

# Research Report

July 27, 2015

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## Town of Cumberland



### Final Results of the *Keep Me in Cumberland* Survey

**Number of Survey Respondents: 863**

## Survey Report

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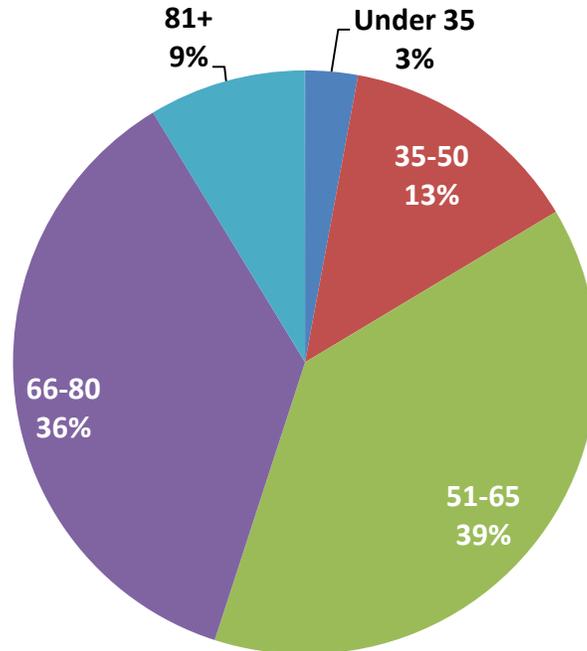
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### Question #1

**Age Range: which age range best describes you?**

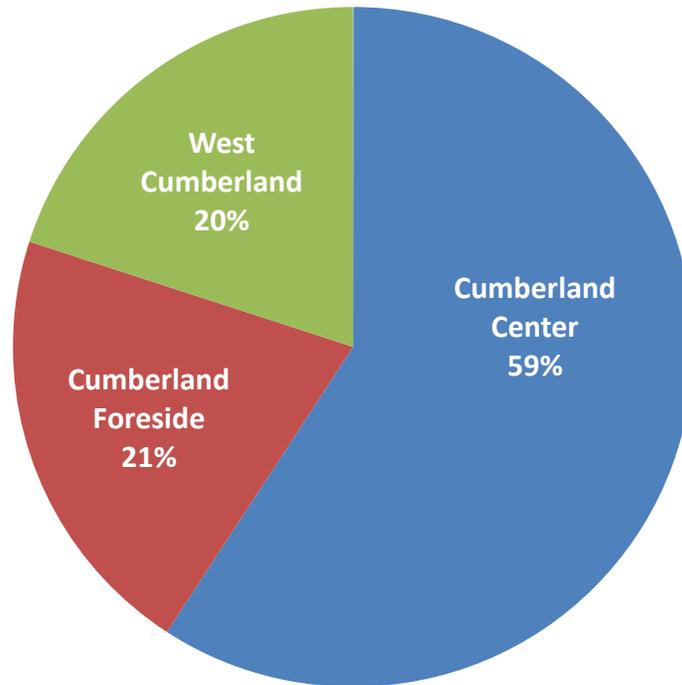


Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Under 35	2.9%	25
35-50	13.5%	116
51-65	38.6%	332
66-80	36.3%	312
81+	8.7%	75
<i>answered question</i>		<b>860</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>3</b>

•About 84% of the survey respondents are 51 or older with a strong concentration in people age 51-80.

## Question #2

**Location: which best describes the part of  
Cumberland you live in?**

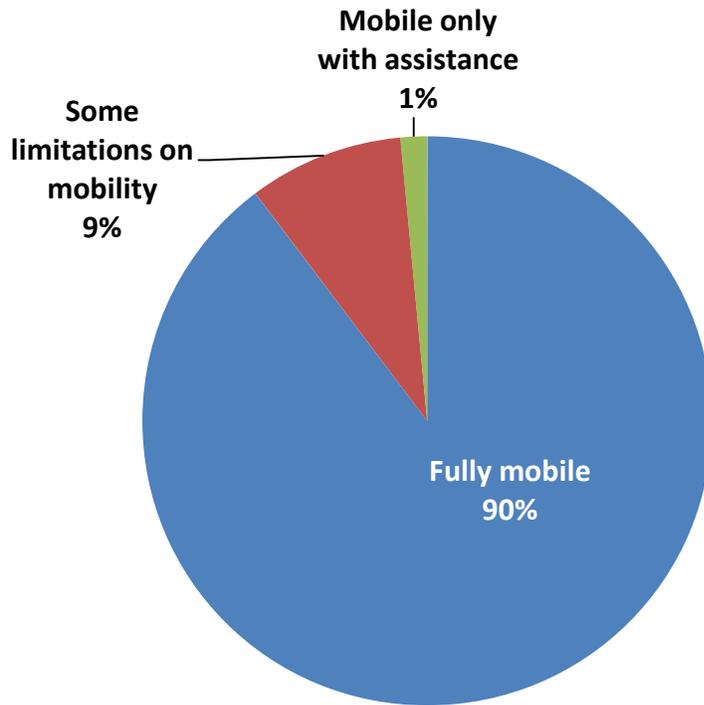


Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Cumberland Center	59.2%	506
Cumberland Foreside	20.8%	178
West Cumberland	20.0%	171
<i>answered question</i>		<b>855</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>8</b>

•About 60% of the survey respondents reside in Cumberland Center. These percentages are indicative of the number of households in each of these areas.

### Question #3

**Mobility Level: Check which of the following best describes your current mobility level?**



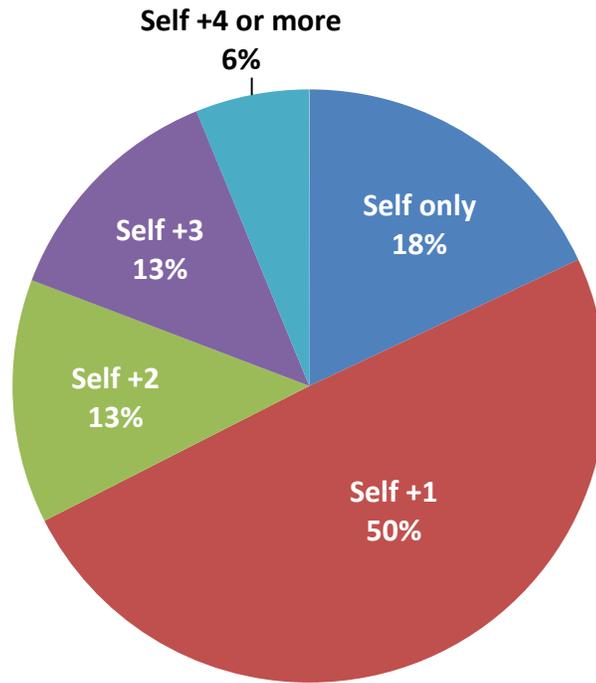
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Fully mobile	89.7%	768
Some limitations on mobility	8.8%	75
Mobile only with assistance	1.5%	13
Other (please specify)		5
<b><i>answered question</i></b>		<b>856</b>
<b><i>skipped question</i></b>		<b>7</b>

*Other: (legally blind or eye sight issues)*

- About 90% of the survey respondents are fully mobile.

### Question #4

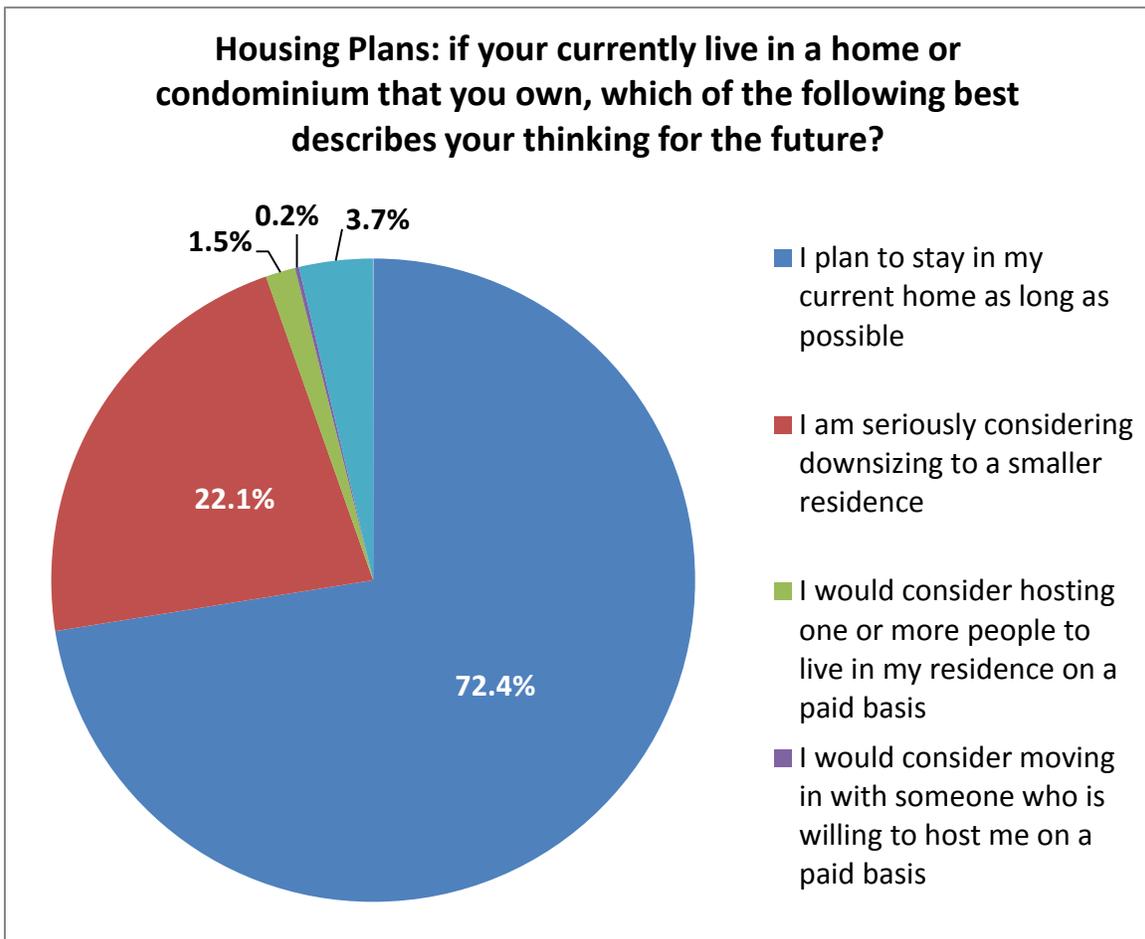
**Household Composition: how many people live primarily in your current residence?**



Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Self only	18.0%	155
Self +1	49.5%	425
Self +2	13.3%	114
Self +3	13.0%	112
Self +4 or more	6.2%	53
<b><i>answered question</i></b>		<b>859</b>
<b><i>skipped question</i></b>		<b>4</b>

•About 82% of the survey respondents are living with at least one other person.

## Question #5



Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
I plan to stay in my current home as long as possible	72.4%	581
I am seriously considering downsizing to a smaller residence	22.1%	177
I would consider hosting one or more people to live in my residence on a paid basis	1.5%	12
I would consider moving in with someone who is willing to host me on a paid basis	0.2%	2
Not Applicable	3.7%	30
Other (please specify)		59
<b><i>answered question</i></b>		<b>802</b>
<b><i>skipped question</i></b>		<b>61</b>

•About 72% of the survey respondents are planning to living in their current residence as long as possible.

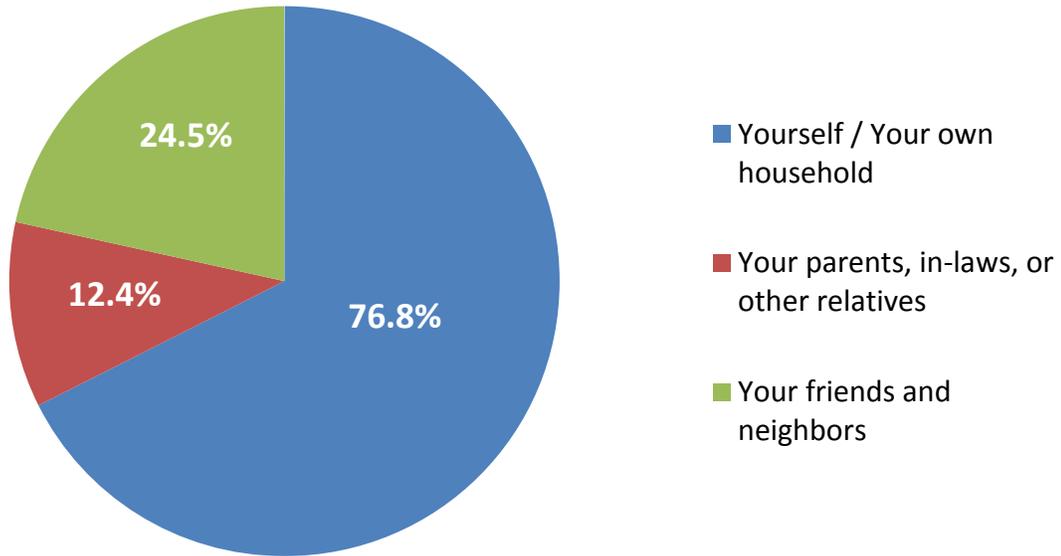
## Other:

- have downsized to a condo
- I would consider moving somewhere with greater proximity to public transportation, retail, and services
- looking to move
- plan to stay until kids through school...hard to say after that
- I am considering upsizing to a larger home
- Cumberland Senior Housing
- Depending on real estate taxes I may need a host
- Until I retire.
- Moving to Portland
- Between this and trying to stay in my home.
- If spouse dies I would have someone move in to share cost.
- moving because of high taxes
- Have to move- are being taxed out.
- I plan to move to another state
- I plan to buy a similar sized home in a more affordable community.
- Retiring 7-12 years and then moving
- Renting townhouse waiting for senior condos in Cumberland--in line
- all of the above
- We are forced to relocate because we cannot afford the taxes on our home. We my husband retires we will be leaving Maine.
- I've planned on retirement carefully. We don't live in a big house, but we find ourselves looking at areas where taxes are lower, even though we have enjoyed living in Cumberland for almost 40 years
- plan to move after kids leave school
- stay in my house for next 15 years
- Downsize after kids leave college, head South
- We live in Cumberland housing
- Would move to a condo in Cumberland Center if we could find one we like!
- Considering moving due to taxes
- Building a house and moving within 6 months, staying as long as possible
- sell at retirement
- Moving South for retirement
- Perhaps look for a residence with an in-law apartment
- relocating elsewhere in Maine with lower taxes
- I may downsize- not sure.
- Planning to move out of Cumberland as soon as kids graduate
- considering leaving ME
- 15-20 years, then downsize
- We will downsize in about 10 years
- have hand outside of Cumberland

- Moving out of Cumberland
- Senior Housing
- Renting a condo
- Moving out of state
- Move back to Canada in 5 years
- high taxes are forcing me to consider moving
- Moving out of state
- After children are out of school I am considering relocation because of taxes
- building in North Yarmouth
- I plan to move once children are out of house in 8-12 years
- Considering selling due to high and ever increasing taxes, poor infrastructure (roads) little to no proactive police enforcement of speed limits, increased unchecked commercial traffic on residential road
- May downsize to a lake side camp
- I plan to move out of Cumberland
- planning to live in FL, not sure if I'll stay here in the summer
- May have to leave due to high taxes
- Keep the home for siblings and spend winters in south
- I'm moving to a town where the taxes are cheaper.
- I plan to stay while my daughter is in school and while I work in the area.
- Most likely will end up outside of Cumberland due to lack of affordable houses or rents
- Somewhere between #1-moving some place warmer when my kids go to school
- co-hosting community, would like to see one in Maine
- Undecided

### Question #6

**Focus: When you think about the issue of how to help Cumberland residents age in place, is your focus primarily on:**



Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yourself / Your own household	76.8%	633
Your parents, in-laws, or other relatives	12.4%	102
Your friends and neighbors	24.5%	202
Other (please specify)		29
<b><i>answered question</i></b>		<b>824</b>
<b><i>skipped question</i></b>		<b>39</b>

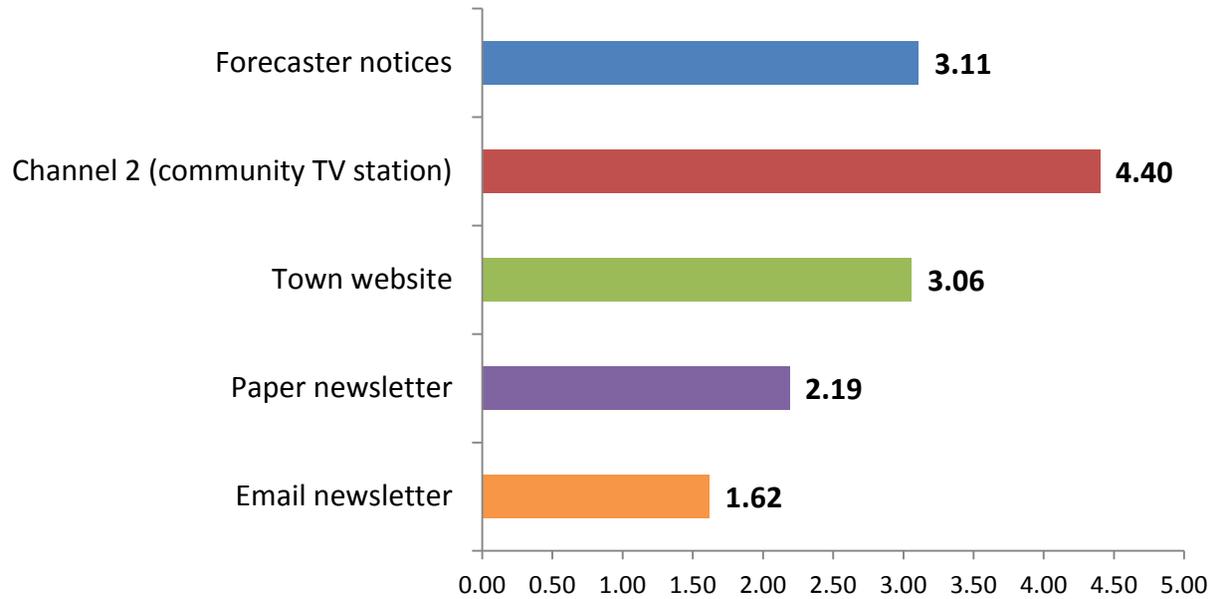
**Other:**

- All seniors
- Longtime residents
- Concern for taxes and ability to pay.
- Places to meet others
- Low income residents
- I don't think about this issue
- Don't know anyone personally in this situation
- ALL
- not a concern
- Cumberland housing is getting very expensive. In 2 years we will not be able to live here, we

- will run out of retirement funds.
- All present or future residents for whom aging related mobility/limitations - personal or lack of personal transport- threatens a need to abandon personal home or significantly limits
- access to public events or facilities.
- disabled daughter
- We have no close friends or neighbors in this situation, so it's not on our minds.
- all residents of the town
- The community as a whole
- what is good for the community
- Our immediate family plus retired parents who are hesitant to move in with us due to tax on pensions!
- Don't plan to age in Cumberland, taxes are too high!
- community
- older generation in town
- My mother was in an assisted living facility in Portland for years. Driving there wasn't a problem for family members
- all seniors
- The community at large
- Also concerned about other seniors in town
- All of the above
- I am thinking about my future, but am also concerned for others, as retired geriatric social worker.
- Anonymous resident of Drowne Road apartments who can't afford to stay there
- public policy for all people
- children safety

## Question #7

**Communication: What is the most effective way to get information to you about Town services? Please rank the following communication options in terms of their effectiveness in reaching you: (1 is best; 5 is least effective):**

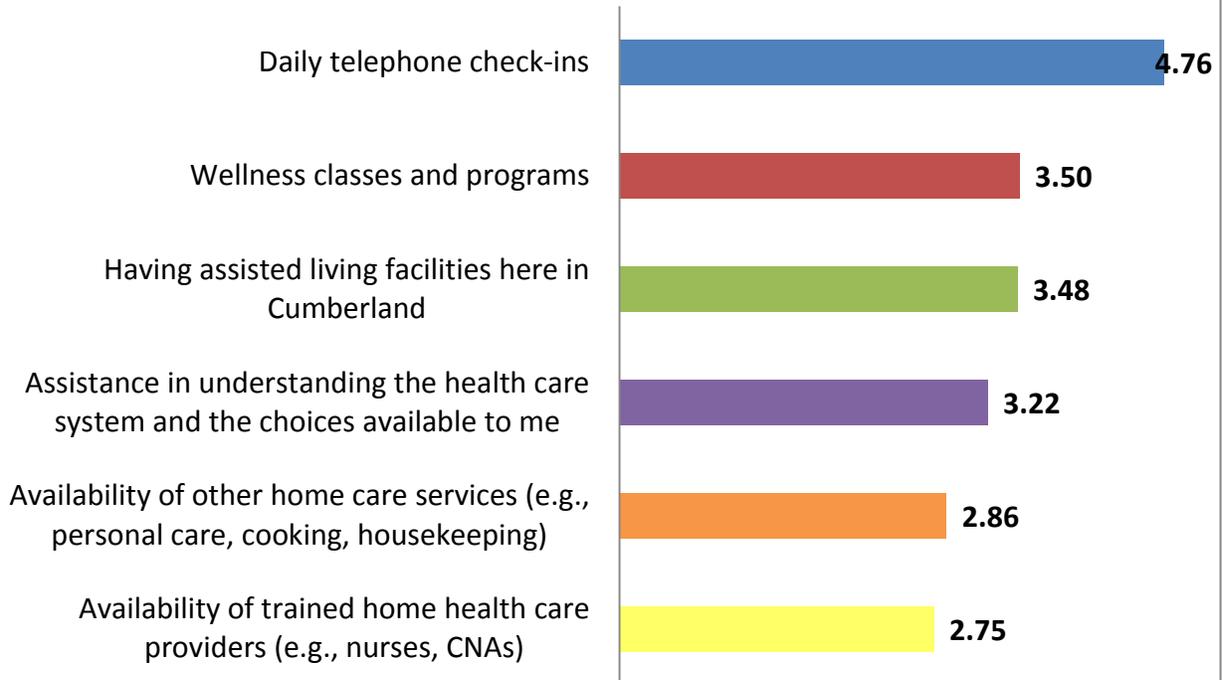


Answer Options	1	2	3	4	5	Rating Average	Response Count
Email newsletter	427	118	46	29	25	1.62	645
Paper newsletter	224	195	98	74	32	2.19	623
Town website	50	120	180	157	49	3.06	556
Channel 2	12	22	46	110	335	4.40	525
Forecaster notices	60	111	175	142	76	3.11	564
<b><i>answered question</i></b>							<b>790</b>
<b><i>skipped question</i></b>							<b>73</b>

•The most effective ways to get information to residents is through an email or paper newsletter.

## Question #8

**Health: Please rank the following services in terms of their importance to you (1 is most important; 6 is least important):**

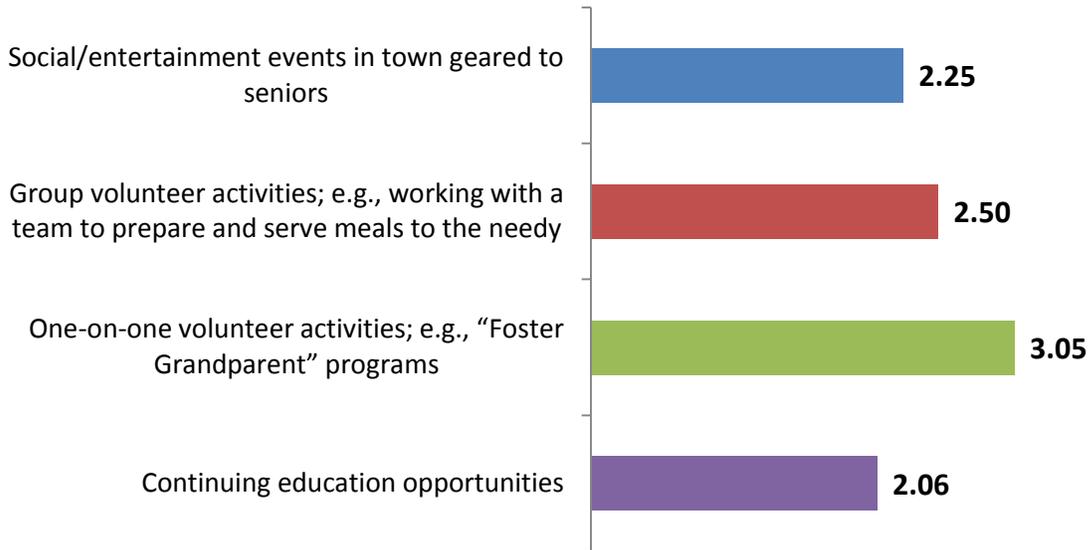


Answer Options	1	2	3	4	5	6	Rating Average	Response Count
Availability of trained home health care providers (e.g., nurses, CNAs)	173	140	134	110	61	31	2.75	649
Availability of other home care services (e.g., personal care, cooking, housekeeping)	89	190	172	108	67	13	2.86	639
Assistance in understanding the health care system and the choices available to me	144	112	102	102	99	80	3.22	639
Having assisted living facilities here in Cumberland	115	88	111	127	127	83	3.48	651
Wellness classes and programs	146	84	71	96	146	105	3.50	648
Daily telephone check-ins	33	41	55	84	119	298	4.76	630
<b><i>answered question</i></b>								<b>738</b>
<b><i>skipped question</i></b>								<b>125</b>

•The most important health services to residents are the availability of trained home health care providers and the availability of other home care services.

## Question #9

**Socialization: Please rank the following socialization opportunities in terms of their importance to you (1 is most important; 4 is least important):**

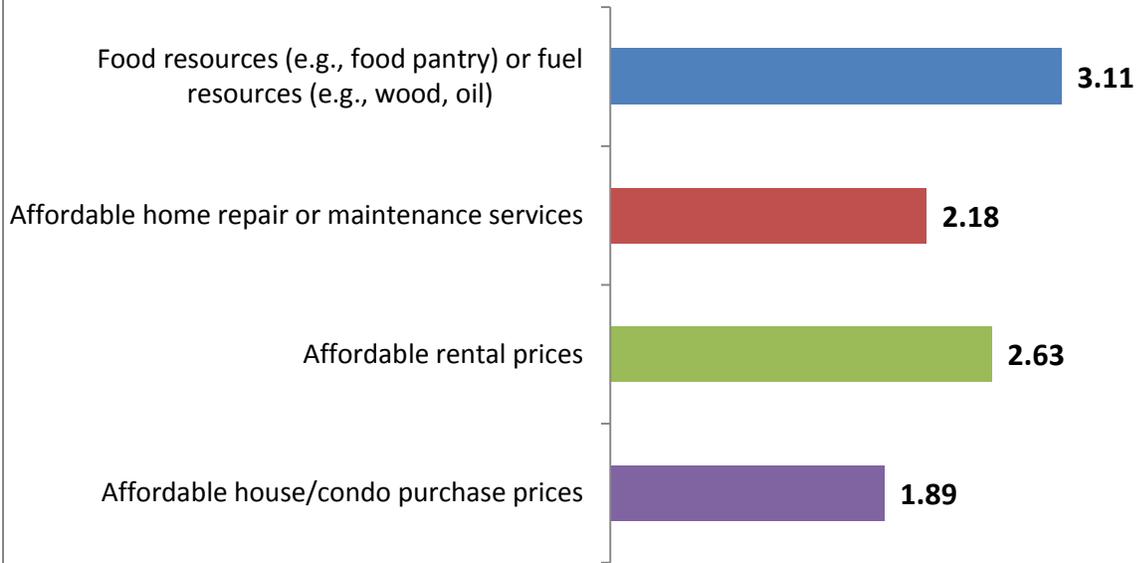


Answer Options	1	2	3	4	Rating Average	Response Count
Continuing education opportunities	291	152	112	109	2.06	664
One-on-one volunteer activities; e.g., "Foster Grandparent" programs	44	136	198	253	3.05	631
Group volunteer activities; e.g., working with a team to prepare and serve meals to the needy	124	177	237	103	2.50	641
Social/entertainment events in town geared to seniors	241	188	94	160	2.25	683
<i>answered question</i>						<b>735</b>
<i>skipped question</i>						<b>128</b>

•The most important socialization opportunity to residents is continuing education.

## Question #10

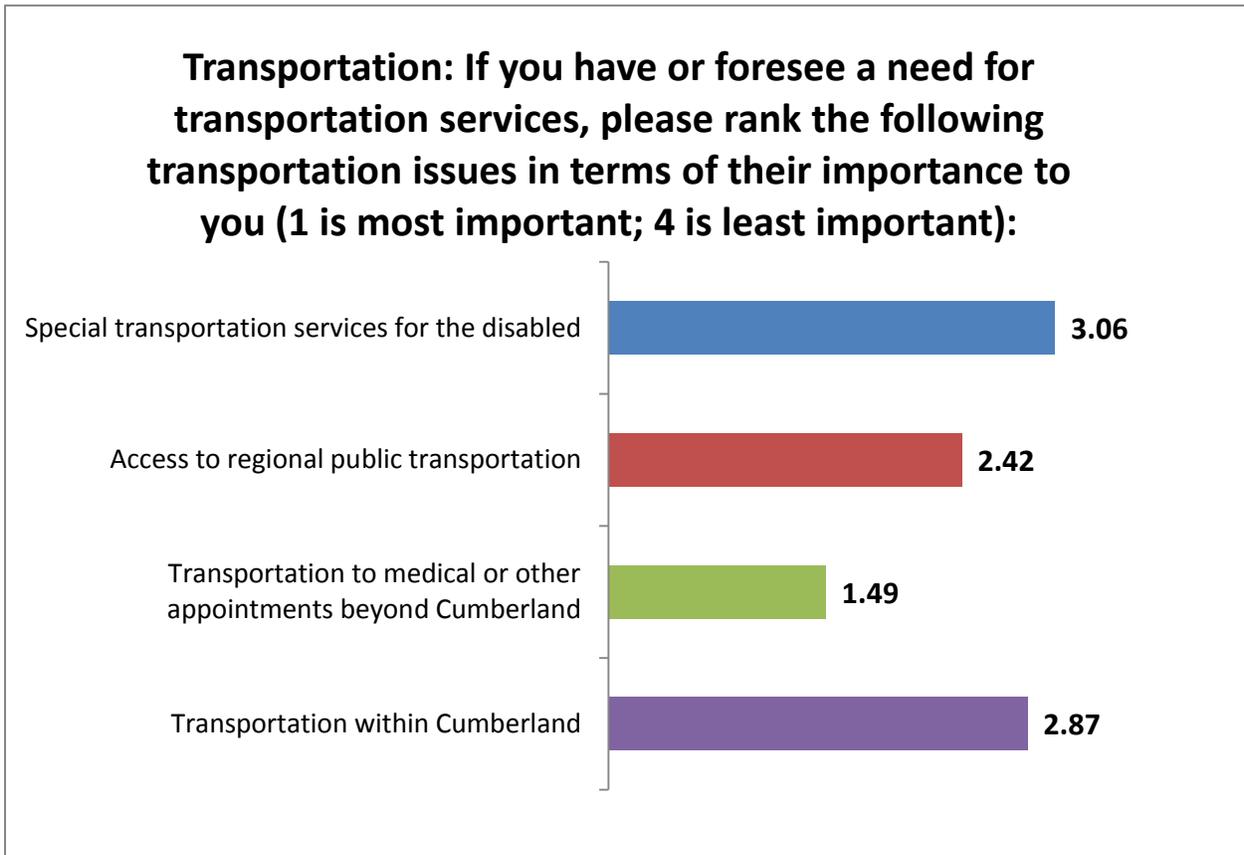
**Affordability: If you have or foresee affordability issues, please rank the following affordability issues in terms of their importance to you (1 is most important; 4 is least important):**



Answer Options	1	2	3	4	Rating Average	Response Count
Affordable house/condo purchase prices	297	140	81	76	1.89	594
Affordable rental prices	91	172	184	136	2.63	583
Affordable home repair or maintenance services	203	172	182	67	2.18	624
Food resources (e.g., food pantry) or fuel resources (e.g., wood, oil)	52	121	140	289	3.11	602
<i>answered question</i>						<b>681</b>
<i>skipped question</i>						<b>182</b>

•The most important affordability concerns for residents are affordable house/condo purchase prices and affordable home repair or maintenance services.

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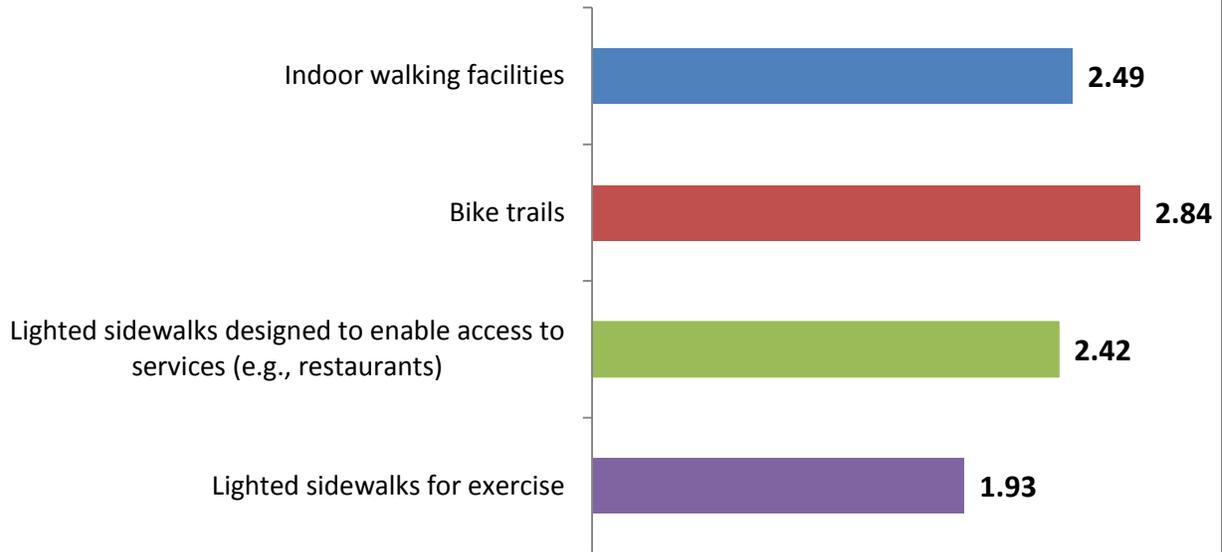


Answer Options	1	2	3	4	Rating Average	Response Count
Transportation within Cumberland	59	146	194	186	2.87	585
Transportation to medical or other appointments beyond Cumberland	405	141	64	12	1.49	622
Access to regional public transportation	136	186	156	116	2.42	594
Special transportation services for the disabled	45	126	155	249	3.06	575
<b><i>answered question</i></b>						<b>668</b>
<b><i>skipped question</i></b>						<b>195</b>

- The most important transportation service for residents is transportation to medical or other appointments beyond Cumberland.

## Question #12

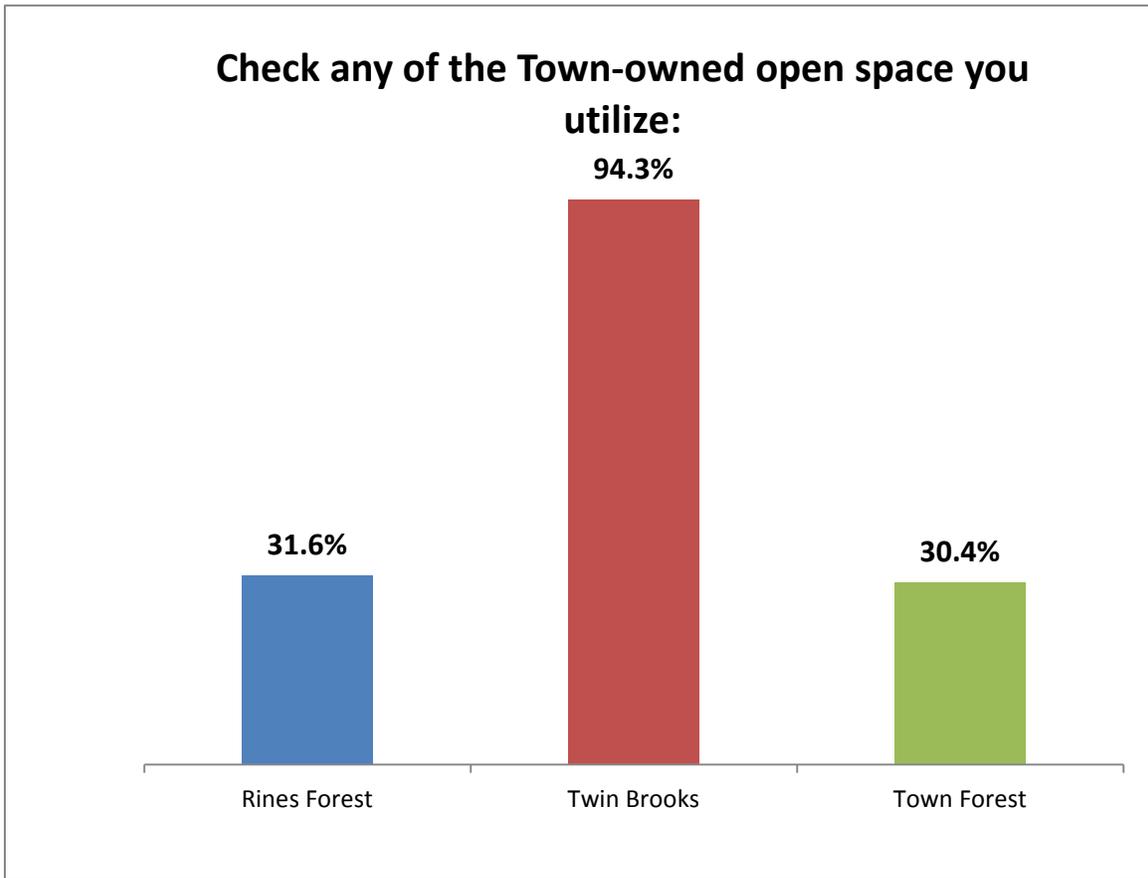
**Sidewalks and Trails: Please rank the following in terms of their importance to you (1 is most important; 4 is least important):**



Answer Options	1	2	3	4	Rating Average	Response Count
Lighted sidewalks for exercise	236	215	110	43	1.93	604
Lighted sidewalks designed to enable access to services (e.g., restaurants)	123	180	206	84	2.42	593
Bike trails	128	107	133	263	2.84	631
Indoor walking facilities	197	132	132	192	2.49	653
<b><i>answered question</i></b>						<b>726</b>
<b><i>skipped question</i></b>						<b>137</b>

•The most important sidewalk and trail opportunity for residents was sidewalks for exercise. Residents ***did not*** want them to be lighted.

### Question #13

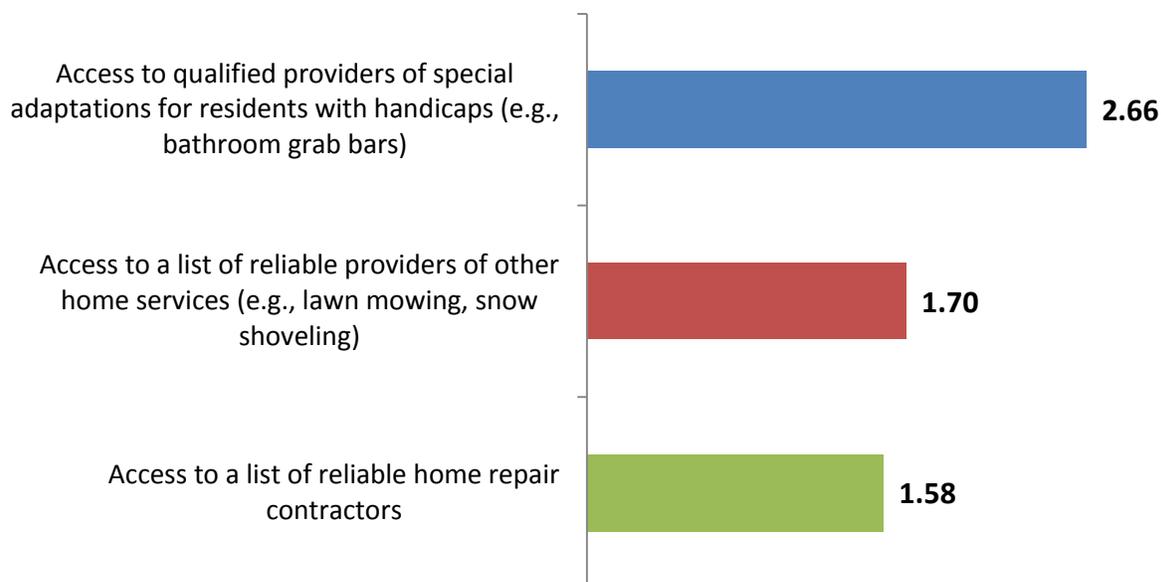


Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Rines Forest	31.6%	132
Twin Brooks	94.3%	394
Town Forest	30.4%	127
<i>answered question</i>		<b>418</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>445</b>

- The most utilized Town-owned space is Twin Brooks Recreation Facility.

## Question #14

**Business Services: Please rank the following services in terms of their importance to you (1 is most important; 3 is least important):**



Answer Options	1	2	3	Rating Average	Response Count
Access to a list of reliable home repair contractors	372	236	84	1.58	692
Access to a list of reliable providers of other home services (e.g., lawn mowing, snow shoveling)	264	361	59	1.70	684
Access to qualified providers of special adaptations for residents with handicaps (e.g., bathroom grab bars)	74	86	525	2.66	685
<i>answered question</i>					<b>749</b>
<i>skipped question</i>					<b>114</b>

•The most important business services for residents are access to a list of reliable home repair contractors and providers of other home services.

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### Q15 Other Issues: Is there anything we did not ask about in this survey that you believe is important to the ability of Cumberland residents to age in place? Please specify in the space below:

Answered: 311 Skipped: 552

#	Responses	Date
1	Bike path or sidewalks to future recreation sites like the Payson Property, Knights Hill/pond	7/21/2015 11:38 AM
2	Property taxes are unreasonably high for seniors on fixed income. Some who would like appreciated	7/20/2015 9:11 AM
3	more senior services at library	7/20/2015 9:01 AM
4	Keep open spaces for dog walking off leash. Bilking/walking lanes on Greely Road.	7/20/2015 8:59 AM
5	Transportation is very important!! I am legally blind. Highest priority.	7/20/2015 8:57 AM
6	need for a senior center/resource space/community room	7/20/2015 8:53 AM
7	more businesses in town, more affordable apartments for seniors, walkable community, affordable community. We need a community center!! w/kitchen to provide community meals	7/20/2015 8:51 AM
8	continued development of a town center with sidewalks to encourage socialization among town members, with shops, restaurants, cafes, etc	7/20/2015 8:48 AM
9	Taxes are to high	7/16/2015 2:45 PM
10	Opportunities for interaction with younger adults and children	7/13/2015 5:21 PM
11	The problem for seniors aging in Cumberland is not the lack of services, assistance or areas of recreation. The problem is the continuing increases in our property taxes which boils down to an out of control school system. A lot of us seniors are living on fixed incomes and we are having trouble staying ahead of this dilemma. 70% of my tax bill money goes to the Greely School system. Every year or every other year that they need more. I think they think they can come to the trough and get more anytime. The Town Council has no influence or control on this matter. And if they did, it would not matter. Referendums and votings are pointless because too many families have children in the schools and vote for the increases. Cumberland is definitely a 12 year community as it's known. People move to Cumberland to educate their children and move away after they graduate. I guess that means it is tough luck for the people who have stayed. Where is the fiscal responsibility?	7/13/2015 4:31 PM
12	I hope this survey will be used to help coordinate volunteers and services and not used as an excuse to build expensive facilities or programs.	7/13/2015 9:07 AM
13	High property taxes will be the first consideration in our move. We've lived here for over 20 years. Taxes are unjustifiably high on the foreshore.	7/13/2015 9:05 AM
14	A few or even one walking trail free of dogs, runners and bikers that is close to town center	7/13/2015 8:50 AM
15	affordable options in all categories, lower property taxes	7/13/2015 8:46 AM
16	After. School homework supervision since. I live close to the schools. Could swap For mail box pick up or other small chores. Ex. Fill wood box.	7/12/2015 5:10 PM
17	I have failing eyesight so transportation is important to me. I also live alone so keeping up with household repairs is also a concern.	7/10/2015 8:49 PM
18	A place for seniors to gather	7/9/2015 9:56 AM
19	More improvements to West Cumberland or lower taxes	7/8/2015 3:55 PM
20	-property taxes -transportation to cultural and sporting events. transportation to shopping -it is worth noting that communities in Maine seldom discuss cutting programs as part of a solution.	7/8/2015 3:53 PM
21	Taxes lower for seniors. Senior housing in West Cumberland.	7/8/2015 3:49 PM

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22	-Advice and help with finding financial services (refinancing, reverse mortgages) finance camp, and businesses are intimidating, access is a problem too (transportation, schedule hours) -more access to town facilities (pool on weekends, walking in high school, gym open to adults and/or families, weight room) -Many of these questions were hard to answer. I'm 55 most of these issues do not affect me now. i don't even give them any thought unless I see a news story on it. So it was hard to rank them. My answers will be completely different in time. Most of my friends are my age or younger so these issues are not in the forefront for me. They are very important, but I am afraid my answers may not be helpful for those citizens that are now in their 70's and 80's, +.	7/8/2015 3:48 PM
23	Importance of creating a sense of community -- connecting neighbors with each other either formally or informally - to provide support and reduce isolation.	7/8/2015 11:20 AM
24	Increasing property taxes on a fixed income b	7/7/2015 4:16 PM
25	Yes I want to stay in my home. That is the most important thing to me. I can not do that as long as the taxes keep going up. I am on a fixed income. I do not make the money you Town people do. Do something about the taxes for seniors. Do something.	7/7/2015 12:37 PM
26	I find it interesting Teri Maloney-Kelly is so concerned when family members keep telling the town manager to keep buying clam flats, ball fields, town forest, higher schools budget and on and on. It is nice that real estate agents can advertise Cumberland property as being next to Town owned land. Bill Shane has managed to buy everything he buys! Between buying property and allowing once had (Blanchard-Tuttle Roads etc. I have come to the conclusion he is looking out for the old folks. If you want to live next to town owned property it is always close by as stated by Brett Davis Age in Place, no problem, just use my grocery budget to pay my real estate taxes. Many thanks.	7/7/2015 12:34 PM
27	Please do not increase my taxes to do this! If I cannot stay in my home none of this matters. Why does Cumberland think it needs services that will tax long term residents out of their homes?	7/7/2015 12:33 PM
28	Group rates for bus to Boston functions; theater, sports, shopping etc. Help retired seniors with taxes.	7/7/2015 12:32 PM
29	Need more trails/open spaces	7/7/2015 12:29 PM
30	Property tax relief for seniors, personal trainers at a reasonable price.	7/7/2015 12:28 PM
31	Prince Memorial Library is after the police and fire services. A huge asset to this community. Where they community can really thrive and socialize in good cheer. And all those who work there are the very best!	7/7/2015 12:27 PM
32	Affordability to stay in our home- property tax relief.	7/7/2015 12:24 PM
33	Our property taxes always rise--no matter what economy we are dealing with--school spending is out of control and I support Cumberland schools!	7/7/2015 12:21 PM
34	Real estate taxes must remain affordable for all so that aging residents with decreasing income can continue to afford to stay in their current homes or downsize to a smaller home in order to remain in their community. In addition, there seems to be a lack of affordable newer, smaller homes in the community for retiring/aging residents to purchase to downsize and stay in the community. Keeping our aging residents in the community would likely have a positive affect on how many of our younger residents stay or return to the community as young adults - so that we don't become a community of primarily 20-year residents who then move after their children have graduated from high school.	7/7/2015 12:19 PM
35	As we age, we are most concerned about the ability to "afford" Cumberland taxes. We are pretty sure we will have to sell our home and move out of Cumberland because of taxes.	7/7/2015 12:18 PM
36	-help finding specialist, medical advocate -help with planning for future--understanding what's available in greater Cumberland County -travel to shaws, restaurants, etc (extended from what's available through rec) - affordable assisted living, integrated services--affordable transportation -more wooded trails--but not an aging in place issue -elder/child walking to school -social walking/walking with trainer for elders w/balance issues. - grants/resources for energy conservation, remodels, solar -access to each other--programming designated to reduce isolation and promote inter-generational connection	7/7/2015 12:16 PM
37	I feel we have spent enough money on the schools and fields. I have lived here for more than 40 years and my kids did well without all the "super" extras- enough is enough.	7/7/2015 12:12 PM

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38	There should be community programs in each part of the town. Use West Cumberland Community Hall more for seniors. I only want to drive 2-3 miles, not 5 miles. The Greyhound Bus used to run through West Cumberland in the 1950's-1970's. Many of us used that to go in town (Portland) to shop, go to the movies, etc. Transportation needed to get to West Falmouth, Gray, Yarmouth, Rt. 1 Falmouth, and NorthGate. West Cumberland doesn't have any sidewalks. Perhaps there could be a food pantry and library in West Cumberland. I drive an old SUV and gas is an issue for me. Maybe a community vegetable/herb garden-good for all ages. Movie night at Community Hall, West Cumberland once a week. Craft/art club. Cards/cribbage/game boards, give people a reason to get out of the house. Start community clubs in the 3 parts of Town- provide entertainment and talk seminars. Prevention is key to a healthy town. Socialize more and provide some laughter and fun! We need to educate the kids earlier on prevention of good health, finances, safety, teach them how to grow food, sewing, cooking, making all kinds of crafts. How to survive in this ever changing world. If we can't have home economics and industrial arts in school we need to teach them elsewhere. Both parents work and are exhausted- they need help! Lower taxes for the elderly.	7/7/2015 12:10 PM
39	Service that allows seniors to remain safely at home. Assistance with chores, errands, meal preparation, and shopping at affordable cost	7/7/2015 12:10 PM
40	lowering elderly property taxes	7/7/2015 12:06 PM
41	We do not have a computer, consequently we cannot use e-mail newsletters. When laws are written they always make sure that they have loopholes, what hurts us are our property taxes and heat. Taxes in Cumberland and fuel cost upkeep on home repair.	7/7/2015 12:02 PM
42	Seems silly to focus on in Cumberland. Need to be inclusive of neighboring communities, especially North Yarmouth, Yarmouth, and Falmouth. Re: assisted living facilities, etc. These are so close as to be practically in Cumberland.	7/7/2015 12:02 PM
43	We need a senior center. As a new resident with mobility problems there is no way to make friends.	7/7/2015 12:00 PM
44	A free consultant service that specialized in elderly care. Some elderly people are very independent. They are not always aware of what help they really need. They will usually figure it out after a serious injury occurs.	7/7/2015 11:57 AM
45	taxes on a fixed income	7/7/2015 11:53 AM
46	Lower taxes	7/7/2015 11:52 AM
47	Would love to see more senior-lower income housing options	7/7/2015 11:51 AM
48	Help our seniors with taxes. Exempt ages of 70 and over from school taxes. 76% would keep them in Cumberland. Let the people in town with kids pay more tax than our seniors without kids. \$ per student?	7/7/2015 11:48 AM
49	Lower property taxes. Meto stop in Cumberland	7/7/2015 11:46 AM
50	I believe the biggest issue is property tax. Possibly a volunteer hourly program to offset the taxes. That is the one thing I am very much concerned about as I age.	7/7/2015 11:44 AM
51	Property taxes/ zoning to allow residents to build an apartment for family, caretaker, or to rent space.	7/7/2015 11:42 AM
52	Our taxes are ridiculous and large convenient business are discouraged.	7/7/2015 11:42 AM
53	Town center with walkable offerings--Cumberland does not even have a grocery store. I shop in Yarmouth, Falmouth, and Portland. Would like a grocery store and other options.	7/7/2015 11:40 AM
54	Control of pass-through property taxation specifically the school and Town taxes. More effort to hold these costs down is needed.	7/7/2015 11:37 AM
55	Senior companions for Norma to get her out more often. Norma does not drive a car. More tax help for property taxes!	7/7/2015 11:37 AM
56	The largest and overwhelming issue is to keep property tax in check. This is the wild card and a must with an overspending school district. Cumberland is a beautiful place to live one's entire lifetime and I feel very lucky. The big issue is keeping a quality school system without adding a new bill every year.	7/7/2015 11:36 AM
57	Affordable housing for 62+	7/7/2015 11:34 AM
58	Stop wasting our dollars on purchases we can't properly utilize due to land trust restrictions. If people want a beach they can raise the money and buy it themselves. I'm happy to go elsewhere where we can actually swim!	7/7/2015 11:31 AM
59	Most new people come into Cumberland for our schools which are great then move out after their children graduate from high school. Most most because of taxes.	7/7/2015 11:28 AM

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60	While all these issues for seniors are helpful, you did not mention the high cost of living in Cumberland county. The ever increasing cost of property taxes for seniors is not sustainable on a fixed income and will drive many seniors out of the area.	7/7/2015 11:26 AM
61	Shopping assistance, matching elders with similar interests for social connections/friends.	7/7/2015 11:22 AM
62	Keep Cumberland rural not suburban	7/7/2015 11:22 AM
63	lowering taxes for seniors, senior housing (affordable)	7/7/2015 11:21 AM
64	How about some concerts in the Village Green!	7/7/2015 11:20 AM
65	Roads with shoulders for walking and biking.	7/7/2015 11:18 AM
66	Reign in SAD 51. They're out of control. Slow down traffic speed from Greely Road to Wyman. Too fast for aging folks to pull out onto or walk across Main Street. Extend sidewalk to Wyman Way	7/7/2015 11:17 AM
67	Local paid employment for seniors who need to keep working- or access to employment- many of us do not anticipate a retirement and need to continue working at least part time. Also- local transportation (affordable) for people not able to drive (loss of license, medical issues, cost, etc.) How to get groceries, pharmacy, medical, social, etc. This is essential to maintain independence. Is there a way to connect seniors to local families/individuals for social and practical purposes?	7/7/2015 11:16 AM
68	Reduce the Town budget, reduce taxes.	7/7/2015 11:11 AM
69	lower taxes and keep lower for retirement	7/7/2015 11:09 AM
70	I appreciate this survey! It is important to our seniors. Affordable housing is key. As is lowering property taxes so seniors and others who plan on living in Cumberland can stay in Cumberland.	7/7/2015 11:04 AM
71	Real estate tax abatement programs	7/7/2015 11:01 AM
72	Weather and cost of taxes will ensure that in retirement I will not stay in Cumberland. Already planning to leave at retirement.	7/7/2015 11:00 AM
73	Lower taxes!	7/7/2015 10:54 AM
74	i lived in cumberland until my early 40s, but moved away due to spouses job opportunity, i would like to be able to move back yo cumberland, but currently too expensive and not many options	7/2/2015 5:22 PM
75	None of the rest matters at all compared to taxes- the current property tax increases are brutal for people on fixed income. There should be an affordability tax relief program for seniors.	7/1/2015 5:13 PM
76	Taxes	7/1/2015 5:10 PM
77	Help with grocery shopping. Transportation to church services.	7/1/2015 5:09 PM
78	There is a need for more senior meetings to socialize like lunches or outings.	7/1/2015 5:06 PM
79	If a person can't afford to buy a home here or pay real estate taxes or water/sewer charges, then none of the amenities or services matter. Make housing affordable first. Then add the amenities and services.	7/1/2015 5:01 PM
80	Keeping property taxes reasonable or cap when a resident reaches retirement	7/1/2015 5:01 PM
81	Property tax will be an issue when I retire, it may be at a level of a grocery bill and will force me to move. Very modest house.	7/1/2015 4:55 PM
82	Property taxes	7/1/2015 4:55 PM
83	Property tax relief or assistance for seniors	7/1/2015 4:54 PM
84	Affordable taxes- seniors should be exempt from paying the 75% taxes for the schools.	7/1/2015 4:51 PM
85	Volunteers that would help the technically challenged!	7/1/2015 4:51 PM
86	The high taxes and yearly increases.	7/1/2015 4:50 PM
87	tax incentives	7/1/2015 4:50 PM
88	More sidewalks and bike paths. Could we have a few restaurants or shopping somewhere in Cumberland? Route 1 perhaps? Performing arts center in high school- like Falmouth- with actual seats for old folks and better acoustics and stage for the performers.	7/1/2015 4:48 PM

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89	As we age and enter retirement, home maintenance becomes difficult. While experiencing declines in income and physical ability, maintenance becomes a worry.	7/1/2015 4:44 PM
90	Your spending is out of control. Someone asked why Cumberland's is significantly higher than Fal or Yar and got no answer. You are the one to explain this.	7/1/2015 4:40 PM
91	Keep residential property taxes for seniors down. Broadcast more local news on local tv stations.	7/1/2015 4:38 PM
92	Keep control of taxes, so we can stay in Cumberland.	7/1/2015 4:37 PM
93	Help residents become energy independent. Provide denser, but separate, living complexes.	7/1/2015 4:35 PM
94	Special property taxes for elders who are over 70 years who have owned and lived in this town for 50 years.	7/1/2015 4:33 PM
95	I think you should help facilitate hooking up enough elderly to live together to watch out for each other and share expenses.	7/1/2015 4:32 PM
96	I strongly disagree with the content of using town or state tax revenue to subsidize senior housing, or to provide seniors with some form of local property tax relief. If you can't afford the taxes, sell the home and move on.	7/1/2015 4:30 PM
97	Costs for utilities and taxes. First and foremost for the Towns cost of waste water...way too high even now	7/1/2015 4:20 PM
98	Good committe, good organization, energy and activities. Well needed and appears to be on the ball!	7/1/2015 4:19 PM
99	After 70 no real estate taxes	7/1/2015 4:15 PM
100	Tax abatement for retired professional who are willing to put in time helping other elders with services	7/1/2015 4:10 PM
101	We would like to see nice, affordable 55+ community of condos and/or homes with all maintenance and groups up keep provide. We are not interested in an apartment like setting.	7/1/2015 4:07 PM
102	There needs to be a grocery store, at least, in this town. One of the reasons we will be moving is due to the lack of accessibility to amenities. The forefathers have got to get over themselves so that Cumberland can get with the times! Two income families with children do not have time to run to another town to shop! It's very sad that Cumberland spent the money to buy the ocean property. That money could have been put to good use to build a performing arts center at the high school! Pave twin brooks please! Great move having the NYMS students at the Greely high school complex	7/1/2015 4:05 PM
103	Real issue is that town work hard at keeping taxes down! All of us on fixed incomes are being forced out of the town. We'd rather stay put!	7/1/2015 4:02 PM
104	Personal health--as long as I'm independent answers apply.	7/1/2015 3:58 PM
105	We need a facility where seniors can meet on a weekly basis. Under the socialization category: Seniors need a place to gather especially during winter months to be able to get out and not have to drive into Portland. A room in Town Hall where the game of bridge could bring people together.	7/1/2015 3:55 PM
106	Lower property taxes	7/1/2015 3:52 PM
107	Lets consider some kind of property tax cap	7/1/2015 3:46 PM
108	1) Need for traffic light at Skillin/Blackstrap Road intersection 2) Open turnpike exit at Cumberland/Gray town lines	7/1/2015 3:44 PM
109	Try the elimination of cars and stop urban sprawl. How about mass transit rail/bus/van. Elder do not want to drive and own cares. How about a rail stop in Cumberland?	7/1/2015 3:43 PM
110	Homeowners of over 65 should have a reduced house tax as children are gone and income much less	7/1/2015 3:41 PM
111	How about a local Cumberland lawyer who could give advice on wills, etc....	7/1/2015 3:30 PM
112	More info on independent living facilities for seniors located in Cumberland	7/1/2015 3:29 PM
113	Freeze property taxes when owners turn 65	7/1/2015 3:21 PM
114	Property tax	7/1/2015 3:20 PM
115	Taxes	7/1/2015 3:20 PM
116	Better pike path on Route 88	7/1/2015 3:16 PM
117	Giving them a discount on property taxes!	7/1/2015 3:12 PM

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118	Traveling library to bring books, music, magazines,movies etc to the elderly who can not get out and around.	7/1/2015 3:09 PM
119	Technology upgrades, heating/plumbing, emergencies-weather, connection to churches and other community groups	7/1/2015 3:05 PM
120	reduce property taxes! stop increasing them every year!	7/1/2015 3:04 PM
121	Discount in purchasing trash bags for pick-up. Discount in property taxes for seniors who have lived in Cumberland over 65 years. Fuel assistance over winter months.	7/1/2015 3:01 PM
122	Property taxes are driving people out of Cumberland once their kids are out of the school system.	7/1/2015 2:58 PM
123	Lower taxes so our retirement savings can last longer!	7/1/2015 2:55 PM
124	-medicare and social security education -financial security education from trusted source who isn't trying to make money from advising me -how about a Cumberland meet up group for 50 years+ -taxes	7/1/2015 2:53 PM
125	Very surprised the steady escalation of taxes was not mentioned. Someone has to to reign in the spending--both the town and schools.	7/1/2015 2:51 PM
126	High property taxes outweigh everything else on this survey- Why didn't you include property taxes? They are the biggest threat to losing our home.	7/1/2015 2:50 PM
127	Matching elders who live along with others who have a need for housing and could provide services in return for low expenses.	7/1/2015 2:48 PM
128	Property tax increases place an ever increasing strain on the budgets of retired people living on fixed incomes. It is a growing concern regarding my ability to remain in Cumberland.	7/1/2015 2:47 PM
129	Many come to town for the good schools. We need to encourage people to stay in town beyond their child-rearing years. That means allowing services/businesses in town.	7/1/2015 2:46 PM
130	Cumberland housing needs to be managed by someone who knows how to manage apartments, not by public employees who have no concept on how to run a business. Starting 8/1/15 we will have to start paying for our heat. In fiscal year we will be picking up 100% of the cost. I will be 85 years old then and our social security will not cover the cost of heat.	7/1/2015 2:32 PM
131	We would like to be safe on route 9. The road should be widened for walkers and bikes. It is dangerous to even get our mail from the box on route 9.	7/1/2015 2:28 PM
132	Affordable apartments	7/1/2015 2:26 PM
133	Safety/lifeline services	7/1/2015 2:23 PM
134	Connect Wyman Way to sidewalk system on Route 9 to generate walking loop.	7/1/2015 2:20 PM
135	Transportation is a big issue. Once a senior no longer drives, their life becomes more dependent on others for all services. Ride services or other transportation allows people to remain independent. Also, need a large ocean view type place in Cumberland, where all seniors are on campus or provided by the facility	7/1/2015 1:31 PM
136	Taxes keep going up faster than our social security check. The pay per bag for trash is high for anyone on a fixed income.	7/1/2015 1:29 PM
137	Senior recreation activities for both mind/body. Side walks in general in West Cumberland.	7/1/2015 1:26 PM
138	The affordability issue that is #1 for me is to have help with property taxes and for the town to not make stupid purchase like ocean-beach front property! It is very important older residents on a fixed income to have help with property taxes so that they can afford to stay in their own homes.	7/1/2015 1:26 PM
139	Controlling increasing taxes! Increasing community services such as plowing, snowblowing, shoveling.	7/1/2015 1:23 PM
140	Access to exercise equipment/facilities	7/1/2015 1:23 PM
141	We need more condos or small homes for older couples. Not enough available	7/1/2015 1:21 PM
142	Transportation	7/1/2015 1:19 PM
143	Use Cumberland Commons for summer concerts at the gazebo--like Falmouth Rec Department. Its fun and seniors and families enjoy the music	7/1/2015 1:19 PM

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144	The near complete absence of public transportation options in Cumberland is more limiting than is apparent, and effectively exclusionary for some. Unlighted sidewalks needed for exercise and safe access to neighbors and facilities.	7/1/2015 1:17 PM
145	We need a full size workout, yoga, center accessible	7/1/2015 1:14 PM
146	The property taxes are quite high, especially for a single person.	7/1/2015 1:10 PM
147	How about supporting and endorsing MORE small business in town so people can stay in town for small goods and services- eg. barber shop, mini market, book store, etc., like Main St. in Yarmouth.	7/1/2015 1:08 PM
148	The concept of a Senior Community Center for events is appealing to us.	7/1/2015 1:08 PM
149	Need more sidewalks, the Town Forest is such an uninteresting space. Seems efforts and money better spent on Rines and Twin Brook.	7/1/2015 1:05 PM
150	lower property taxes	7/1/2015 1:03 PM
151	My mother enjoyed living in the rental condos for seniors on Hawthorne Court until her desire and ability to cook declined. Then she moved to Casco Wood sin Portland, but the food was poor.	7/1/2015 1:00 PM
152	Tax relief! Substantial. Everyone over 65 should qualify. Controlling costs (SAD51, Municipal government)	7/1/2015 12:57 PM
153	A quick way to get to the turnpike from Route 100, which might help the congestion that occurs in the mornings. If they opened the Cumberland exit to the turnpike making more access	7/1/2015 12:56 PM
154	Keep taxes down so we can stay in our present home. Schools get too much money	7/1/2015 12:49 PM
155	Stop the insane property tax war on the Foreside. You are taxing older people out of their homes.	7/1/2015 12:47 PM
156	reduce property taxes, high cost of SAD 51	7/1/2015 12:47 PM
157	It's great you are doing this	7/1/2015 12:43 PM
158	The ability of the Town/agencies to get some reimbursement from insurance for some of the services discussed.	7/1/2015 12:42 PM
159	Perhaps some seminars on Medicare.	7/1/2015 12:35 PM
160	being able to afford to live in Town, high taxes, bad roads	7/1/2015 12:34 PM
161	lower property taxes	7/1/2015 12:30 PM
162	More community senior meal sites. Is there a program for students to help seniors/ If not, maybe this could be developed.	7/1/2015 12:29 PM
163	We must make our town's senior housing more affordable for our senior residents. It is unacceptable that rents should be in excess of \$1000 per month.	7/1/2015 12:22 PM
164	Property tax relief!!!	7/1/2015 12:22 PM
165	-List of elder lawn services available -place for elders to gather for coffee, etc	7/1/2015 12:18 PM
166	Need reliable household help- cleaning, washing windows, etc.	7/1/2015 12:17 PM
167	Property taxes	7/1/2015 12:12 PM
168	You need to control spending and taxes--it always goes up and p and you need to take a good look at school spending rather than rubber stamping every budget	7/1/2015 12:12 PM
169	Keep property taxes lower. Have/make a senior center. Encourage easier access for common needs within town village (doctor, bank, store)	7/1/2015 12:06 PM
170	Taxes should be the #1 priority- it is forcing people out of their homes and the town, or their homes are becoming run down because of choices needed in order to meet the out of control spending approved by the Town Council.	7/1/2015 12:00 PM
171	Keeping home taxes affordable	7/1/2015 11:58 AM
172	Seniors should have free access to dump.	7/1/2015 11:57 AM
173	-places in walking distance of town at convenience items/groceries/etc. Arts, theater,and family activities are all important to make a vibrant town community that's welcome to all ages--so much more attractive to the elderly as well	7/1/2015 11:56 AM

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174	Energy efficiency. Connections with family members who live far away. Support networks for single elders without family nearby	7/1/2015 11:54 AM
175	Need more condo housing options, communities.	7/1/2015 9:31 AM
176	Do something about high taxes, #1 Schools, #2 Town taxes, quit wasting money on beaches, lake boat landing.	7/1/2015 9:26 AM
177	Property tax reduction for seniors	7/1/2015 9:26 AM
178	Taxes! Taxes! Taxes!	7/1/2015 9:20 AM
179	Open space- control growth! Control taxes.	7/1/2015 9:18 AM
180	Lower property taxes for seniors and disabled, reliable taxi service or uber, a state of the art workout facility, assistance from town with property clean up...especially after storms. There is no sense of community here. This is a bedroom community which primarily serves families with school age children. Library needs to provide functions for seniors as well as quiet space. And continued building of new developments will ruin the character of the town.	7/1/2015 9:14 AM
181	high property taxes	7/1/2015 9:14 AM
182	property tax assistance--it's becoming too expensive for me	7/1/2015 9:13 AM
183	can't age in place if your taxed out of it	7/1/2015 9:10 AM
184	Tax increases are too much. We will be gone in 2-5 years. Can't afford the property taxes on retirement income!	7/1/2015 9:09 AM
185	If the town digs up my land, don't tell me to fix it myself, or my neighbors. Yes, this is what I was told at the town office.	7/1/2015 9:06 AM
186	Real estate and excise taxes. When real estate taxes increase 3-4% annually, social security income increases 1% pension income increases 0% and interest rates at the local credit union are 4% on a one year CD taxes are the primary impediment to living in Cumberland. Everything suggested here does nothing more than increase our tax burden. Solution: provide residents over 65, who have tired ehre over 30 years, with no children in the school system a 10% tax reduction. Now you have an incentive to stay in Cumberland. Everything else is just feel good chatter. Appreciate the thought but most of the creates no incentive.	7/1/2015 9:06 AM
187	Last time I tried the Town Forest trails, there was room for improved signage.	7/1/2015 9:03 AM
188	Railings in halls to hangout onto when walking	7/1/2015 9:01 AM
189	Property tax issues- reducing the tax burden for seniors who have fixed/limited income, do not access school services, are life long Mainers, have lots to give to their communities.	7/1/2015 9:00 AM
190	Sidewalks in West Cumberland are needed!	7/1/2015 8:56 AM
191	Taxes are too HIGH	7/1/2015 8:55 AM
192	Taxes are going up. At some point we might be forced to leave--SS doesn't go up as fast	7/1/2015 8:54 AM
193	The most important to m e is to have rides that will make more than one stop on your trip and that you can afford.	7/1/2015 8:53 AM
194	Access to entertainment (movies)	7/1/2015 8:52 AM
195	Lower income taxes after age 70.	7/1/2015 8:49 AM
196	If I were to stay in Cumberland when I am retired/elderly, there would need to be public transportation, cultural events. There is not much to do in Cumberland, especially if you aren't working.	7/1/2015 8:46 AM
197	My (our) goal is to remain in my home. Love taking care of property. Will do so as long as I can. Then turn over property care to outside providers. My (our) needs, as far as things I need help with, I wish to be provided in my home. Can't envision myself being happy in condo with nothing to do.	7/1/2015 8:40 AM
198	In Cumberland Foreside our main walking and biking is Route 88--also a 40mph vehicle artery. Very dangerous for dogs and humans to walk! There is plenty of room to create a dirt stone pathway that would comply with drainage requirements.	7/1/2015 8:33 AM
199	reliable EMS service	6/30/2015 3:47 PM
200	a gathering place. What about helping kids? teaching? transportation? babysitting? group trips?	6/30/2015 3:40 PM
201	-Town community center -walking destinations -golf game clubs	6/30/2015 3:34 PM

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202	A centered location for a senior center to gather for activities. Property tax relief for seniors on a fixed income.	6/30/2015 3:29 PM
203	We are very fortunate to live in Hawthorne Court. Many thanks to the Town staff (especially Jonathon, Carla, and Pam) for their excellent help as we continue to age in place.	6/30/2015 3:06 PM
204	Real estate tax stabilization for retired home owners	6/30/2015 3:03 PM
205	Real estate taxes are too high	6/30/2015 3:00 PM
206	I an many others have noticed an ongoing societal change--many of us work so hard at our jobs we do not get to know our neighbors. I would love to host a supper clubs where folks who are too tired at night to cook can share a health meal on a regular basis. This is just a germinating idea--a supper club could happen in a cland facility (like the knitting club at the library) or in round robin homes, or in one home. But so many of us do not even have time to launch this idea toward reality--so I can only communicate it to you for now. Thank you so much for addressing this agining in place. I fore one am health-working a very stressful job at 70 so I am not asking the Town for anything. But i along with most people will tell you that the world is out of balance and we all must figure out ways to pursue healthy lives. I'm not sure each of us can do that alone.	6/30/2015 2:59 PM
207	list of volunteers trained and willing to help with driving or light housework	6/30/2015 2:53 PM
208	Property taxes	6/30/2015 2:50 PM
209	Price of living arrangements	6/30/2015 2:04 PM
210	Property tax relief for senior citizens who have lived in Cumberland over 25 years and no longer have children in the school system.	6/30/2015 12:26 PM
211	As mentioned taxes are probably the number 1 issue that I a already worrying about	6/30/2015 12:20 PM
212	Real estate taxes need to be lower, unless this happens seniors will have to leave	6/30/2015 12:09 PM
213	tax increase walking/bike paths off the road	6/30/2015 12:08 PM
214	The recreation department needs to expand senior activities and get the word out beyond the brochure (that needs a facelift)	6/30/2015 12:05 PM
215	Lower taxes	6/30/2015 12:03 PM
216	Please keep property taxes low, that is #1 reason for having to leave Cumberland! Thank you!	6/30/2015 12:01 PM
217	How about now to get affordable housing for young professionals? Attract more business and younger demographic for Cumberland. my husband and I will be contributing ot the tax base for the nexy 25-30 years. Are we the only ones? There is little to no affordable homes. We work, own our home on the Foreside, but there is little the town of Cumberland offers us in return. Access to the leaf dump? Access to the ocean--recreational use, moorings. The Payson Property is a hoke. Thanks for increasing our taxes.	6/30/2015 11:58 AM
218	Lower taxes. More service in town, ie grocery and pharmacy	6/30/2015 11:54 AM
219	Find a way to finally lower our taxes. I.E after your children have been out of school for 20+years you still live here, reduce taxes	6/30/2015 11:52 AM
220	TAXES--as soon as my kids graduate, we're moving.	6/30/2015 11:49 AM
221	Not all residents are ready/wanting help. Seniors are very proud. I'm not sure how to tackle this issue. Many don't want hand outs and will look down upon any program that allows others to avoid personal responsibility. Please be very thoughtful as I know you are!	6/30/2015 11:38 AM
222	Taxes are biggest reason people move.	6/30/2015 11:34 AM
223	Most important and to me is senior tax relief.	6/30/2015 11:33 AM
224	Taxes	6/30/2015 11:17 AM
225	Tax relief so I can stay in my home	6/30/2015 11:14 AM
226	property taxes and affordability	6/30/2015 11:11 AM
227	More traffic/vehicle speed control on Route 88 so it is safe to walk! Thank you!	6/30/2015 11:09 AM
228	Keep school costs down and keep taxes down. Older folks do not use computers to keep in touch	6/30/2015 11:06 AM
229	Property taxes--high for anyone of average socioeconomic status retiring to live on a fixed income	6/30/2015 11:01 AM

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230	Have a valuation reduction for over 65 folks on their home appraisal	6/30/2015 10:56 AM
231	need to lower taxes	6/30/2015 10:50 AM
232	The escalation of property taxes and the cost of heating are a concern in regards to how long I will stay in my home in Cumberland	6/30/2015 10:35 AM
233	Ways for people to stay connected and involved--community center that is accessible	6/30/2015 10:28 AM
234	Taxes too high. Town council should make decisions based on the wants and needs of the majority. Example: Broad Cove \$3 million purchase.	6/30/2015 10:25 AM
235	Property taxes is a major threat to many seniors being able to stay in their homes. Rent prices are also determined in point by taxes. Town officials need to be much more conservative in their spending to keep taxes at a level that seniors can afford.	6/30/2015 10:24 AM
236	The Town of Cumberland should NOT be providing services for health, socialization, transportation, sidewalks and trails, or business serices. No mention of taxes really?!?! The school system is out of control, it must be cut.	6/30/2015 10:22 AM
237	-drivers -reduction in tax rates -indoor swimming--great excercise with low stress on joints	6/30/2015 10:17 AM
238	close access to grocery store and drug store	6/30/2015 10:16 AM
239	Having Fire Department or proper department to elderly for their appointments where we don't have public transportation in town	6/30/2015 10:15 AM
240	Property tax costs! I think the cost of living and especially the property taxes costs are what drive most residents to feel they have to move out of Cumberland.	6/30/2015 10:11 AM
241	Taxes	6/30/2015 10:07 AM
242	safety of local roads for walking, biking. Greely Road is out of control--no safety. Speed limits are not enforced especially by large commercial vehicile	6/30/2015 10:04 AM
243	I actually live in North Yarmouth but figured I would respond anyway. TAXES we are getting taxed out of town. We were hoping to keep the kids in Greely thru graduation but it does not seem possible anymore, This town is for Dr.'s and Lawyers where money seems to be is endless. My taxes are now more than 1/2 of my mortgage payment. I cannot afford and more school budget "savings". The increases are more than my pay increases year after year.	6/30/2015 10:00 AM
244	Would be nice to have a loan closet to have access to gently used wheelchairs, walkers, hospital beds, canes, crutches, etc. Space for a senior center for gatherings to do community projects. Learn things of interest to seniors--book group, lectures, playing games, exercise etc i one location.	6/30/2015 9:54 AM
245	Availability of more health services	6/30/2015 9:46 AM
246	-high taxes -senior focused events programs may be important to some, but prefer to see middle age events--so seniors aren't isolated. Need more neighborhood focus so help, concern nearby.	6/30/2015 9:40 AM
247	We need a community recreation center. We need an indoor track. We need a place for children to hang out and play basketball or other activities. We would like access to the beach and ocean.	6/30/2015 9:38 AM
248	reduction of property taxes for over age 70, reduction of property tax for households with only one social security check	6/30/2015 9:19 AM
249	recognition of neighbors who are tireless and assist with moving and other services	6/30/2015 9:16 AM
250	Having a smaller portion of my taxes having to pay for education people with higher income and utilizing public education system should subsidize out of pocker and not have it be such a tax burden to aging residents and those with no children. I get nothing for the amount of taxes I pay annually from an infrastructure standpoint. i work 10 hours a day--high school students that seniors are paying for could lend a hand helping seniors during their summer break!	6/30/2015 9:00 AM
251	(Please see attached letter for additional comments)	6/30/2015 8:57 AM

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252	<p>You have omitted what, for many of us, will be the most important issue we will face concerning whether or not we will be able to age in place in our homes in Cumberland - the effect of real estate taxes on affordability. I am sorry to say, but the absence of this matter from this discussion renders the rest of it meaningless for many, as we may be priced out of our homes due to constricted cash flow, and the effects of inflation, if we live long enough. Case in point - my own. Several years ago, my wife and I began considering many of the very issues you've addressed in your survey, and arrived at the conclusion that remaining in our home in Cumberland Center would not be practical long term due to there being two floors in our home, and having had the experience of dealing with the need of her parents to move out of their home on the same street for precisely that reason. Stairs are not a friend to the elderly. So, we undertook a modest building plan for a single level home in West Cumberland, even including future lodging design considerations that would be "live-in caregiver" friendly to extend the possibility for our living, and dying, in place. We left a home of 1,620 sq. ft of finished space on two floors, to move into a home of 1,850 sq. ft on one floor, feeling good about the decision we'd made. That is, until the tax bill arrived. Imagine our consternation when we learned that adding 230 sq. ft. of living space on a slightly larger lot caused our tax bill to increase from \$3,698 to \$6,442. Given the consistent upward movement of property taxes, I am anticipating that within a few short years, our property tax bill will require close to one-seventh of our annual cash flow before income taxes, and an even greater fraction of after tax income. This, for us, will not be sustainable, and we now are not only reviewing literature about residence opportunities in lower cost locales, but any painting or other home improvement projects we undertake are considered with the eyes of a future buyer in mind (the home was not fully finished when we moved in). Please consider what you've just read, as well as your own futures, and weave this issue into your deliberations. Respectfully, Dean H. Gulezian Cumberland resident , 1985 - ?</p>	6/29/2015 7:42 PM
253	<p>Having a smaller portion of my taxes having to pay for education. People with higher income and utilizing public education system should subsidize out of pocket and not have it be such a tax burden to aging residentsd and those with no children. I get nothing for the amount of taxes I pay annually from an infrastructure standpoint. I work 10 hours a day--perhaps high school students that seniors are paying for could lend a hand helping seniors during their summer break!</p>	6/29/2015 5:02 PM
254	<p>Please consider sidewalk on Blanchard Road. Very dangerous place to walk. Poor site lines. Taxes are high which makes costs of staying in home difficult.</p>	6/29/2015 4:56 PM
255	<p>Assisted living facility?</p>	6/29/2015 4:50 PM
256	<p>Daily telephone check-in would be nice!</p>	6/29/2015 4:37 PM
257	<p>1) Financial Planning Service 2) Help cleaning out house/downsizing 3) Retirement community options like Thorton Oaks</p>	6/29/2015 4:31 PM
258	<p>I mentioned r/e taxes. Seniors on fixed incomes need a break, such as a discount. I struggle every year, my r/e taxes have risen about 650% since I moved here. Work on it!</p>	6/29/2015 4:28 PM
259	<p>The number one issue as I see it is the non-stop increase in property taxes. It will be increasingly difficult for residents to remain in Cumberland. In fact we will definitely leave the town when we retire as votes continue to approve more Town spending. I am a believer in the democratic process, but it seems that votes believe that money just comes from somewhere magical--to pay more than \$550 per month to live in the Town is not sustainable.</p>	6/29/2015 4:18 PM
260	<p>Southern Maine Agency on Aging provides information regarding all of these services? Why duplicate these services? What about PROP. Are you reinventing the wheel? I can't see the town figuring out this while SMAA has a huge database with much of this information readily available. I worked for SMAA for 15 years. I belong to the Firs Parish UCC In Yarmouth and regularly provide meals to people recovering from surgery, etc. The churches in Cumberland may be willing to provide some services.</p>	6/29/2015 4:14 PM
261	<p>Town owned open space is not readily accessible! Roads with adequate shoulders and relatively good surface and adequate speed enforcement to allow walking and bicycling from home. Taxes and allocation of taxes to public infrastructure (not schools and not town-owned space which are taxpayer provided youth recreation areas)</p>	6/29/2015 3:47 PM
262	<p>I believe transporation on a community bus service will be something for the town to consider in the future.</p>	6/29/2015 3:38 PM
263	<p>Need sidewalks before you can light them. In Cumberland Center: -build sidewalks where there are none -make intersection pedestrian friendly (Tuttle and Main Street). Correct walk light only stops traffic going one way. Plus roads width/sidewalk setup is not pedestrian friendly or safe</p>	6/29/2015 2:00 PM
264	<p>I wish there were more mixed age neighborhoods with small an large homes--all with significant yards (ie. small home and small yard doesn't appeal)</p>	6/29/2015 1:55 PM
265	<p>I currently live with my adult child and family. Purchasing or renting my own unit in the Cumberland area is too expensive for me.</p>	6/29/2015 1:47 PM

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266	Property taxes should not increase for 65+	6/29/2015 1:44 PM
267	Lower taxes! Schools are killing us!	6/29/2015 1:33 PM
268	You never mentioned property taxes, the single reason there are so many homes on the Foreside and in Cumberland for sale.	6/29/2015 1:28 PM
269	Increasing property taxes and cost of education. At some point a long-term resident should be deemed to have "paid in", justifying a resolution in property taxes, but this would require many changes to the legal structure of taxation principles and structures.	6/29/2015 1:20 PM
270	Reasonable taxation.	6/29/2015 9:58 AM
271	Since I am totally self-sufficient and capable of finding out these things, I am not ready to fill this out. I don't have any needs or issues physically or mentally currently. Quite a few of these things cost money and I don't want taxes to go up to pay for them. I am an active member of my church, which is so helpful.	6/28/2015 8:31 PM
272	The concern I have is that the focus of this issue is keeping people in their large homes. One of the biggest issues I have seen with the elderly is depression caused in large part by isolation. We live in a state that is very difficult for the elderly to move around in the winter. I frankly think that having independent and assisted living facilities would be a better way to use resources. I know of independent living facilities that provide, either in the cost or through supplemental charges, many of the services you are talking about. When providing them to a larger contained group of customers, it is far more efficient cost wise and the quality can be more easily controlled. I think it is not doing anyone a service to try to create services such that people end up staying in large homes (often two story) by themselves when that home is their largest monetary asset. Homes have traditionally been an investment and if one does retirement planning, it is one of the biggest assets for one's retirement. It is also important that people are surrounded by others, particularly others with whom they have something in common. Again in these facilities, programming can be done to continue to stimulate the customers brains and physical well being. If people want to stay in Cumberland and not move, which I understand, then we should focus on creating independent and assisted living type facilities in a single location within the town.	6/28/2015 2:01 PM
273	Address the ever increasing tax burden and its impact on seniors ability to retain home ownership	6/28/2015 11:41 AM
274	Keeping taxes reasonable and affordable.	6/27/2015 8:48 AM
275	lower taxes or tax help for those who can't pay the taxes. Understand that we need to provide quality schools, so just can't pay what we're asking. Don't want anyone to leave on that account.	6/27/2015 4:24 AM
276	A description of what the "Aging In Place Initiative" is, and what areas of interest are.	6/26/2015 4:57 PM
277	Anything that could help lower taxes for long term residents who would like to stay here in our homes.	6/26/2015 2:09 PM
278	Getting to library could be an issue. Some plan to get and pick up books for those who cannot get out.	6/26/2015 11:52 AM
279	Cumberland is too expensive, period. No one is going to age in place here. In addition to the outrageous costs of living here (taxes, trash bags, etc.), there are no attractions, such as local grocery stores or markets, that are actually in town. This is a town that is a temporary high-priced housing community for parents to send their kids to a good public school.	6/26/2015 11:21 AM
280	Cumberland's lack of a commercial district makes it a non-viable place to live if one does not have access to a car. There is no point in remaining in Cumberland if one must drive to Yarmouth or Falmouth for groceries, a pharmacy, or a hardware store. The town's resistance to any sort of meaningful commercial district will likely cause the town to continue to increase property taxes significantly year over year, and will drive out many residents. Moreover, the lack of a commercial district results in fewer opportunities for residents to socialize with each other as all errands require one to go to nearby towns. Cumberland is a much more isolated community than Falmouth or Yarmouth. Aging in place in Cumberland is an unattractive proposition if Cumberland continues to offer nothing other than houses, a limited amount of open space, and a school system.	6/26/2015 10:26 AM
281	Something needs to be done to reduce property taxes especially for seniors as many are on a fixed income. I feel we are being taxed out of town. This needs to start by getting a hold on the school department which is out of hand.	6/25/2015 10:10 PM
282	Property tax relief	6/25/2015 8:30 PM
283	controlling taxes	6/25/2015 6:33 PM
284	No.	6/25/2015 2:51 PM
285	Would you consider giving long term residence a reduced tax rate, and charge more who only move to town for ours schools and then move out.	6/25/2015 2:46 PM

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286	Cost of owning and keeping property with family for future generations. We are a 6th generation, we have given land to keep it forever undeveloped. But I worry that those who are born and raised in this town cannot afford to stay. It is shameful that those who want to keep this their lifelong home are priced out by those who are here for only 10-15 years. If allowed, this town will lose its character, uniqueness and history, doomed to become another Falmouth. More concerned with raising revenue and becoming politically significant.	6/25/2015 2:14 PM
287	Do you hope to stay in Cumberland as you age? Why, or why not? Factors in decision, ranked. If you plan to move to a nearby town, which one and why?	6/25/2015 11:35 AM
288	Nothing comes to mind.	6/24/2015 3:23 PM
289	Cumberland needs a community service building with a kitchen and entertainment area, i.e. dancing, play cards, exercising, having meals or making meals as volunteer service.	6/24/2015 2:58 PM
290	A facility dedicated to socialization for seniors (i.e. senior center)	6/24/2015 2:42 PM
291	Contacted Peter Odonnell last year about assistance with shovelling snow (paths round house, not driveway) but no success. Are teenagers at Greely not interested in being paid to help?	6/24/2015 12:27 PM
292	a real estate tax break for seniors who have been in town for decades, long past their children's involvement in local schools	6/23/2015 10:54 AM
293	Like many our age, we spent a lifetime paying off our mortgage only to find our real estate taxes are far, far greater than we ever expected with no apparent end in sight to the unconscionable, incessant rise. And based on this survey, unless you are planning on private donations funding your ideas for these services, the future for staying here is not very bright. It is way too easy to spend other peoples' money and justify the spending as a utopian necessity. And that is a problem that an irresponsible school board apparently does not understand.	6/23/2015 8:54 AM
294	Thank you for getting something going here, too many of our elders are alienated and lonely.	6/23/2015 8:16 AM
295	I would emphasize affordable housing for those on limited incomes. I live in Drowne School apartments which are not really affordable to me and I would prefer a non-apartment situation. The Cumberland Meadows units are the best I have seen anywhere and would stress that this is far preferable to apartments should any new tax credit or subsidized housing be considered in the future for Cumberland. For me, the Drowne Road apartments are depressing and have the feel of a nursing home. I don't like living in a place where people walk the halls in their bathrobes. I am not old enough (don't think I ever will be) or sick enough to feel comfortable with this. Another suggestion is some kind of community message board and efforts to connect people in town who may have excess space in their homes and could use some extra income with those who are seeking alternatives to current rentals. There are a lot of houses in town that have large garages with space above them which may already be able to be used as small apartments.	6/22/2015 9:29 PM
296	REDUCTION IN SENIORS' PROPERTY TAX.	6/22/2015 2:32 PM
297	I am disappointed by the absence of mention of cost of taxes. As a result, the survey results can (and I predict will) be used to trumpet the need for more time and money on projects. I'm not against initiative--I agree this is a vitally important topic, but to ignore the effect of greater and greater spending by the Town overlooks an important elephant in the room. Let's pay attention to basic economics here, okay?	6/22/2015 12:17 PM
298	Keep tax rate down	6/22/2015 12:00 PM
299	R.E. Taxes - will probably cause us to move out of town	6/21/2015 12:31 PM
300	If anyone has low vision (i.e. Due to eye disease like Macular degeneration) and any difficulty managing in home	6/21/2015 9:56 AM
301	lower real estate taxes	6/20/2015 5:00 PM
302	Why did you not include affordable taxes? We can't keep giving tax breaks to take land out of taxation especially without specific referendum on acquisition as done on Payson Property. We can't afford all this public land! -need sidewalks but they don't need to be lighted -needs to be satellite dish networks like direct tv because people can't afford to stay on time warner -question 7: Omitted Cumberland Crier which is okay until someone who loves pastels realizes we need more contrast to be able to read it like black and white	6/15/2015 4:34 PM
303	-ability to carpool or have way to get to programs -transportation is critical for appts and socialization. we need more transportation options. also more inter-generational opportunities for the community. Bring all ages together.	6/10/2015 4:45 PM
304	tax relief	6/10/2015 4:30 PM
305	taxes	6/10/2015 4:21 PM

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306	lower my taxes	6/10/2015 4:18 PM
307	affordable rents	6/10/2015 4:16 PM
308	I don't want the town to duplicate services provided on a regional/state/NGO basis, but t refer people to those services. For more expensive services, I'd like to see a system in which individual fees are converted to liens on the property that get paid when the property is sol (could be no interest loans).	6/10/2015 4:03 PM
309	reducing taxes to make staying in owned home more affordable	6/10/2015 3:42 PM
310	sidewalks yes, lighting no	6/10/2015 3:20 PM
311	-lower real estate taxes -pool of us offering rides to and from airport and amtrack -senior circuit breaker discount of real estate taxes	6/10/2015 2:52 PM

**Question 16: Willingness to Participate: Would you be willing to help out with Cumberland's Aging in Place initiative? If so, please provide contact information below and please indicate any specific areas of interest (e.g., "I would be willing to provide rides to seniors in need.")**

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## Q17 Other areas of interest:

Answered: 84 Skipped: 779

#	Responses	Date
1	I am on the subcommittee with Lisa Crowley, Eileen Wyatt, etc. I am handicapped and have a lifeline, which I have used many times when I fall.	7/20/2015 8:47 AM
2	I would be willing to help seniors with simple chores or repairs or to provide rides when available.	7/13/2015 8:50 AM
3	I would be willing to visit home bound seniors--organize an art class	7/13/2015 8:46 AM
4	After	7/12/2015 5:10 PM
5	Tax relief, veterans issue	7/8/2015 3:53 PM
6	Please look into the "village" model - a non-profit, grassroots, member-driven organization that creates opportunities for older adults to choose how they live as they age, which began on Beacon Hill in Boston ( <a href="http://www.beaconhillvillage.org">www.beaconhillvillage.org</a> ) and is spreading across the country and international. The Village to Village Network ( <a href="http://www.vtvnetwork.org">www.vtvnetwork.org</a> ) is a good resource. There are several "villages" already established in Maine. Laura Connors, the Executive Director at Beacon Hill Village (a former member of the Congregational Church in Cumberland and who still owns a home in North Yarmouth) would be happy to talk with anyone interested in learning more about the village concept.	7/8/2015 11:20 AM
7	How would anyone age in place with real estate taxes spiking every year. The Town Manager never saw a piece of property offered up he was willing to take off the tax rolls. The problem is not aging in place, but being able to keep our homes to stay in place.	7/7/2015 12:37 PM
8	the library and rines forest! Thank you for asking.	7/7/2015 12:06 PM
9	Willing to volunteer after I retire in May 2016.	7/7/2015 11:46 AM
10	Administrative, clerical, info-help, outdoor recreation, planning and info. I do not want to see my car in volunteer activities.	7/7/2015 11:46 AM
11	We have a Town Manager that we can't (don't) elect. We have selectmen who are his pawns. We have a school system that answers to no one. The Town Can never really be successful like this.	7/7/2015 11:42 AM
12	Water access on Foreside Road. Inter connecting foreside and Cumberland Center	7/7/2015 11:40 AM
13	Would be willing to provide rides to seniors in need.	7/7/2015 11:09 AM
14	Would like to know in which areas do you need volunteers like "rides to seniors." I could volunteer on a limited basis.	7/7/2015 11:04 AM
15	I would be willing to deliver meals on wheels etc. Locally at a later date. I'm currently working and have a busy weekend schedule as well. When things settle down I will revisit this opportunity to help out.	7/7/2015 11:04 AM
16	assisting handicapped individuals with exercise programs	7/7/2015 11:01 AM
17	I would be willing to provide rides to seniors in need, I would be willing to help organize social events for seniors, I would be willing to help get the word out regarding events, activities, or services.	7/7/2015 10:57 AM
18	I would like to help. My husband has Alzheimers so it would be hit or miss.	7/7/2015 10:57 AM
19	I would like to hear more. I'm already involved in volunteering, so depending on time involved, I would be interested in helping in some way.	7/1/2015 5:09 PM
20	Cindy at the recreation department has been the most helpful with her tea and talk series.	7/1/2015 5:04 PM
21	willing to provide rides to doctors, groceries, etc. Willing to visit	7/1/2015 5:02 PM
22	Living off route 1, near the Falmouth line, I find I am more associated with Falmouth.	7/1/2015 4:59 PM
23	I could help provide rides to seniors.	7/1/2015 4:50 PM
24	I'm a former mental health counselor who specialized in elder issues-depressing alzheimer's etc. Also have worked as personal care assistant for an elder at Oceanview managing meds, meals and hygiene.	7/1/2015 4:48 PM

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25	Book clubs, discussion groups	7/1/2015 4:44 PM
26	Energy Independence	7/1/2015 4:35 PM
27	Sengupta-- participating (leading or teaching) in continuing education, e.g. book groups, cooking lessons	7/1/2015 4:17 PM
28	Visit lonely people, transport for groceries	7/1/2015 3:41 PM
29	-childcare, after-school care, babysitting, family activities -things for kids and families -lower real estate taxes - better roads	7/1/2015 2:54 PM
30	How can we help people down-size, realize the equity in their homes, and remain in Cumberland? That's a critical issue.	7/1/2015 2:46 PM
31	ocean access	7/1/2015 12:37 PM
32	I would be willing to make daily phone calls to check on people or be a contact person to help line up services.	7/1/2015 12:35 PM
33	live music outside is a big draw for multi-generational events	7/1/2015 12:32 PM
34	I would be willing to provide transportation, deliver meals, shop, check on seniors in need!	7/1/2015 12:28 PM
35	Be able to put lawn debris at curb.	7/1/2015 11:57 AM
36	Housing development tied to nature preserve/trails like highlands in Topsham with less expensive/smaller homes. Also should be energy efficient	7/1/2015 11:54 AM
37	happy to give rides or other services as time permits--mowing, repairs	7/1/2015 9:28 AM
38	I would like to be part of the study group or committee to suggest changes or ideas to help seniors improve their quality of life.	7/1/2015 9:26 AM
39	Maintaining public lands open to outdoor activities	7/1/2015 9:20 AM
40	Bring back channel 2 free of charge. Please let town pay for this, not I.	7/1/2015 9:06 AM
41	encourage high quality restruants in town--Route 1, Cumberland Center, or Route 100	7/1/2015 9:06 AM
42	Thank you for gathering this data.	7/1/2015 9:00 AM
43	Additional affordable senior housing	7/1/2015 8:39 AM
44	I have a vision of neighborhood pods where older residents share costs of services on retainer: ie snow shoveling, handyman, even nursing if needed.	7/1/2015 8:33 AM
45	I would be willing to provide rides to seniors or others in need. I would also be willing to visit those in need for social contact or for other needs, as I am able, .	6/30/2015 4:36 PM
46	happy to help with rides on weekends (I work full-time) meals, read with someone or talk	6/30/2015 3:09 PM
47	For those friends who have physical handicaps, it would be helpful to have a plan for Wednesday trash pickup during winter days (snow and ice) So far the "buddy system" has worked well!	6/30/2015 3:06 PM
48	I have already expressed interested in being a driver have not heard from anyone, help with preparing meals, (ret. RN) can help with preparing meds for people	6/30/2015 2:04 PM
49	Thank you for beginning this initiative. I am a 4th generation Cumberlander and I don't want to leave :) Extremely difficult to be single in this town on one income	6/30/2015 12:20 PM
50	Provide checkins for wellness Drive to grocery store or shop for others Provide respite for family caregivers Be a friend to visit with	6/30/2015 11:19 AM
51	I'm new to the area and want to meet people.	6/30/2015 11:16 AM
52	Available now and immediate future while we decide to move out of town to a smaller house!	6/30/2015 11:09 AM
53	What is driving people on fixed incomes out of Cumberland is the cost of living here i.e. high taxes. No more public purchases of access, expensive schools, and special eds	6/30/2015 11:03 AM
54	Sustainability--energy conservation by the Town	6/30/2015 11:01 AM
55	If and when needed and I am free to leave my wife, alone I am able to be of assistance to drive someone. Thank you for asking and keeping me informed!	6/30/2015 10:57 AM

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56	maybe have a text service for notification of stuff that happens in town to let people know what's going on like if there is a major fire, ambulance, or police call, or other stuff that happens in town. I wouldn't mind being on a committee to help with this on helping out to help the elderly to be able to stay in town. Feel free to contact me.	6/30/2015 10:15 AM
57	Eliminate smoking on all public right of ways, like sidewalks and enforce it!	6/30/2015 10:00 AM
58	I would be willing to give rides to seniors and assist with yard maintenance for seniors in need.	6/30/2015 9:42 AM
59	Real estate taxes should be frozen for seniors who have paid taxes for 10 years or more! Eliminate excise taxes as well for those seniors who have paid them for ten or more years.	6/30/2015 9:32 AM
60	group volunteer activities	6/30/2015 9:29 AM
61	I could help at the Food Pantry occasionally	6/30/2015 9:10 AM
62	Community garden to grow food	6/29/2015 3:38 PM
63	lawn mowing, earthwork ie: drainage, snow removal (emergency)	6/29/2015 1:50 PM
64	Will help with--only on weekends. I'm still working light gardening and yardwork--weekends	6/29/2015 1:42 PM
65	I would like to see this group working more with how to create facilities that will benefit everyone in the town rather than just seniors. For example, I would like to see this group rally behind the idea of a performing arts center in town. When looking for things to do, seniors often do not like to drive far or to where they are not familiar. We have wonderful music and theater here through the school system which is often free or very affordable. If we had a performing arts center, there would be a better venue for this as well as the possibility of having a community band, or community theater in which our seniors could take part. There also could be created some spaces for other gatherings as well. Sharing with the school on a equitable basis could be worked out. I see the schools as a way to connect seniors to lots of possible ways to be involved in their community as well as a way to connect school age students to community service for these seniors. There could be a great synergy here. I think a senior only facility is limited and not keeping the seniors, who can be great assets to the community engaged with the community and keeping the community engaged with them.	6/28/2015 2:01 PM
66	Do we have to spend the money to run so many lights in the schools during non school days/hours?	6/26/2015 2:09 PM
67	Availability determined by length of time and distance	6/26/2015 11:52 AM
68	Being a single parent and just having my youngest graduate, I will be selling my home and moving out of Cumberland. How about lowering taxes so the ageing can afford to live in this town! I have lived here for 20 years. Can't afford to anymore.....	6/26/2015 8:46 AM
69	Taxes going up each year is a big issue. We support education but surely there are affordability measures that can occur?	6/25/2015 2:25 PM
70	We love living in Cumberland!! :)	6/24/2015 3:23 PM
71	Affordable housing geared to co-habitation.	6/24/2015 2:58 PM
72	I would be willing to check in on seniors as needed.	6/24/2015 2:39 PM
73	See #16; would be willing to provide rides from time to time when mutually convenient but not at a specified weekly time (have other commitments)	6/24/2015 12:27 PM
74	Yes, any service that would keep the town from creating another line item expense.	6/23/2015 8:54 AM
75	I am a master gardener and provide fresh produce from my garden to the Cumberland Food Pantry. I would like to see raised bed gardens provided for people to use near where they are living.	6/23/2015 8:12 AM
76	I would be interested in helping to set up some communication, housing share, in-law apartment availability, etc., as I mentioned above. Some type of forum where homeowners and potential renters can connect for arrangements that would benefit both parties.	6/22/2015 9:29 PM
77	Affordability: These are all market drive. The Town should not design to intervene: expensive and futile -#1: resorting fiscal discipline within local government--increasingly ambitious local government delivers less and less marginal/utility and consumes more and more resources in Transportation: time and money. The resulting inflation in tax burden is very harmful to seniors--a relentless and troubling trajectory. Sidewalks and Trails: in moderation--in selected locations, with attention to cost-benefit Business Services: These are important, but local government is not the right provider	6/22/2015 12:17 PM
78	I would be willing to provide rides to seniors in need.	6/21/2015 7:06 PM

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79	I am an occupational therapist and certified low vision therapist, currently at the Iris Network. I have also worked in home care covering Cumberland for the past 2 years so have seen first hand some of the issues. I would be happy to work with the committee on some of these issues and those involving low vision. I had emailed back when the committee was getting started but I guess it got lost.	6/21/2015 9:56 AM
80	Would like to be informed where there is a need.	6/20/2015 5:00 PM
81	-swimming at Greely	6/15/2015 4:40 PM
82	Energy Committee--died on it's feet Cable TV	6/15/2015 4:34 PM
83	Health & Socialization Committee experience in Michigan.	6/10/2015 3:55 PM
84	happy to transport others	6/10/2015 3:19 PM