

1. How should the Town prioritize the following planning issues?

	Not a priority	Low priority	Medium priority	High priority	No opinion	Response Count
Improving High Street as a town center	6.7% (11)	12.9% (21)	29.4% (48)	49.7% (81)	1.2% (2)	163
Improving Washington Street / Islington as a town center	14.6% (23)	35.7% (56)	33.1% (52)	14.0% (22)	2.5% (4)	157
Improving aesthetics in commercial areas	3.7% (6)	29.4% (48)	38.0% (62)	28.2% (46)	0.6% (1)	163
Open space preservation	3.1% (5)	16.8% (27)	29.8% (48)	48.4% (78)	1.9% (3)	161
Economic development	4.4% (7)	5.0% (8)	27.0% (43)	60.4% (96)	3.1% (5)	159
Senior / affordable / moderately priced housing	11.8% (19)	31.7% (51)	33.5% (54)	20.5% (33)	2.5% (4)	161
Holding down tax rates	1.9% (3)	5.0% (8)	33.1% (53)	58.1% (93)	1.9% (3)	160
Preserving small town character	1.9% (3)	11.3% (18)	29.4% (47)	54.4% (87)	3.1% (5)	160
Protecting water supply and other natural resources	1.3% (2)	5.0% (8)	25.0% (40)	66.3% (106)	2.5% (4)	160
Other (please specify below)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	2.9% (1)	80.0% (28)	17.1% (6)	35
			Other priorities the Town should consider			63
			answered question			163
			skipped question			2

2. What do you like best and least about living in Westwood?

	Like least	Minor negative	Neutral	Minor positive	Like best	Response Count
Small, suburban community with proximity to Boston	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	5.6% (9)	19.3% (31)	75.2% (121)	161
Good place to raise a family	0.0% (0)	0.6% (1)	5.5% (9)	15.2% (25)	78.7% (129)	164
Town's reputation	0.0% (0)	0.6% (1)	21.5% (35)	31.3% (51)	46.6% (76)	163
Tax rate	27.6% (45)	25.2% (41)	38.0% (62)	4.9% (8)	4.3% (7)	163
High performing public schools	0.0% (0)	0.6% (1)	9.2% (15)	14.7% (24)	75.5% (123)	163
Protected open space	1.2% (2)	3.1% (5)	17.8% (29)	41.7% (68)	36.2% (59)	163
Town services	2.5% (4)	6.2% (10)	29.8% (48)	36.0% (58)	25.5% (41)	161
Recreational opportunities	1.9% (3)	8.7% (14)	29.2% (47)	41.6% (67)	18.6% (30)	161
Low crime rate	0.0% (0)	0.6% (1)	9.6% (15)	27.4% (43)	62.4% (98)	157
Other (please specify below)	33.3% (5)	6.7% (1)	20.0% (3)	6.7% (1)	33.3% (5)	15
					Other factor(s)	24
answered question						164
skipped question						1

3. If you were to leave Westwood within the next 10 years, would any of the following be a factor in your decision?

	Minor factor	Major factor	Response Count
Leaving to attend college	92.1% (58)	7.9% (5)	63
Lack of desired housing	60.5% (52)	39.5% (34)	86
Taxes too high	27.4% (31)	72.6% (82)	113
Children no longer in school	31.3% (36)	68.7% (79)	115
Retiring	35.8% (39)	64.2% (70)	109
If housing is a factor in your decision, what type of housing do you seek?			36
answered question			148
skipped question			17

4. How often do you visit High Street and what do you do there?

	Nearly every day	Several times a month	Several times a year	Seldom or never	Response Count
Work on/near High Street	19.7% (28)	16.2% (23)	7.0% (10)	57.0% (81)	142
Travel down High Street on the way to work	51.3% (79)	11.7% (18)	7.8% (12)	29.2% (45)	154
Visit the library	0.6% (1)	32.9% (52)	35.4% (56)	31.0% (49)	158
Visit Town Hall, police station or fire station	1.9% (3)	3.8% (6)	44.9% (71)	49.4% (78)	158
Shopping	6.4% (10)	46.2% (72)	25.6% (40)	21.8% (34)	156
Banking or other errands	13.0% (21)	53.1% (86)	19.1% (31)	14.8% (24)	162
Takeout from a restaurant	1.3% (2)	43.0% (68)	27.8% (44)	27.8% (44)	158
Dine in at a restaurant	0.7% (1)	17.9% (27)	45.0% (68)	36.4% (55)	151
			Other (please specify)		24
			answered question		162
			skipped question		3

5. Would you be in favor of or opposed to the following in order to enhance High Street as a Town Center?

	Strongly opposed	Somewhat opposed	Somewhat in favor	Strongly in favor	No opinion	Response Count
Increased pedestrian and bicycle support/facilities	1.9% (3)	7.6% (12)	28.7% (45)	52.9% (83)	8.9% (14)	157
Increased parking	3.8% (6)	10.8% (17)	48.1% (76)	25.9% (41)	11.4% (18)	158
More places to gather and sit	1.9% (3)	4.5% (7)	35.1% (54)	50.6% (78)	7.8% (12)	154
More specialty retail such as specialty food shops	2.6% (4)	4.5% (7)	27.6% (43)	56.4% (88)	9.0% (14)	156
Large chain store such as drug store	37.6% (59)	28.0% (44)	21.7% (34)	5.7% (9)	7.0% (11)	157
More smaller, locally owned stores	1.3% (2)	4.5% (7)	34.4% (54)	52.2% (82)	7.6% (12)	157
More personal services (e.g., dry cleaners, printers, tailors, etc.)	5.1% (8)	14.1% (22)	41.0% (64)	16.0% (25)	23.7% (37)	156
More professional services (e.g., doctors, lawyers, etc.)	5.2% (8)	22.6% (35)	34.2% (53)	11.0% (17)	27.1% (42)	155
More restaurants with greater diversity of cuisine	2.5% (4)	5.7% (9)	22.2% (35)	60.8% (96)	8.9% (14)	158
Senior housing within walking distance of services	8.3% (13)	13.4% (21)	29.9% (47)	22.3% (35)	26.1% (41)	157
Residential use over commercial	11.2% (17)	28.3% (43)	17.1% (26)	17.1% (26)	26.3% (40)	152
More cultural venues (e.g., theater)	4.7% (7)	8.7% (13)	33.3% (50)	38.0% (57)	15.3% (23)	150
				Additional comments		24
				answered question		160
				skipped question		5

6. How often do you visit Washington Street / Islington and what do you do there?

	Nearly every day	Several times a month	Several times a year	Seldom or never	Response Count
Work on/near Washington Street	12.0% (18)	14.0% (21)	5.3% (8)	68.7% (103)	150
Travel down Washington Street on the way to work	24.7% (38)	16.9% (26)	11.0% (17)	47.4% (73)	154
Visit the library	1.3% (2)	10.9% (17)	16.7% (26)	71.2% (111)	156
Visit Islington Community Center or fire station	1.3% (2)	5.7% (9)	14.6% (23)	78.5% (124)	158
Visit Morrison Park	0.0% (0)	8.9% (14)	31.2% (49)	59.9% (94)	157
Visit School Street Playground	1.3% (2)	18.6% (29)	23.7% (37)	56.4% (88)	156
Shopping	19.4% (30)	44.5% (69)	18.1% (28)	18.1% (28)	155
Banking or other errands	9.7% (15)	31.2% (48)	20.8% (32)	38.3% (59)	154
Takeout from a restaurant	1.9% (3)	18.1% (28)	27.1% (42)	52.9% (82)	155
Dine in at a restaurant	2.0% (3)	3.9% (6)	19.1% (29)	75.0% (114)	152
				Other (please specify)	13
				answered question	159
				skipped question	6

7. Would you be in favor of or opposed to the following in order to enhance Washington Street / Islington as a Town Center?

	Strongly opposed	Somewhat opposed	Somewhat in favor	Strongly in favor	No opinion	Response Count
Increased pedestrian and bicycle support/facilities	1.3% (2)	5.2% (8)	33.5% (52)	45.8% (71)	14.2% (22)	155
Increased parking for retail	4.5% (7)	16.0% (25)	35.9% (56)	24.4% (38)	19.2% (30)	156
Increased parking for train	2.6% (4)	7.8% (12)	35.1% (54)	36.4% (56)	18.2% (28)	154
Better pedestrian access to train	0.6% (1)	2.6% (4)	33.1% (51)	46.8% (72)	16.9% (26)	154
Parking garages	36.9% (58)	29.3% (46)	10.8% (17)	7.0% (11)	15.9% (25)	157
More places to gather and sit	1.3% (2)	6.5% (10)	35.5% (55)	40.0% (62)	16.8% (26)	155
More specialty retail such as specialty food shops	0.6% (1)	5.2% (8)	33.8% (52)	45.5% (70)	14.9% (23)	154
Large chain store such as drug store	24.7% (38)	27.3% (42)	19.5% (30)	11.7% (18)	16.9% (26)	154
More smaller, locally owned stores	0.6% (1)	3.2% (5)	39.6% (61)	43.5% (67)	13.0% (20)	154
More personal services (e.g., dry cleaners, printers, tailors, etc.)	3.3% (5)	14.5% (22)	37.5% (57)	17.1% (26)	27.6% (42)	152
More professional services (e.g., doctors, lawyers, etc.)	2.6% (4)	16.9% (26)	32.5% (50)	16.2% (25)	31.8% (49)	154
More restaurants with greater diversity of cuisine	3.2% (5)	5.2% (8)	24.0% (37)	56.5% (87)	11.0% (17)	154
Senior housing within walking distance of services	4.6% (7)	10.5% (16)	27.5% (42)	24.2% (37)	33.3% (51)	153
Residential use over commercial	8.5% (13)	21.6% (33)	18.3% (28)	23.5% (36)	28.1% (43)	153
More cultural venues (e.g., theater)	4.7% (7)	8.7% (13)	25.5% (38)	42.3% (63)	18.8% (28)	149
				Additional comments		15
				answered question		158
				skipped question		7

8. Please indicate whether you think Westwood needs more of the following housing types (check all that apply):

	Need Affordable/Low Income	Need Moderately-priced	Need Market Rate	Do not need	No opinion	Response Count
Condominiums	10.6% (17)	25.6% (41)	31.3% (50)	38.8% (62)	9.4% (15)	160
Apartments	9.0% (14)	22.6% (35)	16.1% (25)	53.5% (83)	9.7% (15)	155
Senior housing	17.9% (28)	37.2% (58)	16.7% (26)	23.7% (37)	18.6% (29)	156
				Other (please specify)		10
				answered question		161
				skipped question		4

9. How often do you visit Westwood's conservation / open space parcels (e.g., to walk, hike, run, etc.)?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Nearly every day		8.1%	13
Several times a month		36.0%	58
Several times a year		28.6%	46
Seldom or never		27.3%	44
		answered question	161
		skipped question	4

10. How often do you or your family members visit Westwood's recreational facilities (e.g., play on Town fields, run on the track, swim, play in games, etc.)?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Nearly every day		16.1%	26
Several times a month		41.6%	67
Several times a year		18.0%	29
Seldom or never		24.2%	39
		answered question	161
		skipped question	4

11. Please indicate which of the following spaces or facilities you think should be a priority for the Town to add or increase:

	Not a priority	Low priority	Medium priority	High priority	No opinion	Response Count
Bike paths	4.5% (7)	9.7% (15)	29.7% (46)	51.0% (79)	5.2% (8)	155
Linking green spaces with bike paths and/or walking trails	1.3% (2)	12.7% (20)	32.3% (51)	50.6% (80)	3.2% (5)	158
Linking the town centers (High and Washington streets) with bike paths and/or walking trails	3.2% (5)	12.0% (19)	28.5% (45)	53.2% (84)	3.2% (5)	158
Playing fields	12.7% (20)	18.4% (29)	34.8% (55)	27.8% (44)	6.3% (10)	158
Tennis courts	17.6% (27)	29.4% (45)	27.5% (42)	17.0% (26)	8.5% (13)	153
Hockey / skating facility	23.7% (37)	25.6% (40)	17.9% (28)	25.0% (39)	7.7% (12)	156
Swimming pool	22.3% (35)	23.6% (37)	17.8% (28)	29.9% (47)	6.4% (10)	157
Gymnasium facility	20.0% (31)	28.4% (44)	24.5% (38)	21.3% (33)	5.8% (9)	155
Other (please specify below)	8.0% (2)	0.0% (0)	8.0% (2)	44.0% (11)	40.0% (10)	25
					Other(s)	35
				answered question		161
				skipped question		4

12. What is your age?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Under 25		1.2%	2
25-40		16.8%	27
41-55		52.8%	85
56-70		24.2%	39
70+		5.0%	8
answered question			161
skipped question			4

13. How long have you lived in Westwood?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Less than 5 years		16.3%	26
5-10 years		13.1%	21
11-20 years		35.6%	57
More than 20 years		24.4%	39
Life-long resident		10.6%	17
answered question			160
skipped question			5

14. Thank you for completing this survey. The results will be shared at a future Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee meeting and on the Town's web site. If there are any additional areas you feel should be addressed in the Comprehensive Plan update, please note them below. If you have filled this survey out on paper, please drop your completed survey off at the main desk at the library, bring it to 50 Carby Street, or mail it to: Planning Board Survey, attn. Janice Barba, 50 Carby Street, Westwood MA. Additional comments:

	Response Count
	39
answered question	39
skipped question	126

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1	1.Cemetery expansion 2.Stop mansion building on SMALL lots 3.No more apartment building - compare our senior retirement living arrangement to other Towns and States and we are a failure. 4.Keep economic development at 128 rr area 5.No Walgreen-CVS-Rite aid building along 109 6.Why did the Town not buy 680 High Street for library parking 7.Purchase protective land near the wells at Neponset river area 8.Stop making the Town look like a city with huge buildings (library) ugh!	Feb 10, 2012 10:51 AM
2	Economic development sometimes turns out to cost more in the long run; please look very carefully before choosing that. 2.I understand HCHP will be building a new office on Allied drive--please insist they use non-toxic or low toxic building material, paints, and use nails screws and bolts rather than glue to build. The building they built at the Route 9 exit off 128 was so toxic one worker had to quit because she could not breath inside the building even 3 months after construction was complete. 3. Also, if you could identify the source of paint, glue, formaldehyde and acids that have often permeated the Islington area (and Dedham Rte 1 area as well), it would be nice. Perhaps whoever is creating this health hazard could filter their exhaust, or move to a different location.	Feb 5, 2012 12:04 PM
3	An outdoor town swimming pool facility for summer use, for a fee. A town indoor or outdoor skating rink (even a temporary one put up each year) to promote more of a sense of community and encourage exercise for all ages during the long months of winter. A town skate park would also be great!	Feb 3, 2012 9:50 PM
4	Make our town more walk-able, make sure sidewalks are accessible everywhere.	Feb 3, 2012 9:37 AM
5	Careful considerate Economic development. Start small and then build on carefully and constructively. The Wegman's would have been a nice starting point. The housing would have been a problem. However, small gradual steps.	Feb 1, 2012 2:23 PM
6	Recycling efforts Town-Wide. Current efforts insufficient. By-law should be developed to mandate residences, as well as the Town, to participate. If it's recyclable, then it should not be picked up as trash, but left at curbside. The message will be understood. The schools produce, and throw away as trash, huge volumes of recyclables (I have witnessed this first-hand). The Town needs to work towards reducing the volume (tons) of trash that costs us dearly. The cost savings would more than preserve curbside pickup which is a definite convenience to all residences, especially the elderly and those with limited mobility. It is something many Towns have eliminated or have charged additional for. It would lend substance to the signs around Town proclaiming "Westwood Recycles"	Jan 31, 2012 10:45 AM
7	Getting something going with the University Ave project. Putting in a sports complex there should be used as a bargaining chip. We need soccer/baseball/football fields as well as a hockey rink with 2 rinks and a basketball complex similar to the one in Mansfield.	Jan 24, 2012 8:31 PM
8	culltural activities in town, arts center,	Jan 23, 2012 1:31 PM
9	Creating a new getaway entry while rte. 128 is under construction	Jan 16, 2012 4:53 PM
10	Allowing for restaurants or pubs where adults might go to watch sporting events,	Jan 16, 2012 10:20 AM

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	socialize, eat good food, listen to live music, and thereby contribute to the tax base. Offer opportunities that adults would enjoy.	
11	Improving school system's performance. We should be a top 5 school system. We are not in the top 10.	Jan 15, 2012 8:47 PM
12	Improving the retail experience of downtown-- make it more like Needham or Wellesley with good restaurants and stores.	Jan 15, 2012 2:31 PM
13	upgrading Town Hall.	Jan 15, 2012 12:11 PM
14	Traffic issues	Jan 14, 2012 4:10 PM
15	sidewalks so pedestrians can walk up to 109 to connect the town ie up and down Gay st so you can walk to 109 library and shops and the say with down Gay st so you can walk to school st park if you live up further on Gay st it is very very dangerous when you walk on the grass up and down gay st and there is plenty of space to build a sidewalk on the grass up and down Gay st and it would connect the 2 parts of town---109 and Islington realestate taxes are a little bit too high wish we had a full year swim program for kids since we have a town pool and most communities do not even have a pool ie Medfield, Millis---most of those kids make up the majority our our swim team/program. Once winter swim team ends in Feb there will only be 1 swim lesson offered per wk for advanced swimmers during the week.	Jan 14, 2012 10:02 AM
16	Making it a walking friendly town with sidewalks and streetlights	Jan 14, 2012 5:26 AM
17	Increase diversity of population	Jan 13, 2012 7:38 PM
18	Schools	Jan 13, 2012 7:15 PM
19	Make the crosswalk at Washington and Croft Regis safe with a blinking light that can be turned on and off by the crossing guard. Restore the safety office positon to WHS. We need an outdoor pool with swimming lessons and camp for summertime recreation. it would also be good if there was an afterschool program located IN the middle school.	Jan 13, 2012 3:36 PM
20	Westwood should expand Route 109 infrastructure to accommodate peak traffic. Effort should be made to redirect and increase traffic flow to Rte 109 and not through the community where it can be of economic benefit to local businesses on Rte 109.	Jan 13, 2012 11:04 AM
21	Sidewalks - we need more of them. It is impossible to walk on Clapboardtree St. It would be nice for more kids to walk to school.	Jan 13, 2012 10:34 AM
22	Improving walkability, especially along Gay Street and Clapboardtree. Providing the resources/accessibility for more higher-end bars/restaurants. Increasing tree maintenance to avoid power outages.	Jan 13, 2012 9:18 AM
23	Maintaining a high performing and high ranking school system	Jan 13, 2012 8:09 AM
24	Having a better Recreation department that has pricing competitive with other towns. Westwoods current program is much more pricey and has less offerings then Norwood, Canton Dedham and Walpole. Also there is no adequate after	Jan 13, 2012 7:47 AM

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	school program in middle school besides the basement which has a reputation of being overly priced, not flexible and not a lot of fun for the kids	
25	The arts are virtually invisible in Westwood, would like to see that change	Jan 11, 2012 5:16 AM
26	Retention of older housing stock. Too many older homes that represent Westwood in it's past are being torn down for the construction of large, ugly, plastic boxes. A house built in the late 1700's on East Street and a home on Clapboardtree are perfect examples of this.	Jan 10, 2012 10:50 AM
27	clean up mess on University Avenue	Jan 10, 2012 10:36 AM
28	Creating walking and biking enviroment through out town	Jan 9, 2012 5:56 PM
29	I'm not sure it is possible given the open space requirements but encouraging some kind of town wide community event such as a fair, festival, craft fair etc. that would bring the town together and allow local business owners to offer their goods and services in a higher profile way would be great. It is unfortunate but the lack of a town center for Westwood does put us at a cultural and business disadvantage in some ways in comparison to neighboring towns.	Jan 9, 2012 1:15 PM
30	Making parts of town safely accessible by foot and bike.	Jan 9, 2012 9:57 AM
31	Would like to see a bicycle path/sidewalk going all the ay down Gay St on the side of Sandy Valley Road. It is understood that there are historic characteristics, but it would be a great way to tie the 2 sides of town together and allow residents more oportunites to enjoy the scenic attributes of the town.	Jan 9, 2012 7:15 AM
32	The two buildings on high street the strip mall near dunkin donuts and the little strip mall across the street may be 2 of the ugliest buildings in Massachusetts. Give the owners a tax break to give these eyesores some character..	Jan 8, 2012 5:30 PM
33	creating larger commercial tax base	Jan 8, 2012 4:41 PM
34	Work on the development of Westwood Station.	Jan 8, 2012 4:38 PM
35	Finally having a deliberate professional system to aid new business/ business development in WW. Current staff, and system seems arbitrary, and driven by inconsistent personal opinion, rather than a documented systemic plan. There is no real direction.	Jan 8, 2012 9:05 AM
36	No new residences or commercial buildings	Jan 8, 2012 8:17 AM
37	Development of Westwood Station as previously outlined but on smaller scale	Jan 6, 2012 4:27 PM
38	Critical management of pension/health care costs for future retirees. Do we need two fire stations, two libraries, etc?	Jan 6, 2012 2:00 PM
39	Improving schools. While MCAS scores are one measure of a school system, they are not the only measure.	Jan 6, 2012 10:57 AM
40	Fix rte 109 so it can handle the traffic & residential neighborhoods are not used as a cut through.	Jan 6, 2012 8:27 AM

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41	Improve walkability with additional of trails/sidewalks	Jan 6, 2012 7:16 AM
42	Improving East Street ..we seem to forget this is also a "gateway to Westwood" .. sidewalks are a disgrace and NOT SAFE for walking .. lighting is very poor	Jan 6, 2012 7:09 AM
43	An addition for the Senior Center. We have 3,443 seniors in Town and need more room. The building is used both day and night.	Jan 6, 2012 7:03 AM
44	Walkability - sidewalks/safe pedestrian route connecting 109 and Washington Street	Jan 6, 2012 6:45 AM
45	As we continue to grow we shouldn't become ugly. The signage that keeps going up (dentists office, signs at the former Kablooms, signs opposite Starbucks) should be revisited. They scream "UGLY STRIP MALL."	Jan 6, 2012 3:48 AM
46	Make more pedestrian and bicycle friendly.	Jan 5, 2012 10:05 PM
47	Improve traffic flow off of High Street, for example, correct the traffic signage and signal light at the top of Windsor road and across from the library. It is now dangerous for the pedestrians and the residents of Windsor Road- formerly "Country Club estates". We need attention to this accident waiting to happen.	Jan 5, 2012 5:16 PM
48	Improving town buildings (town hall, fire/police, expanding elementary schools to accommodate rising enrollment).	Jan 5, 2012 2:25 PM
49	Making the East Street RR tressel safer for motorists and peds.	Jan 5, 2012 11:53 AM
50	Senior Center - with the number of activities and seniors in the Town- the Senior Center needs to be expanded. Other towns, such as Medfield have a large Senior Center - The Westwood Senior Center is used by other areas of the town and activities are not always available due to space requirements.	Jan 5, 2012 10:31 AM
51	Additional playing fields for youth and adult sports	Jan 5, 2012 9:44 AM
52	Developing Westwood Station in one way or another so that it is a productive part of town. It doesn't have to be a super big commerce destination, but it needs to be something other than a vast wasteland. I think the town is too small to have two town centers. There should be an attempt to create a bike path or lane to connect the two sides of town. Gay and Clapboardtree Streets are too dangerous to walk/ride along the whole way. Also, the East St. rail bridge is a perennial problem, although expensive to solve. Also, properly funding schools, ensuring proper maintenance of the physical plant and not just funding teacher salary and benefits need to be a priority.	Jan 5, 2012 8:14 AM
53	Stop spending on the library, they are becoming dinosaurs & are no longer necessary items for a town. The younger generation uses the internet for everything they need.	Jan 5, 2012 8:04 AM
54	Being sure we are: (1) continued to serve by frequent Commuter Rail and connecting transport to the Boston city center, (2) are as environmentally excellent as possible, primarily to contain future costs to Westwood in the form of excess energy bills and remediation (Stretch Code, Green Communities, etc), (3) encourage soft, environmental friendly industry and commercial sites rather than	Jan 5, 2012 7:47 AM

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having "Dedham envy" and seeking large retail megalopolises.

55	The building to the right of Chiara is an eyesore and always seems vacant or partially vacant. It would be smart to thinking strategically toward long term and recruit a developer to tear down and construct a professional (or mixed-use, commerical and residential) building there that better aligns with Westwood's character aesthetically. Medfield looks more quaint than WW when driving through it, and I think it's because of the buildings along Rt 109. Also the light poles put in several years back look good but they are TOO close to each other. It looks like an airport runway when driving into town. They should be placed further apart, looks bad as is, which is a shame because it was a grant funded and a very functional improvement to the town center. But why so close to each other -- someone messed up there.	Jan 5, 2012 7:12 AM
56	Consider minimizing traffic. At some hours of the day it is a real nightmare!	Jan 5, 2012 6:55 AM
57	High St traffic flow problems	Jan 5, 2012 6:49 AM
58	Building a skating rink for the town to enjoy	Jan 5, 2012 6:46 AM
59	making sure traffic concerns within neighborhoods is addressed	Jan 5, 2012 5:41 AM
60	controlling speeding and traffic	Jan 5, 2012 5:38 AM
61	If there were more commercial spaces paying taxes, maybe it would lower peoples taxes. A community pool in the summertime like many other communities would be a good thing for everyone.	Jan 5, 2012 5:30 AM
62	Keeping the school buildings up to date	Jan 5, 2012 5:28 AM
63	sidewalks on gay street...so we can walk to either side of town....	Jan 5, 2012 5:19 AM

Page 2, Q2. What do you like best and least about living in Westwood?

1	We used to have clean air to breath and it would be ideal if we could have that again.	Feb 5, 2012 12:04 PM
2	I have reservations about the ability of our elected officials to act fairly to individuals who seek permits to build on their own property. I refer specifically to the horse farm proposal and the developer who lost his investment opportunity on High St. because of the actions of various town regulating boards. I have questions about their motivations and tactics.	Feb 3, 2012 8:45 AM
3	lack of recycling options and lack of brush disposal site	Jan 23, 2012 5:26 PM
4	would be nice to have the opportunity to go hear a band (coffe house) etc something for teenaged kids to do	Jan 23, 2012 1:31 PM
5	Small town character	Jan 17, 2012 5:51 PM
6	Needs Economic Development direction and an efficient Planning Board so as not to miss the window of opportunity.	Jan 15, 2012 12:11 PM
7	Traffic issues and housing development	Jan 14, 2012 4:10 PM
8	We need more sidewalks----I think if you could actually walk somewhere safely with sidewalks would make life easier and increase property values.	Jan 14, 2012 10:02 AM
9	Like Least: Westwood does not offer an after school program for sixth & seventh graders for the entire week. Children are too young to stay home alone at 11 & 12 years old. Least Like: Westwood does not offer an affordable Summer Care Program (Monday - Friday from 7am - 5pm). The town of Norwood offers a Summer Program at an affordable rate of \$50.00 a week.	Jan 13, 2012 11:04 AM
10	The strength of the school system is what I like best about Westwood. Also, all the booster/ friends groups that support the arts and sports programs.	Jan 13, 2012 10:34 AM
11	I honestly wish that there was a structured and supervised extended day option for 6th and 7th graders who have working parents. Also, I think that the recreation department's prices for programs and camps is exceptionally high, particularly compared to Norwood and Dedham. At the very least, they should add a sibling discount.	Jan 13, 2012 8:27 AM
12	Lack of a "quaint" town center	Jan 12, 2012 6:21 PM
13	green, pretty to drive through wish it was more walkable - need sidewalks on Gay and Clapboardtree from 109-Washington St	Jan 9, 2012 8:13 PM
14	Elementary schools Deerfield, Hanlon and Sheehan need serious improvements to the physical plant. Wish WW had a better town center or commercial space that is more up to date in aesthetics and retail offered.	Jan 8, 2012 4:41 PM
15	It takes too much time and talk for new developments/developers to make their case for locating in Westwood.	Jan 8, 2012 4:38 PM
16	small town character	Jan 8, 2012 8:17 AM
17	Two areas for improvement: 1. Traffic mitigation on High Street to reduce	Jan 6, 2012 7:16 AM

Page 2, Q2. What do you like best and least about living in Westwood?

	bypass (speeding) traffic in neighborhoods along High Street. 2. The High Street area could have more of a town center feel and functionality.	
18	It doesn't matter if you are from some place else, ALL are welcome.	Jan 6, 2012 3:48 AM
19	Community activities and close ties with neighbors.	Jan 5, 2012 3:27 PM
20	Nice mix of socioeconomic families	Jan 5, 2012 8:22 AM
21	As this is a small community, a discussion about how to encourage ourselves to let our children to just plan is in order. I like the recreational opportunities, but why is it that as a society parents feel they need to hover and schedule everything. I rarely see kids just outside and playing - can we be a model to others? I'm also concerned about this Stretch Code - what is the benefit to the town and its residents? What are the costs? We shouldn't do it just to be able to boast about it or to be greener. We have serious funding constraints in our schools and town services - \$\$ needs to go there first, not in forcing people to build to more stringent codes than the state requires.	Jan 5, 2012 8:14 AM
22	Participatory government, excellent public officials who respond to community needs, proximity to Boston and being well-connected with public transport.	Jan 5, 2012 7:47 AM
23	Traffic.	Jan 5, 2012 6:55 AM
24	While not owned by the town, Hale Reservation is a strong positive - it contributes strongly to both the protected open space and the recreation opportunities available in Westwood.	Jan 5, 2012 6:49 AM

Page 2, Q3. If you were to leave Westwood within the next 10 years, would any of the following be a factor in your decision?

1	Our family has been in this town since 1950 and apartment living is not our plan for the future, when we can no longer maintain our home the way we feel the need to, we will probably sadly leave. Twenty years ago cottage type duplexes were starting to be build everywhere, but Westwood only thought of "recreational use" land. We all have a yard for our recreational use.	Feb 10, 2012 10:51 AM
2	Bad air in my neighborhood. Paint fumes every morning from 5:30 am (often somewhat later on weekends) since last May! whoever it is is very industrious--only took 3-4 days off during all those months! Some of the airborne toxins are probably associated with the highway reconstruction. I hope they will finish soon.	Feb 5, 2012 12:04 PM
3	We need to have affordable housing to hold the balance with our senior population. Yes, we have the Glenns but we could use some more affordable housing. If you notice the economy, there is a greater division between "classes" and the middle class is disappearing.	Feb 1, 2012 2:23 PM
4	no	Jan 23, 2012 5:26 PM
5	We were thinking Westwood Station might be a great place to live	Jan 18, 2012 6:45 PM
6	We are a young family with no plans to move anywhere, but my parents still live in town in the house they raised their family in. They are in their mid-70s, love Westwood, have two children/grandchildren in town with no desire to move out of town. They would love to stay in Westwood in a a townhouse style house with common amenities (such as tennis, pool, etc.) that is walking distance from town services such as library, church, restaurants and stores.	Jan 17, 2012 5:51 PM
7	The waste of money on the new library. The waste of money on two libraries. Taxes have increased every year i have been here since 1989	Jan 17, 2012 4:44 PM
8	affordable retirement community	Jan 17, 2012 12:06 PM
9	Senior	Jan 16, 2012 11:14 AM
10	Lower Tax for Seniors and more Subsudized Senior	Jan 16, 2012 10:52 AM
11	Need for condos, smaller but modern houses (when retired and want a smaller place)	Jan 15, 2012 2:31 PM
12	I would never leave Westwood.	Jan 13, 2012 3:36 PM
13	small houses or manions. lack of the 600-1000000 house. not enough housing in neighborhoods. and the neighborhoods we do have are being used as cut throughs for high speed traffic	Jan 13, 2012 6:12 AM
14	Small house and/or townhouse, condo. Lets turn the mcmansions into condos. Let's permit apartments in single family homes.	Jan 12, 2012 12:31 PM
15	We want to build a house and land in westwood is just too pricey	Jan 11, 2012 5:16 AM
16	stand alone building.	Jan 10, 2012 5:08 PM

Page 2, Q3. If you were to leave Westwood within the next 10 years, would any of the following be a factor in your decision?

17	I want ot remain in my own home, not be driven out by out of control spending.	Jan 10, 2012 10:50 AM
18	Modern housing that is affordable to the middle class, including property taxes. I also think that encouraging and active adult type community could be a great way to meet older residents needs and maintain or improve the residential tax base.	Jan 9, 2012 1:15 PM
19	condo	Jan 9, 2012 7:15 AM
20	We have big house . Would like a smaller house. I think that the little cottage colony that they are developing in medfield would be awesome down near summer street area	Jan 8, 2012 5:30 PM
21	Small, affordable for an empty nester.	Jan 8, 2012 10:47 AM
22	55and older small housing development cluster. Too many residents 55 and older are leaving town after their children graduate from high school because of the high tax rate and limited housing for downsizing	Jan 6, 2012 6:33 PM
23	Condo with proximity to public transportation	Jan 6, 2012 4:27 PM
24	If I were to leave Westwood within the next 10 years, the reason would be for a better school system. While MCAS scores are one measure of a school system, they are not the only measure.	Jan 6, 2012 10:57 AM
25	Looking for affordable senior housing. Looking for housing on one floor approximately 900 sq. ft.	Jan 6, 2012 7:03 AM
26	Smaller single family, one-level	Jan 6, 2012 6:45 AM
27	Town houses	Jan 5, 2012 10:05 PM
28	Town homes would be nice.	Jan 5, 2012 6:25 PM
29	condo	Jan 5, 2012 5:25 PM
30	affordable housing for Westwood residents	Jan 5, 2012 5:16 PM
31	Senior housing like Norfolk (Rte 115) - they are town homes - not high rise, which reminds me of hotel livings.	Jan 5, 2012 10:31 AM
32	The town needs an over 55 community for folks that would like to get out from their houses & the high taxes that go with them.	Jan 5, 2012 8:04 AM
33	More senior affordable housing	Jan 5, 2012 6:59 AM
34	Large, flat, buildable lot	Jan 5, 2012 6:46 AM
35	Should I retire in Westwood, I would look for some affordable condos walking distance to High Street	Jan 5, 2012 5:36 AM
36	Afforable apartments or condos	Jan 5, 2012 5:30 AM

Page 3, Q4. How often do you visit High Street and what do you do there?

1	Retired	Feb 12, 2012 9:26 AM
2	pharmacy, post office, dry cleaner	Jan 23, 2012 5:38 PM
3	I wish Westwood had better restaurants, than I would have checked off several times a month. Chiara is our favorite, but something with good wholesome food, but not as fancy as Chiara would be nice. A nice bakery or bagel shop would be good too. I often go to Norwood for lunch and Wellesley for lunch, the cheese shop, and bakeries.	Jan 22, 2012 7:38 AM
4	Please keep in mind that there really aren't that many things to do on High St. The options are quite limited. I'd love to see more opportunities for adult fun, as noted above: restaurants with good food that serve alcohol and offer access to large screen TVs and/or live music.	Jan 16, 2012 10:25 AM
5	Traffic conjection on High Street is out of control..	Jan 15, 2012 12:17 PM
6	more restraunts in westwood would be nice:)	Jan 14, 2012 10:04 AM
7	Nearly every day - Schools Several Times a Month - Church	Jan 13, 2012 11:16 AM
8	It would be nice if there were more takeout and shopping options on High St.	Jan 13, 2012 10:38 AM
9	I live on the Canton St side of Westwood so travel to High Street area to bring my children to visit friends and attend school sporting events and stop by Starbucks for coffee. Otherwise I avoid High Street because of traffic.	Jan 13, 2012 8:15 AM
10	if there was more on high street i would be there more often. more shops, restaurants are needed.	Jan 13, 2012 6:17 AM
11	Sadly I go to High Street occasionally to get gas, although I think having a gas station in the town center is an eyesore.	Jan 12, 2012 6:26 PM
12	If it were more aesthetically pleasing (like Wellesley) it would draw more foot traffic.	Jan 9, 2012 8:26 PM
13	Would love more shopping, dinning in town	Jan 9, 2012 6:03 PM
14	Gas, get ice cream, post office	Jan 9, 2012 10:02 AM
15	newspaper at Walgreen's	Jan 9, 2012 7:21 AM
16	We would shop more if there was better and more retail offered.	Jan 8, 2012 4:46 PM
17	Can only really dine at Vello's or Chiara as there are not too many options within walking distance and it is more attractive to walk. Would love to see a liquor store or gourmet cheese shop.	Jan 6, 2012 8:58 AM
18	We often divert to Dedham Square and Needham Center for restaurants, entertaining or shopping as these provide more variety and more of a walking district.	Jan 6, 2012 7:30 AM
19	cleaning up the plaza that contains dunkins on high street would be a great addition and a nice restaurant/ diversity of nice restaurants would be a huge	Jan 5, 2012 6:54 PM

Page 3, Q4. How often do you visit High Street and what do you do there?

addition

20	I live on the Islington side of town, so I have no need to go to the High Street side of town	Jan 5, 2012 3:07 PM
21	walk/run for exercise, go to church, drive to/from schools/activities/friends' houses	Jan 5, 2012 8:24 AM
22	Post Office	Jan 5, 2012 7:50 AM
23	There are not many restaurants to pick from.	Jan 5, 2012 5:37 AM
24	Not many options in town. Traffic is horrible between 3-6pm and early mornings. I avoid if possible.	Jan 5, 2012 5:33 AM

Page 3, Q5. Would you be in favor of or opposed to the following in order to enhance High Street as a Town Center?

1	I would not force the issue. I can't think of a business that's more than 20 minutes drive and most within 10. The town has enough low-end personal services. Would rather see office development with more tech and health along 128 and rt 1.	Feb 3, 2012 10:35 AM
2	We need to lower the tax liability of individual home owners.	Feb 3, 2012 8:52 AM
3	Considering where I live. It is easier for me to go to Legacy Place. Getting to High Street, at times, is difficult.	Jan 24, 2012 8:40 PM
4	What makes a nice town center is the ability to safely cross the street. In Westwood, hardly anyone obeys the crosswalk laws and people are always running the red lights. The difference between Wellesley and Westwood is that the Wellesley police or often seen patrolling the downtown center area and will pull you over and ticket you without any hesitation.	Jan 22, 2012 7:38 AM
5	Westwood is a drive-through town, not a destination. With 109 cutting through town it's hard to have a pedestiran friendly town center. The parking makes it worse - if parking were behind the stores, or in separate lots, it would be more inviting. (Like in Medfield.)	Jan 18, 2012 7:14 PM
6	restaurant with a bar.	Jan 17, 2012 7:38 PM
7	I would much prefer enhancements that include locally owned, smaller stores and for the town to move away from large chain stores. It would be nice to enhance the small town character of Westwood and I believe small shops would do well in a town such as Westwood.	Jan 17, 2012 5:55 PM
8	properly develop University ave. get someone qualified not a friend of someone in town get this going.	Jan 17, 2012 4:48 PM
9	Study closing the top of Hartford street to create more buildable retail space by linking the two strip plazas together. Remove traffic light at hartford street. Re-design High street and High Rock intersection with traffic light. Ideally, create a drive link into the back of St. Margaret's rear parking lot off High Rock St. Retail Deliveries would be from back of the remaining portion of Hartford St. Possible drive/roadway expansion linking the high school as well as the junior high school for buses only from High St. and High Rock St. through the parishes parking lot thus creating a main intersection at High St. and High Rock St. yet not severing the town's center which is what harford street does. The new retail link would include a new sovreign bank and demolishing the existing and new shops such as a craft store to replace the closed Youldens. Also, close off the top of Windsor Rd. next to Dedham Savings and make a buildable retail lot. Provide new roadway link from Windsor lower end of the neighborhood onto High Rock Street. Yes, I realize there are emenite domain and environmental issues but this should be at least studied for the greater good of the community and the other communities down 109. Westwood center has become saturated w/ red lights and too many curb cuts slowing traffic and wasting fuel and time. In closing, to make 109 more streamlined, lights, road closures and curb cuts would have to be studied extensively to improve traffic and the town would have to make the initial proposal and provide tax insentives to the owners of the two strip malls to get their interest. The retail link is the linch-pin behind this bold concept.	Jan 16, 2012 5:59 PM

Page 3, Q5. Would you be in favor of or opposed to the following in order to enhance High Street as a Town Center?

Yes, this would be expensive and would have to be well planned but the town would generate more taxable revenues through business expansion. What's your thinking?

10	When I note some opposition to "residential use," my allusion is merely to the fact that the town has already done plenty in this regard. Now the balance needs to go in a different direction.	Jan 16, 2012 10:25 AM
11	Making Westwood Center into Wellesley Center would require major renovations, expansions, and road improvements. Everything else is just tinkering and will have limited affect.	Jan 16, 2012 10:24 AM
12	I would like to see more commercial to help get the taxes lowered.	Jan 13, 2012 8:00 AM
13	At some point, The Town needs to address side walks connecting kids to the Middle School High School and center of Town. Streets like Gay Street and Clapboardtree st. You want to grow a Town center, but people will get killed biking, running or walking to get there - with out their cars....	Jan 6, 2012 2:15 PM
14	A nice liquor store or wine shop, smoothie/sandwich shop, chinese restaurant, flower shop, hairdressers and diversity in restaurants are important. It is so sad to see the commercial space empty along 109.	Jan 6, 2012 8:58 AM
15	I don't go to High Street so I have no need to have any of my tax dollars fund any improvements there, just like those on the High Street sidfe of town have little or no need to go to the Islington side of town	Jan 5, 2012 3:07 PM
16	The aesthetics of Goode plaza need to be enhanced. It is an eye-sore and the parking lot is dangerous.	Jan 5, 2012 9:27 AM
17	I don't think there should be large stores, but chain stores should be OK. We don't need another drug store - we shouldn't have yet another CVS/Walgreens like the rest of 109 west. No fast food, but fast casual is OK. I'd like a bakery personally. DnD is at the edge of the center and their quality and draw is not what I think we're trying to achieve here. Think of the cafes in Newton, Needham, and other places.	Jan 5, 2012 8:24 AM
18	My understanding is the library will provide more places to gather and sit. Someone mentioned it would have a coffee shop in it? I would like to see Starbucks expand and have better options around parking, it is very dangerous now and many people are crossing 109 to avoid parking there. Personally, I do not care for the Blue Ginger, Vellos or Primos but, but love Chiara...I wish we had more options for weeknight meals/takeout. I would like to see Eaton/Walgreens expand hours but between them and CVS in Islington, I don't see how we need another drug store. Every parent I know is hoping Target comes to Westwood Station...	Jan 5, 2012 7:42 AM
19	Consider traffic! Which is already a nightmare!	Jan 5, 2012 7:00 AM
20	Would love to see more cultural venues, but these are often not economically viable. Already have personal services and drug store on High St.	Jan 5, 2012 6:58 AM

Page 3, Q5. Would you be in favor of or opposed to the following in order to enhance High Street as a Town Center?

21	Parking a must	Jan 5, 2012 6:51 AM
22	clearly there is only so much space in our downtown, but more of all of the above would surely enhance the town's vibrancy and by extension increase property values	Jan 5, 2012 6:19 AM
23	The town is nice the way it is except there could be some more commercial spaces to pick up revenue. I usually leave Westwood to go eat and shop. It's nice to support your own except there isn't much to offer here.	Jan 5, 2012 5:37 AM
24	our town is too small to make too many High St. changes. No need for a theater with Legacy Place so close. Food options would be nice. There should be more changes in the aesthetics of the downtown areas. It's not currently inviting or pleasing to the eye.	Jan 5, 2012 5:33 AM

Page 3, Q6. How often do you visit Washington Street / Islington and what do you do there?

1	Retired	Feb 12, 2012 9:26 AM
2	could use more business there	Feb 12, 2012 9:20 AM
3	Used to visit the playground , now our family has outgrown it, but it is a good thing. There are not really any quality dine-in restaurants. The cafe is only open for breakfast and lunch.	Feb 5, 2012 12:17 PM
4	CVS and Roche Bros. is really the only reason I go to Washington St.	Jan 22, 2012 7:38 AM
5	Cvs parking lot stinks would love a drive through cvs. Not enough parking	Jan 13, 2012 7:31 PM
6	I go to my hair dresser in Islington	Jan 13, 2012 8:15 AM
7	Coldstone Creamery is good School St playground is great Roche Bros is great CVS is convenient Library has been easier to access than Main during construction	Jan 9, 2012 8:26 PM
8	Roche Bros several times per week.	Jan 8, 2012 8:19 PM
9	There are no real restaurants to dine in at Islington.	Jan 6, 2012 8:58 AM
10	I'd like to see the building facades improved to match each other and add sitting areas near the ball fields and cold stone.	Jan 5, 2012 12:02 PM
11	With Roche Brothers and CVS there, it will always be a commercial district, but a "town center"? Let's not oversell it. It is a shopping district.	Jan 5, 2012 8:24 AM
12	Roche Bros is the only reason I am there.	Jan 5, 2012 5:33 AM
13	hairdresser	Jan 5, 2012 5:29 AM

Page 3, Q7. Would you be in favor of or opposed to the following in order to enhance Washington Street / Islington as a Town Center?

1	we already have a cvs drugstore, there are two larger chain drug stores just up Rte 2 into Dedham, it would be silly to add another. We have a dry cleaner and tailor. but the printer retired and we could use another. It may be unrealistic to expect a doctor to run a private office nowadays, insurance would not cover. If there were a competent, high quality estate planner who knew his/her stuff that would be a good thing. Where is the closest VNA, and hospice? Elder care is a growing need. Chiarra is an excellent quality restaurant. Some mid-price restaurants of high quality would be nice. I like the idea of a theater--but how likly is it people in this day and age will go to a live show? If you are talking about movie theaters, there are already several nearby.	Feb 5, 2012 12:17 PM
2	In the years I have lived here. High Street got all the attention to make it the Town center due to Town Hall, The police and library are located there. During that time Washington Street got neglected. It needs to be spruced up. I have no problem with people parking at Morrison field during the day but we should charge them for the use of the lot when it is not being used during baseball season. That's revenue, albeit a small amount, that the town is not receiving.	Jan 24, 2012 8:40 PM
3	don't let commuters park in the morrison field lot during baseball seasons. it forces familes to park at cvs and cross east street with kids. it's ridiculous that is allowed with such limited parking at the field.	Jan 17, 2012 7:38 PM
4	There are adequate large chain shops right down the road in Dedham.	Jan 17, 2012 5:55 PM
5	Islington Center already has a dry cleaner, grocery store, and CVS. Would LOVE something like a Target or a women's clothing store (reasonably priced). Perhaps something like the High Street Deli but in Islington Center. Ideally would LOVE a Starbucks on Washington Street. Would get lots of customers. Bookstore would be good - although the library may take offense.	Jan 14, 2012 8:02 AM
6	With Roche Bros as an anchor, there is a lot of opportunity to make the Islington area a good walking and shopping area	Jan 14, 2012 5:30 AM
7	Washington Street already has enough CVS, restaurants etc for such a small area	Jan 13, 2012 8:00 AM
8	Anything we can do to connect 109 to Washington St would help to unify the town - sidewalks that ran along Gay St and Clapboardtree St would be a great asset.	Jan 9, 2012 8:26 PM
9	Currently train commuters are using the Morrison lot for free parking. Westwood needs to step up and get revenue for this option by providing parking stickers for commuters or issue citations for those without stickers. Nothing is free.	Jan 9, 2012 7:21 AM
10	sidewalks on major streets in town	Jan 6, 2012 2:15 PM
11	Although I live on the Islington side of town, I don't think the town needs to spend money on most any of the topics listed. Instead, the money should be spent on improving existing town services, such as training to show the Fire Department personnel where the high school gym is located in case of a medical emergency, fixing and paving roads (such as Everett Street which is long-neglected and in deplorable condition and its paving was deferred to 2012).	Jan 5, 2012 3:07 PM

Page 3, Q7. Would you be in favor of or opposed to the following in order to enhance Washington Street / Islington as a Town Center?

12	I'd favor improvement towards peds and bicycles over cars and that has to start with fixing the railroad overpass to allow families to walk or bike down from East St safely. Thanks.	Jan 5, 2012 12:02 PM
13	The East Street Bridge is a major concern - as is the parking situation at Morrison Field. It forces folks to park at CVS and cross, which is very dangerous. Also, taking a left out of the Morrison Field is very dangerous.	Jan 5, 2012 7:42 AM
14	A walking path and bike path linking High Street center to Islington Center has been suggested and is a great idea.	Jan 5, 2012 7:12 AM
15	The mix of residential/retail/municipal uses could be better in downtown Islington. The Islington Community Center building is not the optimal use of that corner. In my opinion that corner should be redeveloped. The Magaletta building locations would be great for newer retail with residential above, possibly smaller apartments and condos that could attract commuters and downsizers if not seniors seeking easy access to services.	Jan 5, 2012 6:19 AM

Page 4, Q8. Please indicate whether you think Westwood needs more of the following housing types (check all that apply):

1	Westwood needs businesses to reduce tax burden. But if private investment wants to do any of the above residential, it should be market rate.	Feb 12, 2012 9:20 AM
2	we need enough open space. We need enough affordable housing to prevent the law that overrides the towns ability to require construction to meet town rules from kicking in. Some senior housing grouped so as to have open space around it and within walking distance to services would be ideal. We should require new construction to be as green as possible.	Feb 5, 2012 12:22 PM
3	Please note: This is targeted to the senior population.	Feb 1, 2012 2:28 PM
4	Westwood has a lot to offer and many families move here for the school system and special education services, such that they are getting crowded. I don't think the town should promote building that would make it easier for families to afford Westwood as well as put a drain on our resources such as water. Most summers we have a water ban, so don't see how those resources could support a major development such as condos and apartments. Some people think that the size of a condo or apartment would deter family living, but it does not if people really want access to the school system. I experienced this when I lived in Newton.	Jan 22, 2012 7:44 AM
5	Do not have enough knowledge of housing/affordable housing demands.	Jan 17, 2012 5:56 PM
6	Senior housing creates compacted neighborhoods filled with cars (even if they are near services) that exacerbate traffic problems and are filled with individuals who think their taxes are too high and should never increase!!!	Jan 14, 2012 4:18 PM
7	Westwood Schools are congested enough without adding high volume housing such as apartments that will only come and pay the high rent till their kids are through school. You also increase the risk of students that live in other towns saying they are living with an aunt or uncle more just to use Westwood schools and not have to pay the high taxes. Apartments would totally change the dynamics of the small town of Westwood	Jan 13, 2012 8:03 AM
8	young families taking advantage to the outstanding school system should be priority.	Jan 9, 2012 6:05 PM
9	The need for apartments is low, but it is there. Not that I'm a real estate expert. For condos, you don't want to overbuild. For all of these, the impact on schools must be considered. I don't know if we need more senior housing - what's the demand for the ones we already have? I don't think we need affordable/low income housing.	Jan 5, 2012 8:28 AM
10	I like that Westwood is not a transient town - with families moving in and out of our community and school systems. I feel strongly opposed to rental options.	Jan 5, 2012 7:44 AM

Page 5, Q11. Please indicate which of the following spaces or facilities you think should be a priority for the Town to add or increase:

1	Westwood needs sidewalks and street improvements. That should be long term priority. Our pool and tennis courts are nice and fairly new, they don't need to be added to long term.	Feb 12, 2012 9:21 AM
2	Do we still have high school fields-tennis courts-swimming pool- and gym?	Feb 10, 2012 11:07 AM
3	We have a swimming pool and a gym. I have gone to both. I swam in the old pool. I have seen the new pool. -- I hear it is very cold.--but that may only be a rumor	Feb 5, 2012 12:25 PM
4	I want business to offset homeowner tax liability.	Feb 3, 2012 8:55 AM
5	Better /more choices elementary age sports programs offered by the rec department. Also an all day summer sports camp for k to 5 offered by the rec dept	Jan 26, 2012 8:40 PM
6	Baseball/Soccer & Football fields.	Jan 24, 2012 8:44 PM
7	Better little league home field! (Upgrade Morrison.)	Jan 18, 2012 7:16 PM
8	Creating restaurants/pubs that attend to the interests of adults (but no nudity).	Jan 16, 2012 10:56 AM
9	we don't need another swimming pool or gym. we can all use the HS.	Jan 14, 2012 8:04 AM
10	Outdoor pool!!!!	Jan 13, 2012 3:36 PM
11	Sidewalks on major routes	Jan 13, 2012 9:23 AM
12	indoor track	Jan 13, 2012 8:17 AM
13	So many towns have a nice outdoor pool for the summer. Most Westwood residents are forced to join a pool club in Dedham, Walpole, Canton or Norwood. It is uncanny that Westwood does not have an outdoor pool anywhere	Jan 13, 2012 8:05 AM
14	I think the facilities should all be linked to the school system- joint use.	Jan 13, 2012 6:19 AM
15	Would love to see an outdoor community pool that residents could pay a fee for access in the summer. Would be a really nice feature for residents without beach houses or country clubs. Hale is a treasure!	Jan 9, 2012 8:31 PM
16	A facility like the Weston Town Pool is a worth goal for us to shoot for if we could afford it as a town. We could raise revenue by offering a lottery for summer memberships for residents of neighboring towns in the same way Weston does.	Jan 9, 2012 1:24 PM
17	We feel the elementary schools of Deerfield, Hanlon and Sheehan should be priority in improving their physical structure. The playing fields and buildings are an embarrassment when compared to the h.s. Deerfield and Hanlon should be combined and build new state of the art school and combine resources economies of scale, take the Deerfield space and develop that into a really nice commercial center with shopping and other services that meet the demographic of the town. Route 109 should be a gold mine for this town. Force the High Street strip mall with the post office into bringing its aesthetics up to current standards. Thank you for this opportunity to share ideas.	Jan 8, 2012 4:56 PM

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18	It would be important to maintain the playing fields that are available. It is great that they are part of the school areas for multi-use. It should be a priority to keep them clean and useable. The Rec centers gym and pool are great and very reasonably priced. It is important to maintain what is in place however, pedestrian and bike paths should be key and more monitoring of the excessive speeds of cut through cars should be a priority.	Jan 6, 2012 9:01 AM
19	Space for Early Childhood Activities	Jan 6, 2012 7:32 AM
20	Outdoor pool facility would be great, but I wouldn't call it a priority	Jan 6, 2012 6:55 AM
21	Visited Forekicks in Foxboro last winter. Kids and adults playing in the facility all day and night from all over the state. We could use something like that in Westwood.	Jan 6, 2012 3:53 AM
22	developing a safe walking alternative from high street side of westwood to islington. You cannot walk with kids to School Street playground	Jan 5, 2012 6:56 PM
23	A nice dog park where people can bring their dogs to play and people can gather and socialize. Preferably something with swimming.	Jan 5, 2012 3:39 PM
24	Although I listed the gym as not being a priority, I think training of our Fire Department about the access points to the high school gym is a priority.	Jan 5, 2012 3:08 PM
25	An outdoor swimming pool would be GREAT!	Jan 5, 2012 12:05 PM
26	When Route 109 renovation was first presented it had a bike lane on each side. Why were those bike lanes eliminated and who made that decision? Can the proposed bike lanes be restored? If not, why not?	Jan 5, 2012 11:30 AM
27	More restaurants.	Jan 5, 2012 10:26 AM
28	We need a better fitness center . Whether the town offers it (expands offering at High School) or they bring in an outside vendor.	Jan 5, 2012 9:29 AM
29	I understand the desire to have a hockey rink, but it should only be done if it is profitable. These things are expensive to use and to run. We have a pool; it would be a priority to improve its ventilation; I don't know if anything can be done to improve the inadequate locker space that was put in during the HS rebuild. Elementary school gyms at the Deerfield and Hanlon are quite small and out of date (flooring, layout), although I don't know if anything can be done about that on those school's footprint.	Jan 5, 2012 8:32 AM
30	Making the roads safer for pedestrians, runners, cyclists from auto traffic, especially speeding drivers coming in from Dover and Medfield.	Jan 5, 2012 7:52 AM
31	A hockey facility could be an excellent financial/business decision for the town (thinking of the ice rental income and passing along savings to WW Hockey for our own programs, including high school not having to rent from Canton). Could be a good anchor facility over at the WW Station parcel (or nearby) that would spawn additional businesses/shops over there.	Jan 5, 2012 7:19 AM
32	Open spaces would be utilized by me and others if we were allowed to take our	Jan 5, 2012 7:04 AM

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dogs, which are behaved. What good is it to me if I can't walk my dog?!! I pay taxes for what?

33	Skating facilities are scarce and are a top, top priority	Jan 5, 2012 6:53 AM
34	It would be nice to add bike trails especially for safety sake. A swimming pool would be an asset for all ages. It would be nice to add a BALANCE of things yet keep the town similar to the way it is.	Jan 5, 2012 5:41 AM
35	I've always thought Westwood should have a community outdoor pool option for the summer. Hale is wonderful but not for everyone.	Jan 5, 2012 5:32 AM

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1	If taxes and land values keep increasing you will drive out ALL the seniors and there will be a vast difference in the town make up - mostly families with growing children - at the expense of seniors and newlyweds - no age diversity - Entered by Mary Masi-Phelps on Feb 12 based on paper survey response.	Feb 12, 2012 9:27 AM
2	Entered by Mary M-P on Feb 12 based on paper survey response.	Feb 12, 2012 9:22 AM
3	Thanks for giving us this opportunity to tell you what we think.	Feb 10, 2012 11:09 AM
4	The town's emphasis on sports is perhaps extreme. I'm very glad to see the library is also getting some attention. Education matters too, (not just the after-school sports programs) On the subject of sports, it does seem a shame to me that kids are out running on a field that is enveloped in smoke from neighboring houses. You can see the smoke floating over the field in the lamp light. I fully understand that oil heat is expensive. Breathing second hand smoke is bad for kids and adults. Wood smoke is said to be as harmful as cigarette smoke. coal smoke is probably worse. I think the town should forbid coal burning in individual houses. (if you don't think this is either already happening or about happen think about what people will do as wood is used up and people are still cold, and they have a stove already in their house.) I wish the town would consider alternatives such as, for instance, a large coal burning heat generator that would filter the smoke/exhaust and provide hot water heat via underground pipes that would heat dense neighborhoods while preserving clean air. I wish the town would require people who burn to install a filter so their smoke does not hurt their neighbors==(if such a filter does not exist I wish someone would invent it.) I also which the town would forbid burning construction materials in indoor stoves for the same reasons it is forbidden to burn them outside: pressure treated wood give off arsenic, formaldehyde is added to almost all construction materials asa fire-retardant, the glue in plywood, is safe when dry but is toxic if you breath it. Thank you for listening	Feb 5, 2012 12:43 PM
5	Thank you for the opportunity to provide input. I am waiting to hear what the former Westwood Station will evolve into. I think what that site becomes affects how you address the other areas in town.	Feb 1, 2012 2:29 PM
6	get going on westwood station project already!!!!!! High taxes are killing this town. That's why seniors (and many others) can't afford to live here	Feb 1, 2012 12:26 PM
7	I love Westwood. Our town is a model for others and I'd love to keep it that way. The High Street / 109 area is a nightmare corridor between 128 and the other suburbs that I avoid every day. Islington is wonderful and could be expanded to include better open spaces with restaurants and locally-owned shops - why is there no restaurant on this side of town? I love that we have no huge retail centers in town, though I'm sad Westwood Station seems to entirely have missed the mark - could you imagine the impact of Dedham's Legacy Place on their tax rate?!	Jan 28, 2012 6:16 AM
8	What we did to University Ave was/is a disgrace. I know the economy is bad but	Jan 24, 2012 8:50 PM

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we had businesses removed that we were receiving tax revenue from. Dedham beat us to the punch with Legacy Place and now we are suffering and getting our taxes raised. What happened to the "mini mall" plans? Wegmen's has announced two more stores to open in 2012/2013 and not one mention of Westwood. Since I have lived in this town my taxes have gone up well over 100%. It's getting to the point that even the middle class can't even afford to live here. Something needs to be done there before anything is to happen on High & Washington Streets. If that where the focus is going to I am very concerned about the future of the town I chose to raise a family in.

9	I would strongly discourage the addition of any more traffic lights and or excessive painting on the street	Jan 23, 2012 1:37 PM
10	Love the COA and the services provided....so essential for Seniors, specifically the shopping and medical trips.	Jan 16, 2012 11:23 AM
11	Westwood is a great town. What we need are opportunities for adults to socialize and get to know one another in some context other than a school meeting, children's sports games, or church. There are plenty of opportunities to do in those contexts. Thanks for doing this survey.	Jan 16, 2012 10:58 AM
12	Westwood is a good town for people with children, but really pretty boring if you don't have children. Would love to have it be more of a destination, with things to do, places to eat, ways for people (without children) to gather. Feel like I pay high taxes but don't use much of what Westwood has to offer.	Jan 15, 2012 2:36 PM
13	There really can't be a comprehensive town plan without considering the amount of traffic within the town. The current roads cannot support the number of vehicles moving through the town on a daily basis. There is such a limited number of "major" streets in town and consequently all traffic is directed onto these streets, causing terrible back-ups and congestion. Rt 109 cannot be made into a "town center" when the amount of traffic that runs through it constantly is so high.	Jan 14, 2012 4:29 PM
14	Other thoughts for stores - thinking about what I do in neighboring towns: Kids' Shoe Store Athletic Goods store Women's clothing store Starbucks Trader Joes	Jan 14, 2012 8:08 AM
15	Thanks for asking our opinion.kids are our future	Jan 13, 2012 7:37 PM
16	Emphasis should be made to improve the infrastructure of Route 109 / High Street to support increase traffic volume and promote economic growth for the businesses on and near Rte 109. This should also include creating a distinct and appealing town center that invites foot and bike traffic.	Jan 13, 2012 11:38 AM
17	Westwood is lacking a vibrant town center. The town center on 109 feels too much like a pass-through than it does an actual center. For example, Medfield has much more of a town center, even Dedham has more of a town center than Westwood does. There needs to be a town green, or a gazebo where bands can	Jan 13, 2012 10:46 AM

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play in the summer. Sometimes it feels as though, "there's no there there." The commercial buildings along 109 have too much of a dated strip mall feel. I think they should be modernized more. Also, something needs to be done about the University Ave. Space. There is too much potential to let it go wasted. Plus this would drastically increase our tax base which would help lower residential taxes which I believe are too high! Other than these suggestions Westwood is a great place to live.

18 The recreation dept. is great. My children love the swim team and swimming lessons. I would love more evening adult exercise classes, like a spinning class. Let's make Westwood a walkable town - more sidewalks, bikepaths, please. I hate having to get in my car for everything I do. Jan 13, 2012 10:41 AM

19 Thanks for your hard work. I look forward to hearing the plan! Jan 13, 2012 9:23 AM

20 I would love to see an outdoor town pool opened. I think it would be well used, and a good source of revenue for the town. I would like to see some attention to walking/biking path that continuously goes up Gay Street, linking the two parts of town together for pedestrians and cyclists. I would love to see a structured, extended day program for 6th and 7th graders for families with working parents. I would also like there to be a review of the pricing structure for the Recreation Department programs. They are incredibly overpriced for what is offered. Particularly the summer options. Additionally, it would be wonderful to have more "mom and pop shops" and restaurants on both High Street and Washington Street. Since Islington is more of a center than high street, investing in some large flower pots, is surely an inexpensive way to beautify the area during the spring and summer months. Also, perhaps investing some money in cobblestones would also lend to a more homey feel. Some additional benches would also be nice. Jan 13, 2012 8:47 AM

21 it would be great to have more of a town center on high street that resembled wellseley town center. nice stores some local some chains but all look nice- no neon signs. quaint Washington street center could be larger stores and services. Jan 13, 2012 6:21 AM

22 Gay Street (where I live) needs, in my opinion, to have side walks covering the entire length of the street both for safety and recreation. In as much as this would be a significant undertaking requiring considerable planning, I suggest forming a study committee to start understanding the issues, learn how the residents of Gay Street would feel about sidewalks, educate those living on Gay Street about the benefits of sidewalks and get a feel for the costs and possible sources of funding. (Ernie Greppin, 490 Gay Street) Jan 11, 2012 12:37 PM

23 In order to create a town center, it needs to be that, a center--with a road that encompasses the center with some green space. The current infrastructure are just two streets--Washington and High Street. One would need to buy up the land/houses as they come up in the market and then create town center. Jan 10, 2012 5:14 PM

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24	clean up the University Avenue area - the neglect is getting worse and worse - trash on area roadways increases all the time - two mattresses discarded on Blue Hill Drive recently	Jan 10, 2012 10:45 AM
25	Another idea that comes to mind is a hosting a Farmers Market.	Jan 9, 2012 1:25 PM
26	Liquor stores/specialty stores/liquor licenses are not the enemy. Residents should be given the choice of quality businesses and restaurants that offer such services and products that help boost Westwood's economy and diversity. Residents of Westwood are smart enough to make intelligent choices.	Jan 8, 2012 5:06 PM
27	There doesn't seem any to be any concern with keeping real estate taxes reasonable or at least stable. Every year, my real estate taxes have increased a minimum of \$300 - \$400. That is without any over-rides being approved. I live in a modest house, less than the average value of the typical Westwood property. If there is an increase in revenue needed, the town just raises the tax rate. I read that other owns actually consider reductions, rather than just raising the tax rate. The new library looks like a monstrosity of a building. In this day of digital information & computers, the library is an over-improvement. I hear many negative comments from townspeople & others about the absurdity of the size of the new library. It reminds me of the placement of the new high school on Nahatan Street. The building has no curb-appeal. The rear of the building is facing Nahatan Street. Who is making or reviewing these design decisions on buildings that will be with us for many years to come?	Jan 7, 2012 3:50 PM
28	Construction of survey with split between High St. and Washington/Islington questions may result in skew of data. It made me think of all the WWS meetings I went to where I felt that residents who did not live in close proximity to the project didn't care what went into the parcels, how traffic would be managed and the impacts, etc. I really don't venture over to the Town Hall/ High St. area--no real need to. I am most concerned about the stalled Westwood Station project and its direct impact on my neighborhood. I am also concerned with East St. traffic into Islington and the difficulty making left turns (particularly Washington to East).	Jan 6, 2012 4:53 PM
29	Sidewalks on major streets, slow traffic zones around town center and schools would be a big plus.	Jan 6, 2012 2:31 PM
30	As a soon-to-be retired person, one concern I have about Westwood is my perception of a lack of quality medical care. I currently drive to Newton-Wellesley Hospital or into Boston, and would not want to be taken to Norwood Hospital in an emergency (although I know that's what they're supposed to do). The lack of high quality medical care, along with need to drive most places, will be the main factors for leaving westwood.	Jan 6, 2012 9:38 AM
31	More monitoring of excessive speed limits should be done as this makes bikers, runners and pedestrians less likely to enjoy some of the easily accessible town center shops. It can ber very dangerous.	Jan 6, 2012 9:03 AM

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32	The safety of East Street and the related traffic needs to be addressed. at least 4 people have been hit by automobiles in crosswalks. Nowhere else in town has this occurred. The sidewalks are a mess and this leads to people walking or jogging in the street.. The sidewalks do not continue on the same side of the street which means one must cross East Street several times.The bridge is not safe either for vehicles or pedestrians. Unending accidents have occurred at this bridge.	Jan 6, 2012 7:47 AM
33	High Street traffic in the mornings and evenings needs to be addressed.	Jan 6, 2012 7:12 AM
34	Thank you for all your hard work. We LOVE Westwood.	Jan 6, 2012 3:55 AM
35	great survey. please publish results. Overall, great town. less is more. focus on schools and nice neighborhoods is key. please don't overthink your mission.	Jan 5, 2012 6:57 PM
36	Love this town. The schools are great, the people are nice and there is a mix of cultures that still share the values that make a community great. I also think we get a lot for our tax money in terms of service, very well run.	Jan 5, 2012 3:40 PM
37	Thanks! Good luck.	Jan 5, 2012 10:26 AM
38	thanks for asking!	Jan 5, 2012 8:25 AM
39	Thank you for offering this survey, and considering our opinion!	Jan 5, 2012 7:36 AM