

Survey: Town of Pownal Comprehensive Plan Survey- All comments

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**8. The Town should research/ investigate possibilities for the following:**

Response Text

- 1 Creating a space for more businesses to thrive. Creating a "Down Town" area for small businesses.
- 2 Increasing the Building lot size to 4-5 acres in a development and keep single lots the same. Allowing some light business in rural districts to those who want it and have 5 acers or more per business, up to 2 business allowed per lot. If we do choose to limit growth through building permits it should be based on a percentage based on growth in the last ten years. And somehow, we would need to make sure that property owners have preference over developers in obtaining permits.
- 3 Possible use of town land/ municipal structures for small scale solar/ wind generation (i.e.: rooftop solar for the Pownal Elementary School, Maintenance Garage). One contentious issue at this past summer's meeting on the CMP Transmission line expansion had to do with the gain of tax dollars from such a project. While I remain very much opposed to the project, I recognize that we could do a better job of promoting localized energy generation through solar, micro hydro and small scale wind (the latter being much less relevant here) both from an energy independence perspective but also to as a way of seeking out revenue producing projects that are not as invasive/controversial/ politically charged as the CMP expansion.
- 4 Drawing commercial in - more businesses, restaurants
- 5 Requirement of submitted plans for developer lots to keep the agricultural/rural aesthetic of the town. Example: Three houses on former farmland on Route 9 near the farm (Durham line). The houses were built randomly with what seems like little to no consideration for good land use and planning.
- 6 cluster development with open space preserved (honestly - I didn't see the following question!)
- 7 1. Tiny home housing 2. Cluster housing with shared land, where several small houses on smaller lots (1/4 acre or less) lots share common land.
- 8 Expanding the business district in the center of town. Relocating the Post Office to the center of town. Street lights at busy intersections and dangerous curves. More recreational offerings to the towns people (Bradbury access, activities for kids, open gym at PES, trips to the movies, etc. in other words - a recreation department). Making the center of town more aesthetically appealing with historic light posts, decorative signage, cross walks, etc.
- 9 More x-country bike paths; more land conservation
- 10 parks open land
- 11 Solar farms on town owned properties as well as opportunities to partner with solar companies to provide incentives to install solar power for Pownal residents in an effort to make the town more resilient and eco friendly.
- 12 New combination Public works and Fire station building.
- 13 Conservation easements to protect the open space that makes Pownal special
- 14 Preserve the town! Keep it small.
- 15 Tiny houses
- 16 More side walks to increase outdoor activities for residents.
- 17 None. Leave it the way it is please.
- 18 New fire department building. More trails for outdoor activities.
- 19 sections for smaller homes/still keeping green space and trees... tucked away. not close to the road.
- 20 What can the town do to encourage affordable or retirement housing without entirely relying on the private sector? Could there be financial incentives for needed housing?
- 21 Permitting Tiny Houses
- 22 Without sewer and water (town) more development along the line above will create problems.
- 23 The town has a lovely rural character that should be maintained within reason, but not exclude new people either.
- 24 A one acre minimum would be acceptable
- 25 We can still keep pownal rural but we need to expand our tax base through residential housing, let people build, don't hinder it.
- 26 Smart growth principles to better concentrate areas of development while preserving valuable open space and farmland.
- 27 For multiple housing units the lot size should be 3 and 1/2 acres per unit. Individual lot sizes should increase to 3&1/2 acres to protect land owners water supply and to provide for safe water waste disposal
- 28 Voted no on retirement homes/assisted living due to no local services to support that group i.e. pharmacy/dr. offices, etc. Strong no on mobile homes and small lots for mobile homes.
- 29 Affordable housing should cover other categories listed above. smaller lots for single homes should only be considered if offset by permanently protected land.
- 30 All development should include money/tax for roads, improve infrastructure, make complete streets, so kids can safely walk to school. Pownal needs alternative transportation, bike/ped, metro breeze bus stop.

- 31 Minimum lot size should be increased.
- 32 Reconsider property tax assessments on large. Landowners to make it more affordable to own large f undeveloped land to retain rural character of Pownal and avoid becoming Yarmouth.
- 33 Preserve what we have the way we used to
- 34 Co-housing community with large land area with cluster housing
- 35 Larger lots for single home
- 36 I think the Town should let the housing market control itself.
- 37 Age 55 and older mobile home park. This will not impact the schools and will bring tax revenue
- 38 Research equals spending money so therefore I am not in favor. The only thing I would support would be an over 55 mobile home park. This would add to the tax base while not add burden to the schools
- 39 Work with Habitat for Humanity to develop low-income housing on town owned land.
- 40 Green housing developments
- 41 Cluster development to preserve open space but actually reduce cost of services and maintenance!!
- 42 encouraging a few commercial businesses
- 43 No less than 1 acre lot for single home.
- 44 No less than acre lots for single homes.
- 45 ways to help large land owners keep their land, and pass it down.
- 46 "no opinion" answers above - because I have questions about these. In any case, I think these options and the smaller lots idea, should all be limited to planned development areas.
- 47 How can we grow the revenue for the town that would be consistent with the town's values and character?
- 48 More emphasis on land preservation, farming, etc. We don't need to be like Yarmouth! :)
- 49 Supporting modest and controlled development will ultimately be necessary to increase the tax base as costs rise and community needs broaden.
- 50 cluster houses, shared septic/wells, driveways etc.. Small lots sizes with open space protected
- 51 selling land locked town parcels
- 52 Outdoor recreation economic opportunities
- 53 small restaurant or venue
- 54 Community Open Space
- 55 No Development. Stay rural
- 56 Leave the natural layout of the land alone. Pownal is a rare beauty.
- 57 Economy will negate building growth.
- 58 Could allow more when we have a solid plan.
- 59 Regarding 1 & 2. Low interest rates and our robust economy is cycle. I suspect the 10 year average is 6 new homes/year, rather than the current 3 year average of 12. Assumptions is that funding is thru private investment, vice mill rate impact.
- 60 New home building permits should decrease a little. Retirement housing/assisted living-maybe Multi family unit housing-2-4 units
- 61 #E already exists #F only in cluster type housing if the developer builds a central sewage and water system that he can prove will not contaminate
- 62 I think that it is better to use state and town tax revenue and incentives to help residents make improvements to their own homes rather than warehousing & concentrating senior citizens. Besides Pownal lacks public transport & is far from town so is ill suited for retirement/senior housing. Generally larger lots should be encouraged. That said, 3 acre zoning if "built out" would result in horrendous sprawl. Therefore, maximum efforts should be made to preserve large areas of open space/woodland, with denser areas in village area allowed.
- 63 Question #1 is bad. 8, 9,21 Rate??

10. The Town should allow tiny houses, yurts and/or other non-standard housing if they meet Town/State building code and zoning ordinances?

- Comments
- 1 They do not meet plumbing or fire safety codes.
- 2 It may even be appropriate for consideration of exemption for certain building or zoning ordinances for non-standard housing, if the codes are less important or applicable for that building style
- 3 The town should re-create a minimum finished square foot print of 650 ft for the primary dwelling like had been enforced for years. A retirement "Village" somewhere in town would be a good idea I think. A community with minimum age of 62. The lot sizes and foot print could be smaller than what we require now but have self sufficient systems to support them. We should not allow cluster housing developments other than retirement homes. This would include Tiny Houses, experimental housing and Glam Camping/air B&B.
- 4 Absolutely. Maybe not yurts but certainly tiny houses. Historically, municipalities imposed limits on minimum home sizes as a way to guarantee tax revenue for town budgets that larger homes would provide. While I understand the economics of this, I suspect most would be tiny home (100-500 square feet to create some definition here)owners are interested in that home size not for tax evasion purposes but rather for the simplicity of operation/maintenance and to bring down the initial cost of ownership so that homeowners aren't stuck with a 30 year mortgage. More discussion and education is warranted around this topic for sure and small and tiny home owners should not be penalized for trying to lower their materials and environmental impact.
- 5 Maybe in defined areas
- 6 This would lead way to allow mobile homes.
- 7 Similar to cluster housing, a planning for several tiny houses to share common land should be in the works.
- 8 allow permanent structures like tiny houses
- 9 Same as for manufactured homes. The hook-up to approved sewer/water is key.
- 10 Tiny houses only. Not yurts or other non-standard housing.
- 11 #9 Sounds good but not sure they always work for the good of the community.
- 12 The town has a tiny house statement and any house no matter the size may be built if it meets state code, we currently have no design standards
- 13 Higher density housing would depend on the quality, some cheap development, no way! A thoughtful one that is

environmentally conscience and aesthetically pleasing.

14 If we are looking to attract younger adults who are interested in farming/homesteading/sustainable living, then allowing non-standard housing is a great idea!

15 As long as yurts and others have the same or larger lot size / residence as exists, I favor increasing lot size and frontage on road to be increased as well, for new construction

16 With reservation, need to review ordinances and codes to be sure they are adequate for our situation.

17 there again, lot size should be a minimum of 3&1/2 acres to be large enough to accommodate safe drinking water and safe waste water disposal

18 We already have enough with the Town lands, State Park, and CMP corridor.

19 Higher density development should be part of a property law.

20 High density development causes high traffic and changes the character of the town

21 But not in the style of a mobile home park, only on private property

22 Tiny houses and yurts should be taxed according to a single family home or normal value

23 As long as they are taxed as a single family home

24 If we ant to attract young families and younger people in general, allowing non-standard housing is a must. With student loan debt loads, this is the only type of housing (yurts, tiny houses, etc) many of them can afford.

25 There should be a Town center plan.

26 I think tiny houses should be encouraged not sure about Yurts but as long as they meet ordinances I guess it would be fine

27 In terms of cluster housing ... I would not be opposed to small house lots with preserved common open space (or conservation space) as long as the land conserved/preserved were truly adequate and the project was done well. When I see what is being done in other towns, I worry about the "well done" part.

28 I like things the way they have been!

29 On high density development and cluster housing: Absolutely not! This is just an avenue to increase building in town. The open space is never an equal exchange for increase in housing.

30 I would like to see people living and enjoying this town more.

31 I strongly support the town looking into reducing the road frontage and allowing more homes on road frontage for someone with a large average if the agree to conserve back part of land. I believe town needs to e creative to maintain open space but also allow property owners to benefit from their land investment.

32 The Town should & needs to force property owners to clean up their property. Way too many homes in great disrepair, yards filled with garbage heaps, junk vehicles, trash, over crowded animals and rodent-infested buildings.

33 No lots less than 1 ac. in cluster or non traditional housing. And the design of any of theses types of housing 'fit' with the natural surrounding. May need ordinance changes for this. No 'McMansions'.

34 But no less than 1 acre lots. Also these non-standard homes must never be of a size or character that does not fit into our natural beauty and rural ruggedness: McMansions are not allowed.

35 Cluster housing is great so long as the open space is large enough to make an ecological difference.

36 but only if they are in the designated lot size for any home.

37 Allowing nontraditional options that are cost effective, environmentally mindful and adhere to building codes would enhance the community.

38 Non of these could really meet state codes anyway... if codes were really enforced..

39 But must be aesthetically pleasing.

40 Cluster housing...how does that affect possibility for septic systems? Would we then need sewer systems?

41 Many of the above possibilities appear to require town sewer system. So...no.

42 If the smaller lots are only for eco-friendly cluster housing then "yes" to "4".

43 If sanitation concerns are covered by code compliance, then I feel better about such housing.

44 growth rate needs to be managed appropriately. Consider annual permit issuance limitations.

45 Cluster housing should limit number of homes permitted to no more than 8

46 YEs to tiny homes, no to yurts for permanent living

47 #4 Cluster development should be set back from main road

48 #4 Set back from the road

49 These are environmentally friendly not energy hogs like larger homes.

50 Special cases maybe for tiny houses and yurts

51 #4 see 3q #5 only on standard size lots Subdivisions with central sewer and water, the more unit in the development the larger the lots should be. 5 to 8 lot on 90,000 sq ft should be ok 8 to 12 150,000 sq ft more units should be bigger

52 4. if done intelligently tiny houses and yurts are completely in keeping with Pownal's rural character.

53 Not considered a house.

54 # 9: limit number of clusters, limit number of houses within cluster to 6-8

**Additional comments:**

Response Text

1 Small local businesses and shops

2 Small Business that have a light impact. Business that the average neighbor wouldn't know that they were there. Businesses that do not have after hours operation's. Developments with large lots and open space combined.

3 1) Rural preservation 2) Sustainable Agriculture 3) A rooftop solar standard for new home construction 4) Recruitment of local businesses (like the now closed Edna and Lucy's ) that made Pownal a destination unto itself, particularly when tied into an outing in Bradbury Mountain State Park. This could also include a small inn or Bed and Breakfast. 5) Municipally owned renewable energy projects to offset town electricity usage....wouldn't it be nice if Pownal's Mallet Hall could be powered by heat pumps whose electricity is generated by solar panels on the roof of the salt shed/garage? I would love to see the Pownal Elementary School retrofitted to utilize Solar as well. Had I won the Powerball, this was going to be one of my donations. Sadly, that has not happened yet. But if you suddenly get a donation of solar panels after a Powerball winning, you'll know who filled out this survey. ;-)

4 It would be amazing to have a restaurant or cafe. A town center would be a great home for more business. Business in

5 general is extremely weak here. That's what we should develop.  
 6 Rebuild the Pownal school - the constant recurring mold infestations are unsafe and costly.  
 7 Conservation of agricultural land through generous tax benefits for landowners who conserve their land either through  
 8 Maine Farmland Trust or through the development of agreements with the Town of Pownal. Generous tax benefits,  
 9 similar to tree growth, may stem selling off of large swathes of former farmland. This is especially important as out-of-  
 10 town developers do not have the best interest of the town either present or future when developing the land.  
 11 1. Cluster housing to minimize the impacts to the land. 2. Permit private roads to be narrower, so that a persons money  
 12 could be spent on the house (and taxed) rather than on gravel for a wide driveway (not taxed).  
 13 Rather than being a "suburb" to Freeport, Yarmouth, even Durham, let's develop our own downtown to attract business  
 14 and create a small, intimate cluster of businesses for the people of our town. And let's become more independent when  
 15 it comes to recreation, and not rely on Freeport and Durham to tag along with all of their offerings.  
 16 We need to address what comes in when the short stop leaves. It's coming.  
 17 Have Pownal keep its rural nature  
 18 No junk yards, and enforce regulations for the either legal or illegal ones that exist.  
 19 alternative, clean energy production/sources  
 20 Easements for horseback riders, keeping dirt roads  
 21 No Junk Yards and No Marijuana (sales or agriculture)  
 22 It would be nice to have someplace locally to go and get food. Everyone misses Edna and Lucy's And the north Pownal  
 23 store. But nothing too crazy.  
 24 Outdoor recreation/ sidewalks/ bike paths  
 25 Not sure what is meant by "home occupations" in question 11.  
 26 Outdoor recreation  
 27 Buildings in set locations only. town square...  
 28 No marijuana shops please!  
 29 Only small hotels or motels or bed and breakfast  
 30 Light industrial manufacturing uses: Answer reflects my uncertainty what "light manufacturing" means. Convenience  
 31 store: Not sure we really need several. Won't drones be able to deliver what we want from wherever. Development/Visit  
 32 of a plan for a town center: My idea of concentrated village center should be West Pownal. The railroad, I believe, will  
 33 come back and Pineland is already there. Home occupations: Occupations already allowed under our ordinance?  
 34 Airbnb/VRBO: Ordinances would need to be changed. Additional Comments: Pownal should concentrate on being a  
 35 continued recreation center" for the area. Every other town around us seems to have lots of space to work with to be  
 36 creative.  
 37 Development/vision of a plan for a town center: Rotary at Rt 9!!!!  
 38 Again, it's how we regulate, if a resident lives in or on the property of the air bob, they should be able to rent it. Portland  
 39 has a similar law.  
 40 In regards to convenience stores, having a small local grocer would be a great addition to the town.  
 41 Limit tourism to eco-tourism and agri-tourism. Manufacturing and professional offices should be allowed only if not  
 42 requiring infrastructure such as town sewer and water, sidewalks, police and professional fire dept. etc.  
 43 the current lot size should go up to 3&1/2 acres to accommodate any of these. We have to protect water and practice  
 44 safe waste water disposal.  
 45 For Airbnb etc. we would need strong ordinances for things like noise. Do not support new uses that will require  
 46 spending by the town on infrastructure and services such as water, sewer, sidewalks, roads, police and professional  
 47 fire.  
 48 The town has no business regulating the use of my home!  
 49 If we are to have a village, roads need to be walkable and bivalve. Currently, Pownal is a cut through. We need to  
 50 address/reduce speeding cars and trucks.  
 51 Rural land is preferred with limited services.  
 52 All the above depend on the Pownal future for itself. With thoughtful development planning, all these uses could be  
 53 allowed and we could still retain the character of Pownal. Without forethought, it could be a disaster.  
 54 In-law apartments in existing homes and/or garage dwellings should be allowed if 2+ acres, for family members and  
 55 relatives  
 56 Eateries  
 57 If we were to consider motels/hotels, we would need to come up with an aesthetic standard.  
 58 I think we should encourage in-home lodging rentals but only if owner lives on the premises to avoid properties being  
 59 bought up as investments by out of town folks thereby reducing available housing stock.  
 60 Why should the town be involved in promoting these activities.  
 61 In law apartments should be allowed if 2 or 3 acres  
 62 AirBnb encouraged as long as the occupancy for the unit is the same.  
 63 town government shouldn't encourage or discourage what people want to do with private property more than whats  
 64 required now  
 65 Our town center is nearly non-existent. A gas station/convenient store across from an open dirt lot housing land moving  
 66 equipment.....pretty sad commentary!  
 67 I would support locally-owned convenience stores emphasizing healthy and environmentally conscious products locally  
 68 produced items.  
 69 It depends on what you mean by "encourage," actually. I am not \*opposed,\* necessarily, to professional offices or light  
 70 manufacturing, but I'm not sure I want to town out there actively seeking people to build an office parks and  
 71 manufacturing plants. I think an inn would be lovely in town... but I don't think the town should encourage a Motel 6 to  
 72 move in. I would love to make sure the Short Stop continues to be a viable business in town center, but I don't know that  
 73 we need to encourage other convenience stores to come to town. I would like to encourage Edna and Lucy's to come  
 74 back! We could use a good sandwich shop... (yet, oddly, that was not on your list of things to be encouraged)  
 75 We already have a plan for the Town center!  
 76 Community festivals and programming.  
 77 But it all depends on how much "encourage" means "spend money to promote." The higher the cost, the lower the

- interest in having it happen.
- 47 Careful selection of any/all of these (light industrial)- zoned space only. No corporate-owned businesses.
- 48 Light manufacturing: Some types yes, but it shouldn't be too visible. Zoned areas. Convenience stores: Single businesses only. Not corporations w/ attached gas stations.
- 49 Tourism: agritourism & Bradbury. Motels/hotels: B&Bs maybe. No new construction/strip motels. Airbnb: I think it's ok esp. w/Agritourism experiences, but wouldn't want explosion of rentals.
- 50 Aside from Bradbury State Park there isn't a lot of possible tourist sites. I don't know what kind of other encouragement we should do.
- 51 Conservation of land, conservation easements, historic overlay
- 52 Restaurants, breweries, crafts people, farmers markets.
- 53 The town should encourage slow, mindful growth that will support the community by providing services and conveniences that will enhance life for the residents of Pownal. The property tax burden in this town is one of the highest in the state. For the long term health of the town, it seems prudent to address issues that limit the tax base. Accommodating some change while preserving the Pownal way of life seems necessary for the future.
- 54 anything that generates income for the town (keep taxes low). Encouraging the preservation of farms/orchards/vinyards goes hand in hand with tourism
- 55 Outdoor recreation economic opportunities
- 56 Land trust protection. Open space preservation.
- 57 What does 'encourage' mean? Would it require town funding or does it simply mean we like that choice?
- 58 Airbnb - restrictions would be needed
- 59 include Inns/B&B's. In home lodging an interesting option for large land owners to offset taxes. A way to help preserve the wonderful rural character of Pownal.
- 60 Pownal should keep its country charm.
- 61 Small business needs to be encouraged. Motels and hotels that add character and help establish the plan of the town.
- 62 Restrictions should be made on type of home occupations.
- 63 Light industrial mfg uses depends on the size
- 64 I agree with hotels and motels but not fly-by-night establishment ! They should be reputable.
- 65 Development/vision. Existing town office, store, church location)
- 66 Disagree with motels/hotels but bed and breakfast establishments would be acceptable.
- 67 Preserving our small/rural town character is vitally important.
- 68 I support a town center plan, but no Dunkin Doughnut, Dollar stores, national food chains, only local businesses fitting of a New England town.
- 69 I would love to have more of a town center, stores are OK but not chains/convenience stores like Cumberland Farms, etc. More mom and pop, independently owned businesses would be great.
- 70 C. light industrial use in home based business, not in center of town. E. we only need one short stop but it needs to be bulldozed and rebuilt I. we need to take pride in our town center and not make it look like a construction site 365 days a year. I don't feel excavators and trailers are appropriate in the center. The should be out back or in a sand pit.
- 71 #C ok if home based business unseen by public not in town center #E keep existing but do not make more. Would really love to see a new store that encourages a new beautiful town center. #I town center: Pownal could have a beautiful town center that people remember and that brings money to the town. Please get rid of the dump trucks on the town center corner. I am sure there is another place to park. Let the short stop sell if that's what they want so a nice store can come in. Where is our cute sandwich shop that attracted tourists enjoying Bradbury Mountain and brought the locals together.
- 72 Convenience stores-allow small local store
- 73 B1 this would be nice but most of the village district is farm land-streams-street land
- 74 b. esp. eco tourism based on Pownal's natural resources. d. but small inns and B&B's should be encouraged f. Dr.'s, dentists, vets attorney's offices would be fine I. I think if there were an actual Pownal town center that would be okay as long as the area is compact and the businesses appropriate (e.g. restaurants, pub, gift shop, craft shop, small grocery, farm stand, farmers market etc.) Also Airbnb/VRBO is fine as long as it is a room/unit of an owner occupied property. Whole house rental may require more oversight.
- 75 Home occupations should be limited in size, not allowed to grow into something else.
- 76 Need to have a requirement for owners to be local if renting short term airbnb/vrbo
- 77 allow but don't encourage Airbnb/VRBO
- 78 professional offices agree limited. home occupations, agree with restrictions

14. The Town's policy toward the following types of commercial development should be:

- Response Text
- 1 Allow commercial development but strongly regulate it.
- 2 Encourage food, farming and breweries. Pownal should maintain rural character and any commercial developments (e.g., shopping center, business park) should be in defined areas.
- 3 Allow light business anywhere giving that the do not effect the quality of life for their neighbors. This could be accomplished through requiring larger lots based on the business' sq footage and stricter set-back requirements. Other Towns experiences with temporary rentals have not been good in a rural setting. Too much after hours noise and commotion for the average neighbors. With little to no positive impact on the tax base of the Town.
- 4 1) Agriculture and value added forest products based 2) Tourism based 3) renewable energy based.
- 5 Let's get some nice places to eat and hang out in town! Freeport is pretty much the only place to go for a meal or a drink.
- 6 Encourage business - don't limit areas for business, but do encourage town center build-up if possible.
- 7 Pownal should continue to fight to retain its reputation as the last agricultural stronghold in the Cumberland County area. There is plenty of commercial development in other areas. Any commercial development should be limited to the center of town area, and have to maintain the aesthetic of the town.
- 8 little visual impact and a lot of tax revenue

9 A small bustling downtown area with storefronts of local small businesses. Specific areas for other types of business in confined spaces that are visually set back from major roads and do not affect the well-being of nearby housing.

10 little to no environmental impact with high economic benefit to Pownal residents

11 Encouraging small business and traditional & craft industry and innovative environmental industry while discouraging box stores, places that would increase traffic and ruin the neighborly feel.

12 I think building the town towards its commercial side is totally fine, but would appreciate confining businesses to just downtown or specific locations. I bought land and built here because I wanted to live in a Rural town, but I do appreciate the convenience of a city center.

13 Keep them out. This is a quiet residential community and we like it that way.

14 keep in centralized location/town center

15 Small business to keep Pownal from becoming merely a bedroom community. Is there a way to zone for the things that would be beneficial to Pownal's current residents? And how to encourage?

16 Thanks

17 Retail sales & service: Once again town sewer and water, to say nothing of huge parking lots are problems for commercial development. Fast Foods w/drive-through: Towns around us ????? enough with their drive thrus why would we want one? Small shopping center: Bring back Edna & Lucy's Recreation/Wellness Center: Can't answer. Not sure what it would entail. Child Care/Elder Care: This should be two questions. Child care places already exist here but opinion on elder care would be useful. Light manufacturing: Define better Professional services: This needs a better definition. Not sure what might slide in under professional. Microbreweries/Marijuana agriculture/Marijuana manufacturing: Water issues would loom larger for their operations.

18 The location depends on what these places look like and their traffic and noise disruption to the area.

19 safe. protect the water, don't foul someone else's well, limit public access to reasonable times ( 8 - 8) no later

20 Items H through L (Child Care , Farming, Wholesale businesses, light manufacturing, professional services) allow anywhere as long as they can be made to 'fit' area.

21 Retail sales appropriate to pownal might be a farm store, tractors grain, etc.

22 Any of the above development will require more law enforcement in town.

23 Not sure if child care was meant for child care centers or in-home day care. I do not oppose child care centers or in home day cares in any area.

24 Slow Growth.

25 As long as the above fit in with the character of the town, it should. It be an issue. Big steel buildings and huge parking lots would be a problem in my opinion.

26 Confine to Allen Road or Hallowell Road only

27 No pot growing or dispensary! It will increase crime and we have no police force. Same for breweries and bars.

28 I think it is good to have commercial uses in town as long as it fits the area.

29 People love this town because of its rural nature and the town should promote keeping it that way

30 Commercial development should be very limited to keep the town rural

31 as long as immediate local residents are not affected or upset

32 We should focus on enhancing our tax base without impacting the rural flavor of our town.

33 I could see developing the town center area with some stores and office buildings but don't love the idea of shopping centers and office parks in Pownal. I think we should encourage some development but be careful about the types of developments and what it means to the character of the town.

34 No microbreweries/distilleries or marijuana!!

35 Allowing marijuana sets an irreversible policy trend.

36 I think it's important to preserve Pownal's pastoral setting. I am in favor of commercial development as long as it is concentrated as part of a town center/town village. Development should be planned with an eye towards community and walkability. Sprawl should be discouraged.

37 Marijuana agriculture-growing: Why were residents not made aware of this potential development on Merrill Road?

38 invest in clean, ethical businesses that will add to the tax base and reduce residential property taxes

39 the essence of Pownal is it quiet bucolic nature, we should preserve this. Since you have to get in your car for almost all needs, food, household essentials, professional services the availability of these services in adjoining towns works fine for me. I don't need a small strip mall in town, although with the closing of Edna and Lucy's and the North Pownal Country store it would be nice to have someplace in town to have a real meal - something other than fast food

40 Type of professional services important to location.

41 Professional services: really depends on the type of service and traffic.

42 Microbreweries: Small operations on farms ok? Or in Town center. Question marks added to wholesale businesses and light manufacturing.

43 I would like to see a small "village" or town center where people can get some basics (like Yarmouth) but still have a small feel. Don't let it take over the rural, quiet feel of the area

44 Keep to state roads and town center as best as can be determined

45 encouraging creativity amongst the residents, encouraging businesses that encourage community, light manufacturing as long as it is environmentally responsible and does not disrupt the agricultural/environmental feel of our community

46 Mindful development that is progressive but also in keeping with the culture and history of the town.

47 Marijuana is a great tax revenue generator! if we don't allow it someone else will.

48 Light manufacturing and professional services - depends on size and product - service to confine to specific areas.

49 Restaurants- confine to Pownal center and N. Pownal. Business parks- send to Portland. Campgrounds- already have enough. Professional services- send to Pineland. Gas station- confine to N. Pownal? Microbreweries- catastrophic for water level. Marijuana growing- already have plenty. All of these things already exist in surrounding towns- why would Pownal want to be the same kind of place as everywhere else? Any of this stuff is going to lead to more buildings and more traffic.

50 Recreation and wellness centers could weave in with our outdoor recreation.

51 All business enterprises guided by SIZE.

52 F,g,h,l,n = Using PB special exception criteria

53 Some comm. development is sorely needed to increase our tax base, but it should compliment the rural nature of the

town. Low-impact tourism using our wealth of natural resources-campgrounds, B&B's a guide business- these would be harmonious with the town.

54 No marijuana of any kind is not needed in Pownal

55 no marijuana anywhere

56 confine to specific areas not one area but possibly rezoning areas as long as it won't damage existing uses

57 d. clustered shops in village areas ok but no large parking lots e. that said, small offices in village area ok g. we have outdoor recreation and that should be our brand l. if business out of home, fine m. I think the Short Stop is enough for this town n. would be a great addition to our town! Cideries/vineyards are also excellent businesses to encourage.

Cideries/vineyards should be allowed anywhere! Marijuana, while legal in Maine, remains illegal at the federal level. As such, its sale is fraught with legal problems. In practice, many marijuana businesses transact business in cash, creating a serious security risk which Pownal is not equipped to handle. No No No marijuana businesses here!

58 Farming anywhere. Commercial gardening, specific areas.

16. Recognizing that additional town services typically means increasing taxes, to what degree (if any) do you support town investment in each of the following:

Response Text

1 I strongly do not support unfettered access to town owned properties. These open spaces should remain as is, and not have parking lots and trails placed on them.

2 Priority should be on preserving Pownal's natural beauty and resources - additional tax dollars should go towards developing the town center/village area

3 Farmland & Open Space can be supported by the town currently under State law. I think that is enough property tax support. we do not need to create a system that requires more. It is my opinion that we have enough recreational opportunities in town now without creating more trails that will require more funds. I feel that we should protect the trails that we have now and preserve open space for wild animals and those who like to explore where there are no trails. I strongly disagree to the notion that we need trails or paths for special uses such as bike paths or dog parks.

4 I would be willing to pay more taxes to develop a village center, with business and places to spend time and money.

5 Historic sites includes Mallett Hall - we should respect the town's historic sites by not turning them into a dog kennel.

6 Finding ways to revitalize Pownal/North Pownal by encouraging more community building enterprises (I.e, music venue in the North Pownal store? )

7 I support any measure that will keep residents safe (e.g., clean water supply)

8 No increase in investment. Let it be as is.

9 Don't lump scenic view with roadways. Less grandiose plans when 55% of the roads are unpaved. Start with modern fundamentals. Just from an environmental standpoint you see 100's of truckloads of dirt go into tributaries & brooks each year. You are not allowed to run a small construction site without silt fence & dust control. Why aren't we fined daily by the DEP. Conversely cut taxes by 50% for the charm of a rural dirt road :-)

10 Fire department

11 keep Pownal rural...

12 Additional small businesses also means additional tax income.

13 I would support recreation areas/trails but only if dogs off-leash were allowed on them.

14 As long as prudent, well-paced (conservative) and fiscally responsible

15 Economic/infrastructure: Like to see a professional study on along these lines. Groundwater protection: Pownal badly needs another ground water study. Water is going (already is) the biggest issue for 21st cent. Historic sites: Working with the Pownal \_\_\_historical society would be advantageous here. Additional comments: Maintenance of trails, recreation sites, etc is a big issue. Relying on volunteers not a great policy. What about making Public Works having jurisdiction by expanding them to Public Works, Parks & Recreation.

16 There is not information on many of those questions to give an answer.

17 Private open space access is at the discretion of the landowner

18 I support people hiking on our land - but how do we advise them if they bring trash in - they should take trash out and when you are on private land please do not cut down trees?

19 Keep the overall tone rural. We already have trails in our & local communities.

20 Regarding scenic views, wildlife habitat, groundwater protection, outdoor recreation, open space for public access, historic sites or water resources, I do not support significant tax increase for these purposes though all are worthwhile.

21 I would like to see the CMP substation dressed up to support scenic views and roadways.

22 Putting bike racks around town would encourage/acknowledge. Bicyclists with goal of reducing car traffic.

23 While I do support the plan encouraging many of these uses through zoning, I do not feel there is a need for the town to actively engage in investment or such uses.

24 Slow growth.

25 This is what makes Pownal Pownal.

26 Widening of Elmwood Rd to support a bike lane. I've seen multiple near misses where either a runner/biker/walker was not seen and almost hit or oncoming traffic swerved to avoid them and almost hit oncoming traffic. I would encourage recreational activities, but Elmwood Rd does not well support it even though more and more people are using it for this purpose. I would use it for "greener" transportation too if it wasn't so dangerous.

27 Limit public access to Pownal residents only for smaller areas with limited parking by permit

28 Please finally pave the unpaved portion of West Pownal Road

29 It would be nice if we invested in an event that involved toboggans, marijuana and people from Portland.

30 It's a better investment to protect soil and water quality up front, than to deal with costly remediation of contamination in the future.

31 Support roadways only not scenic views.

32 Much of the farmland. habitat, outdoor recreation and public access is adequate as it is currently.

33 taxes are out of control and nothing should be done to increase them. There are several folks on fixed incomes who should not be taxed out of town by people who want to spend money on unnecessary things!

34 plenty already slow down

- 35 Strongly support putting in a stoplight at the intersection of Hallowell and Elmwood, especially if no additional measures are adopted to prevent speeding through town. This is a very lousy, dangerous intersection with many accidents.
- 36 Continue upkeep that has been done. Not aware of new stuff that needs doing.
- 37 see my comment to Q14. Maintenance of and Access to our open spaces and trails for members of the town and visitors would be top priority.
- 38 Economic/infrastructure investment in village area with strict limits- conserving our RURAL town.
- 39 Economic investment: support with limits. The business would have to be really important to the town.
- 40 Groundwater protection: We are all on wells so isn't this our drinking water? Huge priority to protect drinking water. Chandler Brook: support if contributes to ground/well/drinking water.
- 41 Preserving the health and habitat of our waterways and wildlife is highest priority.
- 42 Moderate and reasonable levels of investment.
- 43 Town Park
- 44 There should be recreation opportunities beyond simply Bradbury Park, and small businesses associated with catering to recreation enthusiasts. It was a real blow when Edna and Lucy's left town, many day visitors enjoyed eating and gathering there. Still waiting for a replacement, and other options.
- 45 g. unless permitted by owner. Problems could arise if land is sold and new owner objects.
- 46 Need more information regarding some of these
- 47 Do some of these things sound good...sure. But all of them have a cost associated. Tell me what it costs and I will tell you if I support it. Also...no way on this survey to prioritize.
- 48 Economic/infrastructure- depends what.
- 49 F, h = on town-owned land. Existing open space farmland and tree growth current use taxation provides state support for many of these areas.
- 50 I personally feel we need to invest in a small coffee/sandwich shop that promotes community. Maybe a place farmers in Pownal can sell product.
- 51 Wildlife habitat, scenic views, recreations, seek private funds and other programs as well
- 52 HA Why not also include this loaded intro in section C
- 53 As a non-hunter and non-snowmobiler who enjoys, loves and spends a great deal of time in Pownal's beautiful woodlands, I feel sometimes that hunters and snowmobilers enjoy more privileges vis a vis there are than others. Many Pownal people enjoy the town's woods & open spaces for hiking, skiing, biking, horse riding & other non consumptive uses. We deserve at least as much access/respect as hunters and snowmobilers
- 54 state and local orgs support trails. no need for town to invest.

18. Indicate your level of support the role Pownal should play in managing land use: Additional comments:

- Response Text
- 1 We need to enforce the codes we have, not place new ones if we're not going to enforce them. Pownal needs their own Code Enforcement Officer.
- 2 Again, the State already provides for exemptions through the property tax laws. we don't need more than that.
- 3 I'm saddened by the development of the 3 new house lots on the fields along the Hallowell Rd. as you approach the Durham/ Pownal border. I also acknowledge the need to grow our house base. However two out of the three houses can best be described as hideous, industrial-looking, and out of character for that landscape. This could have been an opportunity for us to preserve that land for MUCH better uses. Seriously, those are the worst looking houses I've ever laid eyes on. I wince at the nearly windowless one on the far left with its big dirt mounds.
- 4 Let the people lead the drive to keep our space open and underdeveloped. Let's encourage retail/experiential/food-oriented business, and discourage industry that will harm our beautiful land.
- 5 1. Tighten zoning codes and regulations by making them clearer and better. We can't just add more vague restrictions. Copy codes and regulations from successful nearby towns, rather than try to re-write our antiquated codes and regulations.
- 6 Important to think about public access in areas preserved due to conservation easements, also important to think about how these tax incentives would favor owners of large parcels only (and therefore mostly wealthier individuals?)
- 7 I bought in Pownal 9 years ago because of the open land/rural feel. That people were neighbors. I wish I had more land to protect myself from development and encroachment.
- 8 Leave as is.
- 9 Plenty rules already on the books
- 10 Not sure what is meant by urban sprawl. And what you mean by rural land. I support changes in zoning to encourage the type of development we want in Pownal Center, West Pownal, North Pownal
- 11 I had a difficult time answering this section, i wish there were a few examples given for each item.
- 12 Unsure of some of the ramifications re development rights or keeping land undeveloped
- 13 Regulation through existing codes: Not sure current codes are now adequate - need thorough review. Provide incentives to landowners to permit development on aural land: Not sure what question means. Additional comments: This is the section that finds citizens in a quandary - they need to keep Pownal rural but want to see their land for whatever reason. Passing the back lot ordinance good example. Town was pressured to pass an ordinance - we did and not people complain about from many new houses are being built.
- 14 There are too many properties in Pownal that are just filled with junk. People should have to pa extra to allow this. It's unsightly and unhealthy.
- 15 Preserving Pownal character is important, letting in some businesses and developing a town center makes sense.
- 16 Town does not enforce current zoning codes!
- 17 If Pownal does not enforce its existing codes, the codes need to be removed.
- 18 concepts are wonderful but need to be careful not to be taxed too much.
- 19 I do not know what purchasing land development means
- 20 Item E (Incentives to Landowners) if it economically benefits the Town.
- 21 What other town model works for property tax reduction for placing conservation easements on open space?
- 22 It is a travesty that Pownal Elementary School no longer has access to Bradbury Mnt State Park directly from the school



property. The town should work with land owner for easement to regain access and tradition for the students to be able to hike to the summit.

- 23 The town should be very active in the above. With the growth we are seeing in southern Maine, Pownal could change overnight.
- 24 Maintain rural character
- 25 Offer town land for sale abutting property owners to the abutters first
- 26 Our current zoning is too vague as we found out in marijuana ordinance, it's a can or worms.
- 27 A strong building inspector is very important as well as Planning Board strength.
- 28 Property tax reductions for tax payers whose children are no longer in school system or for those who never had children
- 29 The state already offers tax reductions for open space so the town does not need to spend money for that
- 30 I do not think the town should provide tax reductions bc the state already does for open space
- 31 very limited role
- 32 As price tag increases, level of my support decreases.
- 33 Don't know enough about current codes to comment on regulation through existing codes. Incentives? What, how, etc. Slippery slope area.
- 34 Tighten zoning codes- add "up" to tighten. Regulation through existing codes- don't know enough about the codes. Incentives to landowners: needs re-wording. Why give incentives for landowners to develop. Why not just the permits. Don't understand.
- 35 I'm not sure what implications of these actions are. I want Pownal to stay largely wooded/agricultural. No suburban developments w/small lots. Any brick and mortar businesses (beyond agri/home biz) would be good to be centered in a town center?
- 36 I think purchasing development rights is tricky - for what kind of developing would there be restrictions or what the town could do.
- 37 What does a conservation easement look like?
- 38 Not sure what exactly is "urban sprawl?" I think - that our existing codes need to be updated, or? I don't think it is the town role to purchase development rights. Aren't there many organizations that do this?
- 39 Development needs to continue in a mindful and well thought out manner, both increased tax base AND preservation of open spaces should be taken into account as the town moves forward. It seems that at this time some adjustments need to be made to current policy.
- 40 allowing more development brings a greater tax base
- 41 Don't know enough about the above to give informed opinions.
- 42 Very sneaky slipping incentives for development on rural land into the middle of this section. Invalidates the statistical result. Purchase land development rights to prevent development. The State already requires property tax reductions for conservation easements!!
- 43 Not sure what purchase land development means.
- 44 Provide incentive to landowners to permit and extensive trail system to connect through Pownal.
- 45 A = current codes/regulations are reasonable. B = I don't see Pownal subject to any urban pressure within 40 years. C = i.e., status quo D = Land Trust Organization function. G = only thru existing current use taxation statutes
- 46 B4g this exists now
- 47 4B. your bias is really showing Seriously this is just a very biased/loaded survey Where is your statement about increasing taxes?
- 48 some people talk about the tax costs of protecting open spaces. I strongly support the opening of a charitable fund to compensate the town for policies to preserve open space/woods/farmland. This should be a tax deductible charitable fund to which anyone who enjoys Pownal's open spaces may contribute on a voluntary basis. It could be call "The Pownal land Preservation Fund" or something similar and could both supplement tax revenues and be used to help maintain preserved land and access many people enjoy Pownal's natural resources and I believe many people would be willing to contribute. I sure would.

20. Additional comments: Pownal's rural character is in large part due to our abundance of undeveloped land, open farm land, scenic vistas, country roads, woodland and natural streams. Much of our open space is protected by the State (Bradbury Mountain State Park), the Town, and private/public easements (Royal River Conservation Trust)

#### Response Text

- 1 Any tax dollars that go to support open land which excludes hunting, I am strongly against.
- 2 I support keeping the trails that we currently have. I do not support spending property tax monies on more. I feel just the opposite, we should discourage more recreational trail building with public monies.
- 3 Natural beauty should be the number one draw to our town. Bradbury mountain is a fantastic natural feature, and we should keep it wild but accessible for tourism.
- 4 This survey is rather long and may discourage some wider participation.....
- 5 I would like to see a town sponsored horseback riding trail system (along the lines of snow mobile trail system).
- 6 Leave as is. Working fine right now.
- 7 "I support and encourage preservation of open space, farmlands, and recreational spaces." What does this mean? Farmland is private and taxed the same as all land "support & encourage" what?
- 8 I strongly support the use of our natural areas for public recreation, however, I do not support the use for the purposes of snowmobiling or hunting.
- 9 No one not even the good lord himself is making any more land at this time. Therefore we must have a seventh generation view of the earth and Pownal and preserve what we can while trying to be both cautious and fair regarding the need for any further development
- 10 I support and encourage preservation of open space, farmlands, and recreational spaces: Keep town owned land.
- 11 I support use of tax dollars of tax reduction to preserve one space through Town-Owned Easements. Strongly support. The words tax reductions was underlined three times. Sbp

- 12 We have enough of those trails at present, need to prohibit motorized ATV,S.
- 13 Through private funds, limited town funds/taxation
- 14 Feel already have good access. RRT has done a great job.
- 15 We do not need more recreational use especially for motorized vehicles.
- 16 I support collaboration with non-profits to provide access to public easements b,it do not support the use of tax dollars to do so.
- 17 Preservation ONLY of farmlands, not open or recreational spaces.
- 18 Need more information on this and other sections as to cost and how selections would be made
- 19 We need to have someone to contact if our trails are being a abused/used inappropriately as has been the case in the past such as dumping of electronics, roofing shingles, appliances, etc.
- 20 Create a. Or rider for trail travel, we need a bike lane on Elmwood and Merrill roads and route 9
- 21 We do need to preserve the space. You want to lighten taxes on green space over a certain acreage great. Don't build trails and other crap. There are plenty of state parks that already do this. They have the infrastructure to support these activities.
- 22 town populated dirt roads need to be upgraded and paved
- 23 I support increasing access and increased recreational opportunities as long as it does not cost money
- 24 I would support increased access as long as it does not cost taxpayers money
- 25 not every one uses these let them pay to play
- 26 This should not be a Pownal resident's tax burden. We do not even get to get into Bradbury for free, yet all the tourists use Pownal land, etc.
- 27 I hope this can be done as it has without a tax increase.
- 28 Also support recreational opportunities for horseback riding.
- 29 Reduce entrance fees to Bradbury Mountain State Park
- 30 We have enough snow mobile trails! A very small user group should not have dominance over all other outdoor users. No other recreation can safely occur anywhere near snowmobile access.
- 31 Open space and farmlands underlined in survey.
- 32 Get rid of 50 ft road front exemption
- 33 I would add that I support access for horseback riders
- 34 Snowmobiling, in my opinion, is not a positive use of public / outdoor space. I would discourage and strongly oppose ANY increase in snowmobile infrastructure or development.
- 35 In my admittedly biased opinion, this is the only route to expanded economic activity in Pownal that has any hope of preserving the character described in this survey question.
- 36 Again...what is the cost?
- 37 Rural character also includes large land owner's willingness to allow public access for recreation opportunities. 1. Via current use taxation statutes. 2. Via current use taxation statutes.
- 38 Snowmobiles ruin peaceful snowshoeing, cross-country skiing, ice fishing and winter walks.

21. Pownal has several historic resources (Mallett Hall, one-room schoolhouses, hearse house, and some mill sites). Indicate your level of support to protection of these important structures/ resources for historic preservation by Town ordinances:

- | Comments                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
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| 1 Historical structures other than Mallet Hall should be privately funded by those who choose to donate.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 2 History is very important, but having lived here for almost 2 years, I have never heard of these places. Awareness should be a priority for support over anything else. Once there is interest, the people can support these areas. Without interest, it will be difficult and likely pointless to support them.                                                            |
| 3 Replace the roof on Mallet Hall with a steel roof, similar to those that were common at the time. Install solar panels on that roof to power air-sourced heat pumps in Mallet Hall to reduce energy costs and reduce moisture. Many historic buildings have successfully installed solar panels. Grants may be available. Ask for volunteers to help write a grant request. |
| 4 Mallett Hall definitely. I've lived in Pownal for 9 years and have no idea where any of the other resources are located. That in and of itself is interesting. So I can't strongly support their preservation.                                                                                                                                                              |
| 5 These buildings and sites are important to the heritage of Pownal where there are still families living on the same homestead that was land granted prior to our country's birth                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 6 They help maintain the character of the town.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 7 As long as the building mill site is important.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 8 this is our history. It may not mean much to the younger population, but as I aged the history became increasingly important to me. If we protect it the history may become important to them.                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 9 New homes should look a little like old homes                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 10 Preservation should also include actually using the space for something, not sitting empty.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 11 On a case by case basis                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 12 Let those who want to support raise the money, don't use town money.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 13 Within financial common sense                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 14 Would need more information on these historic sites                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 15 More people should be made aware of these assets to assist in their upkeep.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 16 There must be at least 6 or 7 old cemeteries in town. I would strongly support having each one surrounded (or at least the front visible side) with a historical type of fence. It would so improve the look of those wonderful sites and show continuity throughout the town.                                                                                             |
| 17 I had no idea these places existed                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 18 Calling them important is leading the witness.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 19 Our historic sites are precious but not beyond town limits. I support protecting them but not at a huge expense.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 20 Wow! I didn't even know there was a "hearse house"! That's great!. I would also like to see a lot more effort to inform/preserve/learn about native Wabanaki sites in Pownal                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 21 "by town ordinances" not tax dollars.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |

26. Please list any other activities that might be adversely affecting our streams and brooks:

Response Text

- 1 I feel these questions on rivers and streams are very leading. In my opinion the Pownal Road Crew does an excellent job taking care of our roads.
- 2 There is not a comment box attached to Q. 25, but I interpret a commercial water extraction ordinance to be one that limits or prohibits commercial water extraction, which I support. If such an ordinance actually means encouraging or allowing commercial water extraction, I would strongly disagree instead.
- 3 As I Stated earlier in the survey, Development's that need their own roads should require larger lot sizes and possibly designated open space for developments of 5 lots or more. I do not think that we should be requiring a different set of rules that the exceeds the current State Shoreland Zoning regulations, as far as water protection and setbacks. The way we treat our roads for winter travel depends on the weather conditions and the condition of the Road's themselves. A paved road with a worn out surface will require more salt to melt the ice and snow than a road surface in good condition. We should keep our good roads good. This practice is less expensive to maintain over several years and better for the environment. Dirt roads do not require salt but do require sand for treatment. Following better erosion control practices, hence keeping the sand from getting to the streams, should be a priority.
- 4 I don't know how to answer Question 25 "I support a commercial water extraction ordinance." What is this ordinance? It should be defined in the survey, how are we supposed to know what this means? If you're asking about a company extracting our water to bottle and sell, I am STRONGLY against that. If you're asking about a municipal water system, I support it.
- 5 In response to 25: This question is not clear. I specifically strongly support a commercial water extraction ordinance DISALLOWING commercial water extraction.
- 6 Roads are pretty good, but we should continue to allocate funds specifically for ditching and erosion control.
- 7 Over use of cleaning chemicals by residents for washing cars etc.
- 8 Water is very important- I support protecting our water and not allowing industry giants from bottling and taking our water (I do support small business bottling/using limited amounts for microbrewing as long as this remains limited)
- 9 We have current zoning that protects our water. Keep that in place. We don't need more. i don't know what question 25 means, "commercial water extraction ordinance". I do not want a company like Poland Springs to come into our town and bottle water, if that is what the question is asking.
- 10 unpaved roads
- 11 Pesticides/artificial fertilizer use in agriculture/gardening/landscaping etc'; or even regulate household use of chemicals
- 12 Provided the Commercial water extraction ordinance is designed to limit or simply not allow commercial water extraction activity.
- 13 Lack of disposal opportunity to hazardous waste. Absent options, some may dump products on ground or streams. An annual hazardous waste day disposal should be re-initiated. Question 25 comment: Assuming the ordinance would limit, not encourage it.
- 14 Our acquirers are currently.....: We need to look into a groundwater protection ordinance. We hare groundwater aquifers with Freeport, North Yarmouth, and need to work with \_\_\_\_\_ committees as they are developing fast and would draw \_\_\_\_\_supporters I feel our natural resources.....:Don't count on the sate or feds. I support a commercial water extraction ordinance: We should not allow commercial extraction. It would definitely draw down our sand/gravel aquifer. Other: I included ground water aquifers when I answered and am puzzled why the town's were not included. Neither sand/gravel and/or bedrock.
- 15 All these junk vehicles in yards must be leaking oils, gas, and other chemicals into the ground. That will do harm to water & the environment.
- 16 Older or poorly designed septic tanks and fields and unauthorized accessory dwellings
- 17 Development or residential houses that are not properly planned. The
- 18 I support a commercial water extraction ordinance. The citizen checked strongly support, however wrote and underlined. I do not support commercial water extraction. (I didn't not put a response in.). Sbp
- 19 Would like to prohibit commercial water extraction
- 20 Do not allow companies like Nestle to purchase our towns water for purchase and extraction or create an ordinance to prevent extraction,
- 21 Runoff from increased development
- 22 As long as the ordinance does not allow for commercial water extraction
- 23 Enforcement of existing rules and ordinances
- 24 I do not know what that means - if it means a company coming in to purchase Pownal's water - absolutely not!
- 25 I support no commercial water extraction so if an ordinance says that then I strongly support.
- 26 Not sure if natural resources sufficiently protected. Hope so. Don't know enough about a water extraction ordinance.
- 27 Run-off from increased development
- 28 Too much access brings filth from people
- 29 If water is being extracted then we need regulation, if nit, I do not support commercial water extraction. Also, large trucks, tractor trailers, too many automobiles cutting through town. The town needs to enforce speed limits to discourage drivers from using Pownal as a short cut and polluting our town as well as making it unsafe to walk or bike.
- 30 Farming/agricultural runoff, construction activities, ,storm water runoff from roadways
- 31 Cluster housing.
- 32 What the town public works puts on the roads to melt ice in the winter months?
- 33 I assume higher than normal rain fall has eroded the East Branch behind our house significantly and have lost sever large sugar maples as a result. It is also wider and more shallow than it used to be. I'm not sure if any other activities are related to that. I'd like to prevent that if at all possible.
- 34 Road run off
- 35 Road salt and calcium treatments and landowner pesticide treatments should not. E allowed if near streams, brooks, wetlands
- 36 I support preventing Poland Springs from extracting water

- 37 Clear water is important for the wells in town and we need to be mindful not to impact the health or our current water supply.
- 38 The calcium we put on the roads?
- 39 I do not want our town to allow any outside interests to extract water.
- 40 I have no knowledge about natural resource protection. I support a water extraction ordinance. I do not support commercial water extraction. Commercial water extraction may be adversely affecting streams and brooks.
- 41 We should make sure that Poland Springs does not come in and take our water
- 42 Don't want Poland Springs in Pownal
- 43 Not familiar with what regulations say. What does extraction ordinance mean? Nestle? Other activities adversely affecting streams/brooks: fertilization, building, landscaping, improper waste management, auto repair, and chemical runoff.
- 44 Roadside dumping of trash.
- 45 Regulations against any dumping or polluting of our water- high fees and severe consequences to offenders
- 46 Spraying of CMP power lines with herbicide.
- 47 Sedimentation and pollution from lawns and yards. Indiscriminate use of pesticides to pretend we are doing something about Browntail Moths.
- 48 I don't know what water extraction ordinance means. Other activities adversely affecting streams: littering; trash blowing out of garbage/recycling trucks.
- 49 No chemical plant.
- 50 Litter
- 51 I feel our natural resources.... But we can never count of federal support alone - it could change anytime.
- 52 Logging
- 53 Commercial water extraction should be a SMALL business and could be encouraged as that, but... should be protected from buyouts by LARGE industrial corporations like Nestle.
- 54 Does 25 mean regulation of something like Poland Spring business - extracting and selling Pownal water? That's what I'm guessing therefore I support ordinance regulation of such.
- 55 Question 25 is very unclear....I would NOT support commercial extraction of water...the question is not clear about what the ordinance would allow or prevent.
- 56 Unauthorized waste disposal, hazardous or otherwise.
- 57 Farmland animal waste, CMP activities, construction
- 58 Again...need more info on what above remedies entail.
- 59 Pesticide and fertilizer use in marijuana growth operations.
- 60 No more access by Freeport businesses with large water needs (LL Bean- 25,000 water flushes per day) to Pownal aquifers.
- 61 Any business that draws too much water. Protect our water from over development.
- 62 With all the recent deregulations I don't believe we can depend on other organizations. I support an ordinance that would not permit water extraction
- 63 Do not support commercial extraction
- 64 Over drilling for wells, improper waste disposal
- 65 1. NRPA. Status quo is fine. 3. I.e. Poland Springs Development
- 66 I am concerned about the potential for illegal dumping in the town - no evidence, just concern.
- 67 The state more than adequately protects and monitors groundwater resources.
- 68 CMP the powerline co, spray roundup and other chemicals than it gets into or can get into our wells, streams, brooks, wetlands, wildlife habitat. CMP should be stopped from spraying the chemicals, they should cut or mow instead leave as much as natural
- 69 CMP should not be spraying chemicals on powerline right aways it gets into streams brooks wells
- 70 any uncontrolled development-commercial or residential
- 71 We cannot take these treasures for granted. We have been very lucky in Pownal and cannot afford to be complacent. Fishing, drinking water, canoeing, other recreation, agriculture, wildlife habitat, firedanger.
- 72 road salt
- 73 Use of chemical non-organic fertilizers and herbicides
- 74 Could a microbrewery use too much water?
- 75 I am against commercial extraction

27. Pownal owns approximately 26 parcels of land totaling about 470 acres. Although the Town has an integrated forest management plan for some of these parcels, the lack of land surveys is preventing implementation of this plan. Indicate your level of support for use of Town funds to have Town lands surveyed.

- | Resp<br>onse | Comments                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
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| 1            | I support surveying the lots that will bring revenue to the town. I do not support surveying the smaller lots. I think that the Town should do a study as to the best value of the properties and possibly sell the smaller lots with preference to the abutters of those lots. |
| 2            | I support it, as long as we have a clearly defined use for the surveys, and what will be done with them. Where is this forest mgmt plan defined, and what are its goals?                                                                                                        |
| 3            | The land should be surveyed and sold to increase our tax base                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 4            | Make sure that any survey includes MANY permanent markers and GPS locations. We should never need to re-do a survey.                                                                                                                                                            |
| 5            | Tax dollars should not be used for this. Find outside support from special interest groups.                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 6            | The town should not be in the land business                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 7            | What is the purpose; protecting land or use for timber                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 8            | Need more information, overall cost, over how long a period of time                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 9            | Is there an offset to the cost due to potential I come from implementing the forestry management plans?                                                                                                                                                                         |

- 10 Question 28: State and Federal regulation is enough.  
 11 Question 29 was not answered. (No opinion is indicated, that is because i could not remove an option)  
 12 Keep all town-owned parcels - we may need them within the next ten years.  
 13 Everyb10 or 20 years it should be properly surveyed.  
 14 Surprised this has NOT already been done!  
 15 Strive to be economically self-sustaining  
 16 Maybe not LI T once to save costs  
 17 This is an important issue and will save the town money when/if there are future disagreements/challenges to town owned vs. private land.  
 18 Offer parcels for sale for abutting landowners first  
 19 As long as it is paid for by the harvesting of the wood otherwise I do not support it  
 20 As long as the timber harvested would off set the cost. I think there should a review of town owned land and consider selling some of that land  
 21 Why does the town own this much land and they haven't done anything- a multi-use approach to utilize that land to enhance the town of Pownal.  
 22 We would need to know what the forest management plan involves before supporting funding of plan.  
 23 need more information  
 24 Support if the dollars can be found. (Support was checked above)  
 25 But not all at once.  
 26 I am not sure I understand this issue. If the question is should town funds be used for a survey so that the town forests can be used to cut trees, I would need to know the objectives of the integrated forest management plan. Is it for the health of the woodlands? for revenue? for fire management?  
 27 I think town owned properties should be evaluated for their resource value to the town. If not likely to be very useful, why should we keep them?  
 28 I would require more information as to the needs for surveys, and how the land would be managed for the good of taxpayers following completion of surveys ie., what is the advantage to taxpayers for this to be done.  
 29 I don't know enough about this issue to make any kind of assessment.  
 30 I would need to know more about the particular parcels.  
 31 Not clear how the surveying would advance the cause or what the intended purpose of the forestry management plan is. If to protect the land- strongly support. If to make money for the Town, then dedicate the proceeds for the harvest to completing the survey over time as the funds come in.  
 32 Recommend single contract for all parcels to minimize total cost.  
 33 A good forest management plan is vital for the health of the forest and its ecosystem. Implementation should have high priority.  
 34 To allow firewood harvesting for needy families.  
 35 I support an ordinance to prevent commercial water extraction.  
 36 spread cost over next 3-5 years  
 37 spread cost and surveying over the next few years  
 38 you really hate the idea of increased development don't you? To keep Poland Spring out or let them in?  
 39 We absolutely must survey these areas to properly manage and protect them!

33. Additional Comments: Pownal Elementary School is a member of the RSU5, which includes the towns of Freeport, Pownal and Durham. In 2018/2019, RSU5 schools served 1,993 students in grades PreK through grade 12 and expects 2,009 to be enrolled in 2019/2020. The district operates six schools: PreK-5 in Pownal PreK-8 in Durham, PreK-8 and 9-12 in Freeport. In 2018/2019, 61.45% of Pownal property taxes were designated to go to RSU5

- Response Text  
 1 I'm unclear what 'public high school of their choice' means in practice.  
 2 Being part of the RSU5 school system is not perfect for Pownal but giving our geographic location I feel that it is our best option. Being part of any system would require 100% enrollment to create an economy of scale. This is why I believe that we should not have school choice through tax dollars. Our tax payers would be paying more for options that few would or could take advantage of. The School budget process is communicated enough for anyone that chooses to get involved in it.  
 3 The educational opportunities offered by RSU5 are so much better than what we could offer alone. I don't even have kids and strongly support RSU5, even if it's much more expensive for us. People with kids won't want to live here as much if we aren't part of RSU5.  
 4 Even if it is cheaper not to be part of RSU5, Pownal Elementary School's membership in RSU5 gives its students and teachers MUCH greater opportunities. It builds a greater community spirit with other local Maine communities. This is absolutely better for our students' education in all areas: academics, social/emotional growth, etc.  
 5 RSU5 has been good for education, but expensive and the community is not a close as it used to be. The school is part of RSU5, and less part of Pownal. That is sad. We should withdraw, but make sure that we take the best of both the RSU5 and SAD52. It is possible to do.  
 6 We now fund the "Spend then Tax" behavior of Freeport  
 7 If we pull out of RSU5, then we should ensure that high school students are able to ride a bus to their high school. We should also ensure that whatever high school students end up going to makes sense geographically. I think Freeport high school makes the most sense.  
 8 Question 4 (If it is fiscally responsibly....) agree but only if it would be cheaper to not be part of RSU 5. I am still very upset that tax money voted to not pay for the new track was used to pay for the track. Freeport does what they want with RSU 5 funding.  
 9 Seek options for high school students giving multiple choices ifniscally appealing options are offered by other school districts  
 10 The RSU was a huge state mistake. Pownal property taxes went up vs down.  
 11 Not much knowledge here. But I understand that taxes are being drivin in large part to more students moving to Pownal

- so they can then attend Freeport HS
- 12 Pownal has lost it's voice I one conversation!
- 13 They tell us what they are going to spend - then they spend it. Do they spend the entire budget every year to get more money or do they spend wisely and try to save money where they can. Traditionally state institutions spend everything they get so next year they will not have their budgets cut. Thrift is not rewarded.
- 14 High School students choice if only fiscally advantageous to Town.
- 15 School choice only if no tax burden.
- 16 I don't Feel informed about the rsu budget process details
- 17 Property owners with children in schools should pay more than elderly residents without kids. Pre-K should merge with DURHAM to save money or Freeport depending which is closer
- 18 PreK and kindergarten could join Durham.
- 19 I'm not sure the Town offers PreK-5, the RSU5 does. I believe a student can attend other schools but, the Town -and-or RSU5 will provide only for RSU5.
- 20 Two members on school board seems adequate.
- 21 We do not have a say in the school budget bc we are much smaller than Freeport and so the residents of Freeport dictate to us.
- 22 Pownal has no say on the budget bc we get out voted by Freeport residents
- 23 Our taxes are way too high! Especially considering the services we don't have!
- 24 I think if we remain in the RSU, Pownal students should attend Freeport High School. If we were to withdraw from the RSU, then I think school choice should be re-implemented. I don't think withdrawing from the RSU is a particularly good idea, nor do I think it will result in financial benefits. I believe Pownal residents who want to have input on school finances and policies can do so by getting involved, attending school board meetings, joining committees etc. It's not perfect. Nor was PES before the RSU. Our kids now have access to educational and extra-curricular activities they never had before the RSU. However, if the RSU ever tried to close Pownal Elementary, then I would fully support withdrawing.
- 25 I have a student at FM; I thought very highly of PES and have a hard time with what to do after that.
- 26 Why must Pownal residents pay a yearly fee to use the Freeport library?
- 27 The RSU was a huge mistake - costs tax payers more every year, get out.
- 28 Too much public money being used for sports facilities and fields in RSU 5.
- 29 It doesn't seem to matter what Pownal residents think about RSU5. We're too much of a minority to make a difference.
- 30 I have no first hand experience with the education offered to the children of Pownal
- 31 Town should offer K-8 only at PES.
- 32 Budget process is confined in communication to parents of current students...not including all taxpayers in their communication
- 33 I think more should be done to explain the budget and budget process to residents. I think sometimes people think it is too cumbersome to absorb all the facts and figures.
- 34 Our experience with RSU 5 has been nothing but positive. It is hard to imagine that alone, the town would be able to provide the resources and opportunities to its students that are provided through the collaborative effort with RSU 5. From an educational perspective it seems that Pownal students have the absolute best of both worlds: attending a small, "neighborhood" school in their younger years and graduate to larger, richer environment for their middle school and high school years. That said, not every school works well for every student...allowing the option of choice for high school would be the epitome of serving our students well.
- 35 My wife and I moved here specifically so our kids can go to Freeport schools
- 36 I just haven't been here long enough to know more about the school district systems past. I have no problem with current system.
- 37 Our vote has no pull in Rsu 5 what Freeport wants they get. I would say that the school is one of the only sense of community in this town.
- 38 On the one hand, schools never do enough communicating. On the other, Pownal citizens don't have a good history of being pro-active in this area.
- 39 Look into Tri-town electoral voting so Durham and Pownal have more impact.
- 40 School of choice - Cost would be prohibitive at this point.
- 41 we pay a higher % than we should
- 42 Durham-Pownal pay way to much to Freeport. Freeport should be paying more
- 43 F5 curious to see who will disagree with this

### 36. The Town should expand its youth recreation programs.

#### Comments

- 1 We do not need a Recreation Department!
- 2 There are opportunities within the RSU or surrounding communities for all of this.
- 3 We have very few teenagers here... There's nothing for them to do. I want younger people to have amazing childhoods and teenage years here, and not leave as soon as they can afford it. Let's get some youth and energy in this town.
- 4 Beauty of RSU is the programs available to Pownal residents.
- 5 We can participate in programs in other towns. We are small. The neighboring towns offer a lot for us.
- 6 This is a major need. We have no sense of identity as a town because we rely on Durham and Freeport and their offerings. We'll never have a true sense of Pownal pride as long as we need to rely on the "other" towns to support us in these areas!
- 7 It would offer a useful alternative to youths racing on our roads.
- 8 I think the rsu5 rec program is great, I don't think Pownal needs its own.
- 9 having more youth programs available in Pownal would be superb, but feel strongly that it should be done hand-in-hand with rsu5 rec dept
- 10 The town needs an active Recreation Department: This is worth looking into though.
- 11 Freeport works well, they have good quality programs.
- 12 I enjoy rsu5 rec and adult Ed opportunities, more adult Ed options for Vic/tech and sustainable farming would be

- welcome
- 13 Pownal needs a library or not have to pay to use Freeport library
  - 14 Why do Pownal residents not have free borrowing privileges at Freeport public Library?
  - 15 Young people and old could pick up trash on public lands, assist the fire department washing trucks and cleaning equipment, wash tables and chairs in public buildings
  - 16 We had to pay some type of recreation user fee- yet the things you mention above not in place. Still wonder why pay such a fee- if you are collecting it, use it for above.
  - 17 Would like to see Pownal advocate for library privileges at the Freeport public library
  - 18 Depends on the population demographic whether this would be useful.
  - 19 We are part of the rsu5, the kids have lots of options through the
  - 20 Spend money where we need it like a fire dept, etc.
  - 21 Kids can get these in Freeport or DURHAM and their parents can pay for it
  - 22 Plenty of things around, this would fail and cost a lot of money
  - 23 Use YMCA in New Gloucester
  - 24 Parents can pay for their kids r3creational needs
  - 25 I'm not sure that's where we need to put our town's resources since FCE is so robust. But I don't feel strongly either way.
  - 26 After school activities should be through the school. The others aren't necessarily needed. It all involves upping our taxes.
  - 27 Kids need activities at their own school - no traveling.
  - 28 We might not be big enough to support such an endeavor (Recreation Dept.).
  - 29 Well - actually I think RSU5 should expand programming out into Pownal and Durham - and have some "late bus" transportation options for our children.
  - 3 Since there are many local offerings, it doesn't seem like this is something the town needs to take on. However, if programming such as this could generate income for the town and provide a service that isn't already offered it seems worth exploring.
  - 31 I don't feel there are enough after school options at PES. Yet i understand that there is a lack of numbers to support more programs. I'm assuming that's why there are only 3 programs offered a year at the school.
  - 32 Pownal should have free/discounted use of Freeport recreation. Why does Freeport get activities for free when Pownal pays their taxes?
  - 33 Adult needs are met but the drive distance makes it difficult for youth.
  - 34 # 2 & 3. Would this increase our taxes substantially?
  - 35 It works with Freeport just fine questions 1, 2 and 3
  - 36 Community education and re department activities should be run by RSU to take advantage of that infrastructure.

**What form of government do you see working for Pownal?**

- Comments
- 1 I'd like to know what the select board and others, past and present, who have been involved in town government think about these choices.
  - 2 I think that the biggest mistake that Pownal made was to let Edna grow old. I have confidence in a three Selectman Board and I am fearful that an administrator might have too much influence and authority in making decisions about our Town.
  - 3 No opinion.
  - 4 I feel I'm not educated enough on this topic to answer properly.
  - 5 No need to pay for a town manager for a small town like ours.
  - 6 There is no good answer. Expanding Pownal from three to five sounds good, but we can't find people when we need three to run. Pownal could study this by looking at developing a charter.
  - 7 Busy job and having five selectmen would provide for more broader input and mentoring for newer members (less burnout)
  - 8 Stay the same and reevaluate every five years
  - 9 Hire a. O Pete the, reliable code enforcement officer with more hours, increase job performance management
  - 10 I think there should be additional avenues where decisions can be made by a manager and select board. Trying to get people out to a once a year town meeting is hard enough. Very few people come to the special town meetings. If it is really important save it for town meeting, if not or if it is an emergency, make a decision.
  - 11 I wish we did not need to wait for town meeting to vote on more urgent issues
  - 12 With I up from the selectmen
  - 13 I don't know enough about the pros and cons of each option to make an educated decision
  - 14 A town manager equals more money spent
  - 15 Hiring a town manager is ridiculous and will raise taxes
  - 16 Undecided
  - 17 Unknown, new to town.
  - 18 Unknown.
  - 19 Both move from a three to five member Select Board and Town Manager/ Select Board was marked. (I did not check either when inputting the survey.)
  - 20 I am not well informed enough on how the current form operates relative to the needs of the Town. I would not favor a drastic change, perhaps I would support the addition of 2 more members of the Select Board. I would have to learn more.
  - 21 I say that without knowing the exact population of Pownal. Perhaps a 3 member board is sufficient.
  - 22 Five member select board would be interesting, but we have a hard time filling the three person board.
  - 23 Five member board? Pownal has a hard time getting three people to run for the Board.
  - 24 Move from three to five OR Town Manager/Selectboard
  - 25 Support move from 3 to 5 member board but need people that take the job seriously- commit to the work necessary,

study and pay attention to the responsibilities not just go to a meeting. And Selectmen should return to weekly meetings. The previous Comp. plan recommended timelines for the Selectmen and others to address issues facing the Town. Those recommendations have been largely ignored- by the Selectmen in particular. State law says that towns must follow their Comp. Plan. But there is no oversight. Can that be built into this new plan?

26 Re-evaluate every five years. If not go to a town manager/select board system

27 Town meeting/selectmen keep the cost down-keeps contact with the people-it works very well.

28 Get more women involved

#### 42. What outreach might increase your participation?

Response Text

1 Not sure. We are relatively new residents. And open house of some sort might be a good way to connect folks to town government.

2 Email notifications / listerv

3 I would be interested in rejoining the recycling/solid waste committee and possibly the conservation committee.

4 More surveys like this. Set up internet streams of the town meetings. Hold hours during weekends or evenings, when normal people don't have to be at work. Inform us of what decisions are being made, and results of meetings. Use the internet to ask citizens what they want. Develop a vision for the town, and raise excitement.

5 More of an online presence. There is extremely limited information and services available online. Additionally, better/diverse town office hours - it is essentially impossible for anybody working a typical 9-6 job + commute to get anything done at town hall without taking time off work. Though the hours don't necessarily need to increase, having a later start and close time 1-2 days a week (such as Monday and Thursdays - not M+W or T+Th, as those are common pairs in work schedules) would enable greater participation. Openings on weekends and events like town halls on weekends would certainly increase my participation. I want to participate but cannot with my (very typical) work schedule.

6 Reschedule town meeting for weekend

7 Active knowledge of the expected time commitment available for the volunteer opportunities listed.

8 No additional outreach is needed. The town provides ample opportunities for community member involvement. If an individual doesn't know how to access resources it is their lack of knowledge. The town is doing a good job.

9 Issues that I care about (PES, Recreation Dept) would bring me to the meetings.

10 If childcare was provided I would attend.

11 In the process of moving there permanently. At that point I will be involved

12 Surveys are good, people are busy but usually an online survey like this is very approachable and people can fit in to their lives.

13 Record the meetings and make them available

14 I would participate more if I saw a direct impact on the children of Pownal.

15 I just moved here, and I think having more meeting places for me to get to know other citizens of Pownal and discuss the town more would provide more incentive for me to participate in politics

16 I have served on two town committees in the past, and feel that I have fulfilled my civic duty (other than voting).

17 You may consider doing more outreach on social media.

18 More education, what the specific rules/ordinances mean, what specific volunteer work is needed (I.e.newsletter); maybe more town festivals and get to know your neighbor

19 An opt-in email notice of the agenda to be discussed

20 Having meetings at days/times that don't interfere with two parent working families and kids in activities and having an opt-in email alert that provides alerts of upcoming meetings along with detailed agendas

21 Increased municipal office hours on a Saturday morning would be helpful for those who work long hours during the week

22 More flexible hours

23 No outreach necessary although a volunteer welcome committee might be genial in the future, just moved here in June.

24 I don't actually know what I can do to help the town. I don't know what the town needs, I don't know what the various committee positions do, etc. If there was a specific list of things that the town needed, and the things on the list were explained, that would help. Right now, I don't even know how I could participate more!

25 Recreation development

26 None

27 More communication, I often don't know when meetings are because I am busy and miss the updates in the bulletin.

28 Town meeting being held on a Saturday.

29 Newbee Resident

30 More community events held at town hall

31 Ease of access with more meeting times and on-line minutes

32 Maybe better times when I am not working

33 More efficient communication on upcoming meeting topics

34 Maybe a bright red flyer demanding my attention, I would love to attend.

35 Maybe have town office hours for a half day on Fridays with one staff member

36 I cannot drive at night. I do try to work elections and to work on things I can do during the day.

37 Not interested.

38 Town meeting is too hostile and stressful so I stopped going.

39 New resident, will attend Town Meeting next year.

40 Attend Select Board/Committee meetings occasionally.

41 Being 95 years of age, it is difficult to be involved as I used to be.

42 Lunch, nothing fancy, egg salad and tuna fish, chips, silver, coffee

43 Better email newsletters Some kind of app?

44 Not sure, evening weekday meetings are tough for many families.



45 Monday evening select board meetings are difficult to attend.  
46 None  
47 I feel whatever I consider is not what the town wants!  
48 Continue on town's website about meetings/agendas  
49 More info in the Notes as to what is going on  
50 Someone actually listening  
51 Agendas of meetings sent out in advance, meetings on Wed or Thurs nights,  
52 More community programs  
53 I will once I finish some projects. It would be good to know how people think on the select board.t  
54 Town office hours could be Monday through Friday  
55 Snacks?  
56 Except for supporting my husband to do those things  
57 Would consider Planning Board , have had ten years experience in s similar town.  
58 Town office hours could be Tuesday through Friday with a once a month Saturday hours. I might participate in town government if I had more say on where tax monies were used.  
59 None  
60 The town meeting this year was on the same night as a school event for our daughter. The town should be aware of that and make sure that it is scheduled away from things such as that bc we like to attend the meeting. Should be a way to cast absentee ballots if unable to attend  
61 Having meetings on Monday evenings is tough. It would be easier to attend if it were another evening not at the beginning of the work week  
62 Annual civic education day detailing how things work and ordinance content. Could be a fun/interactive 'festival'.  
63 Town meeting on Saturday.  
64 Annual town meeting on Saturday.  
65 Email newsletter  
66 I would like to serve on a committee.  
67 Mailing of a reminder of date & time?  
68 A clearer understanding of the Town Government issues and decisions. Is this to be found on the town's website?  
69 Town is very close minded to new ideas.  
70 Better communication and timely posting of accurate agendas and immediately minutes  
71 ?  
72 I am relatively new to town. With the demise of the Tri-Town newspaper it is very difficult to find any information about town issues or to know how to become more involved.  
73 Don't know- seems to be adequate.  
74 Not sure.  
75 New to Town- will attend annual meeting. Snack/dessert pot luck with drinks (tea, coffee, water) and activities (supervised) for kids of attendees.  
76 Will participate. Just moved this year.  
77 Better info about selectman meetings.  
78 More social events so I can meet people in town. Hard to get to know folks here  
79 If more people knew they were welcome at committee meetings.  
80 I'm not here during the town meeting.  
81 This survey works. My interest has increased.  
82 Due to family needs I have not been able to attend town meeting for last few years. As soon as our children are a bit older, I will be back at the meeting!  
83 For me it is a matter of time commitment. It is not something my schedule will allow me to participate in at this time.  
84 I am a recent resident of Pownal so i have not yet had an opportunity to attend these meetings. I plan to in the future.  
85 We are relatively new to the community and are just learning more about how to become involved.  
86 But someday I will be more involved! Especially in the recycling program, development and/or the school system.  
87 Planning a town center.  
88 My kids are too young for me to participate  
89 Notice of meetings via email AND regular mail.  
90 More town halls? I haven't been to one but would come if there were more.  
91 Move meetings to involve those who spend more time away at work than at their home.  
92 None- participation is based on personal circumstances.  
93 I help with voting. I like getting notifications in the newsletter or on facebook. More knowledge would increase my involvement; Need to do more.  
94 Kiosk. Yes if cheaper  
95 The town should look into the feasibility of having one legislator representing Durham and Pownal. Periodic informative town halls. Maybe once a quarter  
96 State Representatives = But isn't redistributing a Maine Legislative function.  
97 I have limitations that prevent me from participating.  
98 An email reminder.  
99 Recently moved to Pownal, still learning about the area.  
100 social media, town facebook page, post positions on town website

43. Additional comments:

Response Text  
1 It might be beneficial for the office hours to be changed. I would like to see Mondays remain the same and also have a late hours on Friday. I think that this could be accomplished by closing mid week and a late start on Friday.  
2 Thank you to the com. plan committee!  
3 Thank you for creating this survey!

4 I do not want animals in public buildings that are being maintained by the tax payers (e.g., town hall).  
5 I'm moving to Pownal in two weeks, so I may not have much experience yet with answering the questions. however, I  
am very happy to be a part of a community and would love to have a small voice in what happening.  
6 Are you satisfied with the office hours? Close on Wednesday instead of Friday. Would you like to see municipal office  
hours include some weekend hours? Would be helpful for folks who work full time.  
7 Are you satisfied with the office hours: Yes, but pleas make sure you pay decent wages for the office workers. We lose  
good people because we haven't paid well. Pownal has been divided into two districts....two State Reps: Isn't this  
determined by the State after every census when new "lines" are drawn? Do towns get a say? We need more people to  
come forward and serve on committees or run for office. AND come to town meetings. I have no idea how to do this as  
it has been a problem ever since I've been here.  
8 Keep in mind additional duties that town administrator and town clerk do, try not to pile on too many tasks  
9 I am falling in love with this town and people, I will be attending.  
10 A Town manager might be a more effective type of government but could we afford it? Participation in Select Board is  
time consuming and difficult for volunteers. As willingness to serve declines, we may face having to have a Town  
Manager.  
11 Town office hours should accommodate working folks better especially during weeks when there is a Monday holiday.  
If using a kiosk or doing more things on line, then office hours should be decreased  
12 I will talk with friends in ok government soon and listen to advice on volunteering  
13 I was told by a long time town resident that the town meeting used to be earlier in spring and was better attended than it  
is now that is has changed to June. I know for myself, meetings interferences/conflicts with school obligations.  
14 Would like Town office open on Friday.  
15 See part 16.  
16 Town office hours could be 8:30 to 4:30 M - F  
17 Town hall hours should be closed on Mondays and open on Fridays due to holidays, and maybe one Saturday a month.  
18 I need some hours at the town hall after 6:00, tough to get business done on a Monday evening.  
19 No kids, no school taxes for you. Got kids, pay more taxes.  
20 The Town office could be open over the weekend possibly once a month.  
21 I think the town office should be open on Friday and closed on Mondays or Wednesdays bc on a holiday weekend the  
office is closed for 4 days in a row which is unacceptable to me. It would be nice to have the office open for evening  
hours another day than Monday. Again I think the office should be closed Monday or Wednesday not Friday  
22 The town office should be either closed on Monday or Wednesday. Having the town office closed for 4 days in a row on  
holiday weekends is not in the citizens best interest  
23 Would love to see a 5-person board but can we get 5 people to run?? Otherwise, keep it the same.  
24 I may support many things but at the same time do not want taxes to just keep going higher and higher. This seems to  
happen.  
25 I used to have a hard time with Town office hours, but am now retired, it is ok.  
26 Kiosk or on-line service? Yes, if they are user friendly.  
27 Municipal office hours increased? Change to open Fridays! Close another day.  
28 The town office is open mostly when people are at work. This really isn't helpful. Hours that align better with the  
schedule of residents would be a benefit.  
29 I feel that Pownal needs a hub where towns people can gather, share information and eat or be entertained. There are  
so many wonderful residents that live here and no place to meet one another in town.. Aside from town hall or gas  
station.  
30 Office hours: once a month Saturday hours perhaps? State Rep - seems like we could have one rep cover our whole  
town - but then likely another neighboring town would be split. We don't have enough people to have our own, I think?  
31 The email updates and the town presence on Facebook have been great. Keep the communications coming.  
32 In the winter of 2007/2008 we closed the Town Office on Friday's "to save money" because oil went to \$5/gallon that  
winter. Then the stock market crashed in September 2008, oil went under \$2/gallon and the office didn't re-open on  
Fridays. It's time.  
33 Pownal is an amazing place to live. Expensive, but amazing. It feels right that we invest so heavily in the education of  
our young people, seeing the percentage of tax dollars spent on education makes me feel the burden is  
worthwhile...though looking toward the future it appears broadening the base will be necessary. In keeping with that  
idea, it seems prudent to explore opportunities to expand the tax base in ways that will have the least impact on the way  
of life treasured by those who have lived here for generations as well as those who have chosen Pownal more recently.  
34 Keep up the office help you have they do a pretty good job for the \$ they get "right Melissa"!  
35 Have attended committee/board meetings in past and main do again as circumstances allow.  
36 There should be longer evening hours once a week and/or Saturday hours.  
37 Questions 3E. It should not be an either or but both with no decreased hours.

#### 45. Solid Waste Additional Comments:

##### Response Text

1 I would like to have a large/heavy item pick up day at least once per year.  
2 I think that charging more for the trash bags is only going to increase the problem we are having with recycling. Those  
two things are connected. I think Pownal should negotiate with Freeport to get Resident fees for the their trash facility.  
3 Pownal should have a large item throw away day like Durham does.  
4 Metals collection is a huge help. I would like to see a metals collection day happen at least twice if not four times a year.  
5 When people have to pay for trash bags but not recycling, it incentivizes people to throw trash in the recycling bin -  
because recycling is seen as "free" while trash bags cost money. This is called a "perverse incentive", where the wrong  
behavior is being rewarded. This problem is solved when you get rid of this weird 'pay-per-bag' system and use taxes to  
fund trash and recycling pickup for everyone. The direct cost of trash vs recycling would no longer be of concern for  
the citizen - they would be incentivized to sort trash and recycling properly, because recycling is no longer the "free"  
option. Get rid of pay-per-bag, not only is it a pain in the rear, it's driving bad behavior. And your recent price increase

on trash bags will make recycling even worse, because now it's even MORE expensive to throw out trash, and even more economical to throw trash in the recycling bin. Honestly, who made that decision?

6 Have occasional pick-up services for hazardous materials like batteries, if possible. Lower the cost of the Transfer station.

7 More information on what specific items can be recyclable would be appreciated.

8 It would nice if there were bulk trash pickup days for items that cannot fit into the blue bags. I understand those items can go to the Freeport Transfer Station, but bringing said items to the Transfer Station is not always feasible. Alternatively, maybe the \$40 fee can be negotiated to something lower. Freeport residents only pay \$6!

9 We (the entire state) needs an easy way to dispose of everyday chemicals. Once per year is not enough. Few people will warehouse their chemicals or take them to Riverside. The chemicals likely just end up with household garbage, which is bad for our water and air. We need a better way to dispose of chemical waste.

10 I often discover many neighbors are clueless about recycling guidelines. There seems to be a lot of mis-information on whether or not material is even being recycled at all and not just going to the landfills until the market gets better. It has caused recycling apathy. Clear information should be provided to people not able/willing to seek out the information for themselves.

11 I do not support the pay per bag. We pay more taxes than any other town I am familiar with! We should be able to have a town issued trash can that we can fill up and have dumped as part of our taxes. If we go over 1 can, then we can put the extra trash in blue bags.

12 I feel \$40/year to use the Freeport Transfer Station to drop off metal or used motor oil is a lot. Could we increase the days Pownal accepts metal? Could Pownal accept old oil?

13 Some of the recycling abuse comes from a lack of knowledge - even the best recycler could still improve. Maybe the town newsletter could point out the most common errors. There are also people who abuse due to just being jerks - could those people be penalized?

14 Semi-Annual neighborhood/roadside cleanups would be beneficial and allow residents to take a more active part in their town

15 EcoMaine had a summer program where interns monitored and rated the purity of residents' recycleables in several towns in Cumberland county. The level of contaminants decreased substantially in those towns. It would be great to have that in Pownal for a period of time.

16 It would be nice if all the pick up was included in our taxes

17 Could the abusers of our current system be held accountable for not abiding by the rules?

18 Decreased fee for using Freeport facility.

19 Options for hazardous waste such as oil or chemicals

20 no charge for bags...

21 Large item pick up once a month would be great.

22 The Pownal pride day should include large items such as refrigerators, washers, dryers, etc. not just scrap metal

23 I do like both a fall and spring curbside. Leznip as well as an electronics in conjunction

24 Should organize an annual hazardous waste day where citizens can bring the waste for proper disposal. Can combine with another town like we did with Yarmouth a number of years ago.

25 Would rather contract with an independent hauler vs pay per bag

26 Maybe pick up could be one day for recycling and one day for trash

27 Once a year is fine

28 Should we expand our current solid waste program: Not sure what we would do!

29 Need access to transfer station

30 What does fall cleanup mean-compostable materials?!

31 See if Cumberland's curbside/bulky waste program would work for Pownal, both spring and fall. Also Pownal should work with Freeport transfer station to reduce out of town costs for the stickers.

32 It would nice to have a day for returning old paint, etc.

33 Non-resident fee at FTS is too high.

34 I think Pownal would benefit from twice a year clean up, if not, just one would be nice.

35 There are many bottles and cans on the sides of the road

36 It would be helpful to have at least one more Pownal Pride day or some other type of bulky waste disposal day. I'm concerned that our curbside recycling will no longer be available, much like silver bullets. It's important that we continue to have a way to recycle.

37 There are some appliances that need to be replaced and a home owner needs to get rid of. most try to get the company that delivers to new one to take the old one away. But it doesn't always work.

38 It would be a huge help to offer residents to have larger items picked up once a year.

39 Pownal Pride day poorly advertised- never saw anything about bringing metal items past few years- we looked for it.

40 Town should negotiate our being able to use Freeport transfer station for a reduced fee. If the town provides fall clean-up, there should be no ta. Increase.

41 Bring metal day back. Have some inexpensive small signs made up for roadside clean-up, remind residents one to two weeks before

42 I would like to see the town eliminate curbside pickup but expand coordination with Freeport Transfer Station if savings could be realized. Curbside pickup is not necessary in a rural area.

43 More opportunities to get rid of metal, etc.

44 It would be helpful to have a truck go around from Pownal Pride Day to help those who have no truck or muscle to get metal items to town hall. They had done that years ago.

45 People dump appliances and electronics and building de rid in the woods due to restrictions and/or costs at FTS. We should be able to put these items curbside for pick up.

46 Put another recycling station near Mallett Hall

47 Fall clean-up? WTF, toss it over the banking. This. Isn't Yarmouth!

48 Need an access to a place where harsh chemicals can be disposed of.

49 Without some way to dispose of appliances and old computers, I see a lot of these dumped in the woods.

50 Consider the Town negotiate with Freeport to lower the non-resident fee especially for a one or two time use.

51 Paying for a plastic bag to put yet another plastic bag inside is stupid.  
 52 I would be satisfied if the trash actually got picked up every week. They have "missed" my house a number of times over the past year or so ...  
 53 Allow one piece of larger item (mattress, stick of furniture, etc.) per week.  
 54 Why must we bag our trash in the blue bags? Why did they get more expensive. Shouldn't our taxes cover this expense?  
 55 Bags should be free with all the taxes we pay.  
 56 It is SO difficult to dispose of items. While this seems like a good idea because we think we're protecting the environment, the result is people simply toss their trash in their yard or on the side of the road. Now, we can't even recycle recyclables. I feel like I need a college degree just to put my trash in the right receptacle and have it removed.  
 57 As long as we have free access to Freeport's transfer site for leaves, grass, etc.  
 58 What expansions are you considering? What is bulk? Appliances, batteries, etc.?  
 59 Access to Freeport Transfer Station without a per pound charge.  
 60 A reduction in the non resident permit for the Freeport transfer station and free disposal of larger recyclable items. We are currently restricted to items no larger than a 5 gallon bucket. No help when the washing machine quits.  
 61 Curbside fall clean-up? Where everyone can set much of their big junk out by the road. Anyone can trash pick? And what doesn't get grabbed by residents, gets hauled away and disposal is paid for by the town? I like the free items option to increase reuse of stuff, but I think residents should pay to get rid of their junk. We have a dump sticker and use the Freeport transfer station for our large items.  
 62 Curbside compost pick up  
 63 I would like to see an annual day for disposal of large items like washing machines, metal, etc. at curbside.  
 64 I would love to have composting pickup. Perhaps feeding into a community garden or collective space?  
 65 Yearly curbside services for large items (like Cumberland) would be fantastic.  
 66 It would be nice to have a 'discounted' dump day once a year, or for one or two weekends a year.  
 67 Please offer a day for computers and printer etc recycle locally Yes-so the lazy ones don't dump their junk on other peoples property!!  
 68 I wish we could recycle plastic bags again  
 69 should be able to have some sort of bulky waste program  
 70 Need our own transfer station  
 71 Bring back Town recycling pods at City Hall and make Freeport allow Pownal to recycle for free. Shouldn't cost \$42.00/year to recycle in Freeport.  
 72 Seek alternative to single use plastic bags. Need better recycling options but not clear that the town has any control in this area.  
 73 Pownal Pride Day has largely evaporated- Recycling Committee has gotten lax- needs to ramp up.  
 74 Continuous education helps us all. Maybe initiative a composting program. I'm  
 75 It appears to me that the contract service dictates the service. As town we still contribute plastic bags, etc to the land fill since we cannot recycle them. That should be the responsibility of the trash service  
 76 I would like to explore whether we could provide access to the Freeport transfer station to Pownal residents. This may discourage illegal dumping in the woods. Otherwise satisfied with current services.  
 77 wish Freeport was cheaper  
 78 I'd love to have the metal collection more often than once a year. What kind of "fall cleanup"? I am against encouraging people raking their lawns and throwing away the leaves. Leaves are great mulch. We live in the country in the eastern deciduous woodlands we should leave the leaves where they fall.  
 79 Pownal Pride Day needs to be better organized and promoted like it used to be.  
 80 a hazardous waste disposal day would be nice  
 81 a hazardous waste disposal day would be helpful.

48. Infrastructure/ Public Works Additional Comments:

Response Text  
 1 The water in the center of town has already been contaminated. w should keep our facility there.  
 2 Recognizing that road salt ultimately makes driving safer. Having said that, I would like to see the town look into non-salt based alternatives to winter road maintenance. As a salt-based strategy, it seems like we put some effort into using a brining solution to pretreat roads before a storm. Have we continued with that or moved away? This was a strategy that allowed us to ultimately use less salt over the course of a storm.  
 3 I agree with 47, if the "most cost effective" way does not dominate, thus destroying the rural characteristics of our town. I.E. paving all the dirt roads.  
 4 As the town grows, service needs grow. As service needs grow, expenses increase...  
 5 The public works teams does a great job.  
 6 Some of our unpaved roads get heavy traffic because they are good short cuts. Example. Poland Range Rd. This road goes from bad to worse until it is grated. Then its ok for a week or two. Perhaps either pave it or make it a dead end road.  
 7 Better roads are strongly needed.  
 8 It would be nice if we could bring the town a little closer to the 21st century and pave the roads!!  
 9 While we need to protect our waters, we also need to keep our dirt roads. These are the characters of our area and also help to promote neighbors and discourage speeders/non-local use  
 10 The town has done a great job with keeping the roads safe and clean and taking care of as many projects as possible in the summer fall Thank you  
 11 "Pownal's roads add to our rural character" - Funny At a minimum you should be able drive down the road you live on in the spring!  
 12 We need better shoulders on many of our roads!  
 13 T  
 14 Haven't seen public works buildings, though renovate if unsafe.

15 The road crew does an exceptional job! Our roads are very well managed in winter compared to surrounding towns. Thank you!

16 In 2010....The town of Pownal should pursue this recommendation: Not only renovated but moved to another site. Occupying same site as Mallett Hall has become an eye sore. This department is going to grow and needs more space. I would like to see public works move from Mallett Hall site - how about looking at Poland Range Road Town owned land?

17 DPW does a GREAT job!

18 I believe we had. plan from a prior commissioner, what happened to that plan? Can we start there, apply what has been done, update and revise for the next 20 years

19 All "improvements" should be publicly stated at least 60-90 days in advance to all immediately affected residents with a public information session scheduled with the Select Board and Road Commissioner

20 Not sure unpaved roads add to rural character, which I highly value.

21 If budget allows, pave dirt roads to decrease maintenance frequency and car wear-and-tear.

22 Needs Assessment and Roads Questions biased- where is 'Strongly Disagree'?

23 Hallowell road should be widened by the state, also we need more trimming of trees etc. at the edge of the road.

24 Keep the renovations within the means of the tax payers,, no Taj Mahals!

25 Again, try to reduce the number of cars in Pownal by enforcing speed limits, having alternative modes of transportation. How about creating a park and ride, get LLBean to shuttle employees through town, bike the rest of the commute.

26 I am absolutely against paving our dirt roads but in favor of the ditching improvements the town has undertaken the last few years.

27 Public works can never move. They polluted the center of Town and taxpayers paid for public water so they don't pollute another area in town.

28 See part 16. Roads are some of the best maintained in the winter of anywhere in the state, almost too well maintained. I'd be in favor of cutting down how many passes are made during a storm and reducing the amount of salt used. Do NOT use calcium or magnesium chlorides like used on the highways.

29 We need to consider closing off short cuts through our neighborhoods by employees of Freeport and Gray businesses. Too many vehicles use Pownal as a short cut from these towns and travel excessive speeds making it dangerous for residents to walk or bike.

30 Update/maintain does. It mean you need. To pave all roads. Please keep our dirt roads as is, where possible, but do increase/improve roadside ditching and culvert use to manage run-off.

31 If it costs less to pave the dirt roads that are rarely used by horses, then I say do that.

32 I don't think bonding is the best way to maintain or rebuild roads in Town.

33 Maintain and not update rural roads.

34 populated dirt road need to be upgraded and paved

35 How come there is no strongly disagree option for these questions? It seems these questions are biased!

36 I don't believe tar roads are better for the environment.

37 I pay high taxes for mediocre road maintenance.

38 But keep dirt roads dirt!

39 All roads should be paved and better maintained.

40 The town needs to re-evaluate how public works manages our roads. Constant over-digging of ditches increases erosion, undermines roadways, pollutes streams, and makes for dangerously soft shoulders for cars, bikes, runners. please pave Chadsey road to the No. Yarmouth line.

41 The towns dirt roads should be paved. The absence of pavement does not seem to slow down traffic, snow removal in winter on these roads is not as efficient as on paved roads and the runoff from heavy rains causes problems - that does not even address the dust and dirt traffic on these roads generate.

42 No paving!

43 The updating/maintaining should include KEEPING THE DIRT ROADS, but in as good shape as possible.

44 Poland Range Road needs to be maintained more frequently... or just be paved.

45 I would like to see more of the roads connecting Pownal to Freeport and the highway paved. As they stand many of these roads can cause long term damage to vehicles or require larger less efficient vehicles.

46 Pave or Reclaim Poland Range Road!

47 Hold off on having the public works building renovated until a plan for a town center is discussed and decided.

48 The town currently and before with Shawn's (RIP) guidance started updating our rural roads-so far they seem to be doing a great job.

49 Need more info.

50 Need all new public works building

51 Maintain dirt roads, do NOT pave

52 One of the best parts of Pownal are our beautiful dirt roads.

53 Do not pave dirt roads.

54 Paint white lines on edge of the roads.

55 Re #47- do we not already do this? This section, order of response options is different from other sections. Why? Raises questions about accuracy of responses.

56 Set a plan in motion without bonding the complete cost.

57 Question 46: For what reason? How would that be a benefit?

58 The planning of the public works needs significant improvement. Project started years ago and repeated promises are not delivered.

59 having the town crew as much as possible as we have the equipment manpower and a road commissioner with the knowledge to do so

60 2.2 this exists to some level now

61 what does this really mean and who could possibly disagree with it the way you have written it?

62 On no account should roads be improved to handle even larger #s of vehicles/higher speeds

63

- 64 Public works and fire department should share new facility
- 65 Need fire station and Public Works area.
- 66 Please do not pave Lawrence Rd.

51. Are there any additional services the Fire Department could provide?

Response Text

- 1 The Fire Department needs to be given the tools they need to keep us safe. 9 years ago it was suggested that a new station be built, yet nothing has happened as far as I can tell. It's time for the town to support these individuals who are willing to help the rest of us.
- 2 I feel that a central fire station is needed but the town needs to come up with a creative way to pay for a modest facility.
- 3 Partner with a new Recreation Department to hold demonstrations of equipment and processes for kids and citizens - everyone loves firefighters and firetrucks. Host a cookout during these demos, make it fun, and use the food sales to raise money for the fire dept.
- 4 A new fire station is not needed. Most houses would burn down way before a fire engine could arrive, because we have a big town. Instead, require houses to have sprinkler systems. No new fire stations are needed.
- 5 When my great-grandmother fell unconscious, it took Freeport 15 minutes to get to us. I can't imagine how critical each minute was. Have EMT and Fire closer would make a lot of people more comfortable, I think. Can Freeport not build a remote station out here? We support the school district, I feel we should negotiate with them to support us in EMT / Fire protection closer than the Freeport station.
- 6 Ambulance service - Relying on Freeport means a longer wait - Time is important as that wait can have severe adverse effects.
- 7 It would make more sense for Public Works and Public Safety to share a facility - heat, lights, water, washing bays for vehicles, etc. Both Departments need upgraded and larger facilities.
- 8 Car seat installation trainings, home inspections for fire safety
- 9 If the buildings/parking were updated, we could provide more support to the firefighters
- 10 Pownal Ambulance Service
- 11 Education
- 12 Discussion of a new station and equipment must wait until the chief can staff the Dept. There are only 5 or 6 active members. We have more trucks than men to run them. We need a new chief, Peters is not getting the job done.
- 13 Ambulance service
- 14 The 2010, .....The Town should pursue this recommendation: Really don't know what to say. Yes, we need a fire department and stations not adequate. But where we build a new one? Could we combine a new public works site and new fire station possibly on Poland Range Road Town owned land or another town owned piece?
- 15 Provide EMT classes to town residents who are interested in becoming part of the EMMs community, traveling outside to larger programs isn't always affordable.
- 16 Car seat checks
- 17 Don't we have reciprocal agreements with surrounding communities?
- 18 This person should have a limited range of services to provide During the week most fire department members are working at their full time jobs. I agree that Pownal cannot be served when the firefighters are working out of town. But no firefighter should ever be the only person taking a truck or equipment to fight a fire.
- 19 Contracting for ambulance/EMT with Freeport works well. Pownal should contract with Freeport and Yarmouth for fire services. We need professional services. I do not want a volunteer hurt or killed. Training and expertise are difficult for volunteers.
- 20 Need a new fire station- keep it reasonable in scope- avoid project creep.
- 21 Pursue a joint facility for public works and fire dept. Hire a decent chief and we would have a much better department. If you had a good chief, the department would be more liable to n calls when they occur, no one wants to work with current chief, open your eyes!
- 22 Don't we have a reciprocal agreement with DURHAM and Freeport?
- 23 Keep a new fire station within the means of the tax payers.
- 24 Fire Dept is overly equipped for the needs of the town and should consider the resources available from the neighboring towns 2ith full time departments.
- 25 I was a member of the Fire Dept but politics was too much so I retired. Get back to Pownal Fire Dept like it was when Lester Blake ran it.
- 26 Brush burning.
- 27 We do not need an ADA compliant Fire Dept as disabled community members don,t fight fires. Can our FD check wood stoves if they don't already do this?
- 28 Can we get help from North Yarmouth or Durham?
- 29 Pay the volunteers for their services.
- 30 None
- 31 They are doing a great job.
- 32 Car seat safety.
- 33 no other services, but the town should offer a property tax break for first responders. They dedicate time for training, responding and maintaining the towns equipment. Many times PF&R members use their personal vehicles to respond to emergencies or personal funds to facilitate a response & membership (e.g. emergency light for car, uniforms)
- 34 Yes, training by burning open fields yearly - with secondary benefit of reducing tick population
- 35 A monthly service to check in with the elderly
- 36 What happens when there is no Firefighter/ EMT available. Whoever is having an emergency just has to wait until Freeport, North Yarmouth or other town can get to them? (Hmmm, not so good) How often does this happen? ie how much would it cost per year - budget impact. Does the regional 911 service work well for Pownal??
- 37 Try to cultivate students in the schools to be more active and knowledgeable in EMT training I think they already do this but a little more is always welcome

- 38 Confused as to how a single firefighter can provide services.
- 39 Need more info. E.g., how does a single firefighter help? What are his/her duties?
- 40 Education for the community including school involvement.
- 41 Questions 49 and 50 require a lot more explanation before an informed response is possible- identified needs (by current providers?). Level of current use? Cost of proposed additions?
- 42 Set a plan in motion without bonding the entire cost.
- 43 Per dime = Doesn't Freeport EMT meet all EMT state requirements?
- 44 I don't know enough to have an opinion on the last question. I would support the recommendation of the Fire Dept Chief on the per diem position.
- 45 Do a TIF to improve Fire Dept Building
- 46 some improvement is needed at Pownal center and North Pownal
- 47 Share with another town if possible
- 48 Need more info to answer # 50

54. I support increased enforcement of speed limits in Pownal,

- Comments
- 1 No. This would be a waste of taxpayer dollars. The only area that should have money spent on speed enforcement is right in front of Pownal Elementary School.
- 2 There are tons of beer cans littered along Libby Road and Poland Range Road. Someone is obviously drinking and driving, endangering themselves and the other drivers on this road. I would love to see police address this issue.
- 3 I have not witnessed major issues with speeding in Pownal.
- 4 The stretch of Allen Road that goes under the train trellis is a dangerous, blind curve that people frequently speed through. Something should be done to increase visibility on both sides of the bridge.
- 5 Enforcing speed is a challenge. We'd need to occasionally hire a sherrif (if possible) to stay on specific roads. RADAR signs, showing the driver's speed, may help.
- 6 Also regulate ATV use on public roads. Paved or unpaved. ATV misuse in our neighborhood has increased dramatically. I believe ATV users feel that if a road is unpaved it is fair game for recreating. The overuse has resulting in road destruction and noise pollution.
- 7 Especially on residential roads with children. Perhaps a solar powered Slow Down sign that can be moved around.
- 8 This is especially true for Elmwood Rd between the school and Rt 9. The 40MPH limit should be lowered in that stretch.
- 9 The speeds at which people drive on Elmwood Road and Route 9 are quite concerning.
- 10 We need to have a local constable or sheriff- even if it's only to drive around in an old police car, a la Mayberry (Sheriff Andy Taylor). That kitschy rural feel has done well in other rural areas.
- 11 Speeding is out of control within our town. I have been passed numerous times on roads that are 35mph
- 12 Good the way it is...
- 13 If the town's development and population increase, the police presence should increase at the same rate.
- 14 We have had numerous issues with people marking up the road and speeding (Poland range road). It takes too long for the sheriff go respond and without cameras we cannot catch the people doing this. Would at least like a police presence on occasion on our road and others as well
- 15 Very seldom do you see a sheriff car or state police I town
- 16 Is there an increase in crime to justify increased police protection? Distracted driving is an issue.
- 17 Speed limits are too high on some roads, Poland range road should be 25 mph!
- 18 I live on Leighton road and vehicles go real fast by my house
- 19 I support increased enforcement of speed limits: Yes for certain areas - especially near Bradbury Park / Route 9.
- 20 The Town of Pownal should investigate options for increased police coverage/protection: Disagree
- 21 Pownal should have a CONTRACTED CCSO Deputy. Substation located at new FIRE-EMS station.
- 22 As a walker and bicyclist, people frequently speed 10 to 15 over the speed limit.
- 23 No more sheriff, they are useless
- 24 The speeding problem even on dirt roads has gotten really bad, maybe encourage people to record license plates and vehicle makes and report them
- 25 The faster people drive, the more the roads are damaged.
- 26 The additional expense cannot be justified.
- 27 Please have State DOT uniformly apply speed limits- avoid local over-reaction.
- 28 Question on Police Coverage should have a "disagree" option, which I would choose.
- 29 I only see a problem at Pownal center.
- 30 Yes! Yes! more speed control!
- 31 As per Warren v. District of Columbia, increased police presence would only serve to siphon tax dollars, not make us safer.
- 32 Police Protection questions have biased response choices (no 'strongly satisfied' on police service and no 'disagree', biasing towards agree, on police coverage)
- 33 Widen Hallowell road and make safe bicycle lands
- 34 The only way to deter this bad habit of speeding is enforcement. Slowing down cars will also make people feel safer walking or biking on the roads. Currently there is no safe route to walk or bike to Pownal School.
- 35 Trucks and commercial transportation speed on route 9
- 36 There are only a handful of vehicles that regularly speed to endangerment, only between the red barn on top of the hill and the double bend just after Libby Rd it seems.
- 37 How about enforcement on heavy load limits, non through traffic, etc.
- 38 Elmwood, Merrill, Hallowell, Verrill
- 39 We have poor speeding monitoring. Put speed bumps on Merrill, Hodsdon roads
- 40 I see the sheriff's vehicle here all the time, is there a problem?

41 The coverage sucks, but hey It's a small town  
 42 I do wish there was a way. To apprehend/stop all the kids who race their trucks on our road and keep tearing it up.  
 43 Especially on route 9. When we lived in a small town in N H, they had a volunteer police officer and a State. Police  
 barrack.  
 44 some of our dirt roads have no posted speed limit  
 45 Consider cameras and automatic ticketing for speeding since no-one can patrol 24/7.  
 46 There is no "disagree" answer for question 53. I disagree, but do not strongly disagree. I don't know enough about the  
 fire or police situation (including cost) to have a strong opinion. I've never been unhappy with fire or police service ...  
 (fingers crossed I never am).  
 47 Improved knowledge of who to call and convenience as we deal with being directed to help.  
 48 Speeding is an increasing problem.  
 49 Brown road  
 50 I think perhaps Freeport and Pownal could share police services. Sheriff services are useless!  
 51 The town of Pownal should investigate options for increased police coverage/protection. Answer was disagree. (Not  
 an option given.)  
 52 Make it happen. Elmwood Road is a disaster / to much speed.  
 53 This town is extremely dangerous for cyclists, runners, & pedestrians.  
 54 \*Speeding on Merrill Rd. is miserable NEVER any sign of sheriff in 10 yrs. to stop speeding. Freeport & Pownal plus  
 private dump trucks speed daily on Merrill Rd. as do school buses. Never seen sheriff vehicle on Merrill Rd. 8 am-8 pm  
 constant speeding traffic DAILY. State police only seen once on Merrill Rd. during Trek across Maine. VERY  
 DANGEROUS PROBLEM.  
 55 Hallowell Rd. speed limit within the Town boarder to be no higher than 35 mph and no higher than 40 mph on Elmwood  
 Rd. to Freeport.  
 56 Increased police coverage: Somewhat agree to investigate options. Also speed limits on Route 9 to the Pownal lines  
 north and south should be lowered to 35 mph.  
 57 It is out of control. Enforce speed limit, especially in the morning.  
 58 But not sure how this will be accomplished.  
 59 Well, most of the time it seems the coverage is adequate. I'm not sure what is involved with increasing it - money for  
 sure. If our population grows significantly (as housing permits maybe indicate) more coverage would be needed I  
 should think.  
 60 The speed limit on the Brown Rd is not being followed. We have offered Freeport PD to sit at the mouth of our driver.  
 We had the neighborhood kids ride their bikes in our long driveway rather than the Brown Rd. I can't tell you how  
 many times people pass you like your tied!  
 61 I am terribly surprised by the speeding in not only Pownal but adjacent town roads. Too many writing their own rules!  
 62 What would the increases police protection be?  
 63 Need more info. Is Pownal having an issue with crime that would require more police protection?  
 64 Limitations of Engine Brakes should be via signage and enforced!  
 65 The Sheriff's dept. does a fine job. Avoid the continued militarization of America's law enforcement.  
 66 Would like to see a speed bump installed on Merrill Rd.  
 67 Do not need to increase any with county. Need in house volunteers.  
 68 Just drive the posted speed and there is no problem.  
 69 Shouldn't take an hour+ for police to respond to a call especially when the situation is an extreme emergency-  
 domestic violence, break-in, shooting.  
 70 Need more information. If any of the proposed development occurs, police protection will become a more urgent need!  
 71 Particularly Lawrence Road!  
 72 Perhaps the Cumberland Sheriffs Office should be more visible in Pownal.  
 73 B = disagree not strongly disagree On the major roads aspect of sheriff's patrols  
 74 Some roads are not posted, unacceptable! I see 'racers' on straight flat areas.  
 75 have a Cumberland County sheriff that we could share with another town  
 76 share with another town  
 77 Let's not turn Pownal into Yarmouth!  
 78 #53 should read "disagree" not "strongly disagree"

**55. Additional Services and Facilities: What other services would you like to see offered in Pownal?**

Response Text  
 1 None! we have adequate services for the size of the Town.  
 2 Gas lines and municipal water. Municipal fiber internet - I am a high-earning tech worker who works remotely, bringing  
 my money to this town. There are so many people like me, who couldn't make do with internet service in our town. We  
 have so few options, and they're neither cheap nor fast. Let's get a town internet service provider, owned by the  
 people, and kick comcast and dish out of here. Let's connect Pownal to the world, via fast, town-owned fiber internet.  
 This would attract many more high-earning tech workers to spend their money here.  
 3 Department of Conservation/Agriculture. This department would work in conjunction with state-wide resources - either  
 public or private such as ME Farmland Trust - to help current farmers conserve land, match farmers with individuals  
 seeking land to farm, etc. They would also work with code enforcement on plans for future residential development,  
 especially when land is bought by developers.  
 4 The current services are good.  
 5 As mentioned above - ambulance service  
 6 A community garden providing fresh foods to Pownal residents.  
 7 Access to the Freeport library  
 8 Community programs.  
 9 Restaurant  
 10 Library! We need an official community gathering place. A small library could be added to any new fire station



- construction. Open Saturday mornings, etc.... Our previous gathering places have been private & gone out of business: North Pownal Store, Edna & Lucy's.
- 11 Library
- 12 Library
- 13 Hazardous waste services for residents even if residents have to pay extra for an annual service.
- 14 I don't expect local government to cater to its residents bit I do expect it to safeguard the assets, financial and environmental, of the community.
- 15 Better public transportation.
- 16 Any thing that reduces taxes
- 17 None
- 18 Encourage return of sandwich shop or other gathering space
- 19 Library
- 20 Bring back Edna and Lucy's, it was such a wonderful gathering place for the town!
- 21 Resources to support aging in place. Also would like to see a volunteer coordinator to recruit and manage volunteers within the community.
- 22 Nice to have a bank, convenient store, pizza shop- (small retail business).
- 23 A breakfast/lunch business next to Short Stop again. A huge loss to lose Edna and Lucy's.
- 24 Library services would be nice for families
- 25 Services for elderly
- 26 I am happy with the services provided, currently!
- 27 Resources to support aging in place
- 28 A shuttle to get Pownal residents into Freeport for shopping or to access the public transportation, bus and train.
- 29 Maintain rural character and self-reliance by limiting services to those available in most rural towns.
- 30 Quit paving the roads.
- 31 Satisfied with current services
- 32 More adult rec and more neighborhood meetings
- 33 Great town. Roads plowed. Safe.
- 34 Occasional hazardous waste disposal days. It's really hard to find and access these programs in surrounding towns. I'd rather do it in my own town.<sup>8</sup>
- 35 Especially on Hallowell and Elmwood and commuter short cuts
- 36 Access to Freeport Library without having to pay for membership. Free entrance to Bradbury Mt.
- 37 Local farmers/food market. A local library would be nice.
- 38 Help the elderly stay in their homes longer.
- 39 If you see the current rate of building permits increase, then you need more than a one day a week COE.
- 40 Community garden space.
- 41 Better plowing- more accountability of mailbox destruction.
- 42 Exploration of transportation services
- 43 Something to reduce taxes.
- 44 Outdoor cats should be licensed!@. They are a human and wildlife health danger! Dogs needs to be licensed, vaccinate & picked up after. Why not cats who spread more diseases?
- 45 Would love to have a restaurant/coffee shop privately owned. A seasonal vegetable/fruit/craft market. PS The garage/auto repair business and the open lot on the SW corner of Hallowell and Elmwood are eyesores and probable hazardous waste sites (oil-gas-grease etc.). They need to be cleaned up by owner ASAP.
- 46 Seasonal veggie stands/market.
- 47 Pownal residents- free or discounted admission/pass to Bradbury St. Park.
- 48 None
- 49 We'd love to see a small restaurant open back up. We all really miss Edna and Lucy's and the North Pownal Store. Is there something making it too hard for business like these to survive?
- 50 Info posted at P.O.-town hall about ride share to Portland
- 51 I found it quite strange the restaurant that was to open at North General Store was rejected. This town could use something.
- 52 none
- 53 Really you all are doing a very good job :)
- 54 Wish we had another café/restaurant in town- miss Edna & Lucy's.
- 55 Shoveling walkways for elderly.
- 56 Free use of Freeport transfer station for recycling. Charge Pownal same fee as Freeport to dump non-household trash. Please keep Pownal the beautiful, unique, rare community that Pownal has always been. Bring back N. Pownal store and hunters breakfast. Give to the churches. Preserve the land. Use PES on weekends for activities and use the money to keep Pownal real.
- 57 Town dump or free access to Freeport or Yarmouth town dumps.
- 58 Central reads where when people need help or a ride it could be posted.
- 59 We're doing fine. Don't fix what's not broken.
- 60 better plowing!
- 61 would like to see additional police protection This is one biased survey! So strange that the Pownal Power Elite are ok with CMP but so dead set against any other development.
- 62 A nice pub in the village center and a decent restaurant once again. Also the town should make much more use of its great stage/theatre in town/Mallet Hall. We could turn this easily into a great cultural resource/venue. It is great. Let's rent it out to good musicians/theatre groups. Speak with Freeport Arts Council. It is a shame it is so often empty at the moment.
- 63 Large item pick up once or twice a year

56. Human Services: The Town sufficiently supports residents in need.

Comments

- 1 This survey item seemed flawed -- there is no disagree. I feel Freeport opens most things to Pownal.
- 2 I'm not familiar with how well the town supports residents in need, but this question should have a 'disagree' option for people who disagree.
- 3 have no knowledge of this
- 4 I donate to Freeport Community Services as they include Pownal in their services. If there is a more direct way to help Pownal residents, it should be communicated via the town's general communication. I've been donating to FCS for about 25 years thinking it was the best for Pownal, so if I'm wrong that was quite a bit of misdirected money.
- 5 Overall the town is run very well, a few small businesses or ways to bring in tax dollars to help should be a priority
- 6 We should support those in need but I have no idea if it's sufficient.
- 7 We want to preserve the rural nature of Pownal along with its quality of life.
- 8 I don't know what the town provides for services for those in need.
- 9 Keep doing things at town hall, dances, art shows, music etc!
- 10 I certainly hope they do, but I do not know what the services are.
- 11 I would like to see an economic development advisory committee to look into ways to spread the tax burden better between increased/diverse business and home owners.
- 12 Many thanks to the committee for undertaking this work! I found the questions and layout relatively user friendly.
- 13 I am not sure- hope so.
- 14 We need an enforceable Building and Property Maintenance Ordinance to avoid another Disaster like 66 Verrill Rd.
- 15 It would be nice to have a Network of volunteers who offer help or trade services such as gardening, painting, snow removal, transportation such as a program offered in Harpswell. Can Pownal join with neighboring towns for brown tail moth spraying? Look at opportunities for community pricing i.e. solar panels for collaborative efforts?
- 16 Would like to see the town assess whether residents in need are sufficiently supported through local churches, Freeport Community Services, county and state assistance.
- 17 On many questions more info is needed for an informed decision to be made
- 18 This whole survey is written to push the answers toward an outcome some think Pownal should have.
- 19 I don't know of any human services support offered by the town.
- 20 I think for the most part the town is in good shape. Our ordinances seem to cover most concerns and increased regulation is not needed.
- 21 The town needs to keep costs down to help keep those on fixed incomes in their homes. Those that want to spend money on all kinds of programs and unnecessary things should donate their own money to make it happen
- 22 Don't raise taxes. That is the best thing you can do to support the residents
- 23 Pownal is a great town. I like it and don't want a lot of change to it.
- 24 Safe Lanes for bicycles. State rebuild Rt. 9 in Pownal
- 25 Unsure of current support
- 26 I really don't know what Pownal does and for whom.
- 27 Not sure of what is offered here.
- 28 I don't know what is currently offered.
- 29 I don't know but hope we do
- 30 I think so. Right now, I personally don't have much need for town support. But those who do, may likely find that we don't do a good job of helping. So, I'm not really sure if what we have in place is sufficient. Could we get Freeport Community Services to have some programming in Pownal? at Mallett Hall? Seems that the space there is sometimes over booked.
- 31 Following comment not related to human services question but was written on the bottom back page of survey completed by hand. Pownal village or 4 corners should have the post office-Mr. Blackstone's great little building would make a good historical society building and a new/rough building for a farmer's market-a fun beginning! Jane Cartmell The entire comprehensive plan committee should be congratulated for a very well done and thorough survey. It must have taken a great deal of time-but a good job done!
- 32 don't want Pownal to turn into another Yarmouth or Freeport
- 33 Would need stats on GA- # of applicants, average amt. of support requested, etc.
- 34 NB- there are people who live in Pownal because they like the town character. Recent development has brought residents who mostly just want to be close to Portland. Most of the additional developments suggested are a natural result of this proximity and the pressure can be expected to increase. It should be resisted. There is no need for us to become a clone of all the other developed communities in this area.
- 35 No idea.
- 36 Thank you Comprehensive Plan Committee members for your Outstanding Effort that will result in the policy of future Pownal.
- 37 A close partnership between the town and Freeport community services is sufficient.
- 38 unsure