or dismantled in order to sustain a more modern lifestyle I am sure the early founders would understand.

one month ago

Varied and stable taxes and proportional balance between the schools and town services. Current the percentage of school spending a much higher percentage of the overall tax budget while the municipal side of the tax spending is sixth from the bottom in New Hampshire.

one month ago

I agree with maintaining the infrastructure of wetlands and protecting drinking water 100%. If we lose that, nothing else matters.

one month ago

It looks like the heart of NE - not the suburbs of a major city

one month ago

Thoughtful planning that preserves the safe small town residential neighborhood feel while allowing limited small businesses within individual homes. The majority of businesses in the commercially zoned areas.

one month ago

I love that it is DARK at night. I appreciate hearing the birds, frogs, and other animals in the mornings and evenings and want to maintain their habitats. I am thrilled to see wildlife in my yard. There is traffic noise in parts of the town and that will likely get worse over time - we need to be careful that road expansion does not ruin our country atmosphere (stonewalls, forests, fields, etc).

one month ago

Concerning the mixing of residential and commercial uses....Take a ride down Main Street in Plaistow...they have a very pleasing way of mixing the uses on that street. The signs are subtle and small in size and the lighting is appropriate. I think this could be the case in Hampstead along Rt 111 and the main roads.

one month ago

The small town atmosphere which is very inviting.

one month ago

It's small town atmosphere - it's very welcoming

one month ago

The quaintness, charm, history, friendliness, and beauty of the town.

one month ago

Keep the hometown feel. Keep on track with the same values that we love and live by everyday.

one month ago

No comment

one month ago

I think there is too much incursion of commercial activity into residential areas. The ZBA has been weak on protecting residential owners from suffering the impacts of home businesses that are allowed to deviate from the terms of their designation.

one month ago

We are a bedroom community. We have easy access to big box stores in Derry, Salem and Plaistow, there is no need for that kind of commercial growth here. Our Main St. is charming and a plus.

one month ago

Maintaining the quality of ponds and streams limiting impact on those limiting size of boat engines on bodies of water under 300 acres to something reasonable eg 50HP and lower or even electric only

one month ago

The town hasn't added any large commercial businesses (like Walmart or other superstores). Hopefully they will not.

one month ago

Trees and lakes

one month ago

There is too much land in conservation. People need a place to live.

one month ago

Sunset Lake & Big Island Pond

one month ago

It's history and traditions

one month ago

Small hometown feel but close to major highways

one month ago

Stop the tiny townhouse developments with no frontage, backyard, highway entrance ramps.

one month ago

You asked a lot of questions about mixed land use - it needs to be flexible. Heavy commercial should be kept along 111, light commercial along 111, 121 and in the existing industrial "parks". In home businesses need to be sensitive to the surrounding neighborhoods.

one month ago

Hampstead feels like country living but is located close to the cities.

one month ago

Stop building more houses particularly multi-family houses like duplexes, condos and apartments

one month ago

Keeping the small town feel.

one month ago

It's historic New England feel.

one month ago

Maintaining the colonial feel of Main Street and parts of East Hampstead. I think limiting developments and keeping the land healthy for wild life is important too.

one month ago

I want Hampstead to preserve the historic features, homes, woods, rural feel that attracted me to Hampstead 30 years ago. I would like to see the housing developments be limited to preserve the quaintness and our water supply. Although currently not effected by the water issue we face, I am concerned for the great impact we are facing.

one month ago

To keep the town landscaping presentable

one month ago

The natural beauty is leaving this town so quickly. It is not the same place we move here to.

one month ago

All of the above

one month ago

Access to lakes and ponds, the town beach. Conservation trails.

one month ago

Preserving our natural features while maintaining a pragmatism towards changes and new businesses.

one month ago

THE SMALL TOWN FEEL, AND NOT BEING OVERRUN BY OUT OF STATE DEVELOPERS

one month ago

Charm. Our lake. Protecting our drinking water !

one month ago

Too much new building everywhere.

one month ago

The town center. I love the small town feeling.

one month ago

Small New England Town feel, but with access to businesses and services

one month ago

Don't let Hampstead turn into Salem.

one month ago

Separating industrial/commercial and residential, along with healthy wetlands, streams, & ponds to insure drinkable water.

one month ago

Continue more activities for families !

one month ago

Continue the activities for children

one month ago

Rural community feeling and openness.

one month ago

The richness in history needs to be protected. development needs to be curtailed to protect the farmlands, forestry and wetlands

one month ago

Hampstead is a great mix of modern convenience and traditional New England feel. I'm especially fond of the commitment to conservation.

one month ago

We need to keep what looks good looking good. Very few towns have the forest areas and lakes that Hampstead has but also such a good thriving commercial sector without being over done. I would like to keep those sectors separate but not to the extent of creating a strict business environment that drives down the price of houses adjacent to it because those houses are too close to commercial areas.

one month ago

Hampstead is good the way it is. Please put the money you would use to do anything else into the school system. Not the superintendent, the schools.

one month ago

History

one month ago

All the zoning requirements should be equally applied no matter if it's Hampstead or East Hampstead!

one month ago

Love the old barns and farming properties

one month ago

Driving down main street on a June day is why I moved here. The stone walls, antique homes all well cared for. The local restaurant and gas station clustered together. It's very attractive. (I wish there were a couple of more businesses in that cluster)

one month ago

n/a

one month ago

An important feature of Hampstead is the reputation of the schools. The town should do whatever it can to preserve that reputation and continue it into the future. There are many conservation areas in Hampstead, these should be preserved and additional locations added when they become available. What Hampstead does not need is another housing development. I am also concerned about drinking water for the town. Hampstead Area Water Company should be held accountable for any damage they have caused and cease operating their numerous wells and taking our water.

one month ago

Small town feel, quiet with family feel.

one month ago

town forest.

one month ago

stop building and stealing the town water!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

one month ago

Most definitely one of the most important perks of Hampstead lies in its protected land, its home owner land and open space...and its New England charm that includes its historic buildings in tact and maintained. The rural nature of it is exactly what attracted us to Hampstead 21 years ago. I'd not be able to stay if it ever became the land of the strip mall and house on top of house in packed neigh or and no land to roam around in.

one month ago

Sidewalks would be much safer with the excessive speeding of cars around town.

one month ago

Keep the small town, rural feel. Don't over develop, over populate and take away what Hampstead has.

one month ago

Hampstead is a beautiful town mixed with history and a small town feel

one month ago

It is important to me that Hampstead always feel as though there is space to take a deep breathe. Room for trees and grass and critters to thrive alongside the people.

one month ago

Keeping the rural aspect of the town and actively protecting against commercial or specialty housing(multi-family, 55+ etc...)

one month ago

Keeping lot sizes and setbacks are very important.

one month ago

Hampstead is a lovely town because of the trees, trails, and wide spacing of homes.

one month ago

I like That it feels like a small town.

one month ago

Love the small hometime feel.

one month ago

Home businesses are fine but commercial use in residential and recreational zones should not be allowed.

one month ago

Maintain natural beauty- historic buildings- but don't be afraid of progression.

one month ago

The trees

one month ago

To maintain the hometown feel without being over built

one month ago

Schools, need more investing

one month ago

Our beautiful tree lined streets and old well maintained buildings stand out.

one month ago

Moving here 30 years ago was the best decision we made! I did expect growth but I do not think we have attracted commercial businesses at the rate needed to support all the important services needed.

one month ago

How well buffered the residential neighborhoods are from industrial and large commercial areas.

one month ago

I like the country feel, but also feel people should be able to do what they want on their own land with minimal restrictions.

one month ago

We think its most important for us to focus on the sustainable and responsible use of our land and natural resources. Keep our wetlands and wildlife protected. Protect and conserve our groundwater.

one month ago

Save the land and water, keep it rural. Be one town not hampstead first and other parts second

one month ago

Zoning that allows the parking/living of tiny homes in town

one month ago

I do not want the town to become overly commercialized

one month ago

My family moved to hampstead for the school system and a small town feel to raise our family. We moved a city with many people, apartment complexes and huge amounts of traffic. We came here to specifically leave that environment. Please keep our town small

one month ago

Rural, and residential, not commercial

one month ago

I feel what is most important is the space & use of land here in Hampstead. We are overbuilding our residential yet not expanding our commercial spaces . Too many gas stations, dunkin donuts & storage unit buildings along with apartment complexes and we lack at the one grocery store in town. Most of our businesses here in town are owned by monopolies which own multiple plazas & businesses. It seems when people do not want something it is always approved regardless of what the people want even if it does not benefit the town or isn't good for the town. We need to do better for our town & we need to add some business to benefit the people besides eating establishments , gas & coffee . I fear most of the space on 111 has been used to put in neighborhoods & has taken the space away from any real business options. For example there is no space for another grocery store option . 111 is the perfect compromise to keep the town in it's natural state along main street & in the rural areas & still be able to have some business revenue & services for the people of the town & surrounding small towns. Much of the space that has been used are all businesses that really do not benefit the people or draw in customers. How many metal commercial buildings can you have that offer nothing in terms of shopping or necessity to the people who reside here?

one month ago

Small town feel. Not a lot of traffic on our roads and not having a ton of stores/ restaurants

one month ago

I would love if Hampstead was accessible by sidewalk. I think it would be safer for kids and families would love to be able to walk around downtown safely

one month ago

We should keep natural areas and a uniform look for town.

one month ago

Love that there are local family businesses Neighbors supporting neighbors. Brings a sense of community. Like the open country feel and conservation lands. Do not like ugly conglomerate businesses in our town.... Concerned 111 will end up line 125 in plaistow.

one month ago

Continue to monitor water situation and make sure everyone has enough water to go with all the new construction.

one month ago

I want to maintain a small town that values natural resources

one month ago

Ensuring that it doesn't turn into Massachusetts

one month ago

Green space. Not over developed. I feel as though the mix now suits the town well.

one month ago

Town center, restrained signage, old buildings

one month ago

The small town look

one month ago

I prefer to maintain current zoning, and architectural feel of the town. Maintain the tree lined rural feel with appealing single family homes.

one month ago

Conservation area and parks

one month ago

We need to be reasonable about business use, but it has to be done without ruining the look and feel of the town. We have a jewel of of place, which is unfortunately going the way of Salem. Again, no more storage places. Enhance the town with services, and keep development in check

one month ago

A rural feel to the town with convenience of shopping near by

one month ago

small hometown feel, lots of green space, limit building and commercializing. plenty of space for wildlife, stop pushing wildlife into family yards etc. Pride in schools, quality education = quality buildings.

one month ago

Keep thing norm but bring in better commercial not storage facility

one month ago

I love our forests and conservation land - I do NOT want to see more development than we already have. I would like to see our land preserved, and our small-town feel remain. But I would love to have sidewalks added, as people drive way too fast around town and trying to take a walk/bike ride with your family is literally taking your life into your hands

one month ago

Two top reasons for moving here were schools and conservation land. Keeping these current, safe and protected are of high importance to me. After moving and learning about water issues I would say water is also a top priority.

one month ago

Small town feel

one month ago

The rural, small-town New England feel and aesthetic.

one month ago

Maintain a small town feel

one month ago

We can keep the small town feel while still making it a place for small and medium businesses to thrive.

one month ago

Small town feel without the big city input. This is not MA and should never be turned into anything resembling that awful state

one month ago

Keep the quaintness of our town

one month ago

The small town feel is very important to our town. However there needs to be Town center that is vibrant, accessible and contains businesses and public buildings that are used and needed.

one month ago

Like the feel of the New England town rather than Rt 125 in Plaistow or RT 28 in Salem.

one month ago

Maintaining open space is very important

one month ago

Community spirit

one month ago

If some one wants to run a business on there property they should be allowed to.

one month ago

I feel we are blessed with the town forest, the town beach, our trail system, our recreational fields, and our parks.

one month ago

Keep rural and traditional feel

one month ago

5. How satisfied are you with each of the following aspects of Hampstead?

	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Neutral	Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied
Affordability of housing	5% Very Satisfied	33% Satisfied	37% Neutral	21% Dissatisfied	4% Very Dissatisfied
Adequacy of street lighting	12% Very Satisfied	44% Satisfied	26% Neutral	16% Dissatisfied	3% Very Dissatisfied
Quality of of road maintenance	12% Very Satisfied	56% Satisfied	18% Neutral	12% Dissatisfied	2% Very Dissatisfied
Traffic on state roads	5% Very Satisfied	43% Satisfied	26% Neutral	20% Dissatisfied	5% Very Dissatisfied
Traffic on local roads	8% Very Satisfied	56% Satisfied	24% Neutral	10% Dissatisfied	3% Very Dissatisfied
Traffic speed	6% Very Satisfied	42% Satisfied	21% Neutral	22% Dissatisfied	9% Very Dissatisfied
Appearance of business signs	6% Very Satisfied	51% Satisfied	35% Neutral	7% Dissatisfied	1% Very Dissatisfied
The appearance of the Town Common	23% Very Satisfied	62% Satisfied	11% Neutral	2% Dissatisfied	- Very Dissatisfied
Emergency services response time	25% Very Satisfied	41% Satisfied	30% Neutral	3% Dissatisfied	1% Very Dissatisfied
Control of road noise (i.e.motorcycle or truck noise)	5% Very Satisfied	34% Satisfied	30% Neutral	19% Dissatisfied	13% Very Dissatisfied
Overall noise impacts	6% Very Satisfied	36% Satisfied	33% Neutral	18% Dissatisfied	7% Very Dissatisfied
Trash and recycling pick up	30% Very Satisfied	56% Satisfied	7% Neutral	5% Dissatisfied	1% Very Dissatisfied
Household hazardous waste collections	12% Very Satisfied	45% Satisfied	30% Neutral	12% Dissatisfied	2% Very Dissatisfied
Snow removal from roadways	20% Very Satisfied	55% Satisfied	14% Neutral	10% Dissatisfied	2% Very Dissatisfied

	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Neutral	Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied
Removal of roadside litter	9% Very Satisfied	47% Satisfied	22% Neutral	18% Dissatisfied	3% Very Dissatisfied
Ordway Nature Park	23% Very Satisfied	43% Satisfied	32% Neutral	1% Dissatisfied	1% Very Dissatisfied
Shop Pond Park	17% Very Satisfied	48% Satisfied	32% Neutral	2% Dissatisfied	1% Very Dissatisfied
Conservation and Recreational Trails	34% Very Satisfied	46% Satisfied	17% Neutral	2% Dissatisfied	- Very Dissatisfied
Cemetery Care	14% Very Satisfied	44% Satisfied	41% Neutral	1% Dissatisfied	1% Very Dissatisfied
Local Playgrounds	19% Very Satisfied	51% Satisfied	27% Neutral	3% Dissatisfied	- Very Dissatisfied
Town Gym	6% Very Satisfied	31% Satisfied	54% Neutral	7% Dissatisfied	2% Very Dissatisfied
Town Beach	7% Very Satisfied	36% Satisfied	45% Neutral	12% Dissatisfied	1% Very Dissatisfied
Town Sports Fields	20% Very Satisfied	50% Satisfied	29% Neutral	1% Dissatisfied	- Very Dissatisfied
Senior Activities and Programs	4% Very Satisfied	17% Satisfied	72% Neutral	5% Dissatisfied	2% Very Dissatisfied
Senior Services	4% Very Satisfied	16% Satisfied	73% Neutral	5% Dissatisfied	2% Very Dissatisfied

652 respondents

Hospital options need to increase, police target practice shooting needs to be after 8am, bins for trash and recycling pickup that are visible on properties detract from the town aesthetics - very unsightly, Removal of roadside litter could improve, especially in the Spring, I would use trails if they were tar surface for safety, Cemetery walls need maintenance as it is the first thing seen going to the cemetery, Have never seen hours open, cost of services available etc. for Town Gym; We need a senior center and lots of activities (health and fun) locally at low cost ; need to keep lines painted on roads.

10 days ago

Pertaining to 'control of road noise' add motorboats, leaf blowers, mowers.

13 days ago

The upkeep around town seems to be very satisfactory. The playground near the tennis courts needs to be completely redone. That way parents can utilize tennis courts and kids can be entertained. It would also be great to have an awning at the town beach to provide more shade. We love our library and the activities. I am not a senior but I would like to see a senior center in the coming years that have day activities/trips planned. I feel most senior activities are currently at the library. We need to spend town money on all ages, this is very important. I also think in the future we may want to think about more sidewalks down main roads, eg. Main st.

21 days ago

It is unclear how to gain access to the town gym, and whether it is reservation only. The town beach is in need of maintenance. The conservation trails after nice.

21 days ago

Overall pretty good but speed , traffic some issues. Motorbikes with kids riding the streets has gotten out of hand.

21 days ago

Treating Rt. 111 for ice in the mornings could use MUCH improvement. I can always tell when I leave Hampstead because the road is always in better condition out of town.

21 days ago

Need more senior activities and a part time senior coordinator.
Some roads have not been resurfaced in 40 years.

22 days ago

I haven't learned much about senior services in my 3 years here. Most everything else is good.

22 days ago

The conservation trails are overrun with bike riders. They are ripping the trails up and creating new trails through areas that should be left untouched. At one place, they have removed part of a historic stone wall. They have worn away the soil on the trails so that all of the tree roots are exposed and a huge trip hazard. Recently, I was walking on trails and a bike came so fast, they hit me in the back. It is a shame that a beautiful area is being allowed to be destroyed like this.

22 days ago

Open transfer station every weekend. Boat launch at beach. Island pond access.

22 days ago

Emergency service response time is not accurate if you do not have adequate staffing
Hazardous waste days should occur more often and dump should be open more often and could be done with current staffing model just reallocate priorities
Motorcycle and illegal exhaust issues have grown dramatically in past few months with no substantial follow through- less verbal warnings and more monetary fines

22 days ago

Taxes in Hampstead are too high. There isn't updated schools or fire departments or updated buildings

22 days ago

I find Hampstead like the villages of the 50's. People are friendly, helpful and generous.

22 days ago

Our road is never plowed.

22 days ago

Roadside litter-is a problem, although I think residents do try to pick it up. I wish people wouldn't litter. Route 111 is tough sometimes. To get from West Road via 111 to the library intersection anytime after 4 is horrible.

22 days ago

I never see anyone using Ordway park.and secondary roads take a while to be plowed

22 days ago

Why are obnoxious Harley's and trucks allowed on the road? I watched an episode of North Woods Law (a show following NH Fish and Game officers) where a dirt bike rider was issued a ticket for a modified exhaust when he was deep in the woods, yet I have straight piped Harley's and modified trucks flying by my house all night waking up my family? This needs to stop.

22 days ago

There has been no police presence on Main Street for a long time and Main Street is a race track with most vehicles going way over the speed limit. Modified mufflers on motorcycles, trucks, and cars should be illegal and speeders should be constantly ticketed to prevent speeding. It sounds like bombs going off with modified cars going down the road. It is reprehensible and unhealthy. We both work at home and are considering moving because of the noise.

22 days ago

Holiday lane baseball fields have never been kept up by town, only volunteers from hasb. Town should put some money into those fields.

23 days ago

When changing trash companies we are only left with one barrel it would be nice to have a second included for larger families without having to pay a fee

23 days ago

If by town gym you mean memorial gym it's good happy to have it. Convenient. Parking a little crowded but ok. Bathrooms in basement could use work.

Re litter in town roads 121A near Hampstead Sandown line didn't get attention this year.

23 days ago

I would like to see more traffic enforcement on back and side roads. Speeding cars and loud exhaust pipes are becoming a problem/danger for people walking and for kids on bikes. We have a noise ordinance that doesn't seem to be enforced!?!

23 days ago

Scenic and natural areas are good. Some facilities could use updating.

23 days ago

Would prefer no new bright neon signs be put in front of businesses. The conservation area trails have improved tremendously over the years now with ample trail markers and map. Great job! The Town Beach appears to be eroding, not sure what can be done.

23 days ago

Would be nice if the boat launch was not at town beach. No dogs allowed.

23 days ago

Having my mom live with me , we found there wasn't enough for our seniors. We would have to sign up for trips and hope we got there early enough to actually be able to sign up. If we didn't get there before the "regulars" who are parked outside hours before, we were never able to sign up.

23 days ago

Overall I'm satisfied with all aspects above, I do not know enough about senior services to comment

23 days ago

The beach should be expanded, made so that only permitted people use it so there is accountability, maybe make it deeper.

23 days ago

The trails are great. I've never had to use emergency services or senior services. The beach could use more sand. I wish noise ordinances were enforced better. Late night fireworks after 10 can be a drag

23 days ago

The trash pick up is not flexible or adaptable. All the playgrounds seem to be on the far west side of town

23 days ago

Not a fan of the people the car shops bring around off of Kent farm road

23 days ago

Plowing has always been an issue for me because the snow plows tear up the edge of my yard every storm and every spring we have to fix it . They come way too close to my property . Also since I live in Main Street there is always a lot of trash from either the collection trucks or rude people tossing out garbage again I have to pick it up constantly

23 days ago

It's problematic that there are no avenues for additional trash for one-off events (like colored bags or stickers).

23 days ago

I see quite a bit speeding along Maple Ave and always on East Road. I'd like to see more enforcement of speed on our roads.

24 days ago

I live in East Hampstead on Pillsbury Rd just before the Sandown town line. I pay my taxes to the town of Hampstead but the Rd is upkept by Sandown. The road in front of my house is TERRIBLE had been in need of replacement for some time yet Sandown Rd dept just continues to half a\$\$ patch it.

24 days ago

The noise due to construction/destruction of forests has increased dramatically in the last 20 years. Plus the allowance for vehicles with loud exhausts has been tolerated. Hampstead is no longer an ideal rural town with the destruction of forests, which dampened noise, and increased through-traffic going well over the speed limit.

24 days ago

Overall, I think the town is beautiful. The two biggest issues I see daily are the speed of traffic on Main Street, and on some of the roads directly off (Kent Farm, Emerson, etc.) and the amount of litter on the side of roads around town (much of which is beer cans or alcohol nips, which suggests people are driving while intoxicated, too fast, and throwing things out their windows).

24 days ago

High taxes.

24 days ago

It would be nice if there were public restrooms bf the depot fields park. Lots of young children have trouble going to the bathroom in outhouses!

24 days ago

Loud motorcycles ripping up and down Old Johnson Road is rather unpleasant

24 days ago

The town does an amazing job with the maintenance of the roads and snow removal.

24 days ago

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25 days ago

Loud motorcycles and cars disrupt my life on a daily basis. Windows rattle, conversations stop, and/or I am unable to concentrate on whatever I was doing. This has a serious impact on the quality of life in Hampstead.

25 days ago

Wish we had an option for occasional extra trash

Wish these questions has does not apply or never used option I used neutral sometimes to mean I'm neither satisfied nor dissatisfied on items that I feel could use improvement and then I used neutral in things that I had never used since nothing else fit

26 days ago

The roads could use better maintenance, especially after getting torn up in the winter, the snow clearing could do better with clearing the entire road. There needs to be major improvement in control of noise and people who ride ATVs and other recreational vehicles on public roads illegally. Also, in the coming years, we need charging stations for electric cars in town.

26 days ago

I would like to see more recreational activities for middle school age students.

26 days ago

I think more could be done for seniors in town

26 days ago

I hope that Seniors in town have regular communication to let them know about State Service agencies that help them stay in their homes as long as possible.

27 days ago

Love what the garden club does around town! Would like less speeding on all roads.

27 days ago

Poor snow clearance

28 days ago

Snow removal can vary storm to storm depending on which truck/driver is doing my neighborhood on any given day.

28 days ago

I dont know of any transportation services for elderly in Hampstead, but would be willing to help

28 days ago

Don't feel enough is done to curd loud vehicle noise especially motorcycles

28 days ago

Increased street lighting (LED in particular) is destroying the night sky in many places -- Hampstead should strive to keep this to a minimum. Road maintenance is adequate on major roads, but the town tends to let secondary, lakeside, etc. roads deteriorate too far before addressing. The town gym should be torn down and a new community center built to replace -- I grew up in a low-income lakes region town of ~3000, and their community center (and rec program) puts Hampstead's to shame.

28 days ago

Nothing really to add here.

28 days ago

I strongly dislike that my neighbor has free range chickens and the animal control officer is accepting of this. Such animals should be farm only -not small residential neighborhood.

28 days ago

The amount of trash and recycling allowed is unreasonable

29 days ago

What Town Common?????? Conservation trails continue to be poorly marked. Motorcycle noise is horrible when are we going to enforce the decibel limit ? Any car with mufflers as loud as motorcycles would NEVER pass inspection and would be pulled over and ticketed.

29 days ago

The motorcycle noise has increased considerably quite a bit in the last few years.

29 days ago

More sand at town beach is needed.

29 days ago

Transfer Station needs to be open more than once a month and we should be able to buy a sticker there...

29 days ago

The town beach is gross. Glass, gross sand, trash. It's hours be for Hampstead residents only.

29 days ago

Road noise and traffic is a major issue on Main St. Motorcycles use it as a drag strip at all hours.

29 days ago

Need a bathroom at town beach

29 days ago

Conservation land bridges are falling apart, walking trails need work, never cleaned up lately, lots of rotten trees near private land ready to fall down, taxes are outrageous, there should be sidewalks on central street very very dangerous to walk on. No street lights in neighborhoods, open more businesses such as stores and restaurants on 111, a lot of side streets need to be repaved

29 days ago

Town areas are well taken care of

29 days ago

111 has become extremely noisy. I used to be able to sit out at night and have peace and quiet, now all I hear is motorcycles and trucks on 111. The afternoon traffic is ridiculous!!!

29 days ago

Na

29 days ago

I would ask what senior services. There is no place for seniors to meet. The senior program trips are pathetically poor. Attendance at the event is limited to residents only . Not conducive to participation as most of us have friends in other towns. Atkinson has an open policy for trips. What senior services are offered in Hampstead. That information must be top secret.

29 days ago

Housing is too high

29 days ago

Noise from Sandown Shore Campground can be loud, town gym should have open recreation hours (with the website being readable/understandable), I'd like to not have to pay to RECYCLE electronics.

one month ago

Can we please change the name of Buttrick Rd???

one month ago

one month ago

Litter is a terrible and seems to be systemic problem with certain people who think this is ok. I would love to see more proactive approach to anti-littering that is blighting our beautiful town roads. Consider putting up many more signs to help discourage littering especially helping people understand about cigarette butts. Placing signs that are positive and negative such as \$100 fines for littering.

one month ago

I love this town

one month ago

THE SPEED ON ROADS SUCH AS EAST MAIN STREET(IE 121A ARE \GOING TOOOO FAST. THERE ARE MANY NEW FAMILIES ON THIS ROAD NOW AND MANY CLOSE CALLS ON PEOPLE AND CARS GETTING HIT. KIDS AND ANIMALS ARE EVERYWHERE AND WE DO NOT SEE MUCH BEING DONE TO SLOW DOWN THE SPEED.

one month ago

You need to increase services for seniors or give them a property tax break.

one month ago

Do Not Build any more houses!

one month ago

There is no Community Center. This is needed - especially for seniors.

one month ago

It would be nice to increase the walk-ability of this town. We have several well-maintained conservation trails but most require cars in order to get to them. The town center is not designed properly for ease of walking access. We have a middle school and an elementary school that require bussing for a local field trips (preschool has gotten bused in the past to Toss N Sauce) and trails that could be utilized for additional local ecosystem learning that are not accessible because of lack of crosswalks. Walking is a healthy recreational activity, there is a trail head through the cemetery in the center of town that many residence could walk to access should we make the center of town more accessible to pedestrians. There are also many opportunities for walking to fishing areas & small shops where bait can be purchased if only we could get a safer walking environment for the Main Street area. We do live in a picture postcard town so it would be nice to experience it at a slower pace. When there are pedestrians it does add additional security to the area as well as people generally look out for each other. It also increases a healthier life balance and people get to know their neighbors and their neighborhoods better.

Wouldn't you like to see a group of teenagers riding their bikes with their fishing rods to go fishing rather than staying inside their homes playing video games? Or even riding bikes to go play tennis or access the outdoor basketball courts?

It's unfortunate that in this small town we are so heavily dependent upon motor vehicle transportation. We don't need to be and we can increase overall quality of life by promoting more foot traffic and decreasing the need for police details at events, parking concerns, as well as road traffic.

one month ago

More town beaches, snack stand at town beach, kayaks or sup rentals

one month ago

The traffic and noise on Route 111 has increased over the last decade. It has become more difficult to commute home with all the lights and cars turning into businesses west of Central Street.

one month ago

Have not utilized most.

one month ago

We are fortunate to have so many public resources and services

one month ago

Having only been here two years with one of them during COVID, I still have much to learn and experience about the town.

one month ago

I do not think we have much control over the affordability of housing...it is a market thing...right now it is wildly expensive. The Planning Board has had numerous requests to allow inlaw type housing...they need to be very careful to ensure the septs are adequate to support the increase... safeguarding well water is the main concern of everyone right now. Traffic on Tr 121 and Rt 111 is very heavy and this was predicted in the state regional planning years and years ago...yet the Board of Adjustment has allowed several new businesses to expand further than the allowed the set back requirements of Rt111...ie the gas station at Rt111 & 121. The state may choose to widen the road in the near future and this will have an impact on how close the business will be to traffic. There are several intersections in town that are problematic...At Rt111 and Emerson there should be a turning lane to access Emerson from Rt 111... The intersection at Rt121A and Rt111 is a nightmare...

one month ago

I don't feel that resources like the Gym, beach, sports fields, etc. are accessible to all. It seems that you have to be part of THE or AN "in-crowd" to be able to use or participate, or even find out what goes on in those places. As for Senior programs and services, I am not old enough (yet) to take advantage of those. It would be great to have hazardous waste be a third barrel or more centrally located, more frequent. It would be great to say add a small container to my regular containers for routine hazardous waste like lithium batteries or other non-liquid wastes.

one month ago

In reference to commercial trucking, the noise and volume of traffic is too much. We need to start enforcing spring time trucking restrictions on Kent Farm Road and Depot Road. As far as affordable housing, we are negatively impacted by people from Massachusetts moving here and driving up home prices. Problem is the non town residents move here, only stay for 3-5 years before they leave for another state, thus driving up property taxes and home values exponentially. It would be best if we did not allow any more 55+ communities to be built due to this very problem.

one month ago

I like the public spaces we have for our town. The parks, trails, playgrounds, tennis courts, basketball courts, use of memorial gym etc. I do wish we could update the playground behind the memorial gym for the younger kids in town.

one month ago

No comment

one month ago

Seniors have no transportation and have no activities to keep them busy

one month ago

The quality of life in town is suffering from traffic volume growth and excessive vehicles speeds as well as vehicles that clearly are operating exhaust systems that are not in compliance with state motor vehicle inspections. This creates ambient noise and decreasing air quality. There is also too much commercial truck traffic travelling well above posted speed limits.

one month ago

Speeding and motorcycle noise on Rt. 111 between stop lights at Rt. 121 and East Road is brutal. I'm sure it is all along Rt 111, but I can personally attest to this particular stretch - it's year round - 24/7. Very rarely see any enforcement at typical peak times (summertime weekends, day and night).

one month ago

As more land is developed and businesses added traffic is increasing with some people driving too fast especially on smaller roads. Increased noise due to some loud motorcycles. Shooting off of fireworks needs to be controlled.

one month ago

Sidewalks would be wonderful

one month ago

The library . Seems to close a lot. Closes when schools close which doesn't make sense to me. Very little transparency in how it sets its schedule, use of library by citizens. They should see us as customers. Very poorly run. Decisions are made to fit their needs, not the needs of their customers. Makes me feel as if they are doing me a favor when they help. And the meeting room upstairs I should woefully underused. Too many restrictions on its use. Need to find out a way to use it on a regular basis. If the town gives them taxpayer money, then we ought to have a say on how it is run and some of its very liberal personnel policies.

one month ago

Would like to see more effort to make arteries and (state) roads accessible to pedestrians and cyclists. I'd really like to see paved shoulders (as with the Maine highway guidelines), rather than dedicated sidewalks or cycling lanes. Rt.111 is fine for cyclists with the exception of the Rt.121A intersection. But dog-walkers, joggers, and cyclists have a tough time on Rt.121A, Central St, Emerson Avenue, and portions of Stage Rd. Since some of these are numbered state routes, they may require coordination with NHDOT to improve them. The increased number of houses in Sandown/Danville, and in the vicinity of Central Street, has increased vehicular traffic to the detriment of pedestrians and cyclists. And the Rt.121A/Rt.111 intersection near Hannaford is a tragedy waiting to happen. Suggest looking into "Complete Streets" grant help.

The other thing that remains important to me is public lands/hiking trails. I use both the Kelly Brook and West Road/Stage Road trails all of the time. Hampstead should work toward expanding and connecting these trail systems. They need to remain off-limits to motorized traffic - the Rockingham Recreational trail is a disaster for non-motorized recreation.

one month ago

The speed of traffic and lighting on 121A is poor.

one month ago

Need more days for hazardous waste - not enough dates available for residents; Road plowing needs to be improved. My street is often not plowed properly and therefore dangerous considering it is a hill; Depot Field parking lot needs to be improved and paved - the erosion of the hills going to the fields is terrible and should be addressed; the town beach is a complete waste of money; there are too many non-residents there and the boat launch should be fenced off; The traffic on state roads is due to slow drivers; the local roads are ok but with more building, then it is going to put more cars on the streets

one month ago

Haven't been here long enough to try out many town services, fields, parks, trails. Looking forward to it.

one month ago

Most of them do not greatly affect me.

one month ago

Overall am satisfied with the the towns services, lighting, playgrounds and all listed above. Some are not on my radar such as the cemeteries but always look presentable on passing by. I didn't say I was highly satisfied much mostly because there is always room for improvement. i.e. snow removal has been good in town however some roads (mine) are usually not plowed to the width that it is. And the street corners would benefit from follow up maintenance for visibility pulling out of roads. The same could be said about overgrowth in the summer for visibility. I do think this is dangerous but it's more of a suggested improvement than a complaint.

one month ago

Keep up the good work

one month ago

I feel that the town has forgotten about their seniors

one month ago

All of the above

one month ago

I know people have personal freedoms, but very loud motorcycles at 5:00AM affect quality of life. Also, fast driving in small neighborhoods with children is dangerous.

one month ago

I wish we had beach access to Big Island Pond and another beach area for Wash Pond. I don't know if this is possible, but this would allow more activities such as paddle boarding, kayaking, more swimming and beach area.

one month ago

I think there are too many cars and motorcycles with inappropriate mufflers. The police do not Patrol the Recreational areas or town beach area.

one month ago

I live on a private road that is certainly used by more than those living here and abutters, either there needs to be a way to dissuade such use or this road should be maintained by the town. We have signs posted at each end of the road, but many ignore it.

one month ago

I am concerned about the future of our wells and drinking water. How can we allow private businesses to sell our precious commodities?

one month ago

The baseball field at the town hall could use some new infield clay.

one month ago

Most neutral are really No Opinion

one month ago

I am very satisfied overall but some of the roads are starting to need work, and snow removal in my neighborhood is not good. The truck only clears a single path down the roads, making it hard to navigate with other cars on the road.

one month ago

Recycling pick up is nice, but how is actually being recycled. In other parts of the country and state, municipalities are dropping recycling because there is no longer market for the recyclables. Why have we not heard about this here?

one month ago

A lot of noise from cars radios

one month ago

really need to control speed on Main St current average speed is 45 have clocked traffic in the morning and evenings at over 50 mph

one month ago

Good place to live.

one month ago

Road maintenance needs to be improved. potholes are one thing but then when just patched with gravelly tar it just makes a mess and is not a sustainable repair. As I commented earlier, I would like to see a larger area for use as a town beach area. Residents pay a lot in taxes, all should have some level of access to enjoy the lakes and ponds.

one month ago

As stated earlier I am particularly happy about the commitment to conservation.

one month ago

Noticing an increase in construction or lawn services starting before 8am.

one month ago

The town beach and rec areas need additional funds to maintain appearance... they are looking tired, but I am happy the town even has these areas

one month ago

Depot Road is a great area for our town for all types of activities and I feel like the town does a great job maintaining it. I would like some traffic to move slower along the side roads but all in all it's not too bad. I love the trails for biking and hiking up near Mills Shore.

one month ago

Don't put more money into seniors, please put it into the schools.

one month ago

Very happy

one month ago

Looks like plenty to do not in East Hampstead.

one month ago

I live on state route 121a and the traffic speed is too high. I have had multiple accidents in front of my property. We have seen wildlife killed crossing the road, including a deer that was severely injured that subsequently had to be shot by the police. There needs to be more enforcement of the speeding along our roads. Also, the amount of litter that is distributed all over my property line is shocking.

one month ago

Items I've made neutral are items I no longer use. I was just tailgated while driving 30 on Kent Farm Road so that's annoying. I wish that the sound of leaf blowers didn't go on and on and on. I hope that we don't have any more storage units built on 111!

one month ago

Playgrounds could use an upgrade, adding a water area/splash zone for the summer would be great.

one month ago

Let Plaistow be better at retail and fast food. Let Atkinson be better at Senior services. Let Hampstead have a great Central school, Middle school, and keep the focus on raising families.

one month ago

The town gym needs a lot of maintenance to keep up. Local road traffic needs to be monitored more closely for speeding. Especially roads leading to lakes used by out of towners.

one month ago

would like to see some of the local (non-residential areas) with increased speed limits and/or folks to drive faster on such roads.

one month ago

programs for children with special needs like blindness

one month ago

Maintaining town facilities is important.

one month ago

I mostly have an issue with the insane amount of noise pollution in warmer months, firing ranges too close to homes, fireworks noise pollution, and especially loud motors and radios on a crazy amount of motorcycles.

one month ago

We love the playground. No complaints other than the extra cost for additional trash barrels for larger families.

one month ago

I would like to see more town noise ordinances and enforcement of said ordinances regarding firearm usage, fireworks and vehicle exhaust notes.

one month ago

none

one month ago

Neighborhoods should have speed limits posted on roads!

one month ago

As a waterfront property owner, I believe the town should work more diligently to use less salt in these areas and aggressively seek to own and maintain all watershed roadways to assure respectful maintenance practices

one month ago

I'd like to see the gym updated and expanded

one month ago

Wish road noise from motorcycles and souped up cars was taken care of.

one month ago

Roads need work.

one month ago

The town beach I hear needs help. I'm not aware of a lot of senior help. Especially taxes are tough on seniors here. Less income and rising taxes.

one month ago

As in all of western Rockingham County there is a tremendous shortage of housing that a single low skilled person with children can afford. We have senior housing, but no similar areas for poorer families.

one month ago

Hard for me to rate many of these since I have never used them.

one month ago

The amount of heavy speeding and illegally loud exhausts on cars seems to be getting out of control in town.

one month ago

Central st is a dangerous raceway, Noise is ridiculous. Lack of signs and enforcement. Have to have fans and noise machine running all year long to try to calm the traffic noise. Not radar signs, no bus stop signs no blind driveway signs. Just waiting on more deaths and injury. One of the worst streets, I regret moving here.

one month ago

Overall very satisfied with the town & it's appearance & services. The main & state road is to be expected. The local roads can be a bit heavy during commuter times but overall that is to be expected since many are windy & very narrow. with buses running for 3 school commutes & people working . I feel as if some of our local roads could use better maintenance for pot holes etc at times due to heavy traffic & heavy trucks but the town Highway Dept is phenominal in it's budget services. One thing I would love to see is a few large lampposts along main Street in the area of town hall. Hometown Heroes banners would be amazing!

one month ago

We love Hampstead. The only thing that We don't like is the Situation of the amount of trash that we are allowed to dispose of every week. Would love to be able to throw away the things I need to throw out when I need to throw the out.

one month ago

It would be great if Hampstead could take better care of the Depot Playground. It's always covered in litter. Pieces have been broken off the playground for a year now

one month ago

Speed limits in neighborhoods should be posted so as not to default to the too high default limit I. Town.

one month ago

I would like to have a town track for both kids and community members to use

one month ago

Town gym needs some updating

one month ago

Traffic and road noise have increased substantially in our 20 yrs here. Speed limits are not observed through town.

one month ago

Neutral are items I am not involved in.

one month ago

I'm not very familiar with the senior activities.

one month ago

The towns people do not understand the importance of maintaining and upgrading our schools

one month ago

You need batter care of town roads they are a discarded but let's keep our useless

one month ago

I would love to see the West Rd. playground expanded upon. The town land is kept up well, but the paving on side streets is pretty rough. Drainage/paving in my neighborhood is bad, and nothing is done about it when I call. People drive REALLY fast around town, and we don't have sidewalks - it's dangerous.

one month ago

Depot road tends to have very loud traffic noise. Trash can allowances should be adjusted based on size of home. I.e. our 4 bedroom house with 7 occupants should be allowed more trash than a small two bedroom with 1 person.

one month ago

Senior services? Like what? We need a FULL TIME rec director. Seniors are ignored (I'm not a senior- I have young kids) ... a full time rec director would increase services to seniors and allow various civic organizations (civic club for example) to pass off youth sports to the town where they should be. We have a core group of volunteers who runs everything for the town.

one month ago

We definitely need a senior type center

one month ago

Litter needs to be kept better in check

one month ago

There needs to be more variety of senior activities, and more outreach to seniors who don't use the internet or have smartphones. The town's rec director either needs to do much more than she is now, or that position should be divided between 2 people- one for youth and one for seniors.

one month ago

I am dissatisfied with the impact of people moving here from MA and trying to change the face of the town. Move here and embrace it for what it is.

one month ago

A community center for the seniors might be nice.

one month ago

There are few or no senior services or activities. That needs to change with a new emphasis at the town government level.

one month ago

The elementary school needs to be expanded and updated.

one month ago

Not enough activities for all residents, primarily just for kids or seniors

one month ago

Would like to see water conservation requirements especially in summer with watering lawns

one month ago

6. How satisfied are you with the quality of the following town services and functions?

	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Neutral	Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied
Building Inspection	9% Very Satisfied	31% Satisfied	56% Neutral	4% Dissatisfied	- Very Dissatisfied
Zoning Enforcement	6% Very Satisfied	24% Satisfied	55% Neutral	12% Dissatisfied	3% Very Dissatisfied
Tax Assessment	3% Very Satisfied	23% Satisfied	41% Neutral	26% Dissatisfied	8% Very Dissatisfied
Tax Collection	7% Very Satisfied	38% Satisfied	45% Neutral	8% Dissatisfied	2% Very Dissatisfied
Police Department	31% Very Satisfied	48% Satisfied	17% Neutral	3% Dissatisfied	1% Very Dissatisfied
Fire Department/ EMS	37% Very Satisfied	46% Satisfied	15% Neutral	1% Dissatisfied	- Very Dissatisfied
Highway Department	23% Very Satisfied	49% Satisfied	22% Neutral	4% Dissatisfied	1% Very Dissatisfied
Transfer Station	14% Very Satisfied	42% Satisfied	32% Neutral	9% Dissatisfied	2% Very Dissatisfied
Clerk's Office	30% Very Satisfied	48% Satisfied	19% Neutral	2% Dissatisfied	1% Very Dissatisfied
Public Library	37% Very Satisfied	43% Satisfied	17% Neutral	2% Dissatisfied	- Very Dissatisfied
Recreation Department	19% Very Satisfied	43% Satisfied	35% Neutral	2% Dissatisfied	- Very Dissatisfied
Hampstead Central School educational quality	20% Very Satisfied	39% Satisfied	30% Neutral	8% Dissatisfied	3% Very Dissatisfied
Hampstead Middle School educational quality	17% Very Satisfied	35% Satisfied	37% Neutral	9% Dissatisfied	2% Very Dissatisfied
Town Website	9% Very Satisfied	51% Satisfied	29% Neutral	10% Dissatisfied	2% Very Dissatisfied

	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Neutral	Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied
Public Access (Cable)	5% Very Satisfied	27% Satisfied	51% Neutral	13% Dissatisfied	4% Very Dissatisfied

619 respondents

7. How satisfied are you with the function of the following town Boards, Committees and Commissions?

	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Neutral	Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied
Board of Selectmen	4% Very Satisfied	37% Satisfied	48% Neutral	10% Dissatisfied	1% Very Dissatisfied
Budget Committee	3% Very Satisfied	32% Satisfied	56% Neutral	8% Dissatisfied	1% Very Dissatisfied
Cable Advisory Committee	3% Very Satisfied	25% Satisfied	63% Neutral	8% Dissatisfied	1% Very Dissatisfied
Cemetery Trustees	4% Very Satisfied	33% Satisfied	60% Neutral	2% Dissatisfied	1% Very Dissatisfied
Communication Committee	4% Very Satisfied	28% Satisfied	63% Neutral	5% Dissatisfied	1% Very Dissatisfied
Conservation Committee	10% Very Satisfied	41% Satisfied	43% Neutral	3% Dissatisfied	2% Very Dissatisfied
Ethics Committee	3% Very Satisfied	24% Satisfied	68% Neutral	2% Dissatisfied	2% Very Dissatisfied
Historic/Heritage Commission	9% Very Satisfied	36% Satisfied	54% Neutral	1% Dissatisfied	- Very Dissatisfied
Ordway Park Committee	9% Very Satisfied	35% Satisfied	55% Neutral	1% Dissatisfied	1% Very Dissatisfied
Patriotic Purposes Committee	9% Very Satisfied	32% Satisfied	58% Neutral	1% Dissatisfied	- Very Dissatisfied
Planning Board	3% Very Satisfied	29% Satisfied	51% Neutral	13% Dissatisfied	4% Very Dissatisfied
Recreation Commission	7% Very Satisfied	43% Satisfied	45% Neutral	4% Dissatisfied	1% Very Dissatisfied
Recycling and Waste Disposal Committee	9% Very Satisfied	46% Satisfied	38% Neutral	5% Dissatisfied	1% Very Dissatisfied
Senior Committee	3% Very Satisfied	24% Satisfied	67% Neutral	4% Dissatisfied	2% Very Dissatisfied

	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Neutral	Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied
Supervisors of the Checklist	7% Very Satisfied	26% Satisfied	65% Neutral	1% Dissatisfied	- Very Dissatisfied
Trustees of the Trustfunds	4% Very Satisfied	25% Satisfied	70% Neutral	1% Dissatisfied	- Very Dissatisfied
Water Resources Committee	12% Very Satisfied	31% Satisfied	42% Neutral	12% Dissatisfied	2% Very Dissatisfied
Zoning Board of Adjustments	4% Very Satisfied	21% Satisfied	61% Neutral	10% Dissatisfied	4% Very Dissatisfied

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8. The Town should pursue **more** of each of the following? Please rate:

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Fast food restaurants	2% Strongly Agree	10% Agree	10% Neutral	31% Disagree	46% Strongly Disagree
Full service restaurants	14% Strongly Agree	47% Agree	17% Neutral	11% Disagree	11% Strongly Disagree
Retail stores	5% Strongly Agree	21% Agree	23% Neutral	28% Disagree	23% Strongly Disagree
Inns and Beds&Breakfasts	8% Strongly Agree	38% Agree	31% Neutral	14% Disagree	10% Strongly Disagree
Office buildings or office parks	2% Strongly Agree	13% Agree	23% Neutral	33% Disagree	29% Strongly Disagree
Low-impact industry/manufacturing businesses	4% Strongly Agree	24% Agree	27% Neutral	24% Disagree	22% Strongly Disagree
Protected open spaces	53% Strongly Agree	36% Agree	9% Neutral	2% Disagree	1% Strongly Disagree
Single family houses	21% Strongly Agree	34% Agree	24% Neutral	15% Disagree	7% Strongly Disagree
Elderly housing	12% Strongly Agree	29% Agree	33% Neutral	16% Disagree	11% Strongly Disagree
Apartments or multi-family homes	3% Strongly Agree	12% Agree	19% Neutral	29% Disagree	37% Strongly Disagree
Mobile/ manufactured homes	1% Strongly Agree	8% Agree	21% Neutral	33% Disagree	37% Strongly Disagree
Town-owned recreational facilities	24% Strongly Agree	43% Agree	27% Neutral	5% Disagree	2% Strongly Disagree
Crosswalks at critical areas	38% Strongly Agree	40% Agree	16% Neutral	4% Disagree	2% Strongly Disagree
Public transportation (commuter bus, rail, etc.)	7% Strongly Agree	17% Agree	34% Neutral	24% Disagree	17% Strongly Disagree

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
More Park & Ride facilities (commuter parking areas)	4% Strongly Agree	14% Agree	36% Neutral	28% Disagree	18% Strongly Disagree
Sidewalks	28% Strongly Agree	31% Agree	21% Neutral	13% Disagree	8% Strongly Disagree
Bicycle paths along roads	23% Strongly Agree	37% Agree	21% Neutral	10% Disagree	9% Strongly Disagree
Bicycle paths off road	26% Strongly Agree	43% Agree	25% Neutral	2% Disagree	3% Strongly Disagree
Community meeting facilities	11% Strongly Agree	33% Agree	44% Neutral	8% Disagree	3% Strongly Disagree
Diverse housing options	6% Strongly Agree	20% Agree	39% Neutral	16% Disagree	20% Strongly Disagree
Affordable housing	14% Strongly Agree	22% Agree	30% Neutral	16% Disagree	17% Strongly Disagree
Farm stands and farmers' markets	52% Strongly Agree	39% Agree	7% Neutral	1% Disagree	1% Strongly Disagree

596 respondents

Comments for questions 6: Police department's target shooting during very early AM hours echos through the neighborhood; Would like more hospital choices; Coming in to Hampstead Historic District on Rt 121, there is the beautiful sign and the first thing seen is broken window casing that needs repair by DWP; public library services are excellent; We need more senior events locally through the town rec center; I wish seniors were invited to school performances - would love to be able to support the next generation; regarding public access (cable): IT is very difficult to hear meeting discussions and school performances on cable. Audio needs technical updates.

Comments for question 7: Don't really know much about these committees - not very visible, could publish in carriage town needs. In regards to Ordway Park Committee - would love to see timely displays, features. In regards to patriotic purposes committee: Wish we had more flags in Historic District. Don't know what supervisors of the checklist is. Water Resources Committee needs to be more visible.

Comments for question 8: Local evening restaurants would be nice; No box stores; Need more low-income elderly housing and apartments or multi-family homes; Need more crosswalks at critical areas and a "do not block" road sign at the library & medical building entrance; Need public transit for medical appointments; Need additional park & ride along Rt 111; Bicycle paths on recreation and conservation trails; need more services for seniors.

10 days ago

The town should pursue more sidewalks/bike paths for safety as the town grows, I feel a few small businesses are okay but do not want to see large businesses to ensure the small town feel is preserved.

21 days ago

It would be nice if all the big business and retail stayed on 111

21 days ago

A walkable local retail district in, near, or around downtown. More chain retail expansion on 111.

21 days ago

No more building - no more congestion.

22 days ago

Dump and recycling needs to be open more often.

22 days ago

Dump and recycling opportunities need to be expanded...open more often.

22 days ago

Stop over developing

22 days ago

22 days ago

having side walks especially near schools and in town would be useful. Lots of people walk in down and there are not places for them to walk especially in the winter when the shoulders are full of snow

22 days ago

The town needs business to balance the tax burden to homeowners. The businesses should benefit the residents of Hampstead. Restaurants or shopping for needed items is a plus. We dont need more storage facilities or used car dealerships. This doesnt benefit the daily lives of Hampstead residents.

22 days ago

the support of farmer's market as a scheduled weekly event. same for home made items. I prefer to hire local workers from Hampstead; carpenters, painters, plumber etc.

22 days ago

Thank you for this survey. Not aware of senior services, activities, committee. Selectmen - current 3/5 have connection to fire department, which is concerning. No playgrounds in East Hampstead (Woodland Pond play area was removed). Zoning enforcement - 4 junkyards in Woodland Pond (multiple unregistered cars - some for 10+ years, lawn tractors, boats), unfinished deck construction, etc. Police - more enforcement needed regarding illegal parking, cell phone use, driving in breakdown lanes, speeding. Cable - endless re-airing of school concerts, events etc. Please remember many do not use Facebook/social media and do not subscribe to newspaper.

22 days ago

Under Q. 6 (fire dept. ems): With recent Cranberry Meadows fire, maybe a dept inspection of multi-family dwellings & condos for grills and propane on decks or at least some town communication about it. Need more senior trips and activities for seniors.

22 days ago

Grow slowly and with caution

22 days ago

I would be in favor of bike paths instead of sidewalks because of maintenance issues such as upkeep and snow removal. It would make Main Street more walkable.

22 days ago

Sidewalks and bike trails so people can enjoy the area safely. Cars drive too fast and it's dangerous to run on the roads. Small locally owned restaurants would be great no chain stores or restaurants.

22 days ago

bicycle paths would be great-especially Main St. Crosswalks, and maybe have them marked better (they get ignored alot at the school-I walk there at off hours, and no one stops.

22 days ago

A nice restaurant and nice single family homes a walking track or dog park

22 days ago

Do not make our small town become a city

23 days ago

Yes yes yes to farmers markets!

23 days ago

I think the town should preserve what we already have by fixing roads but I also feel that sidewalks should be available on the main roads

23 days ago

No more multi unit housing. Get builders off the pb and zba. Communicate better to residents. Improve school infrastructure. Improve the website. Use technology more and better. Improve the website and post to it more often. Ask for public input re school curriculum. Stop hiring [REDACTED] friends into the schools.

23 days ago

Promote small town feel balanced with good jobs and employment opportunity.

Simple exercise and transportation options are good but may changes may not be warranted due to scale/population

23 days ago

Keeping everything the same

23 days ago

Again would like to see it stay more rural and quaint no more big businesses maybe a mom and pop small town place with a small town feel

23 days ago

No opinion

23 days ago

Would love a cross walk at the intersection of 121/111.

23 days ago

Infrastructure and only infrastructure

23 days ago

Farm stands would be awesome. And a farmer's market similar to what Derry has would be GREAT! Sidewalks would make it so much easier for people to get out and about in town.

23 days ago

The town needs affordable housing options for professionals coming to the area. Job opportunities in Derry and Londonderry are expanding. Those employees could contribute to the tax base in Hampstead.

23 days ago

The town is also very very dark. Street lights are needed in most areas in town.

23 days ago

A comment worth making within these questions. I do find walking, running or bicycling along windy country roads with minimal pull off and/or visibility makes it very difficult and possibly dangerous. People should be able to walk their dog or walk themselves beyond their driveways safely. Not every street needs this, but major roadways should.

24 days ago

Would be nice to see a good restaurant in town.
Affordable housing = crime and drug use. Please do not pursue this.

24 days ago

Crosswalks would be really helpful - they would not only make the roads safer for pedestrians but would help with the speeding issue!

24 days ago

Less affordable housing this is not a city. No public transportation. More farm and recreation.

24 days ago

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25 days ago

Traffic enforcement is very lax on Main Street where I live and cars routinely go 10-15 miles over the speed limit as well as having amped-up mufflers and sputtering engines that sound like a gun is going off. Motorcycles peel out leaving rubber marks on the pavement and even dirt bikes with no plates go up and down the road with no fear of the police. I call the police department when it gets unbearable, but nothing ever seems to change.

25 days ago

supermarket and full service restaurants may see what Hampstead is like. people may then want to move here, hence more housing and taxes

26 days ago

Sidewalks would be excellent and help with the quaint town feel for an easier walking town. It is close to impossible to walk on the main streets due to the limited space and speed of vehicles. Bike paths would also be excellent for the same reason. Our town is small enough where walking and biking should be possible and encouraged.

27 days ago

Sidewalks!!!

27 days ago

stop the building - save the flavor of this town

28 days ago

Sidewalks in increase safe walkability.

28 days ago

Full service restaurants. We get tired of having to go to other towns to find good restaurants.

28 days ago

Small town feel

28 days ago

Some boards in this town (particularly ZBA and Planning) are FAR too heavily-weighted towards developer interests, and because of this we end up getting more condos, apartments, and other multi-unit residential, which encourages renters (particularly, it seems, folks looking to flee MA border cities) to move into Hampstead and consume services with little interest in reinvesting in the town (or even showing up to vote). At the same time the primary voting base in town seems intent on keeping their tax burdens minimal by refusing to invest further in school upgrades and the like, which is creating pressure on services like education. The town can't keep empowering developer-packed boards to increase the town's population by shoehorning homes into undersized lots and approving exceptions to facilitate multi-unit developments, while leaving the partnered decisions around services and infrastructure to accommodate this growth to the voters. So I guess maybe pursue a more balanced town plan. Also pursue some better information sharing practices -- the town site stinks and if I didn't know any better I'd think the boards WANT to keep information like timely minutes postings out of the hands of the citizens...

28 days ago

Pursue more protection of land and pursue less building.

28 days ago

Please stop the building. We are turning into plaistow, minus the restaurants.

28 days ago

Industry that can help with the tax burden while still maintaining a fair rate.

29 days ago

Cluster housing....currently the only homes being built are too expensive and too large due to the cost of the land. Reston, Va contains very nice cluster housing. I don't consider mobile homes and manufactured homes to be the same class. There are many well built manufactured homes that would rival stick built. We need less 55 and over housing and more housing that can included 55 and older with younger folks.

29 days ago

More grocery shopping (market basket) and side walks for kids to ride bikes on

29 days ago

Sidewalks and roads with wider shoulders, we are an active community and traveling by foot or bike along busy roadways does not feel safe.

29 days ago

Farmers market , well maintained walking paths

29 days ago

Very dangerous not having sidewalks , bringing restaurants and retail stores will help decrease property tax for residents

29 days ago

NA

29 days ago

As a family town, maintainence of current facilities

29 days ago

Affordable housing

29 days ago

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one month ago

With more town growth we need another upscale Grocery store option, such as Trader Joe's or Market Basket, especially if they can renovate existing commercial buildings to not cut down more trees.

one month ago

one month ago

Keep new hampshire the way it is please stop making nh look like mass

one month ago

The town needs to Pursue Less, stop building.

one month ago

Beautiful, well managed mobile/manufactured home parks that provide snow removal and allow two car garages. These could be private owned or co-ops.

one month ago

keeping this a small town feel

one month ago

the town should provide additional recreational areas that can be helpful to seniors. Again, a Community Center is necessary.

one month ago

It would be nice to see more starter homes being built and less mansions. Retirement communities can sometimes exist in a bubble and do not always offer the residents much beyond neighbors who are exactly like them. We have mansions and mobile homes but we started off at a farm/cottage community. In this day and age strong communities have a great amount of value so it would be nice to see a more diverse population and away for lower income or younger people to have stable housing in this community.

one month ago

Recreational opportunities. Clearing lots for new buildings. Controlling business sizes. The industrial zones should be enough as is

one month ago

Safe paths for pedestrians and bicycles. Cross walks to allow pedestrians to safely cross rte 111 near intersections with 121a and with 121. Diverse housing options to allow people with varying or changing circumstances continue to live in the town they love.

one month ago

More days of the transfer station being open and WITHOUT any fees for a sticker!

one month ago

I use the trails in the conservation areas for walking. There needs to be some limits on wheeled use and this includes bicycles. There are so many "new" paths - ones that never existed, and roots on popular paths that are above ground level now from the excessive wear and tear on the trails from bikes. If bike paths were part of the road system, perhaps bikers would stay off walking trails. Also, perhaps bike regulations should follow motorized regulation as far as access - keep them to the rail trails and ATV trails. I also find that many bikers are really rude to walkers and don't share the trails well. I would like to see ways to add move diversity to our town and affordable housing is one way.

one month ago

We have many opportunities in town for elderly housing, and the bus service out of Salem is excellent. The park and ride we have in town is adequate for our needs. The town will never be sorry for acquiring land that can be used by the public for recreation...I don't think we should build more multi family units without serious concern for the water needs of the town. I wish we had more farms that would need to sell at a farm stand...but open land is being sold for housing...so that does not seem to be in the cards. Bike paths along our roads would need to have a widening of the roads...front lawns would have to be relinquished...most of our roads are not really safe for walkers or bikes as they are now.

one month ago

Start Charging Property Taxes from The Coen Family for Camp Tel Nora. Do Not allow them to purchase any more property.

one month ago

The Town of Hampstead should be checking the Conflict of Interest in certain individuals on the planning board and zoning board to be making sure they are not in each others pockets [REDACTED]

one month ago

More single family homes and less 55+ communities. We DO NOT WANT more MOBILE HOMES or LOW INCOME HOUSING.

one month ago

I think we need to take into consideration the water issue our town is facing when we are considering new business, residential or any building in our town. I would like to see the town progress even further into the small community feel. I do not think we should consider "big" business like fast food restaurants, large department/chain stores into our town as it disrupts this feel. Local business, locally owned businesses, farm stands etc. feel to be a better fit. I do appreciate we need to balance with the needs of the community but we do have industrial areas and office space already in town. I would like to see store fronts maintain the same New England feel that the homes have and less of the "Strip mall" look.

one month ago

NO AFFORDABLE HOUSING NO APARTMENT COMPLEXES NO PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

one month ago

I ride bikes and would love bike paths, but that also invites more people from mass to use out lanes, so no i do not want them to be here. It is bad enough that you look around town and see all the mass plates as residents.

one month ago

Why have there been no sections in your survey on the library? It's almost like you are afraid to venture into their territory.

one month ago

w.r.t. bike paths, I'm not in favor of dedicated facilities (off-road and protected lanes). I would rather see good paved shoulders on existing arteries. My criterion is roughly a foot of shoulder for every 10mph of speed limit. Rt.111, with few exceptions, is really very good. Rt.121a is probably the worst, with Rt.121 and Emerson Ave/Central Street somewhere in between.

one month ago

As more ride sharing options become available, local transportation should switch to vouchers - more cost effective. Walking in Hampstead is difficult because things are so spread out. Focus on making things more bike friendly - wider shoulders.

one month ago

More opportunities for the community to be outdoors with bike trails, farmers markets, etc.

one month ago

We need to address our town now and going forward - we are building too much but the infrastructure is not maintained properly as evidenced by the school building issues, the fire station issues and memorial gym. Depot Road parking lot is a disaster

one month ago

Lowering the tax rate!

one month ago

When we moved here we were told the the town wouldn't be adding more buildings because there wasn't anymore buildable land. Well I guess they were wrong.

one month ago

Keep the (towny feel) atmosphere as it is

one month ago

All of the above

one month ago

Sidewalks on the corner of West Road to 121

one month ago

DONT PURSUE ANYTHING, THAT IS THE DOWNFALL OF TOWNS, BELIEVING THAT THEY MUST CHANGE IN ORDER TO STAY RELEVANT. STAY SMALL, WITH SINGLE FAMILY HOMES, NO AFFORDABLE HOUSING, OR ELDERLY CARE COMMUNITIES, ALL THEY DO IS EAT UP TAX REVENUE AND TOWN SERVICES

one month ago

Supportive businesses

one month ago

We don't really need more people and homes, a big concern is the water that is being pumped out of the towns waters. Long term thinking should apply here and we should move away from allowing the towns waters to be pumped out of the town.

one month ago

Focus on better education and not facilities

one month ago

We could use a farmers market. Sustainable living is a large part of the future.

one month ago

Crosswalks in critical areas especially on state owned roads, and more bike/recreation paths along and off road.

one month ago

I would love to see roads widened for bikes, and sidewalk areas near the center of town by the schools and the Memorial Gym and basketball courts. My kids are frequently on their bikes, and there isn't much space on the road for them.

one month ago

Keep the friendly atmosphere

one month ago

Keeping it rural and friendly

one month ago

I would like to see Hampstead maintain its rural feel.

one month ago

Would like to see a sidewalk along main st from emerson intersection to shop pond.
Would like to see a sidewalk the entire length of emerson or at least to wash pond.

one month ago

It's a nice small town. Let's keep it that way

one month ago

no more apartment complexes or condos. I think Hampstead is at a good spot in terms of people per SF in the town and apartments skew that number. I think smaller single family houses, not 4000sf mansions, are a better option, but controlling pricing is difficult. I would love to see more natural hiking/biking trails and anything that can keep the overall state of hampstead natural.

one month ago

Keep Hampstead nice, please do not put in affordable housing or senior living. Focus on the kids and our future.

one month ago

Maintaining

one month ago

East Hampstead has the lions share of high impact commercial development. It is located way to close to homes and neighborhoods. Hampstead and West Hampstead should see more high impact commercial development.

one month ago

I would like to see easing of restrictions on apartments created on properties of single family residences. Currently it is limited to ADU that are attached to the main home. I would like to see conversion of a barn or garage into apartments for rent to help create more affordable housing options.

one month ago

Small town feel to me means - sidewalks, bike paths, front porches - people outside means people will meet up together. Meeting facilities and farmer's markets mean showcasing our town and creating friendships and people who care about each other. Affordable housing and diverse housing is welcoming and will make our community stronger.

one month ago

affordable townhomes or condos

one month ago

Would really like to see sidewalks / bikepaths throughout town and would be great to have an easier connection to public transportation and rail (particularly if Amtrak completes the proposed extension to Concord NH.)

one month ago

We can't survive on single-family homes on a full acre. The tax base won't support our growing needs. We need more mixed-use development.

one month ago

A farmers market please! And I think housing should be accessible to all incomes but in keeping with the pleasant esthetic of the town.

one month ago

Make the town more walkable/bikeable.

one month ago

Connection paths between conservation land

one month ago

A weekly farmer's market like in Derry would be amazing

one month ago

Again, hometown feel. No fast food restaurants and slow down the house building. Taxes are way too high!

one month ago

More affordable housing especially for seniors.

one month ago

We should strive to make it possible to get around town for basic errands without a car.

one month ago

I would love one fast food, one department store

one month ago

We'd be in favor of a "fast food" restaurant similar to Panera which is well kept but still provides a quicker meal for families on the go with sports and activities. Otherwise, keep the single family quaint charm. Stop or limit big storage units, business complexes or apartment buildings. Bring some charm back to Route 111 in some places where its become an eye sore.

one month ago

Keeping the town rural and more resident businesses. Save our land and water and stop over developing and population increase. Keep it a small town without turning into another plaistow or derry

one month ago

Small locally owned speciality shops like a bakery, florist, etc would be nice. Some sidewalks in the Main Street, town hall area, a walk way from the middle school to the central school and town gym would be nice.

one month ago

I feel as if the town is at the point where it must make a decision going forward to expand enough to make some revenue to it's taxes. The ability to maintain & add to our schools & infrastructure is & will continue to be a huge burden to it's residents. The last thing we need is more homes, apartments & trailers right now that will add further burden to our already stressed water situation. I say yes to the future of residential development in town but for right now in the next 5-10 years I feel the focus needs to be on building our town with sustainable resources which I feel we lack.

one month ago

Homes and taxes prices are out of control

one month ago

Sidewalks is the biggest priority for me

one month ago

A lot of these questions are not appropriate because the answer depends on HOW the businesses are incorporated in the town. A locally owned restaurant in a tasteful setting is very different than a 99 chain restaurant.

one month ago

I think we should not increase housing in town and focus on making the town the best place to live for the people who currently live here.

one month ago

Townhouse style homes and small businesses to take empty retail spaces.

one month ago

sidewalks and bike paths. It is ridiculous that so people can't walk or bike to school or around town .

one month ago

Keeping the small town feel

one month ago

More options for cable, coordinate expansion of high speed internet from Consolidated Communication. Focus on recreational areas, perhaps some small dining establishments not chains.

one month ago

Passing a new school plan with gym and group space that could be used by other groups on off hours

one month ago

You need mor industry not storage places or dunking donuts

one month ago

I would love to see sidewalks, but I would also love to see new building/development curbed. We don't have space in our schools to add more housing (including affordable housing), and they cram too much into small spaces when it comes to senior/trailer housing. Our water situation is also not good. More businesses/development along 111 would be nice, since those pay taxes but don't add to schools

one month ago

A walking path around depot field

one month ago

The town feels a bit "stale" and needs a slight perk

one month ago

Veterans housing.

one month ago

No nee housing, no affordable or low income

one month ago

na

one month ago

Expanding the elementary school to provide adequate space and maintain property values.

one month ago

Open spaces in the form of conservation land, we don't have a lot of open space left and we need to protect it as best as we can.

one month ago

I feel that In the future, Hampstead is still has that small town feel .

one month ago

Affordable housing, community facility less commercial- we have enough in town now

one month ago

9. Please indicate your opinion of each of the following facilities, services, or regulations related to planning, zoning, and building in Hampstead.

	Not needed	Might be needed	Definitely needed	No opinion
Sidewalks	24% Not needed	34% Might be needed	39% Definitely needed	3% No opinion
Improve cable/telecommunications services	12% Not needed	32% Might be needed	46% Definitely needed	10% No opinion
Protecting groundwater	1% Not needed	10% Might be needed	88% Definitely needed	1% No opinion
Preserving wetlands	3% Not needed	22% Might be needed	73% Definitely needed	2% No opinion
Preserving forests and open space	2% Not needed	16% Might be needed	82% Definitely needed	1% No opinion
Preserving stone walls	10% Not needed	33% Might be needed	52% Definitely needed	5% No opinion
Preserving mature trees along roads	7% Not needed	35% Might be needed	54% Definitely needed	4% No opinion
Preserving historic public buildings	4% Not needed	29% Might be needed	63% Definitely needed	4% No opinion
Increased ease of getting a building permit	31% Not needed	35% Might be needed	14% Definitely needed	20% No opinion
Increased ease of understanding zoning regulations and requirements	8% Not needed	42% Might be needed	33% Definitely needed	16% No opinion
Increased ease of understanding to planning and zoning documents and forms.	7% Not needed	43% Might be needed	33% Definitely needed	17% No opinion

585 respondents

Protecting groundwater is vital for health and safety; Need to plant new trees near aging trees along roads to allow for growth time before old trees need to be cut down for safety. Affordable housing is crucial for all age groups.

10 days ago

Need more competition for high speed internet providers. Comcast is the only legitimately high speed option where I am.

21 days ago

Building has gone on without town input. The water use by Lewis Builders (HAWC) has been un-controlled and un-supervised. I really believe that town planning officials need to step in & do their job to control the mining of water resources before it gets to the disaster level.

22 days ago

Public private options for expanding fiber internet service work with local provider who is already making these investments.

22 days ago

I would like to see the water supply in Hampstead protected and the growth of new homes controlled by increasing the minimum lot size to two acres.

I would like to see access to live town meetings on a platform that anyone can access. Not just those that subscribe to Comcast.

22 days ago

do consider new codes and a new officer who will explore them and returns calls.

22 days ago

Caution to developers and some residents and some builders - come in develop - make money and live elsewhere 'power seekers'

22 days ago

Sidewalks are 100% needed

22 days ago

Need to make sure this town doesn't lose its water source for those that have wells.

23 days ago

I have not had to deal with this so do not have much of an opinion

23 days ago

People should be more educated. Boards should follow ordinances and stop allowing so many exceptions to rules. rules should be better enforced.

23 days ago

I'm all for making things easier to understand

23 days ago

23 days ago

The town needs to learn about farms and agritourism and how that differs from commercial businesses so farms can flourish.

23 days ago

Too many regulations

23 days ago

More variety in internet providers would be great. Also, better cell service (is this possible without a huge tower?) would be nice. There are currently limited community meeting spaces, so someplace where that's an option would be great too.

23 days ago

Co-owner of a construction company in town. Hampstead's building department and Boards are straightforward and easy to work with.

23 days ago

My family and neighbor have used the town gym. As far as the other departments I don't have an opinion.

24 days ago

Protect our natural resources. Enforce the codes, and stop allowing so many variances!

24 days ago

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25 days ago

It should be abundantly clear what homeowners can and cannot do with and without permits, and all of that should be enforced. For example, my neighbor constructed a gigantic barn on their property and it is about 20 feet from our property line. This causes ill will amongst neighbors and close to impossible to correct after this has been done. Rules are in place to ensure everything follows a sustainable process and maintains overall integrity of our town - but if people don't know, and there is no enforcement, why have the rules to begin with?

27 days ago

Preserving historic buildings should be a priority

27 days ago

stop the building and expansion

28 days ago

I think there should be sidewalks in all school areas, Main St and Emerson Ave. I have seen people walking on Emerson Ave and it's an accident waiting to happen

28 days ago

Our town's documentation is subpar. There is a lot of information that can only be obtained by visiting the town offices in person and requesting or speaking to someone, and what is available online is poorly organized and often lacks detail. This is ridiculous and many other towns manage this FAR better. Also would it kill us to put some more sidewalks in?

28 days ago

Too easily "bent", too easy for people to get exceptions. Make the stricter and enforce adherence.

28 days ago

Too many subdivisions. We're losing our small town feel.

29 days ago

I find it relatively easy to deal with the majority of town officials. The building permit process is easy and simple.

29 days ago

We need to have a plan that includes drinkable water and the possible interconnection of large wells.

29 days ago

We need to understand that just because a building is old doesn't necessarily make it historic and in need of preservation.

29 days ago

Need sidewalks for walkers/children along Wash Pond and Emerson

29 days ago

Dont have opinion

29 days ago

NA

29 days ago

No elaborating

29 days ago

Planning board does not take into account shortage of water during drought and export of water to Atkinson. They feel it is a state issue. There should be a moratorium on building permits until the water situation is resolved. The goal of the planning board seems to be to shoehorn as many houses as possible into the town. Irresponsible

one month ago

one month ago

Protect our groundwater! Prevent commercial draining of our aquifers!

one month ago

Hampstead has a small town, New England historic feel. All natural areas listed above should be PRESERVED. We especially need to keep our groundwater -- do not allow HAWC to pull water from Hampstead to be used in other towns.

one month ago

It seems as if we keep allowing Building permits for new houses when we have NO proof that the aquifer can sustain it.

one month ago

We must cherish our wetlands and forest areas, including farm lands.

one month ago

All of the other answers I have elaborated on have emphasized the need to increase the walk ability of this town. We really don't need to be as reliant on motor vehicles as we are.

one month ago

Permitting needs to be fair and consistent. Folks from outside of town can not be allowed to come in and do what they want. They came here for good reasons and we have a responsibility to maintain those reasons.

one month ago

It definitely does not need to be easier to get a building permit. Planning and zoning documents and forms need to be written in easily understood wording.

one month ago

Sidewalks and crosswalks along Main Street and near the schools are critical needs. Beyond that, probably not so much. I'd also like to see a crossing guard at School St for the middle school for the kids that walk to/from that school. We live close enough for my students to walk, but because there is no crossing guard for Main Street walking is not permitted.

one month ago

Also allowing certain individuals to use the positions within town to take advantage of relationships between committees is concerning. Town of Hampstead should be concerned with Ethics and Conflict of Interest of Planning Board members and how they have a professional (profitable) working relationship with Zoning Board members. No checks and balances between these departments/board members.

one month ago

The Hampstead area Water Committee is important, only problem is now you are allowing certain people to write regulations/rules that have no legal expertise nor legal knowledge. I am glad that these people have passion for water but they have been heavy handed in social media posts and are borderline committing public shaming for use of private well water use.

one month ago

I do not have a lot of personal experience dealing with these services.

one month ago

Town buildings for most part are functionable.

one month ago

Building permit requirements should be clearly specified. If the planning board has to vote on a permit request that indicates subjectivity and unclear requirements.

one month ago

Need other internet options besides Comcast. With more people working remote, options to quality high speed internet is a must. Preserving the look and feel of the town is important but it can not hinder Hampstead's growth. Taking mature trees along the roads to lessen damage to power lines is smart. Keeping town forests for recreational purposes adds to our appeal.

one month ago

For safety sidewalks would be great and the ability to have cable options would be nice. Zoning permit understanding and process deters people from making improvements that could help the community values.

one month ago

Some of these I have no opinion because I've not had dealings with directly

one month ago

I think we need to check our mature trees to make sure they are healthy. A lot of trees closest to the roadways seem to be unhealthy.

one month ago

Keep up the good work

one month ago

Maintain the current

one month ago

one month ago

Building and construction people on the planning board creates a conflict of interest

one month ago

The majority of people in town believe that the Zoning and planning board are watching out for themselves and the note majority of Hampstead residents.

one month ago

might be needed

one month ago

n/a

one month ago

I feel overall the various town offices/committees do a great job.

one month ago

We need sidewalks. We need something to stop commercial outfits from taking water from our aquifers and piping it to other towns. This is stealing water from resident wells because commercial wells are deeper than residents.

one month ago

No comment

one month ago

When zoning articles appear on the ballot there should be an explanation on why a change is necessary. Zoning requirements and wording changes for no apparent reason. All Board of Adjustment waivers and variances granted during covid/zoom meetings should have a public in person review and retracted if necessary.

one month ago

Planning and zoning are always going to be complex and difficult to understand. Providing more resources and opportunities to help residents learn about regulations would be great.

one month ago

No sidewalks!

one month ago

Service such as making life easier and cheaper for seniors is definitely needed.

one month ago

FAIR and equitable for ALL!

one month ago

Again, we need a focus on preserving the features that add to the quality of life here and enhance the ability to get around with less cars.

one month ago

It is unethical to have developers and builders making up the majority of our zoning and planning boards and this should be addressed. The Zoning Board is not being firm enough on our zoning regulations and allowing too many easements. It does not seem like the majority of our Planning Board is truly interested in conserving and protecting our small-town feel or natural resources, but rather with unsustainable building and filling in all the wetlands and forest. These builder-heavy boards do not seem to properly and proportionately represent the general public in our town that seem to want to keep a quaint feeling and have our resources and land protected.

one month ago

Don't over-develop our beautiful town. Protect and wisely use our groundwater and natural resources. Keep our wetlands and wild spaces free of harm.

one month ago

read above comments

one month ago

I feel like a much better understanding of our towns zoning & planning & zoning documents is needed. I also feel as if there is no need to make it easier in getting a building permit. I do feel as if there needs to be much more consideration as to what they do allow such as allowing residential areas a little flexibility in their situations if they ARE going to give a permit. I have been effected by this most recently & I feel what was done has ruined my property value. It's time they started considering what it will look like from the neighbors property in respect to their zoning laws. We were willing to allow it but the town refused. I have a hideous view from every window in my kitchen, living room, back deck & backyard now due to this. I wish I could attach pictures here. It will cost me thousands of dollars now to provide blockage & privacy to make asthetic appeal to my backyard.

one month ago

There needs to be more and improved messaging regarding changes or requests to change/alter zoning restrictions or when a "large" development is sought in the town

one month ago

Seems permits have been issued around wetlands and bodies of water that shouldn't have.... Need to make requirements clear. Builders seem to know how to get around them.... Need to close those holes.

one month ago

I don't understand why there are so many exceptions made to existing rules. If every application for an exception is granted, why have the rule? Also, it seems to me that builders and developers who have interests in this region should not be on the planning board in the first place.

one month ago

Not seeing a reasonable amount of change needed

one month ago

No need to make building permits easier.

The town does need to stop HAWC from continuing to grow and negativity impact residents water supply. Residents with previously functional wells are now forced to pay for that water, plus high tax increases for the towns services.

one month ago

No opinion

one month ago

Our PB/ZBA haven't been awesome at meeting resident needs - they're focused on meeting builder needs, and the code enforcer doesn't seem to do much code enforcing. People don't know how ordinances work, the town website is terrible, and it's difficult to get help with understanding things. While our current BOS seems very helpful that hasn't (and isn't) always the case - we still have boards that don't post agendas/minutes online at all, despite the fact that those articles passed overwhelmingly this March. Our boards have a lot of room for improvement

one month ago

Recreation areas are needed

one month ago

na

one month ago

How can you increase someone's understanding of zoning and planning documents?

one month ago

We need regulations to limit building in Hampstead in order to protect our water resources.

one month ago

I think that these boards do a good job.

one month ago

I have heard of a lot of people being shut down at the zoning and planning board for wanting to make there home bigger or add an in law. I believe if you meet the requirements and not building on your neighbor you should be able to.

one month ago

I feel that if building regulations are thoughtfully created, they should be adhered to.

one month ago

Waivers given too easily by zoning board. The regulations are set for a reason and allowing small lots or high buildings will change the tone of the town

one month ago

10. What concerns do you have about living or working in Hampstead in the next 5, 10, or 20 years?

Traffic, development on the lakes, health and water quality of the lakes.

13 days ago

I am concerned with ensuring the small town feel is preserved and that the crime remains low.

21 days ago

Becoming too liberal minded and not keeping the small town feel

21 days ago

Schools being too small and inefficient to hold influx if students. Losing good quality teachers because the buildings are not safe or desirable to work in.

21 days ago

Not protecting our natural recreation areas, schools going down the tubes

21 days ago

I am afraid of too many businesses and chain stores or restaurants taking over.

21 days ago

That it's going to become more like Massachusetts, traffic is going to become out of control, and overpopulated.

21 days ago

High property taxes will be the single biggest obstacle for retiring here.

21 days ago

None

21 days ago

Cheap residents voting down necessary improvements to public schools. NIMBYism. Housing prices. I want to sell my house, but I would not be able to afford to buy anything else in this town currently.

21 days ago

Biggest concern is the loss of the rural atmosphere we currently have.

21 days ago

CONTROL TAXES GETTING TOO HIGH UNAFFORDABLE

21 days ago

Soon there will be more storage facilities than homes 🗑️

21 days ago

Speed limits too high through town, need more crosswalks. Sidewalks would be good to have in some places ,too. And don't allow huge commercial developments on main roads....use industrial parks. And I hear that the schools are excellent... maintain the excellent quality of schools.

22 days ago

Building has gone on without town input. The water use by Lewis Builders (HAWC) has been un-controlled and un-supervised. I really believe that town planning officials need to step in & do their job to control the mining of water resources before it gets to the disaster level.

22 days ago

we have serious water issues. more care needs to be taken to control the water company. also, builders should be accountable for insuring that new construction does not take water away from existing homes.

22 days ago

we have serious water issues. more care needs to be taken to control the water company.

22 days ago

Taxes being raised due to unnecessary projects, like the ones listed below

22 days ago

Hoping that the schools are updated for all children.

22 days ago

Property taxes rising. Need more town businesses generating tax dollars.

22 days ago

Tax burden. Over development. Traffic to and from surrounding towns

22 days ago

Failure to improve infrastructure, especially schools will result in people moving out of Town, which will lower home values when Hampstead is viewed as an "over 55 town".

Failure of Town government to have the understanding that the only way to maintain infrastructure is through taxes and/or grant money, and that the development of commercial real estate on 111 that has little impact to residential is the logical way to continue and improve the "Town feel" with drastically impacting residential taxpayers

22 days ago

Overdevelopment, school district scores lowering, Taxes rising

22 days ago

Increased population leading to more school costs, more traffic on roads and over use of ground water

22 days ago

The increasing tax rate is going to create unaffordable living situations for so many especially those on fixed incomes like retirees.

22 days ago

Too much commercial growth. Not enough conservation.

22 days ago

None

22 days ago

Sections of Hampstead are looking run down with unregistered vehicles and old equipment. I would like to see the code enforcer take more action in that area going forward. The town/people will have to improve the center school sooner than later to keep up property values and desirable place to raise a family.

22 days ago

That it will become more congested with houses built on unavailable land. Losing the rural feel and being like another Greater Boston suburb.

22 days ago

costs, costs, costs

22 days ago

lack of community center

22 days ago

Worried about building on large tracts of land that might be put up for sale. Want to maintain green space, trails, protection of water sheds, water supplies and vernal pools. Worried about HAWC and drinking water for those private wells. Also worried about installation of lawn irrigation systems by people in an iffy water supply neighborhood. Also, can a fireworks ordinance be enforced? aka neighborhood fireworks at all times of night any time of the year? It is relentless in Anne drive/Adeline/Gallant/Laura La neighborhoods.

22 days ago

The high taxes will drive out the working class people

22 days ago

High taxes and subdivision after subdivision being built which adds more students to the schools.

22 days ago

I don't want Hampstead to grow too fast

22 days ago

Property taxes increasing too much

22 days ago

As an older person who loves living here, taxes will go up and I'll leave my home or can't live here anymore. Keep elderly in their homes if they choose.

22 days ago

Too much commercial development on Rt. 111, especially at intersections of Emerson Ave and Rt. 121. Loss of historic structures in town.

22 days ago

I want to keep the small town feel. No chains or big commerce.

22 days ago

Most concerned taxes will escalate beyond what I feel is equitable

22 days ago

My husband runs a very successful business in Hampstead as we look towards retirement we may not be able to afford housing in our town

22 days ago

As our population ages we cannot afford to live in Hampstead. Our houses are too big and the taxes are a burden.

22 days ago

Concerned Hampstead is getting too big. Also concerned that I won't be able to afford the taxes when I retire,

22 days ago

Too many storage facilities and less nature preserves ruining the appeal of the town.

22 days ago

That it will get overgrown and crowded

22 days ago

I'm afraid they will put in apartment buildings or condos and our schools will be overcrowded and quality education will go down. Single family housing is better there's plenty of people looking for houses here not apts

22 days ago

Overcrowding and dry wells.

22 days ago

Noise, over development, air and water pollution

22 days ago

Too much business bringing in too much traffic. Making sure people can still enjoy playing in their yards and feeling safe in town

23 days ago

In will become to crowded, and lose the the country feel

23 days ago

Water supply

23 days ago

Property taxes

23 days ago

Increased urban sprawl and less water availability

23 days ago

Wish my taxes stopped increasing so much each year. My taxes have more than doubled since I moved here yet the value of my house as not.

23 days ago

People come to Hampstead for the small town feel and outdoor space. Sure it can be improved on and kept up on, but it doesn't need to expand. There's enough surrounding towns that offer those amenities.

23 days ago

None at this time.

23 days ago

increased tax rate

23 days ago

The town losing its rural feel due to fast food,, commercial and retail properties trying to build business here.

23 days ago

My concern is the huge increase in assessed tax rate resulting in 12.5% jump in annual taxes in the past 2-3 years. A massive increase in tax without a clear understanding why or where that additional tax is funding. This is a large burden put on myself as a single parent trying to keep my kids in Hampstead. If this continues for the next 5 years, I will be forced to move out of the town.

I see the need for improvements in the school system and investment in school infrastructure and I hope the town can operate more efficiently to make this happen.

Hampstead is the town I hope to live the rest of my life in but without some change in the tax rate and improvement in schools that won't happen.

23 days ago

That it will lose its small town appeal and become more like a city

23 days ago

Keeping the New England town charm and not over populating or over building the area. Keeping enough green space in the town. Maintaining a good quality school system. Keeping the taxes and costs to residents in control.

23 days ago

Becoming overcrowded with chain restaurants and stores. Too many apartment buildings, condos.

23 days ago

Lack of water from my well with all the work Hampstead Water company is doing.

23 days ago

The affordability of living in town.

23 days ago

Water natural resource we share and large production wells

23 days ago

I'm concerned that Commercial and Industrial development will begin to encroach on the Residential areas in town impacting the quality of living.

23 days ago

I worry about the water issues in our town.

23 days ago

That Hampstead is going to become like everyone other city around.

23 days ago

The fact that our water sources are under attack from commercial interests as well as climate change and too dense housing approvals.

23 days ago

That central school will not be able to properly educate kids due to space limitations

23 days ago

Hampstead Central School building needs

23 days ago

Conflicts of interest on Planning/Zoning boards and Selectmen. Allowing more housing to be built on land that's questionably suitable.

23 days ago

I just don't want the town to get so built up/over developed and lose the rural feel, hometown feel.

23 days ago

My concern would be hampstead trying to hard to add more residential and commercial where it is not needed

23 days ago

All we will have are storage buildings, gas stations and pizza places.

23 days ago

I'm afraid the zba and pb are going to make this town too big and invite bad people in for the sake of making money. There's not a good enough method to appeal their choices.

23 days ago

Water source for Hampstead that has already been compromised by allowing builder access to tap into the aquifer beneath Hampstead

23 days ago

Internet and infrastructure

23 days ago

It becoming a large town/city

23 days ago

Over building .

23 days ago

Rise in taxes

23 days ago

My kids will be getting to school age in the next 3-4 years, and I worry about the infrastructure there. Also, without sidewalks, the experience I had in Derry growing up and being able to travel the neighborhood is really not a possibility.

23 days ago

I am very concerned how the town has continually voted against the badly needed school addition and the fire station addition. They are incredibly important entities in our community and it's so discouraging that the town that claims to be such a community refuses to support the school and the fire department. I have two young children and we regularly discuss moving to another town due to the lack of community support.

23 days ago

The residents who jump quickly to fight a project without understanding it send a negative message to future investors. The NIMBY approach is not healthy for any community. Hampstead needs to find a balance between small town historic importance and moving into the future.

23 days ago

Taxes and quality of education/school facilities

23 days ago

I don't want to lose the small town, friendly feel.
Densely populated areas have a cold feel.

24 days ago

Increased housing prices and taxes will make it unaffordable for younger families. Population increase will decrease the quality of the school system.

24 days ago

Schools renovations not being supported by the town voters

24 days ago

Increased taxes. We pay a lot in taxes.

24 days ago

Population density

24 days ago

I do not see us living here after 5 years. There is too much traffic and noise. There is too much construction, commercial and industrial, as well as large residential areas. The town does not hear our concerns.

24 days ago

My biggest concern is that the area will become all housing developments and strip malls, and it will be more like living in a busy suburb of Boston instead of being NH.

24 days ago

Too many properties being developed into condos and there is not enough groundwater to support them

24 days ago

Taxes - affordability to stay in retirement

24 days ago

I wish the transfer station were open more. I feel as more young families start to move into town, the more trash will be produced. If there were more places to drop it off and not just the one family can once a week pickup, hopefully our town will continue to look beautiful. I feel that a lot of the older generations in town will never agree to add onto the elementary school which will be so important for our town.

24 days ago

Population explosion & changing voting demographics. I want to be left alone to raise my family.

24 days ago

Concerned more commercial and low income housing will change the small town feel.

24 days ago

Transplants from MA changing the town for the worse

24 days ago

I moved out of a city and would like to keep this town from becoming Plaistow.

24 days ago

Too much development.

25 days ago

Enforcing zoning laws better. Some landscape companies on main st are operating WAY larger operations than permitted and the town does t seem to ever audit. It's getting ridiculous.

25 days ago

If the noise keeps getting worse I hope I will not be here

25 days ago

My major concern would be increased zoning for businesses (more gas stations, dunkins, convenience stores) . We have enough!

25 days ago

The school board has not been acting according to the will of townspeople/parents.

26 days ago

Drinking water and affordable housing/taxes

26 days ago

The amount of noise from ATVs, recreational vehicles, and firearms usage. the preservation of wetlands. the usage of water resources in town.

26 days ago

lack of housing

26 days ago

School funding is the only big issue but it's a make or break issue and currently it is not good enough

26 days ago

Affordability. Common sense decisions regarding schools.

27 days ago

High Property Taxes

27 days ago

Degradation of water supply is the main thing. Followed by continued degradation of our schools whereby the "quality of Hampstead schools" is no longer something we can hang our hat on.

27 days ago

Increased traffic

27 days ago

Inadequate school facilities

27 days ago

I hope that the town does not change much going forward. I have moved from Massachusetts and love living here in comparison to living in the city.

28 days ago

Quality of education in schools, aging of the Central school building, development of once conserved land, water quality, and making Hampstead into a place that values art, food, music, etc.

28 days ago

Availability and cost of water resources

28 days ago

Increased property taxes and over development

28 days ago

That the concerns of those living here will continue to have the opportunity to voice their concerns and participate in the growth of this wonderful community

28 days ago

Too busy

28 days ago

If the building continues, this town will look like Salem

28 days ago

Ensuring we have a great school system.

28 days ago

We need a new central school

28 days ago

An affordable tax rate and the ability to downsize, if we wish to, and still remain in Hampstead in something affordable.

28 days ago

That Hampstead will become over crowded and have a worse water system than we have now. When I bought my house our road was a dead end and now its a thru road that everyone uses as a cut thru. They speed down the road day and night

28 days ago

Increased traffic

28 days ago

I'm concerned that this town will continue to be held hostage to a perfect storm of critical boards dominated by self-interested good-old-boys (who all seem to be developers...), an aging voting population that has zero interest in funding the infrastructure needed to support the population influx driven by practices enabled by said board members, and poor communication around what's happening at these board meetings and what's going up on the ballot (it seems the lion's share of this education work is currently on the shoulders of private citizens who volunteer their time through social media, personal sites, or volunteer organization efforts because the town is dropping the ball here).

28 days ago

Traffic, too many lights on 111

28 days ago

Water, increased taxes due to updates/repairs needed on BOTH schools. Increased taxes due to Fire Station upgrade. What's next after that? I am sure there will be something right behind it.

28 days ago

I have lived here for 27 years. 27 years ago it was said the town was mostly built out - and there would be minimal new housing built. Funny, isn't it? The opposite has happened. People still say the town is built out, but more and more new homes are being built. I would like to see a building moratorium. I am definitely concerned about the town's well water resources. A plan is needed to protect Hampstead's water. If nothing is done relative to the water resource, I am fearful what we will be facing in the next 5, 10, 20 years.

28 days ago

The loss of small town feel. Higher taxes and affordability closer to retirement.

28 days ago

Want the quality of life here to remain the same -- don't make it another Plaistow or Salem.

29 days ago

Quality of schools and town spending. Growth outpacing the town's ability to manage infrastructure. Our roads are getting too busy for their size, and we're losing our small town feel.

29 days ago

Although my children have and will be aging out in the next couple years I feel like the school board past and present need to listen to the community much more, now and in the future.

29 days ago

Over crowding, too many new developments will ruin the small town atmosphere

29 days ago

Cost

29 days ago

My biggest concern is the increase in property taxes due to a lack of vision by the citizens. Central school is the perfect example of that lack of vision. Actually the school should be completely replaced.

29 days ago

The amount of traffic and road noise.
It has already increased in the 6 years that we've lived here.

29 days ago

Taxes keep going up, we are getting close to retirement age may need to find a town that had less taxes.

29 days ago

Schools need to be updated, better internet (more than one option) for work from home. Sidewalks for community,

29 days ago

If the schools are not updated, the education and reputation of the schools will decrease, while decreasing our property values

29 days ago

Losing "old New England" charm

29 days ago

Taxes I creasing

29 days ago

That more families are moving in and the school can not hold them

29 days ago

Overcrowding, loss of small town feel

29 days ago

Possibly being taxed right out of this beautiful town.

29 days ago

We won't be able to afford to live here

29 days ago

That the town may lose its small town charm with increased expansion.

29 days ago

Too many redundant businesses moving in

29 days ago

Getting too crowded. Town's citizens with narrow view of future--not putting money into schools, preservation and planning

29 days ago

Na

29 days ago

Overbuilding,Overruling, about our ground water.we need more enforcement of speed limits on our roads

29 days ago

I worry about the long term affordability of living in Hampstead. I understand things can be improved with tax payer dollars but there needs to be a limit somewhere.

29 days ago

Overpopulation

29 days ago

The main concern would be increasing taxes. As a senior citizen, taxes increasing make me cut one more thing in my life to be able to stay here. My "salary" does not keep pace in todays world. My other concern is the school buildings. The young parents want new buildings and I fail to see why refurbishing is not considered more, as is adding an extension to existing buildings. With reduced small children I ask why we need a new building. Also the support of Pinkerton and why are the elderly expected to pay for these schools and what do we receive in return? We need to offer the firefighters an improved station to meet todays needs.

29 days ago

The expense

29 days ago

Expense

29 days ago

Overcrowding and inflated real estate

29 days ago

Potential tax increases. Our taxes have already increased significantly over the 7 years we have lived here.

29 days ago

That there will not be affordable housing.

29 days ago

Ease of commute

29 days ago

Paying our property tax as we get older (we just barely miss the cutoff for state easement.)

one month ago

The high property tax rate

one month ago

Taxes

one month ago

Allowing a business-based tax base to lighten the tax load on town residents. Most towns have a bigger support for services by allowing business to help with that burden. It seems to me that most of the tax burden falls on residents. If we are going to grow and not kill residents in property taxes we need to allow some business growth to help.

one month ago

Water is number 1. If peoples' wells start running dry with commercial projects and more density and growth in our town, then it's only a matter of time we turn on our faucets and nothing comes out. Then what??? Another school possibly? I think the number 1 reason families move to Hampstead is the school system. We can keep putting band-aids on existing schools but with the way growth is happening our schools will be overrun. Now is the time to borrow money with historic lows on interest rates.

one month ago

Over building of all housing and loss of ground water. Hampstead water should stay in Hampstead unless HAWC wants to provide -- at their cost of infrastructure -- HAWC water to all Hampstead residents

one month ago

AGAIN WE WANT TO FEEL THE HOMETOWN FEEL . NO NEW BIG BUSINESS

one month ago

That people will try to modernize and make it more like busy citys

one month ago

Noise and vehicle speed on Route 121A.

one month ago

No More houses

one month ago

Traffic

one month ago

Increase in taxes may prohibit remaining in the town

one month ago

My concern is rapid access to quality medical treatment where the providers are held to the higher standards of Lahey Clinic and Boston hospitals, rapid access to Interstate. quality and quantity of water.

one month ago

too much development. the quantity and quality of well water.

one month ago

As an 85-year old widow with no relatives living near me, I have great concern about my ability to maintain my home and myself. There must be an emphasis on helping the seniors. Too much emphasis is focused on school additions.

one month ago

taxes are outrageous. We have far more business and industry than other communities and our taxes are higher. Compare taxes in Angle Pond woods with Sawmill Ridge in Atkinson. Where does our tax money go? we do not have enough police. Roads are speedways.

one month ago

Affordability and sustainability.

one month ago

Tax increases due to school cost increases.

one month ago

Traffic on Route 111. It's heavy and slow during commuting hours.

one month ago

Having affordable housing and property taxes for people like me who live on a limited fixed income in retirement. Availability of housing for my children and their families to live near me in Hampstead.

one month ago

I'm concerned about the traffic on Rte 111 - especially if the warehouse is approved in Kingston. Constantly increasing taxes is also a concern, especially for those on a fixed income. I have concerns about water availability and quality.

one month ago

The increased traffic on our main streets, highways, and side roads. Main St and other high traffic areas need more traffic/speed enforcement by the police.

one month ago

Over building. Over population. High taxes. Not being able to afford to live here anymore. Forced to move because of taxes.

one month ago

Taxes are seriously increasing every year and there may be a time when I will not be able to afford them...

one month ago

SIDEWALKS ALONG MAIN STREET AND LIGHTING ON ALL ROADS

one month ago

Water shortages

one month ago

Having an adequate water supply - especially during the summers.

one month ago

On a more serious note. Stop allowing for WETLANDS to be filled in. Lots that are wet need to remain wet. We are now allowing for builders to remove and modify Wetlands for profit. The rule was not intended for this, if the lot need a small amount of fill to be added to allow the lot to be build-able then okay. But now your allowing BAD Builders to keep stoking profits at the detriment of the town wetlands that are impacted.

one month ago

I am highly concerned with the types of housing being built currently. We should not be allowing million dollar homes to be built in this town. We should not be allowing for any more 55+ communities to be built, We should not allow more mobile homes to be installed onto rented lots. Please keep Hampstead Affordable. If you are going to build please only zone for single family homes for first time home buyers. I am afraid this town will look like Methuen in 5 or 10 years.

one month ago

the increase number of new homes being built and keeping the number of businesses low and localized to route 111

one month ago

Increased tax burden on fixed income retirees.

one month ago

Uncontrolled growth and tax increases

one month ago

That the town might grow too big, and/or lose its quaint, charming, historical, small New England town look and feel.

one month ago

The state of our water quality and supply. The integrity of quality of education in our schools and the preservation of land in the town. I do not want to see Hampstead over developed. I moved here for the small town feel and good schools I would like to see this continue into the future.

one month ago

Small town politics. I worry that people in decision making positions may only be working to push their own agenda's. I worry that the people that are moving here want to make it like the place they have moved from. I worry that surveys such as this fall on deaf ears.

one month ago

Keep everything the same and their will be no issues

one month ago

to much traffic and to much building will turn this town in a Derry or Salem

one month ago

there will be to many multifamily units and to many mass people trying to change this town to the way mass is

one month ago

Maintaining the quality of life as the area continues to grow. Controlling traffic speed, noise and volume.

one month ago

Our state needs a sales tax. Funding everything through property taxes isn't working. The failure of state funding of education pits residents against each other when the schools or other buildings need repair.

one month ago

Traffic seems to increase every year. Speeding vehicles throughout the town is a continued safety problem that the police do not seem to adequately address. I rarely see the police running radar, and rarely see vehicles stopped by the police for moving violations. Additionally, the noise pollution created from the additional traffic, speeding vehicles or vehicles that have mufflers installed to make a vehicle sound more powerful is not being addressed, even though at one time the police department was equipped with decibel gauges so law enforcement could proactively enforce laws surrounding motor vehicle noise.

one month ago

Worry about becoming like Plaistow or Salem must maintain a small rural community and protect nature and wildlife

one month ago

None

one month ago

That it's going to turn into Plaistow

one month ago

It becomes too populated

one month ago

It begins too populated

one month ago

That it will become more like a busy city and lose its small town look and atmosphere.

one month ago

I don't want Hampstead to turn into Plaistow. We don't need 111 to be like 125.

one month ago

Affordability, now that I am retired you will tax me out of Hampstead

one month ago

More traffic, more noise and more sky night time lighting.

one month ago

Congestion and noise pollution, increased taxes

one month ago

Over development. Too much car congestion, noise pollution, air pollution, groundwater contamination

one month ago

Our Rec department has no understanding of how to provide for the town teams.

one month ago

Police efficacy needs to improve. When we've needed their help, they came to our house, cleared it, made us fill paperwork and nothing ever happened after. All we were told was that break ins were frequent in our area. Thanks?

one month ago

Taxes and affordability. Increasing our tax base by encouraging commercial development needs to be done smartly. We need to make good investments in our future to stabilize costs.

one month ago

I am concerned that I would not be able to live here when I retire

one month ago

Too many residents complain about taxes but demand services from the town which cannot be provided if people vote against maintaining the town infrastructure. The outgoing superintendent did everything he could to benefit himself and have personal vendettas against people and teachers - our town should be embarrassed by him and the SB's inability to manage him.

one month ago

Really love the town as new residents.

one month ago

Keep Hampstead quaint & maintain what we have for open & recreational spaces, roads, and homes. Protect our water! Stop/slow down the building especially until we get the water issue under control & protected. Not interested at all in a Wendys/Burger King etc in our town. And please, no more Dunks! Traffic isn't bad, it's the speed on our roads that concerns me.

one month ago

I am sorry to say but I'm hoping to leave the town, it's not the same place I want to live in

one month ago

keeping taxes low

one month ago

Potential loss of exurban culture and feel

one month ago

Traffic

one month ago

I wish the town would find the ability to get rid of the portables at Hampstead Center School. They have outlived their use and need to go.

one month ago

Preservation of groundwater, preservation of natural features and conservation lands, the school not keeping up with the progress of surrounding towns schooling, keeping the balance of these features and a pragmatic approach to these things with progress and new businesses and features.

one month ago

NONE, IT IS A GREAT PLACE TO LIVE, AND WHILE OTHER TOWNS HAVE SKYROCKETING TAXES AND LESS AFFORDABLE HOMES, HAMPSTEAD HAS A CHANCE TO REMAIN A SMALL NEW HAMPSHIRE TOWN WITHOUT ALL OF THE HUB UB

one month ago

I believe the selectmen need to start doing their job and over seeing town employees. Depot road mowing is horrible and the person running that operation need to do improved

one month ago

Schools aren't factoring in population growth - if town vote is needed to increase school size, it will never get done. Schools need to know what the residential growth predictions are so they can better plan.

one month ago

Concern about taxes and affording my home.

one month ago

That we will have increased risk of drought issues. With the pumping of water to other towns and areas putting even more pressure on the towns water supply. Water conservation programs and the reduction of water being pumped to other towns are needed. There is no guarantee that rain and snow pack levels will ever return to normal. Waiting for it to become a bigger problem is a terrible approach to such a needed natural resource

one month ago

Don't want it to get commercialized, like the rural feel.

one month ago

Rising tax burden. My taxes were raised \$1600 in one year. How do you expect seniors to continue to live in this community with no elder tax relief?

one month ago

Too much development and more noise and traffic

one month ago

I am concerned that the town fathers are guided more self interest than the overall interest of the town. Thankfully the residents are well educated and tend to vote logically at the town elections. I would like to see each town employee take an annual ethics test according to the Town Code of Ethics rather than just be given a copy of it as it stated now. Most companies in the private sector require their employees to take annual ethics training and pass a test.

one month ago

I am concerned about the cost of housing and the over population of the schools.

one month ago

traffic congestion along 111

one month ago

no concerns

one month ago

Drinking Water

one month ago

The high tax rate, The school board needs to get their act together concerning building additions it seems every year they continue to change the path of the building upgrades.

one month ago

Not keeping it rural !

one month ago

I'm disappointed and very concerned about the town's unwillingness to fund the necessary improvements to the school system's physical plant.

one month ago

Too many apartments/condos erected, crowding schools and town resources. Development threatens local wells, of which I have. There is no communication that I have seen to assure me that my water will not be compromised.

one month ago

My concern is all the 55+ condo developments being built in town. I'm concerned about the water supply. I'm concerned about construction companies walking all over the town, changing their plans for developments (ie Winchester Heights).

one month ago

Urban sprawl

one month ago

The conservation comm doing things without town approval. IE, more parking lots or cell phone towers. Continued shady business practices by [REDACTED] and company.....

one month ago

I am afraid that the building and development will detract from the beauty of Hampstead. We can't keep a small town feel with business and housing development sprouting at every available space.

one month ago

I worry that our taxes will substantially increase, as they always do and we will see no improvement in the schools.

one month ago

Having to move because property taxes have priced us out of our house

one month ago

Becoming commercialized

one month ago

My private well drying up due to big commercial wells in town

one month ago

Taxes getting out of control

one month ago

Traffic on state roads is horrible and getting worse. The sets of lights at 121A and 111 (at Colby Corner), Emerson Ave. and 111 don't operate properly. The traffic is backed up every day 50 cars deep. The turn lanes and straight lanes are poorly configured and don't flow enough traffic.

one month ago

I am concerned that the tax rate will make living here impossible

one month ago

I'm concerned that people won't be welcoming to newcomers.

one month ago

Access to water, access to natural gas. With the building that's going on in town public water is going to be vital for this town

one month ago

Do not turn us into Plaistow. Do not fill us with apartment buildings, parking lots, and fast food. Do not cut down our trees.

one month ago

Overpopulation and lack of water

one month ago

It will become over developed

one month ago

Mostly increased taxes and the quality of the schools

one month ago

Education quality in schools

one month ago

Concerned that growth will be too much and become overcrowded.

one month ago

taxes to high and nothing to show for it

one month ago

Getting too comercial

one month ago

Changes that might lower my homes value

one month ago

would like it to be more bicyclist /pedestrian friendly as my children get older and would like to go beyond the neighborhood. Would be great to have an indoor swimming facility for fall through spring that families can use for exercise and recreation.

one month ago

it will turn into a city

one month ago

I am concerned about the deteriorating schools and future ground water availability. Traffic is also a concern, only gets worse every year with more and more moving to town. Housing prices are out of control but that is everywhere not just Hampstead.

one month ago

I'm afraid it will turn into MA

one month ago

With School age children, this town needs to find a way to fully fund the school renovation needs. This, for me is the biggest downside to staying here...the town does not support school needs! I get that the tax burden in this state is so fully on home owners, that we are stretched thin when it comes to big reno projects . I GET IT. I've been paying these high taxes for 21 years! However, if we don't support our schools and all of the small citizens in this town by improving, updating and maintaining their schools, I'm not sure how we can keep people here or even how we can have a better future in Hampstead and beyond. SCHOOL AND EDUCATION are everything.

one month ago

I am concerned that the school buildings will continue to deteriorate and will lead to a reduction in my property value.

one month ago

Small town personal agendas. People in charge not listening to the majority that live in town.

one month ago

High taxes

one month ago

I am afraid that the town's apathy towards it's schools will drastically decrease the housing values and ultimately the quality of life in the town.

one month ago

I live in Hampstead and pay high taxes and will Be sending my kids to private school because the facilities are sub optimal and over crowded.

one month ago

I'm afraid that if the schools don't make a big push for improvement, the home value will drop.

one month ago

I am concerned that Hampstead is going to become too expensive to live in..

one month ago

Over building and overcrowded schools

one month ago

The decline of the quality of education at the schools and the school buildings.

one month ago

Loosing the small town feel.

one month ago

Poor education & high taxes

one month ago

Taxes going up.

one month ago

Growth changing town dynamic

one month ago

Traffic on 111

one month ago

It will become too industrial and busy

one month ago

I worry there will be less natural spaces and walking will become more treacherous with speeding cars/trucks.

one month ago

That Hampstead will be over built.

one month ago

That hamp

one month ago

Taxes getting more out of control

one month ago

I'm afraid I'll be forced to leave due to taxes.

one month ago

Affordability!

one month ago

Lack of water

Road congestion and traffic accidents

Trying to squeeze homes in anywhere

Loosing the feel of our town

one month ago

Water shortages for wells.

one month ago

Cost of taxes

one month ago

That it will become overbuilt and a less quaint and desirable place to live. And that our natural resources and spaces will continue to suffer due to overdevelopment.

one month ago

That I have water, that my kids aren't killed waiting for their bus or us just pulling out of our driveway. More signage and speed radar signs, increase the police if there isn't enough. Re-education the middle school principal on Autistic children! I am not sure I want to stay.

one month ago

town becoming a Derry or Plasitow

one month ago

My biggest concern is the cost of future taxes due to all the repairs & new buildings that are needed here in town. Large long term debt to the town & taxpayers & the inability to meet any compromises regarding the wants versus needs of the HCS project. The town dynamics & population have have changed greatly in the past 10 years. We seem to have a split population of " Let's make it "like Salem & let's keep it Hampstead . The looming concerns of what have a single SAU looks like in terms of cost & the needs of our FD & PD along with our buildings that need much repair at this time. Are we building the community our children want to one day raise their children in? Are we over developing to the point our water infrastructure will collapse ? Have we made wise choices in terms of brining in revenue to lessen the tax burdens to our future taxpayers ? Or will we keep on going & hand the tax bills to the next generation? There are many concerns.

one month ago

I am concerned about the availability of clean usable water, I am concerned about increased building that is not sustainable by our resources, including the schools and water. I worry about our green spaces being replaced and our wet land areas increasingly being filled in to provide housing

one month ago

That more houses will be built and Hampstead will no longer have that small town feel. I think it's great to have enough spacing between properties so that people can have large or small farms. I feel that is important after the struggles many people findings things once the pandemic hit

one month ago

Overcrowding

one month ago

Concerned about trying to make the town too "uppyty".... If I wanted that I'd live in windham. We want quality of education not a glamorous building. Affordable taxes while our town needs are met. We need a published plan that clearly spells out needed town maintenance and building projects so voters have a context for each individual warrant article. Concerned about water quality and availability. Concerned about too much uncontrolled and unplanned growth at the expense of current taxpayers.

one month ago

We need a newer improved school building and protected water supply.

one month ago

I think people are looking to move to Hampstead because it is a wonderful.place to live but we cannot keep building new homes and not maintaining all reasons why people want to live here (schools, recreation, home town feel).

one month ago

Our school system costs so much that town services suffer. This puts our town services at a disadvantage

one month ago

That it will become over developed like Massachusetts

one month ago

Too many people moving in and not enough resources (water)

one month ago

Tax rate.

one month ago

Taxes increasing, central school needs to be completely overhauled

one month ago

Property taxes being too high, stunting property value.

Private water being siphoned off and sold. Steady decline in schools

one month ago

Tax increases, excessive commercial development, postage-stamping of lots

one month ago

L I will not be able to afford the property taxes in retirement.

one month ago

Building up, low income house. Increased crime

one month ago

Affordability for young families. Over development. Ability to afford property taxes.

one month ago

Increase taxes

one month ago

Central school needs an addition and without, our education of students is in peril. Does this mean we pay more to send kids out of district?

one month ago

My biggest concern is the town being developed. Keep it rural

one month ago

Whether or not if I can afford the property taxes.

one month ago

Over development, thoughtless approval of businesses that don't fit the look/feel of the town, groundwater protection

one month ago

No opinion

one month ago

I don't want to see it grow into a "city" atmosphere. It needs to stay a small town. I want to keep quality schools, family homes and not attract the rentals and multi family buildings. Let's not turn it into a commercialized Plaistow/Salem.

one month ago

Having senior care attention. Badly needed

one month ago

Lack of care to town property and equipment

one month ago

I would like to see better board processes put into place that bring our town into the 21st century in a way that makes it difficult to slide backwards when new people fill the seats. I would like to see hard copies of voter guides sent to all houses, and boards that actively try to get community involvement with our town. We're run by the same small handful of volunteers who do everything, and the whole town suffers for it

one month ago

That the town will continue to increase in size and the water supply and infrastructure (roads and schools) will not be able to appropriately support the growth.

one month ago

We will suck up all of our available water and our houses will be worth nothing

one month ago

I don't want big companies moving in. Keep it small

one month ago

Too many new houses, we're running out of space/nature. I've seen so many farms and tracts of land disappear since the 70's. The town is almost unrecognizable from back then. It is losing what made it special.

one month ago

Sustainable high level of good education and facilities as well as insuring we safeguard our clean and adequate water supply

one month ago

Affordable housing.

one month ago

Affording my house, or being able to afford to renovate it. I don't want more new construction. If the town could somehow encourage new buyers to renovate older homes, it would be better for our water usage and natural resources and forested/open spaces.

one month ago

Rising taxes, development (residential and commercial)

one month ago

Concerned that the town will over grow

one month ago

Traffic, changing the way our town is

one month ago

Impossible to get out of side street onto rye 111

one month ago

Being able to afford it

one month ago

Being able to age in place with walking access to Town Buildings and services as well as retail and library.

one month ago

I am worried about the educational impact if we don't update our school buildings and the impact on property resale value with the overcrowding at HCS.

one month ago

I am worried about the water supply.

one month ago

Over development

one month ago

Over building, the high tax rates for our schools, a zoning board which cant say no.

one month ago

Put a fast food place or a restaurant where little Mexico was.

one month ago

I am concerned that high taxes will make it difficult or impossible for people to stay or move to Hampstead.

one month ago

Too much development that would lead to overcrowding in the schools. Poorly designed commercial that takes away from the character of the Town.

one month ago

My concern is with construction of new homes and multi family dwellings.

one month ago

Cost of living, school quality

one month ago

I don't right now

one month ago

Would like more things to do in the area

one month ago

Too much commercialization

one month ago

Concerned that Route 111 will become too developed with ugly buildings and utilitarian businesses. Already going to have 2 storage companies within a couple of miles.

one month ago

More People moving in from MA and wanting the same infrastructure as MA for schools, etc (increasing taxes) in essence making NH MA

one month ago

Corruption in town politics

one month ago

Over building will lead to problems with water supply

one month ago

Keeping the tax rate affordable for the elderly.
Raising the income requirements for elderly tax breaks

one month ago

11. The Hampstead Capital Improvement Program (CIP) has identified these projects as long-term capital investments for the Town.

Please rank your priority for the projects and provide additional comments if desired.

99%	Hampstead Central School (\$9 Million)	Rank: 2.15	252 ✓
94%	Fire Station Addition (\$1.3 Million)	Rank: 2.35	240 ✓
93%	Memorial Gym/Community Center (\$4 to \$6 Million)	Rank: 3.03	237 ✓
93%	Hampstead Middle School - Parking Lot (\$400,000)	Rank: 3.53	237 ✓
93%	Town Garage Addition (\$200,000)	Rank: 3.86	238 ✓

255 Respondents

Town garage should not be visible from road; the community center could be a combo facility for seniors and town's people.

10 days ago

No opinion, though it seems as if a new fire station was built not that long ago. why does it need expanding so soon?

13 days ago

The Central school needs updates/addition but this needs to be completed in stages so at least a portion can be passed. We need to update the fire station for safety but the price tag is too high. Make it safe for the firemen but a less expensive proposition to get it done. Taxes are already high we need to propose less expensive alternatives.

21 days ago

Central School renovation is getting more expensive every year it fails to pass. It is needed. The pods are obsolete. We moved here partly for the schools, but the residents won't support them.

21 days ago

22 days ago

Concerns about an ever increasing school budget (82% of the budget). Seniors paying full tax rate while not receiving many services.

22 days ago

None. Every year taxes go up and up. I am elderly and retired and my assessment had a huge increase last year and my taxes went way up. As far as the schools are concerned - for the past 5 or 6 years the voters have turned down the millions wanted for the central school because of the poor planning of the various school committees. Every year there is several hundred thousand dollars left over in the school budget and it is not being used to improve the schools. By the way, it is the elderly who are voting down all these projects in the town because of increased taxes and we will continue to do that. by the way, why all of a sudden are all these high money projects being proposed?

22 days ago

Everyone gets safety in new fire house, a community center can be used by all with availability to old and young (same percentages). Also good education comes from books, good teachers not parks.

22 days ago

Consider moving town garage to transfer station. (School) go for smaller addition and pay for it like what was done for police station.

22 days ago

The school needs repairs first.

22 days ago

The schools have been in need of improvement for more than 20 years.

23 days ago

We could use a community center. I don't know if the gym is worth investing in. The location is bad. Rec needs to be improved. It's useless for working parents

23 days ago

They are not a priority

23 days ago

None

23 days ago

Schools should be holding more fundraisers for improvements instead of always just trying to pass on the burden to tax payers.

23 days ago

The past year and a half showed that while we have great school administration and staff, the buildings have significant setbacks. Investing in our schools now reinforces home values and ensures our residents stay enrolled in the public schools.

23 days ago

Again, increasing the taxes is a concern. We home school our kids and so you can imagine how I feel about paying more taxes.

Fire Station

Memorial Gym

Town Garage

Hampstead Central School

Hampstead parking lot

24 days ago

I can see the benefit of all of these projects for the town, but the Central School REALLY needs to be updated and made safer for children, teachers, and other users of the school building and grounds.

24 days ago

Schools are extremely important and to invest in the future of this town we need to invest in the education of our children. The fire station also should be updated as they work hard to protect those who live in this town.

24 days ago

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25 days ago

None of the above

27 days ago

It is disheartening that the Central school STILL hasn't passed in the town elections. It is costing more by kicking the can down the road than if it was already paid for. Also the fact that folks don't understand the need for the fire station upgrades is saddening as well. Those folks do a phenomenal job for our town, yet we are putting them at risk every day without having the appropriate facilities.

27 days ago

firefighters need a new facility

28 days ago

I don't think we need any of these projects especially the Central School or the fire station

28 days ago

Nothing to elaborate about

28 days ago

You want to continue to enable developers to build more housing in town? Better figure out how to address the infrastructure needs to support this growth, otherwise these people need to be cut off from further personal enrichment at the cost of our town.

28 days ago

I don't like many of the above, but I made the priority calls as requested.

28 days ago

I don't trust the schools to spend the money properly. The town should find a way to collect incremental funds annually to pay for these expenses.

29 days ago

Rather than spending on Memorial Gym place replace it with enlarged facility at the middle school and or Central School...we don't need a separate GYM.

29 days ago

None of the above.

29 days ago

The school is not up to date for students at all

29 days ago

Need school buildings to be improved

29 days ago

The school is a must!

29 days ago

While I think there are school renovations to be done, I think the scope should be reviewed to make sure the focus is on needs vs wants to keep the budget to a more reasonable expense

29 days ago

The central school and fire dept is of utmost importance!

29 days ago

HCS should get a facelift -- but not to the elaborate degree proposed. The fire station is new -- don't understand an addition. Are there more fires? The Memorial Gym does need a facelift -- I don't understand the need for a Community Center --

one month ago

No need to add more - these are listed well.

one month ago

The central school improvement project is long overdue.

one month ago

Safety first. Education next. The Central School has needed work for decades. It's time. The old memorial gym needs to be torn down as the facility is outdated and cramped. The location is too tight also for parking and access. Maybe move that to Route 111 and Emerson!

one month ago

Each needed, however planning for completing work over a period of time not Presented and amount of monies suggested increases annually, despite being voted down. I think there is a disconnect between what's wanted and needed

one month ago

Fire Station and Central School are both non-negotiable requirements. Town garage addition and Middle School parking lot are affordable and should be budgeted as needed. They do not even belong on this list.

one month ago

While I know that the Central school project will raise taxes I also realize that having good schools is important to attract families. My concern is in building schools that are "Tah Mahals". Our children need technology and a safe and clean learning environment but we also have to live within our means. Not every building has to win design awards! I'm willing to pay my fair share to keep the town safe and to grow responsibly but we have to remember we are a small town and it will take work to keep that feel.

one month ago

The school does not need more money. They need to learn how to budget and save. Simple as that. If they want a new school tell them to move to year round school, because quite frankly the education they are providing is not that great. The teachers and staff are sub par at best so building a new school will not solve this. Fire station and Town Garage both need the improvements. Memorial Gym, it does need some improvements but that building only serves very select few so as far as money goes, attempting to improve that building would be a waste of money. We do not need a community center. If people want a community center, move to another town.....

one month ago

I would need more information provided to me about the memorial gym/community center. I also need more info on why HMS needs a new parking lot. The town garage addition is not that big of a budget cost in comparison and if needed should be done. Hampstead Central School should be priority as well as fire station.

one month ago

The fire station addition/renovation is a health and safety issue. Our first responders should not be at risk from their own workplace.

one month ago

None. Don't turn Hampstead into Dirty Derry

one month ago

Fix the Central School and Fire Station - we have sat on our hands too long. Now it will cost us twice as much. Enough of the bandaids!

one month ago

There are none listed?

one month ago

I support the fire house for the needs for their safety and our expanded staff but sad that we didn't build something that could have grown with our needs to begin with. (Unless I'm missing some info about the reason to expand.) I'm slightly blind about the town garage needs however I don't think they have had much of an upgrade recently and would like to know more about their needs. HMS parking has been insufficient for a long time & needs to be addressed, but responsibly and not extravagantly. HCS is a problem & I'm torn about the big plans previously provided. Memorial Gym, don't know what the plans are however we need to address other things first. For my family, the biggest concern are the significant rise in taxes over the years. It's hard to get behind projects that will impact them to go higher each year. I'm not against maintaining our infrastructure or necessary growth, but you can only give so much blood before you can't give anymore.

one month ago

None are a top priority at this time

one month ago

The fire department absolutely needs the space requested. One area is designated for episodes of contamination. After asking them to respond to calls and transport covid patients they deserve every opportunity to protect themselves through decontamination. Meeting space for the community is also at a premium so a meeting room would be wonderful.

one month ago

I believe town residents without children in schools should pay less taxes.

one month ago

I cannot rank the schools higher, until I see transparency with the school board and feel confident that they are being truthful. i would also like to see more logical planning rather than an all or nothing approach.

one month ago

n/a

one month ago

Investment in critical infrastructure like schools and emergency services is vital to keeping Hampstead a great place to live.

one month ago

Hampstead Central needs another wing of classrooms and a separate gym/cafe. What I don't agree with is all the extra stuff the school feels they want to do.

one month ago

The school could use to be updated, but \$9M is absurd.

School spending is unbelievably wasteful and honestly needs to have town oversight. Over a \$1M have been wasted on plans alone. Similar to the amount it cost to build the police station and the proposed amount for the fire station expansion.

Until there is oversight in place, I will never support any proposed budget additions for the school.

one month ago

The schools are the key to the city. Hampstead as a central location with access to 495/93 is now ideal for people commuting to Boston and Manchester but keeping their family far enough away from the larger cities. The schools and town offerings need to be brought up to par to compete with other communities.

one month ago

I support the fire station addition as well but the Central School improvements need to be done. It is getting ridiculous how much more it is going to cost us than when this was originally proposed.

one month ago

Priority

one month ago

The town should look into building one brand new school that's a combination of middle school and elementary school with heating ventilation and air-conditioning systems that actually work

one month ago

Good schools mean good property values. Whoever keeps voting down school improvements should move to Plaistow or Atkinson.

one month ago

HCS needs to be supported and maintained. That's priority number one.

one month ago

The continued neglect of the Central School's rapidly declining condition will ultimately lead to the town's decreasing desirability to live here. Without people moving in and an increase of people departing with negate the need for anything else on this list.

one month ago

None of these are a necessity.

one month ago

Fire station needs the funds the most

one month ago

Central school needs more space and safety features

one month ago

None

one month ago

The Fire Station should be the priority here. Our first responders deserve a safe environment and we should have a desirable fire department that attracts and retains well qualified firefighters.

one month ago

After covid I am not sure what impact there has been on the need for more space at the schools. Going forward do some people want to continue with virtual learning or hone schooling? I believe education is extremely important to our town, but I just don't know if we still need more space.

one month ago

Schools make or break a town along with the email or service.

one month ago

It is come time to make a decision based on prioritizing what is necessary here or if we will change the HCS plans. The memorial gym is no longer needed if the school provides the community space they promised. It seems as if this s a smoke & mirrors situation however where it really won't have the availability to the public. The HCS plan has many large new buildings attached to it which I feel are unnecessary in scale. It does not address the needs of the children in terms of our real issues. Trying to put a bow on it & package it as if it will serve the community in terms of it's price tag has failed. A decision needs to be made if we will keep the memorial gym & change the plans for the HCS project by eliminating one of the new buildings or take down the memorial gym & allow the cost to be put in the HCS project but with the stipulation it will serve the towns needs for the memorial gym programs. The fire station is the largest priority to me right in terms of a health stand point since the HCS renos currently happening will address some of their health issues. The middle school parking lot is in bad condition but I feel the town garage addition is to serve the town needs & more important then a parking lot.

one month ago

Again the answers to these questions are misleading. \$400k is a lot different than \$9M. And the central school may be the highest priority but not the planned 9M project. So find the parking lot \$\$.... Make the fire dept safe.... Plan to maintain memorial gym, and get a lower cost plan for central school needs. Spread the costs out over several years for all projects so we know what we can afford toward each. No Cadillac plans for one at the expense of the others.

one month ago

We have to get our schools into the 21st century

one month ago

The children are our future and town funding should always support that first.

one month ago

Fire department got a brand new dept not that many years ago. The school NEEDS to be fixed.
one month ago

None of these are competitively priced.
one month ago

Town services are important
one month ago

School needs the repair
one month ago

The fire department needs their addition.
one month ago

NA
one month ago

I haven't heard anything about a town garage
one month ago

We need school facility upgrades mostly
one month ago

The Hampstead Central School needs to be expanded NOW.
one month ago

It would have been helpful if you provided links to documents to support these items..
one month ago

12. Please indicate your opinion regarding the following statements about the cost of **Town** services.

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly disagree
I would like improved town services and am willing to pay increased taxes to pay for them.	7% Strongly agree	18% Agree	30% Neutral	26% Disagree	19% Strongly disagree
I would like improved town services, but am NOT willing to pay increased taxes to pay for them.	14% Strongly agree	25% Agree	33% Neutral	22% Disagree	5% Strongly disagree
I would accept decreases in town services in order to lower taxes.	8% Strongly agree	16% Agree	26% Neutral	35% Disagree	15% Strongly disagree
I would NOT accept decreases in town services even with lowered taxes.	17% Strongly agree	31% Agree	31% Neutral	15% Disagree	7% Strongly disagree

568 respondents

Need to have grants written to support services. Develop contracts with existing buildings (all) not just town buildings to use their spaces.

10 days ago

Regarding taxes versus services, for a property owner, but non-resident, taxes are very high especially when only a small number of town services are relevant or important such as roads, water quality, the library, other green spaces or natural resources such as water quality of the lakes.

13 days ago

We should continue to provide town services and if they can be improved with only a small impact to taxes people may be willing to pay more.

21 days ago

Cutting police and fire would be an extremely bad idea if there was an emergency.

21 days ago

I'm fine with tax increases to pay for additional services. As it is currently, my taxes go up (slightly lower percentage, but assessment increased by \$100k, so substantial net increase in property tax paid) with little perceived change in the quality of services. Please give me more for my money.

21 days ago

Schools need to be funded & improved. Other recent capital improvements- like the Police station, should have been deferred or funded only to a "reasonable" level.

22 days ago

22 days ago

Utilize federal and state grants.

22 days ago

I have no problems with Hampstead except recognize the old and open dump more.

22 days ago

Schools are a necessity.

22 days ago

Keep emergency services/trash pickup/highway dept, etc., but so many services don't apply to a wide range of people, or aren't used, so why do we all need to pay for them?

22 days ago

Taxes are high enough already

23 days ago

I don't believe giving tax concessions to the elderly is the way - everyone should pay their share regardless of whether they have kids or not or how old they are.

23 days ago

It depends on what town services are in question, I would certainly pay increased tax for fire/police but not the schools the way they are now and not to fund the new SAU

23 days ago

If you want more services.. the money has to come from somewhere. It is finding the best options, grants, low interest loans to make them affordable.

23 days ago

Keep hampstead nice. We don't want riraff

23 days ago

Legacy budgets are often padded with things that aren't necessary. We should be able to shift focus and funds and cycle through the improvements- it shouldn't be all right now or nothing ever.

23 days ago

We pay thru the roof as it is

23 days ago

Tax's are already very high in town. Money could be better spent.

23 days ago

Taxation is theft.

23 days ago

As residents, we need to invest in our town for the current population as well as the future. Small towns in New Hampshire that fought against change for decades have lost businesses and then lost residents. Their schools are in disrepair and their populations are dwindling. We need to focus on the good of the community, not the loudest population segment.

23 days ago

Honestly don't use much of these "services", again we home school our kids, so I pay out of pocket for their materials and services they need and use. Plus I also pay for public schools kids to learn as well. Only really use garbage and recycling and snow plowing. Why can't anyone find a way to lower taxes. We just spent the past year on virtual learning across the planet so why isn't there are backlog of funds from services that we're used?

24 days ago

I have no problem paying taxes to support the place I call home - in fact, I am happy to pay taxes when it ensures town services can be funded.

24 days ago

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25 days ago

Minor increase in taxes is acceptable.

27 days ago

is beginning to cost too much to live here

28 days ago

If we want a great town we need to pay for services

28 days ago

Maybe let me know better what the town services are. Garbage? Tax collection? What are considered town services?

28 days ago

Better fiscal management and planned spending. The town gives away money for some things and refuses to support others. We need to find ways to save money yearly for large designated expenses. If the town is going to pay employees comparable to the private sector, then these employees should be expected to contribute more to benefits (e.g. health insurance, retirement programs, etc.). The town needs to better manage growth. We're adding expenses without plans to pay for them.

29 days ago

Snow removal and trash pickup. Think small. What additional services are you thinking about? If city dwellers move here, let them adjust to US, not us to them. Same as why do "I" have to learn Spanish, they want to come here, they adjust to US, learn English. They buy in a small town, learn small town. You want expensive services, stay in the city.

29 days ago

Nothing is free and if you want it you have to pay for it one way or another. The biggest expense in any community in any state are your schools. One possible solution for NH is to eliminate local control and place all public schools in NH in a single school district and have the school portion of the property tax be totally assessed on the state level. There are many, many school districts that are the size of the entire state of NH so it shouldn't be a size issue.

29 days ago

Services are important

29 days ago

Na

29 days ago

Tax increases are not something I would vote for

29 days ago

I'd need a definition of which services would be decreased and at what cost savings

29 days ago

in the 20 years i've lived in town i've had occasion to call on both fire and police services.. both have been EXCELLENT and we need to support them to the same degree that they have been serving the town.

29 days ago

I am not well versed in senior services and thus am not sure if they are well valued

29 days ago

one month ago

We pay to much now in taxes I would like to retire here

one month ago

Hampstead should be more proactive about following the Master Plan and not approve any more building permits. We are FULL!

one month ago

you could offset the increased cost for increased services IF you would manage the school budget. With increased senior community housing there would be less impact on the schools population and you could then reduce taxes for seniors.

one month ago

improvements needed should be for the good of ALL in the town. Low income assistance should be on your income and not be considered on if you own your home.

one month ago

If the townspeople want additional services, regardless of increased costs, taxes will have to increase.

one month ago

where is our money going?

one month ago

I would like to see us access more grant funding opportunities and utilizing funding mechanisms that we have in place appropriately. We have a lot going for us in this small town with an active community but sometimes I do feel we are too reliant on volunteers and tend to burn them out. I believe we have an adequate amount of town services and we do need to focus on infrastructure improvements.

one month ago

Fire and police are critical to our infrastructure.

one month ago

I believe in supporting reasonable costs for services. The no tax increase people are blinded by their commitment to less taxation and hinder the progress of our town in moving into the future.

one month ago

These statements are useless...too vague. It all depends on what services would be increased or decreased regarding raising or lowering taxes.

one month ago

If my taxes were not to increase that would be fabulous. I don't feel that I currently get the value of what I pay. Everything costs extra. Include 2 dogs/cat licenses per year per address without extra fees. Include a second recycling bin at no charge if requested. Allow large item trash pick up without extra fees once every two months, Let us use the dump with just a resident sticker - not extra fees. Etc.... Find ways to eliminate all these extra fees that are just taxes by another name.

one month ago

These statement are very broad...can't answer them as I would want to rate the services separately

one month ago

Seniors living in 55+ communities should get a break on the school portion of the property taxes since they do not use those services.

one month ago

The only Town Service that needs to be improved is the School System. We just need better teachers and better administrators. Move to year round school.

one month ago

I think each service needs to be thoughtfully considered but I would need information about each change in Town service before I would be comfortable supporting taxes for it or against it.

one month ago

Hampstead should do more with less. Period. Hampstead should follow the example set by smaller New Hampshire towns and create a smaller government with lower taxes. Do we really need three people to staff the town clerk/tax collectors office??? Every time we add more police officers to the police department, does the police department write more moving violation citations or run more radar details? The fire department does not need an addition for extra office space, a decontamination area, or sleeping space. The Salem, NH Fire department has significantly more calls per year than Hampstead FD, yet they do NOT have a special area set aside for decontamination of their turnout gear. If Salem FD does not need a special area set aside for decontamination of the turnout gear then neither does Hampstead FD.

one month ago

No service should be started unless full vote by the town with all future costs presented. Also look at services that individuals could choose to opt out and cost savings.

one month ago

Every town services wishes to grow at the expense of the Hampstead Tax Payer

one month ago

I think the town offers about the right mix of services. Our issue now are infrastructure improvements.

one month ago

Taxes go up all the time. Too many residents think that taxes will decrease - not if we continue to need services, allow houses to be built and allow the infrastructure to decay.

one month ago

no comment

one month ago

There's plenty of nh towns if your priority is the lowest taxes at the expense of public services. Public services are an investment and short term thinking will end up costing towns more in the long run. There's plenty of cases and studies in NH alone that shows what happens to towns concerned only with lowering taxes. I will happily pay my share that gets multiplied for the increased benefit of everyone in town.

one month ago

95% OF PEOPLE DONT USE OR ARE NEVER AFFECTED BY MOST OF THE SERVICES OFFERED IN TOWN. WHICH MEANS MOST MONEY SPENT IS A WASTE. CUT IT OUT, LET THE FEW PEOPLE WHINE, THEY WILL GET OVER IT

one month ago

My understanding is 80 cents of every tax dollar goes towards schools/education, this seems exceedingly high.

one month ago

When do taxes ever go down ? And what services are you talking about ?

one month ago

Reduce money to library services as it is outdated and not needed

one month ago

Town services are not problem as I see it. I think the town services we get are run as efficiently as possible. Not sure the schools are run efficiently.

one month ago

I am willing to pay for services, and I feel Hampstead does a great job. My concern is people not being able to afford the taxes, I wonder if more business tax revenue could help ease the tax burden on the home owners?

one month ago

Hampstead is a small town if you want city services , move to the city

one month ago

Depends on What new town service is being offered , and whether it will be worth any increase !

one month ago

I would agree with raising taxes to provide more services as long as the taxes are progressive.

one month ago

it would depend on what the town services would be to decrease as to whether or not I wish to pay more, or eliminate to decrease taxes. I agree there is waste that could be cut, but in politics, it is rare that cuts are made with public in mind and more to protect people in office

one month ago

We need to be cost cautious with hiring just for the sake of hiring new positions. Departments need to fully justify why they need new hires. What has changed to justify the extra costs.

one month ago

As a taxpayer, I am willing to pay reasonable increases. I understand things around town need repair. It does not do us any good to ignore fixing things, but I can't afford my taxes to go up thousands of dollars either.

one month ago

I believe taxes need to laid out with my transparency. Your taxes will go up X to accommodate Y. Taxes are going to go up regardless so we need to be more forthright with why they are going up and what residents are getting in return. Waiting until something breaks (like Central school) and then forcing the issue to get these things fixed is the responsibility of the town and the residents for being aware of what makes the town work.

one month ago

As long as the increase in taxes goes towards the schools and improving the town for the future, not stupid old people stuff I am happy to pay more.

one month ago

Cut unnecessary services and improve necessary ones like police, fire, and schools.

one month ago

Lower taxes are a must!

one month ago

Services must improve and expand as our population grows.

one month ago

You get what you pay for. If you want bigger budgets and improvements, you need to pay. That simple. Any other conclusion is wholly ignorant and further elaborates on the town's current downward trend.

one month ago

I want a solid town and I'm willing to pay my share to get it.

one month ago

Taxes are already much to high for the services that are offered.

one month ago

Taxes are already too high.

one month ago

Taxes are way too high in Hampstead. My only real concern. My taxes went up 36% in the last assessment with no good reason given when I questioned it.

one month ago

There's money that should be moved around or a way to do things less costly.

one month ago

I think that people don't have a sense of what things cost. The school district is the largest employer in the town probably by many factors. And clean and safe buildings and grounds are also not free. Having curbside garbage is probably more efficient than having everyone go to the dump every week. Education on the cost of the services is important. But it is expensive and we need an expanded tax base.

one month ago

Of course everyone wants more for less, but I would have yo know what is "disposable"

one month ago

Look into more grants and fundraising

one month ago

I am happy with the town services provided in our tax dollars.

one month ago

Increased need for police and fire are related to town expansion and increased through traffic. Need to balance town expansion with funding the required services.

one month ago

Services are important to maintain the town

one month ago

Would depend on services being cut and if the tax break was worth the loss

one month ago

It would depend on the services

one month ago

No comment

one month ago

Taxes are taxes we need to pay

one month ago

Nope

one month ago

This is subjective - certain town services are fine, certain ones can probably be cut to reduce taxes, and certain ones need to be increased, even if it costs more. Then some town employees just need to do their jobs or be replaced - we have several people in jobs that have been there for years, and there's no review process. Even tho they don't really do their jobs as well as could be, they stay in them for as long as they want

one month ago

Very tough to maintain good levels of services without paying for them

one month ago

Where do most of our taxes go? thats what we should focus on, the town gets a tiny sliver, this question seems to show a preplanned agenda....

one month ago

Specific services should be listed.

one month ago

I think Hampstead provides the services for what we pay. The school system is too expensive to be able to add more town services

one month ago

Town does a nice job with services, no complaints or concerns. This is not specific enough question to understand what could or should be improved

one month ago

13. Due to COVID -19 many Town services and facilities have needed to change how they operate. Are there any aspects of these changes you would like to see the Town to KEEP into the foreseeable future?

Only if needed

10 days ago

I don't think anything needs to change other than keeping the facilities clean. Everything should be as it was before covid19.

10 days ago

Don't know the changes so don't have an opinion.

13 days ago

Option to join meetings remotely via video conference.

21 days ago

Mobile options

21 days ago

Keep board meetings online

21 days ago

Meetings on zoom.

21 days ago

Remote access to and participation in public meetings.

21 days ago

too vague

22 days ago

Absentee ballots for voting to decrease backup at polls. Still need to provide identification.

22 days ago

None

22 days ago

Yes. More online, self service opportunities.

22 days ago

Continue to invest in on-line services that have been proven nationally to improve customer service and satisfaction

22 days ago

Voting by mail

22 days ago

Allow people to watch different meetings without having to physically attend

22 days ago

Availability of contactless services.

22 days ago

None

22 days ago

I don't know what changes were made but I hope masks and sanitizers will still be strongly encouraged. Absentee ballots should remain an option for those who are not comfortable voting in person.

22 days ago

Most of them. More alert on the job when rules to go by.

22 days ago

No

22 days ago

No

22 days ago

No

22 days ago

Did a sensible good job

22 days ago

No

22 days ago

Can not comment.

22 days ago

Remove the credit card fee for renewing auto registrations online. More online/automated services are strongly encouraged.

22 days ago

Have not noticed significant changes

23 days ago

Nope

23 days ago

No

23 days ago

continue to allow outdoor dining

23 days ago

I don't believe we need to keep any of the changes put in place for the COVID pandemic, as many individuals are being vaccinated and the need for quarantine has been lifted. It is an individual's responsibility to care for their own health, not the community's.

23 days ago

I think the addition of town and school board meetings online improved accessibility of the meetings and I would like to see that stay. Having the ability to remotely access town services was a huge plus

23 days ago

Option to participate in important town meeting on line

23 days ago

No

23 days ago

No

23 days ago

Keep and improve broadcasts of town meetings/meeting minutes of all types.

23 days ago

Signs remain indicating people who are not vaccinated be encouraged to continue to wear masks. Hand sanitizer stations should remain in place. Plastic barriers should remain in place to protect staff and patrons.

23 days ago

n/a

23 days ago

No

23 days ago

Zoom meetings can replace cable services or augment in order to allow those who cannot attend in person to participate. Many meeting start at 7pm around you g kid bed times

23 days ago

Keep remote meetings that can be accessed without cable. Use tech it's 2021

23 days ago

I like being able to do things online.

23 days ago

None

23 days ago

No

23 days ago

There was no need to shut down out of fear.

23 days ago

Zoom capability of meetings

23 days ago

The drive-up/pick-up at the library is nice.

23 days ago

The addition of services online and via mail was great, including paperwork through the town clerk.

23 days ago

Ability to watch all town meetings online/tv

23 days ago

no

24 days ago

Reduced hours for services and facilities - absolutely not.
Cable tv/Zoom LIVE access to town meetings - absolutely YES!

24 days ago

I think that having meetings available online (via Zoom, for example) so that people can attend remotely is really important to keep. It increases accessibility for people who cannot attend meetings in person for any reason (including some super important ADA regulations that I think we are falling short on with the current system). It would also increase transparency in all town functions, which we need.

24 days ago

Online streaming of town and school meetings, with online participation (questions/answers/polling) encouraged and promoted.

24 days ago

No to masks, especially in school

24 days ago

More online options

24 days ago

I think being able to do more things remotely.

24 days ago

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25 days ago

No

25 days ago

No, back to normal...

26 days ago

No. I don't know what the rule will be for next year's school children but I pray masks will not be required. It is unhealthy for children.

27 days ago

Virtual interaction like viewing and payments on line are a newly discovered COVID option that I think has helped embellish services, which should be considered to be used in the future.

27 days ago

Being able to be in-person or remote during meetings

27 days ago

Town and school meetings on Zoom

27 days ago

Remote access to town meetings and school board meetings.

28 days ago

No

28 days ago

No

28 days ago

no opinion

28 days ago

None

28 days ago

All town meeting to virtual access available such as Zoom

28 days ago

no

28 days ago

Make EVERY town board meeting available for remote attendance in perpetuity.

28 days ago

Car registration by mail, easier fireworks permit process

28 days ago

Zoom EVERY meeting. Allow comments from Zoom participants.

28 days ago

No. Go back to normal.

28 days ago

Town Clerk office hours only work for those are in town. Online payment options for taxes, etc.

29 days ago

absolutely not needed

29 days ago

Not really...have not been happy with the way the library was closed while other facilities with similar and greater use were fully open.

29 days ago

I don't know what has changed, so I cannot answer.

29 days ago

All cleaning procedures, because they should have been doing this all along

29 days ago

No

29 days ago

No

29 days ago

Yes anything that can be done online should remain that way

29 days ago

No

29 days ago

I don't know. The services have all seemed adequate, even with Covid

29 days ago

N/a

29 days ago

Things that can be accomplished virtually, with less cost, should continue to do so. I am not aware of what these services/facilities may be.

one month ago

one month ago

Keep zoom meetings

one month ago

No

one month ago

No really.
one month ago

No!
one month ago

Increased safety measures for town hall employees.
one month ago

Hand sanitizer at entranceways.
one month ago

Permissible sizes for crowds gathering in various spaces.
one month ago

virtual access to town meetings would allow more people to attend.
one month ago

NO
one month ago

maintain increased cleaning protocols especially in the schools.
one month ago

no
one month ago

No, I would like to see things go back to normal.
one month ago

No
one month ago

not that I am aware of
one month ago

NOPE
one month ago

No
one month ago

would like the town offices to be open back on Monday nights again
one month ago

Absentee/mail in ballot access.
one month ago

Zoom access to public meetings
one month ago

Not to my knowledge, but then again if you listed what changes the town made due to COVID-19, then I might have more feedback.
one month ago

The possibility of participating in committee meetings via Zoom
one month ago

No I think with close monitoring we can proceed unless it can be proven that the way we did business under the Covid restrictions can save us money while providing the same or better services to the community

one month ago

Never again!!!

one month ago

Zoom/electronic meetings for the town committees/boards

one month ago

Online meetings

one month ago

No

one month ago

Please add the ability to pay at the town hall with cards... it's 2021 for god's sake!

one month ago

Online access to meetings and records.

one month ago

No

one month ago

No

one month ago

none

one month ago

Mail in ballots

one month ago

nope

one month ago

No, none

one month ago

Zoom meetings that allow you to participate.

one month ago

Online meetings so residents can watch from home.

one month ago

Online live access to BOS meetings since we don't have cable anymore

one month ago

No

one month ago

online meetings

one month ago

remote access to meetings

one month ago

No
one month ago

No
one month ago

none
one month ago

no
one month ago

n/a
one month ago

No opinion
one month ago

No
one month ago

If the town offices have noticed a more efficient way of maintaining business, then yes, it's not unreasonable to continue those practices.
one month ago

Participate in remote services and work from home lifestyles for people to let the employees that these situations affect keep more time with the families.
one month ago

No, go back to normal. The town had a really hard time with the pandemic. I am very disappointed by it. How are we so far behind everyone else? It's not being cautious, it's just laziness.
one month ago

Zoom broadcasting of meetings
one month ago

No
one month ago

No
one month ago

Covid is a joke, go back to normal operation
one month ago

No. We need more transparency.
one month ago

No
one month ago

Keep all meetings virtual as well as in person
one month ago

keep maskz on kids in school poor kids are not vaccinated
one month ago

No, these restrictions should have been lifted long ago and many are unnecessary.

one month ago

YES! Keep all board meetings broadcast on Zoom.

one month ago

No. Let's start living again.

one month ago

NO! UNMASK the children! Open EVERYTHING!

one month ago

NONE

one month ago

Easy access to remote voting for town, state and national elections.

one month ago

Living in a cold area, masks should be required January-March to preserve the health of our communities most vulnerable members

one month ago

I would like to see town paperwork to continue to be available on line. I would also like to see some schooling feature (ex. extended school year) to be available via zoom.. not all kids can get to the school for 1-2 hours a few days a week, but they would benefit from the education

one month ago

Curbside options have been a lifesaver with small children

one month ago

No

one month ago

More online access

one month ago

Remote meetings is ideal if on facebook live or Zoom. Not everyone has cable

one month ago

No.

one month ago

Unsure

one month ago

Online live broadcast of meetings. Widespread availability of agendas and meeting minutes. Expanded availability of information and business online.

one month ago

No time to re-open

one month ago

No

one month ago

Continue to offer online streaming of board meetings. Also would like to see a way to have public input when viewing a live stream.

one month ago

I feel the town has done a good job !

one month ago

I appreciate being able to observe town meetings in real time from my home

one month ago

Virtual attendance to town meetings.

one month ago

No, because most were never needed in the first place. Operate originally how things were before COVID

one month ago

No

one month ago

Keep online access to town clerk functions.

one month ago

No.

one month ago

No

one month ago

No

one month ago

Get rid of cable and switch to live streaming

one month ago

I'm not familiar enough with the changes

one month ago

Zoom or other way to see town meetings for those that can't attend. Many in town do not have cable so that I'd not a great option any more

one month ago

No opinions

one month ago

No. we have found the clerk's office to be very unfriendly the past year. was always a pleasant experience in the past now they seem very snappy and annoyed. I miss the friendliness that comes from a small town

one month ago

I would like to see ALL board meetings able to be attended remotely (at least informational). I would like to see Town Hall better mic'd (like they recently did with HMS). I would like to see agendas/minutes posted online quickly. I would like to see more town-to-resident communications take place on Facebook, since that's where much of our residents get their info primarily

one month ago

Zoom meetings

one month ago

Zoom meetings for town meetings so more people can attend. I don't have cable (and many i know do not have cable)

one month ago

Not sure what major changes I have seen that I would maintain

one month ago

The ability to share meetings with remoter participants. I believe we can get more involvement if we can make meetings more accessible to all. Town often laments lack of involvement/voting from young families, when we need their voices heard. If parents with kids at home could remotely participate, we would see more involvement, I believe. Some seniors cannot drive at night any longer, and if they had internet they could join in and learn more, so they could perhaps learn about bigger (expensive)projects and not automatically vote them down.

one month ago

Having the ability to "attend" town meetings remotely is very helpful and would help the community be more informed.

one month ago

No, let's just get back to normal

one month ago

zoom meetings; the town recordings from town hall are a) poor audio quality, b) poor video, c) not published in a timely manner

one month ago

No.

one month ago

Remote access to watch committee meetings live would be nice. And digitally published agendas in advance would be helpful as well.

one month ago

I like that the ability to do more on line has continued

one month ago

no

one month ago

Ability to use Zoom for committee meetings. Allows better public access

one month ago

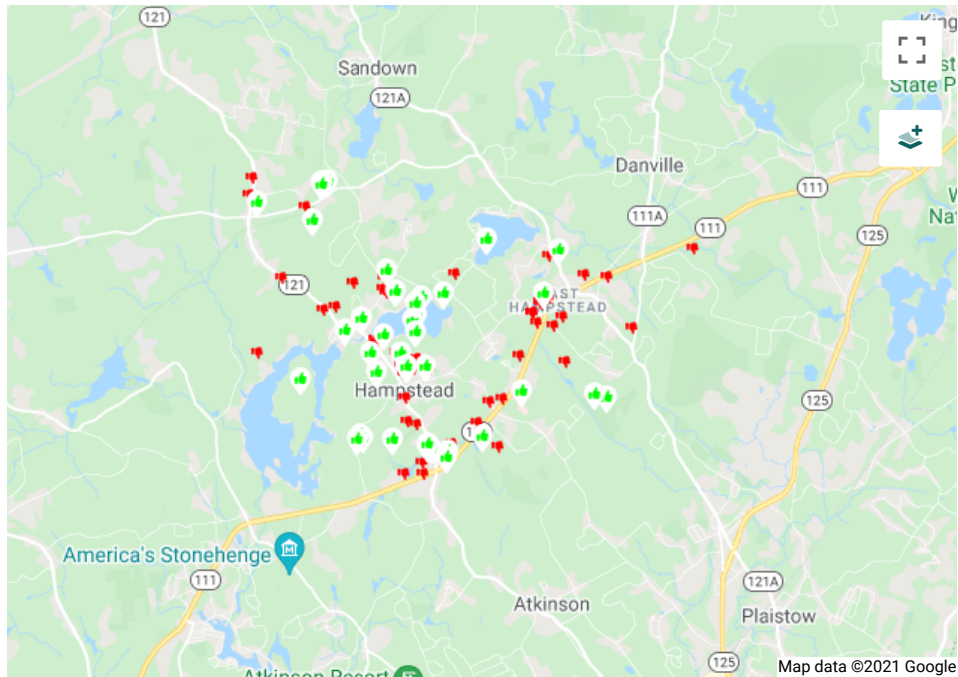
Not aware of the changes it would be helpful to have provided examples

one month ago

Posting of agendas and meeting minutes online for all committees in a timely fashion

one month ago

14. What areas of Hampstead do you like or think need improvement? Please indicate the location(s) you like or think need improvement and tell why.



There are a couple of yards along 121 and in between ctr of town & 111 that have excessive trash / junk etc. that reflects poorly on the town appearance.

10 days ago

Flashing light in center of town should be a 4-way stop or a real red/yellow/green light.

13 days ago

Would like to see more sidewalks down Main Street and other more traffic areas.

21 days ago

Like Depot fields and playground.

21 days ago

It would be nice if the town hall was open later than 4PM.

21 days ago

I would like to see a few trees planted at the police station to help block the view of the maintenance shed.

21 days ago

Central Street vehicles speeding and late night noise from both motorcycles, fireworks, and dogs being let out at 10pm.

22 days ago

22 days ago

This road is a race track and concerns me greatly. Especially in the warmer months. Speed bumps? Or a digital speed sign?

22 days ago

Emerson Ave meets 111 - the car place is ugly and dysfunctional and should be repurposed into commercial and residential space.

22 days ago

Junky looking commercial area

22 days ago

None

22 days ago

Intersection of Emerson Rd and Rt 121 is hazardous. It is difficult to cross over to West Rd. when walking or driving from Emerson rd.

22 days ago

Move traffic through 111 - minimize stops - coordinate lights. Better communication to residents. Better electrical grid system with green energy.

22 days ago

The trails. bikes have ruined the availability to walkers / dangerous, all torn up to walk. Too bad but nobody checks on these things.

22 days ago

Try to eliminate any used car dealerships like at Emerson and 111.

22 days ago

Small dirt lot next to Rockingham Recreational Trail in West Hampstead looks awful.

22 days ago

I would like to see another convenience store where the Hampstead Market was.

22 days ago

Cell service and bike trails

22 days ago

The little downtown area could use more crosswalks, maybe some sidewalks to school, church, town hall, School Street

22 days ago

I like that most of the big business in Hampstead are located on the 111 stretch keeping the rest of the town roads to residents

23 days ago

The town beach could use some updating. Perhaps a little larger area. A floating raft for jumping off. Open bathroom, more picnic tables.

23 days ago

I like the lake area.

23 days ago

The intersection of 121 and depot needs a traffic light

23 days ago

Route 111 corridor

23 days ago

Town trails are a great use of town land. Well maintained and friendly atmosphere.

23 days ago

School needs major improvements.

23 days ago

Good mixed use development.

23 days ago

Good mixed use for the town.

23 days ago

Speeding on Wash Pond is becoming a problem.

23 days ago

Road needs to be widened for busses entering school street. Traffic light would help for people leaving the middle school.

23 days ago

Four way lights would improve traffic flow, and slow down some speeding drivers.

23 days ago

Improve accessibility to town buildings. Allow businesses down major town routes but sustain buffer zones between business and homes.

23 days ago

n/a

23 days ago

What?

23 days ago

23 days ago

The light cycle needs to be evaluated. Too many near collisions for the traffic crossing 111 because left-turning drivers don't always yield.

23 days ago

Love the conservation trails

23 days ago

A great town playground and field.

23 days ago

Very pretty. What Hampstead should be.

23 days ago

The destruction of this area for commercial and residential, building is unnecessary and is taking away from wetlands and the look and feel of this town.

23 days ago

I like everything - but all the roadsides need some serious TLC for trash.

24 days ago

Paving

24 days ago

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25 days ago

The intersection of 111 and Emerson/ central is an absolute eyesore. The side where hampstead house of pizza use to be .

25 days ago

the conservation areas such as the trails have been some of my favorite areas in town.

26 days ago

The library is one of the best community services in town.

26 days ago

rt 111 supermarket and full service restaurants

26 days ago

Downtown Hampstead needs to have sidewalks to make it more user / family friendly.

27 days ago

I enjoy Sunset Lake, our conservation trail, Ordway Park, our library, and our town center.

28 days ago

this road is poorly maintained during winter

28 days ago

Sidewalks on school st

28 days ago

Love our ample conservation land!

28 days ago

The town gym needs to be dealt with. Build a proper community center please!

28 days ago

Cannot think of any right at this moment.

28 days ago

Not a fan of the commerical areas that look run down and not a fan of MORE storage areas or car lots.

29 days ago

Our Fire Dept. deserves a better station.

29 days ago

Great field set up for the kids with activities for those not playing the sport.

29 days ago

Better traffic management along 111 from 121 to 121A

29 days ago

More centralized activities things to do in town.

29 days ago

More parking. Clean up the beach area. More town access to the water.

29 days ago

111 car dealerships and storage units are an eye sore

29 days ago

Traffic on Main st is too thick, nad the cars often go too fast, its like a dragway at night

29 days ago

East hampstead needs sidewalks on central street

29 days ago

The intersection at Rt 111 and 121 at evening rush hour backs up to gym and beyond. Also people turning into the gym at this time , and exiting the gym impact the traffic.

29 days ago

Sidewalks and lamp posts in the down town area, new town hall sign and new "Welcome to Hampstead" signs when entering the town would enhance the quaintness of our lovely town.

one month ago

Bloody Brook Rd is cracking and sliding down the hill and needs repairs.

one month ago

121A SPEED REDUCTION IS NEEDED.

one month ago

None great as is

one month ago

No more industrial structure along Emerson Avenue and Rt. 111, and along junction at Rt. 111 and Rt. 121. Keep rural area free of additional buildings.

one month ago

traffic control needed

one month ago

A Mural should be painted over the graffiti on the RTV trail system. Many studies have been done and when murals are painted over graffiti it typically stops the graffiti, people do appreciate art. The Depot Roads fields are nice. Ordway Park has come along way and I know there are plans to continue developing the space appropriately and I support that, however the dead trees along the main street part of Worley Park do need to be removed properly.

Our trail system is incredible and the conservation committee has done a very good job.

The historical society is doing well however I do believe that grant funding will have to be accessed to renovate and upkeep some of those buildings appropriately for future generations.

The town beach is very small and relatively well-maintained I know there are plans for additional sand to be brought in and I agree with that if there is another area that the town owns on lakefront property it would be a good idea to develop another swimming area to prevent overcrowding and overusage.

Main Street is a scenic byway and relatively sickly developed something needs to be done to slow the traffic on that road and possibly decrease it. I think installing sidewalks or extending the shoulders of the road to allow for cyclists and walkers could have that impact much like it does in Chester. People would get out and walk more and drivers would slow down because there is pedestrian traffic.

one month ago

Increased commercial growth along RT. 111, Increased business growth on Owens Ct. and Gigante Drive. Improved cell service along Main St.

one month ago

The beauty of Main Street needs to be protected. It's a gorgeous drive in every season, but especially autumn!

one month ago

Little Mexico was a dump. The buildings and businesses there need to be razed and relocated. That is prime real estate for non-chain restaurants and locally owned shops with a safe traffic pattern. It has the potential to become a beautiful landmark.

one month ago

Need a fix of the Main Street/Londonderry Road/Depot Road Intersection. Very Dangerous.

one month ago

Town Beach needs better care and monitoring as well as access for winter sports.

one month ago

A more cohesive central area with space to gather and do things as a town. Not too large.

one month ago

I need more time in the town.

one month ago

Better traffic control on main street

one month ago

dangerous intersection at 121, Emerson Ave and West Road. Also need sidewalks on Main St. At least from Town Hall to Post Office,

one month ago

I would like to see more public access to town lakes/ponds besides just the town beach.

one month ago

needs pedestrian-crossing help near Rt.121A/Rt.111 and into commercial area around Hannaford

one month ago

Love wash pond

one month ago

none

one month ago

These and other conservation trails are a great asset of the town.

one month ago

Love the lake

one month ago

Unattractive

one month ago

Can't do the map easily on mobile, but love the conservation trails and lands, love the historic town center and fields. Don't like the quarry/industrial areas that affect groundwater or natural features, don't like the noise of 111.

one month ago

Good commerce

one month ago

Area of Regan Law on Main St. It is one of the first places seen when entering Hampstead.

one month ago

I love the gym and basketball / tennis courts

one month ago

Need to make this area more walking and bike accessible.

one month ago

none

one month ago

n/a

one month ago

N/A

one month ago

Sidewalks

one month ago

This is difficult to do on my phone. But out every pin available to me on the schools.

one month ago

Town beach

one month ago

East rd needs help with development. I don't know if there is a long term plan, but I'd rather not have a series of strip malls along this route.

one month ago

This road has light cycle delays at rush hour

one month ago

There are a lot of accidents here

one month ago

Let's get some sidewalks / bike trails in this area and beyond

one month ago

one month ago

business' in this are have very poor access to rt. 111
accidents happen frequently

one month ago

depot fields needs parking lot improvements and upgraded irrigation to regain the back field (4 I believe). Lighting for a couple of fields and parking lots would be a really nice upgrade as well.

one month ago

Central School building improvement and stricter rules and enforcement to protect the towns water supply.

one month ago

A working light at the intersection of Main Street and Depot Road not just a flashing light.

one month ago

Central school needs improvement

one month ago

The central school needs to be rebuilt

one month ago

None

one month ago

Homes on Main Street have gone downhill

one month ago

Water on Main St.

one month ago

I was not able to drag! 121A in East Hampstead NEEDS improvement!

one month ago

Central st before we end up on the evening news! 3 deaths in a 200 foot strip and still nothing fixed. There will be more. We residents are scared to leave our driveways. I fear for the people walking, jogging and bicycling.

one month ago

I cannot edit the location but the red thumbs down should be green here.

one month ago

111 needs to be developed more towards serving communities & shopping rather than neighborhoods & steel industrial buildings. Our existing plazas should contain more anchor stores in them

one month ago

Need a real traffic light at depot road and 121

one month ago

Water drainage system at the end of Emerson ave towards memorial gym needs improvement.

one month ago

Water drainage system along road needs much improvement.

one month ago

This doesn't work.

one month ago

Better traffic control at Depot rd and 121 and also Emerson and 121, crosswalk at 111 and 121.

one month ago

None

one month ago

No opinion

one month ago

This question is not specific enough to answer

one month ago

I think the speed on main st needs to be monitored better. As well as in front of the central school.

one month ago

The conservative area is very good

one month ago

our town center is lovely. Homey and a good mix of historic and new/functional businesses and buildings.

one month ago

HPL is a great resource for all ages. We should commit to make the outdoor space there more useful. A fence around front lawn to make that open space more safe, and a large covered space for outdoor activities and events.

one month ago

Couldn't figure out how to use the map

one month ago

this map is unusable. Drop pins (which dont stick) showing what needs improvement.. Who thought this was a good idea?

one month ago

The Character of Main Street.

one month ago

Too much commercial without enough natural screening.

one month ago

Some commercial buildings have little to no appeal.

one month ago

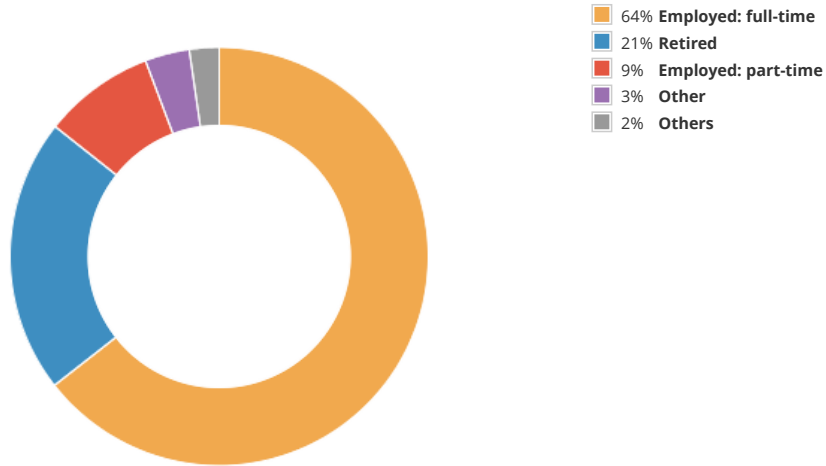
Don't have any concerns

one month ago

This is too difficult to use

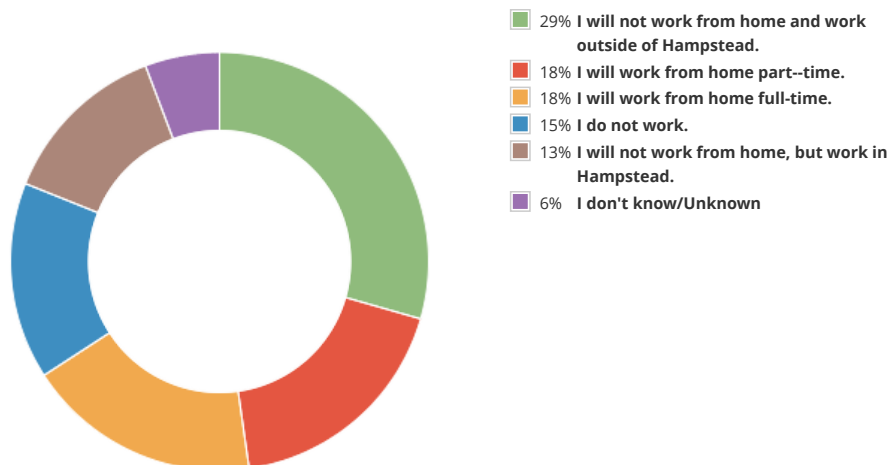
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Which of the following best describes your employment situation?



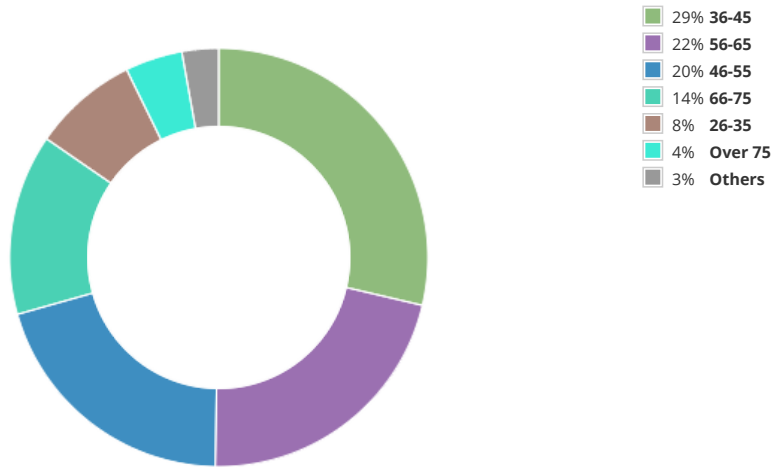
523 respondents

Due to COVID-19, many have been working from home. Please describe your anticipated work situation **ONE YEAR** from today.



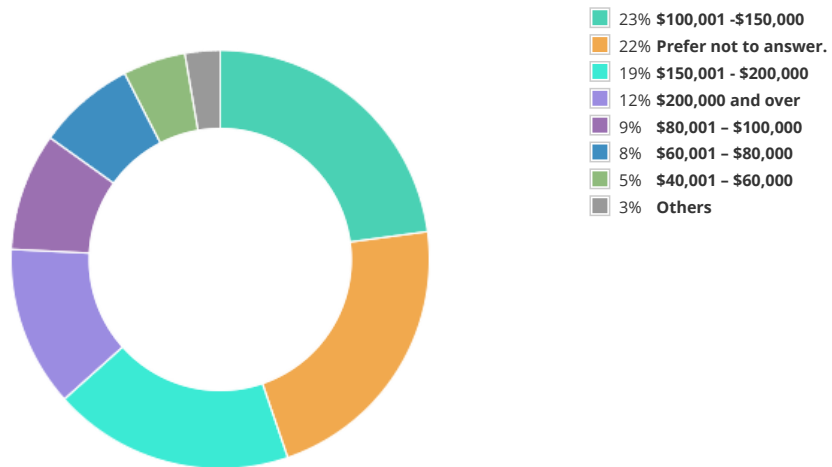
486 respondents

What is your age?



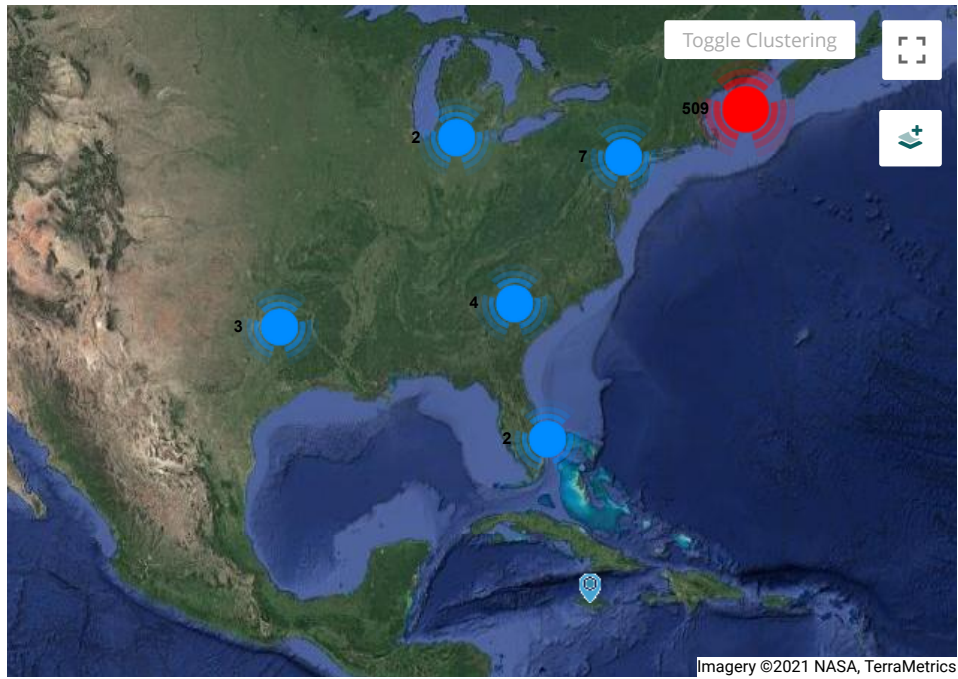
565 respondents

What is your annual household income?



516 respondents

What neighborhood do you live in? If you don't live in Hampstead, what neighborhood is your business or property located in?



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