



# **Pomfret 2018-2019 Budget Survey Results**

Let's talk taxes.  
Your town. Your taxes. Your voice.

## **Thank you!**

Your input is important to the 2018-2019 budget process.

We had 198 respondents to the online survey.

We know you're busy and can't always make evening meetings.

This survey was an effort to add another way for taxpayers to tell us how they want their tax dollars spent. In addition to regular board meetings, budget workshops, the Town's website, email, phone, and snail mail as options to communicate your thoughts, we thought we would add this online survey (paper copies were made available in Town Hall).

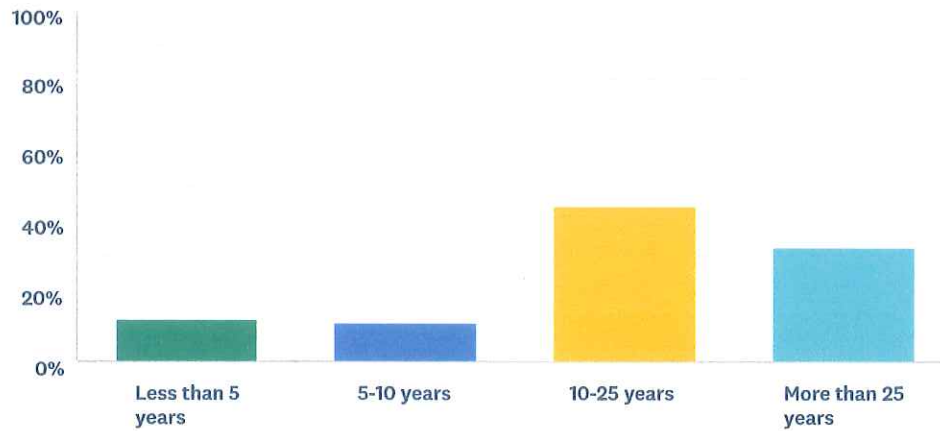
The survey was available on March 1 through March 31. There were multiple choice questions as well as open ended questions to give respondents the opportunity to provide input in their own words. We received many insightful comments!

Thank you in advance for your participation.

*Sincerely,  
Members of the Boards of Selectmen, Finance, and Education*

## Q1 How long have you lived in Pomfret?

Answered: 199 Skipped: 0



### ANSWER CHOICES

### RESPONSES

Less than 5 years	12.06%	24
5-10 years	11.06%	22
10-25 years	44.22%	88
More than 25 years	32.66%	65
TOTAL		199

## Q2 What is your gender identity?

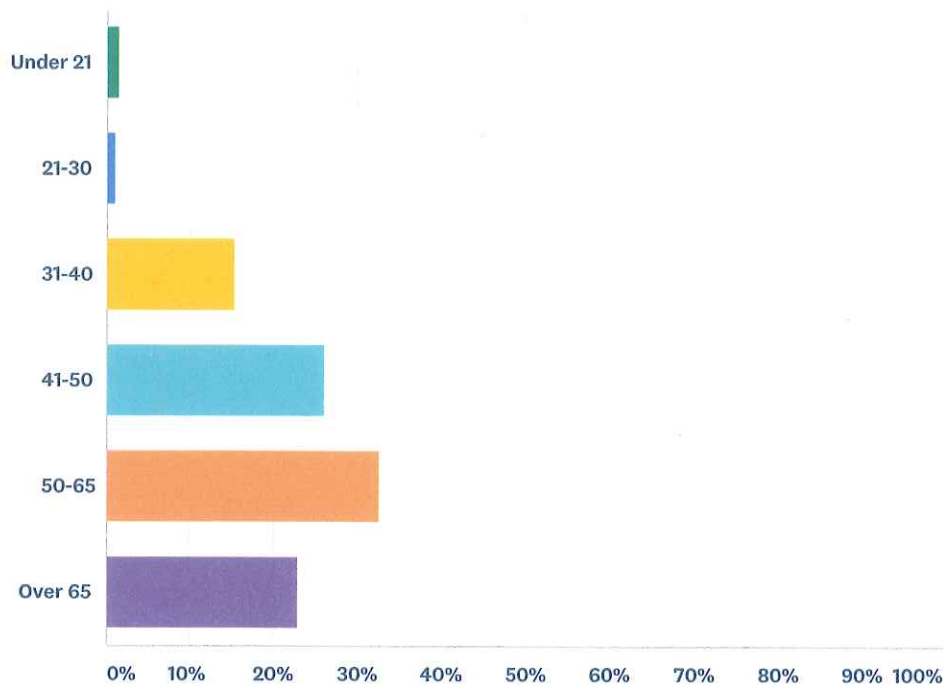
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*FEMALE: 116 or 59% MALE 75 or 38%*

#	RESPONSES	DATE
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Q3 What is your age group?

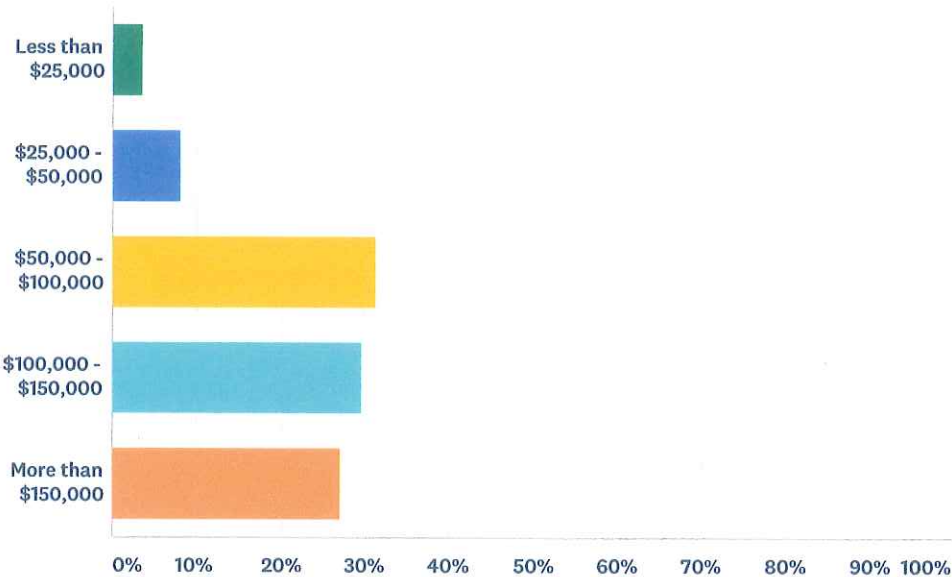
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Under 21	1.51%	3
21-30	1.01%	2
31-40	15.58%	31
41-50	26.13%	52
50-65	32.66%	65
Over 65	23.12%	46
TOTAL		199

Q4 Which level best describes your household income during the past year?

Answered: 195 Skipped: 4

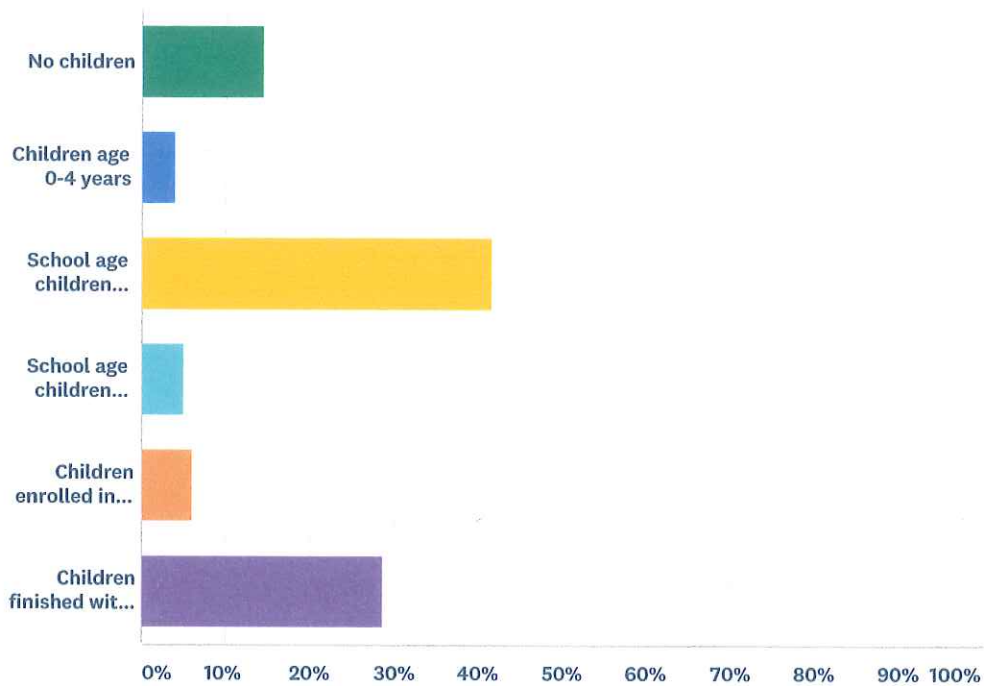


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Less than \$25,000	3.59%	7
\$25,000 - \$50,000	8.21%	16
\$50,000 - \$100,000	31.28%	61
\$100,000 - \$150,000	29.74%	58
More than \$150,000	27.18%	53
TOTAL		195



## Q5 What best describes your situation? (children / grandchildren)

Answered: 199 Skipped: 0



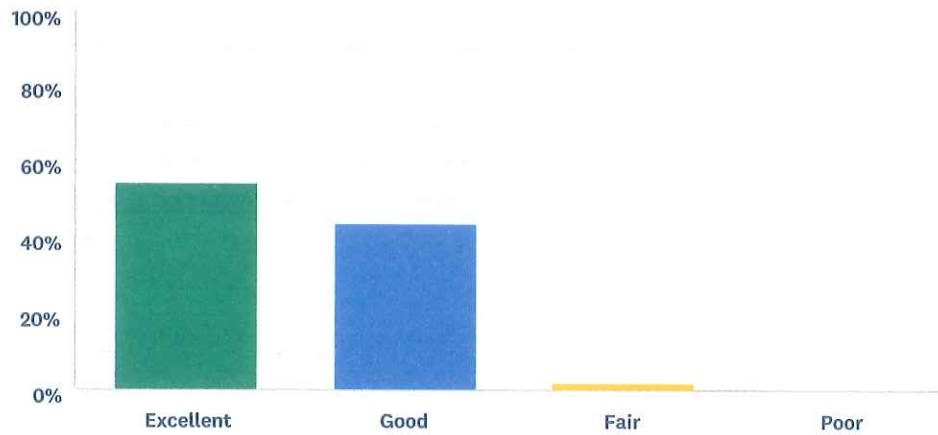
### ANSWER CHOICES

### RESPONSES

No children	14.57%	29
Children age 0-4 years	4.02%	8
School age children enrolled in Pomfret public school system, PCS, WA, Killingly, VoAG, ACT, NFA, QMC, PHS, etc.	41.71%	83
School age children enrolled elsewhere	5.03%	10
Children enrolled in college or other post-secondary program	6.03%	12
Children finished with school	28.64%	57
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>199</b>

## Q6 How do you rate the quality of life in Pomfret?

Answered: 199 Skipped: 0



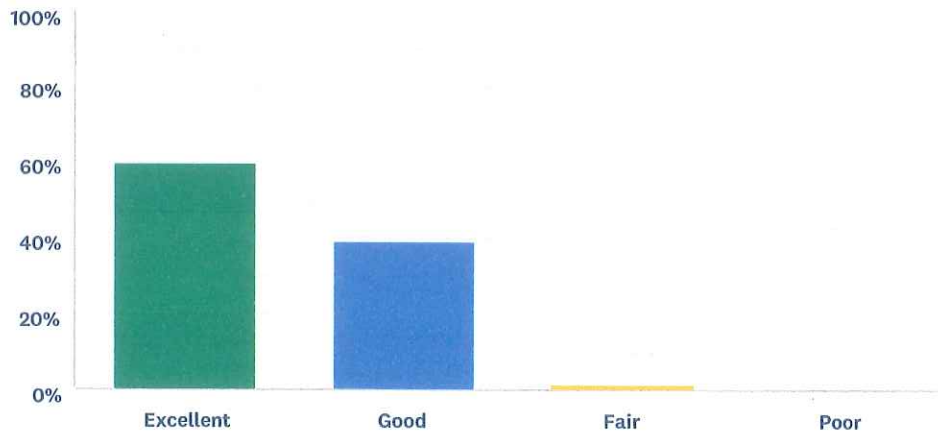
### ANSWER CHOICES

### RESPONSES

Excellent	54.27%	108
Good	43.72%	87
Fair	2.01%	4
Poor	0.00%	0
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>199</b>

## Q7 How do you rate Pomfret as a place to raise children?

Answered: 197 Skipped: 2



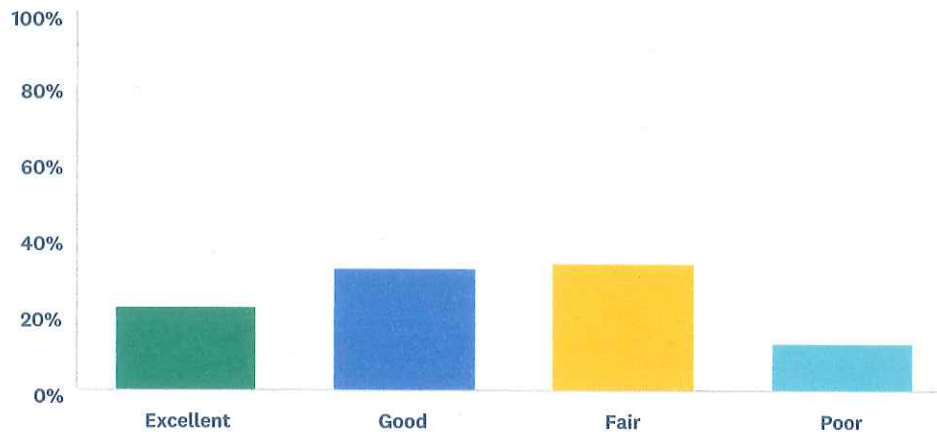
### ANSWER CHOICES

### RESPONSES

Excellent	59.39%	117
Good	39.09%	77
Fair	1.52%	3
Poor	0.00%	0
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>197</b>

## Q8 How do you rate Pomfret as a place to retire?

Answered: 198 Skipped: 1



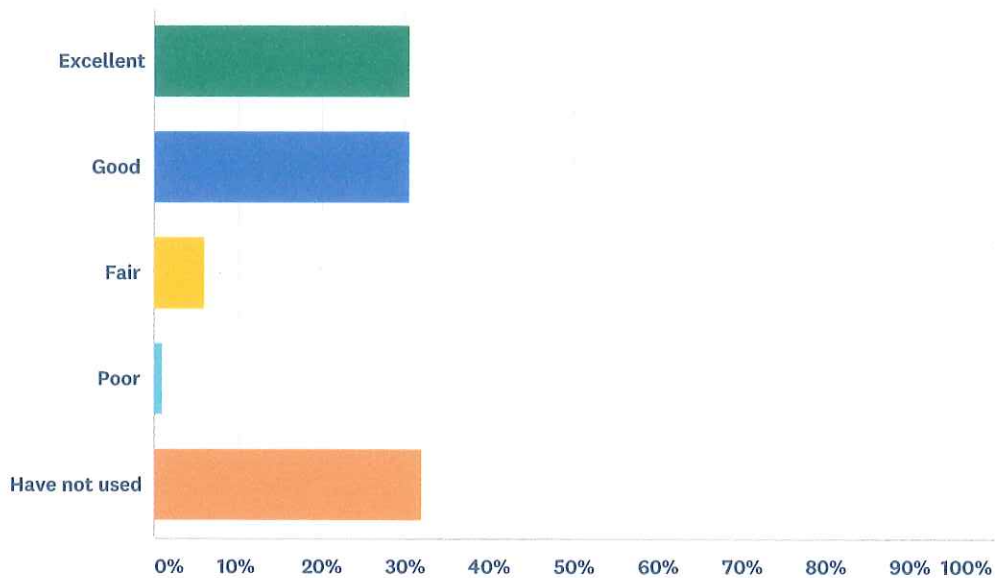
### ANSWER CHOICES

### RESPONSES

Excellent	21.72%	43
Good	32.32%	64
Fair	33.33%	66
Poor	12.63%	25
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>198</b>

Q9 School system

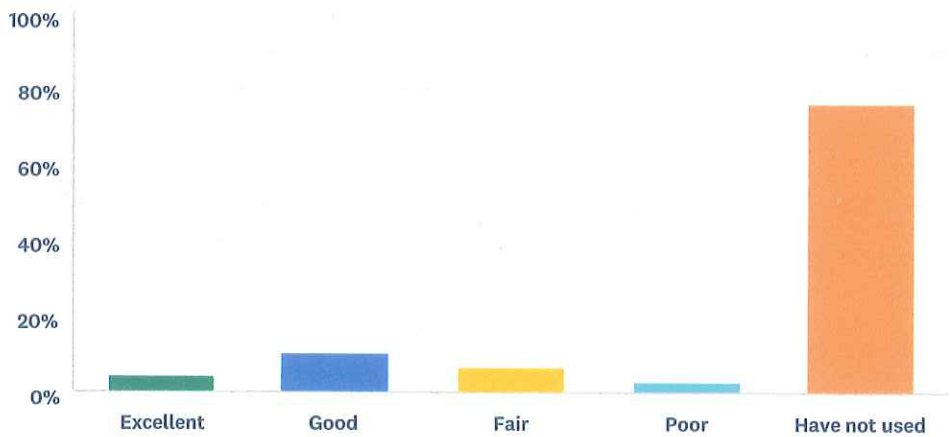
Answered: 197    Skipped: 2



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Excellent	30.46%	60
Good	30.46%	60
Fair	6.09%	12
Poor	1.02%	2
Have not used	31.98%	63
TOTAL		197

Q10 Senior center/TEEG

Answered: 199    Skipped: 0

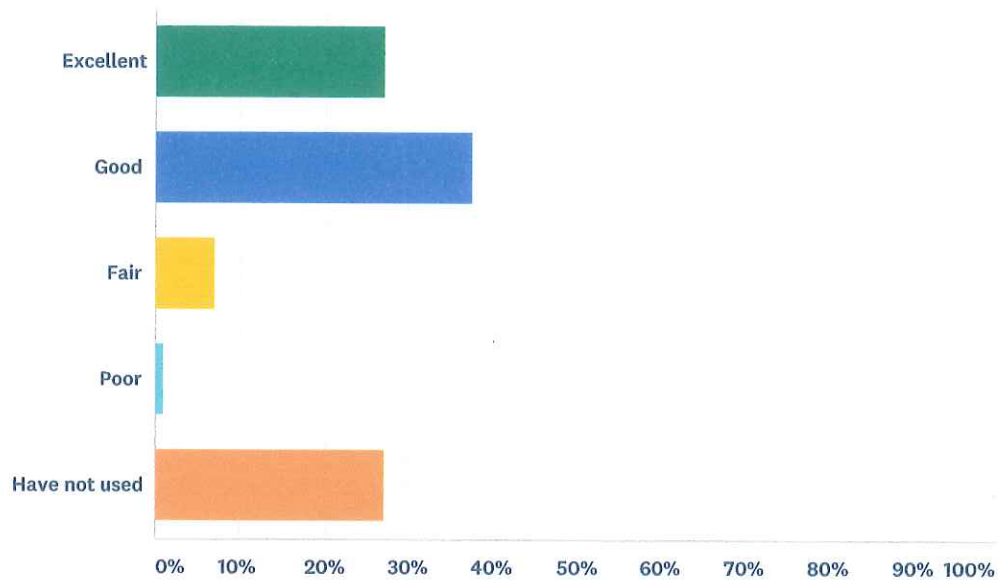


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Excellent	4.02%	8
Good	10.05%	20
Fair	6.53%	13
Poor	3.02%	6
Have not used	76.38%	152
TOTAL		199



## Q11 Pomfret Public Library

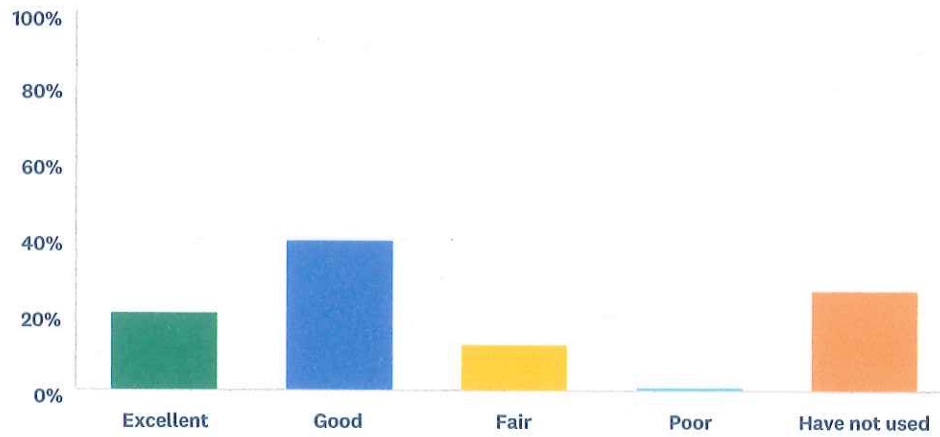
Answered: 199 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Excellent	27.14%	54
Good	37.69%	75
Fair	7.04%	14
Poor	1.01%	2
Have not used	27.14%	54
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>199</b>

## Q12 Recreation Programs/Rec. park fields

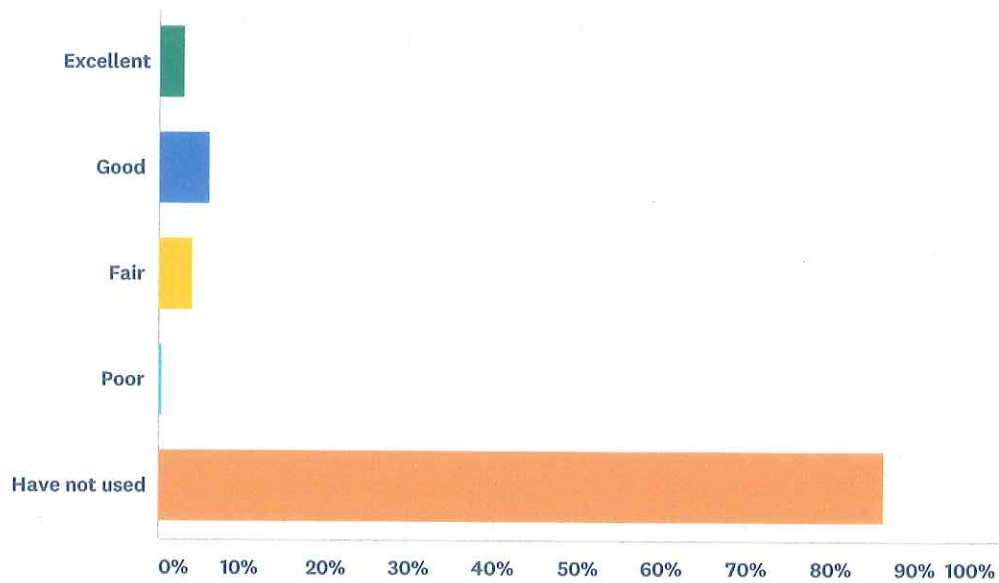
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Excellent	20.60%	41
Good	39.70%	79
Fair	12.06%	24
Poor	1.01%	2
Have not used	26.63%	53
TOTAL		199

## Q13 Social services (food and fuel bank)

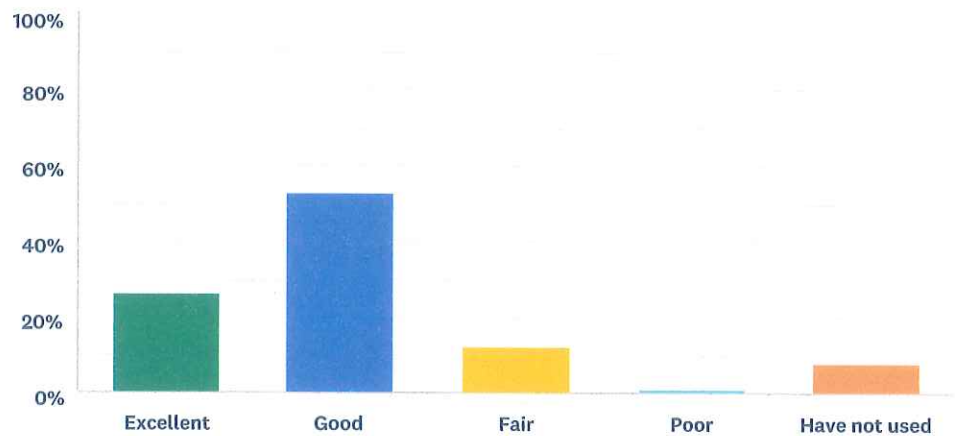
Answered: 198 Skipped: 1



ANSWER CHOICES	PERCENTAGE	COUNT
Excellent	3.03%	6
Good	6.06%	12
Fair	4.04%	8
Poor	0.51%	1
Have not used	86.36%	171
TOTAL		198

Q14 Town Hall

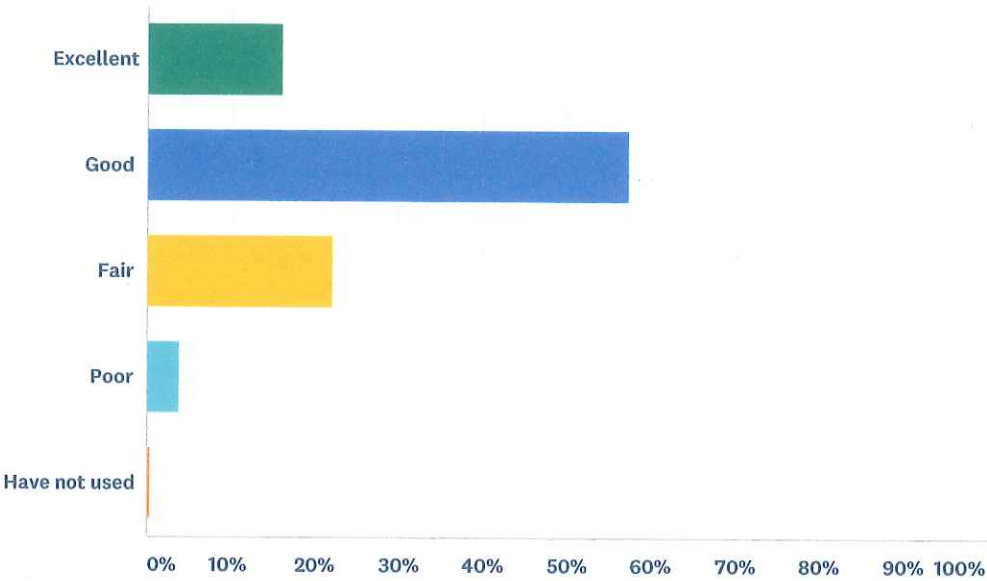
Answered: 199    Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Excellent	26.13%	52
Good	52.76%	105
Fair	12.06%	24
Poor	1.01%	2
Have not used	8.04%	16
TOTAL		199

Q15 Public works/roads

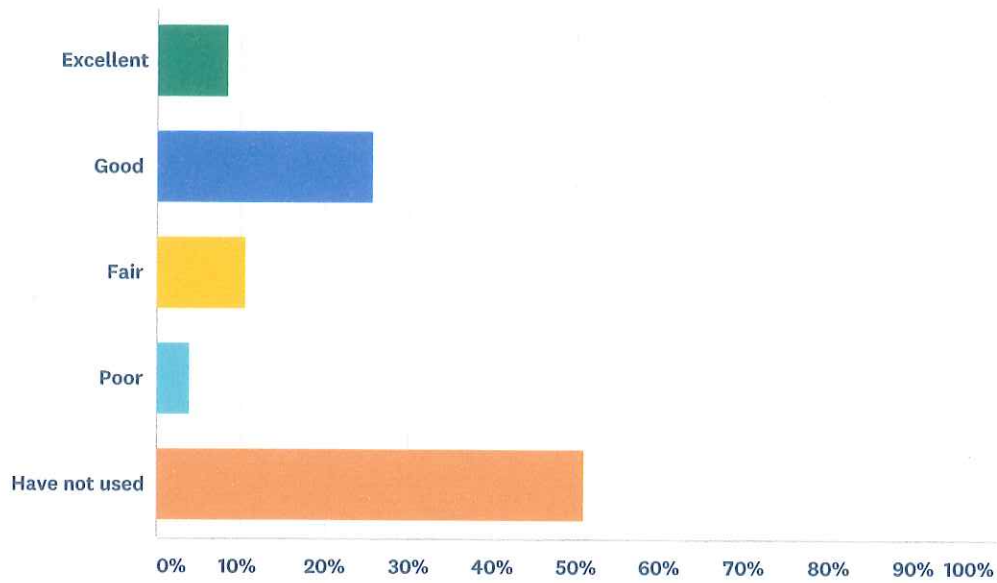
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Excellent	16.08%	32
Good	57.29%	114
Fair	22.11%	44
Poor	4.02%	8
Have not used	0.50%	1
TOTAL		199

## Q16 Building / Land Use Offices

Answered: 198 Skipped: 1



## ANSWER CHOICES

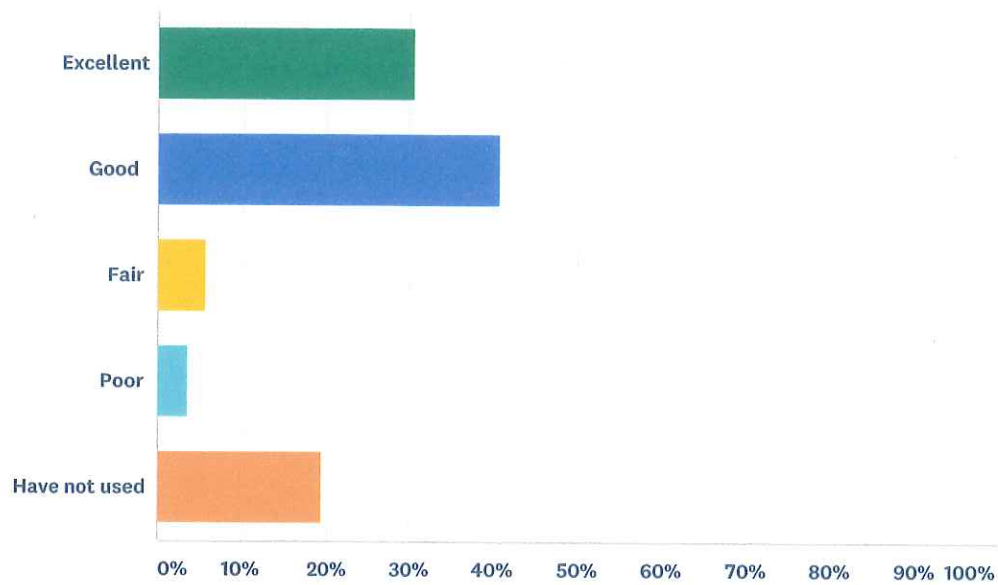
## RESPONSES

Excellent	8.59%	17
Good	25.76%	51
Fair	10.61%	21
Poor	4.04%	8
Have not used	51.01%	101
TOTAL		198



## Q17 Bulky Waste

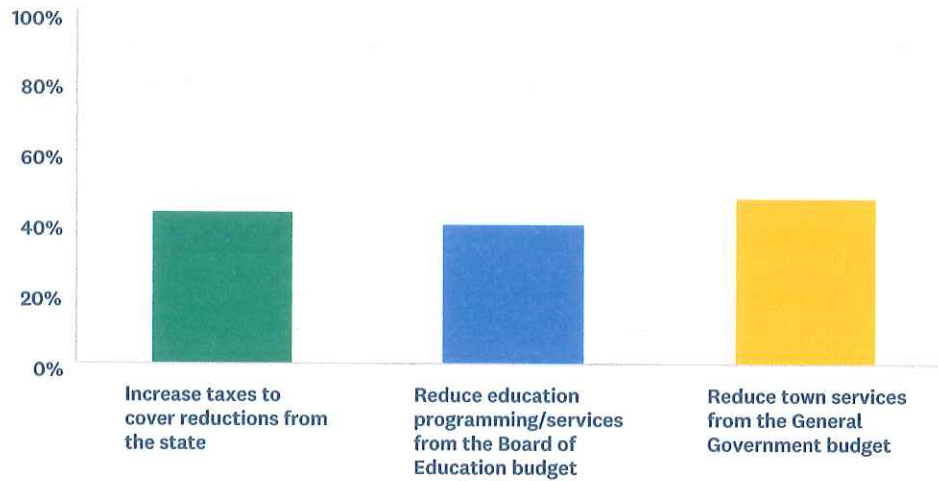
Answered: 196 Skipped: 3



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Excellent	30.61%	60
Good	40.82%	80
Fair	5.61%	11
Poor	3.57%	7
Have not used	19.39%	38
TOTAL		196

**Q18 As many of you know, the State of Connecticut reduced funding to the Town of Pomfret. Please indicate how these reductions, or anticipated future reductions should be handled (check all that you support):**

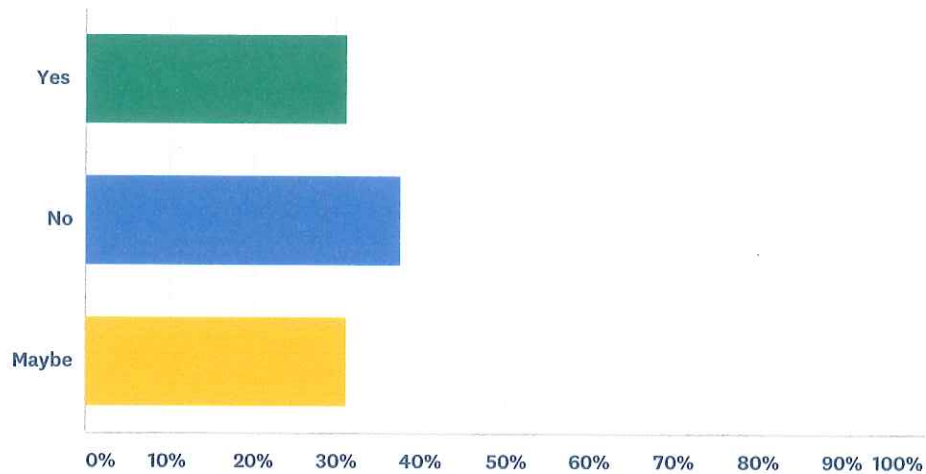
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**ANSWER CHOICES****RESPONSES**

Increase taxes to cover reductions from the state	43.15%	85
Reduce education programming/services from the Board of Education budget	39.59%	78
Reduce town services from the General Government budget	47.21%	93
Total Respondents: 197		

# Q19 In order to maintain our current levels of services would you be willing to pay higher taxes to cover any increase in operating costs?

Answered: 199 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	31.16%	62
No	37.69%	75
Maybe	31.16%	62
TOTAL		199

**Q20 As the cost of most things goes up every year, maintaining current services generally requires an increase in the amount budgeted to pay for them. What percentage of tax increase would you find acceptable, given the effect on services?**

Answered: 178 Skipped: 21

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	1-2%	4/5/2018 10:38 AM
2	0	4/2/2018 5:36 PM
3	Enough to offset decreased aid from state.	4/2/2018 4:53 PM
4	5-7%	4/2/2018 4:44 PM
5	It's ridiculous the amount taxes go up yearly! We pay enough as it is and don't receive anything in return. No police, only a volunteer fire dept, we pay to have our trash picked up. School system lacks communication something fierce!	4/2/2018 10:08 AM
6	0	3/31/2018 7:59 PM
7	3%	3/31/2018 12:49 PM
8	3%	3/30/2018 9:26 PM
9	.05?	3/30/2018 7:52 PM
10	1.5%	3/30/2018 3:44 PM
11	5%	3/30/2018 3:34 PM
12	3%	3/30/2018 12:17 PM
13	2%	3/30/2018 10:50 AM
14	5%	3/30/2018 9:55 AM
15	.5	3/30/2018 9:23 AM
16	0	3/29/2018 1:56 PM
17	none	3/29/2018 12:59 PM
18	0	3/29/2018 12:44 AM
19	3%	3/28/2018 10:43 PM
20	small percentage	3/28/2018 9:19 PM
21	Not sure	3/28/2018 4:10 PM
22	same as cost of living	3/28/2018 1:40 PM
23	5	3/28/2018 1:35 PM
24	?	3/28/2018 1:23 PM
25	3%	3/28/2018 11:40 AM
26	none, we must remain fiscally strong to remain healthy for future generations. silly spending, needless spending must stop. some services need to be cut as a fact of life in Ct. the school is our biggest cost and yet we still throw money at it. why do we have a truck that the head janitor can use for personal use ? never used to have this. AND that is just for starters. why pre K ? good idea but we do not have the money so sorry. too many people leaving town because of high cost of town and state. we must act first and hope the state follows.	3/28/2018 10:13 AM
27	??	3/28/2018 9:04 AM

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28	None, tighten the belt on town spending.	3/28/2018 8:33 AM
29	2%	3/27/2018 7:19 PM
30	undecided	3/27/2018 1:34 PM
31	minimal	3/27/2018 1:01 PM
32	2%	3/27/2018 12:55 PM
33	10%	3/27/2018 11:10 AM
34	3	3/27/2018 10:54 AM
35	0	3/27/2018 10:06 AM
36	0%	3/27/2018 10:05 AM
37	3%	3/27/2018 9:23 AM
38	1%	3/27/2018 9:13 AM
39	Unsure	3/27/2018 8:33 AM
40	5%	3/27/2018 7:39 AM
41	.5	3/27/2018 7:16 AM
42	3	3/27/2018 6:55 AM
43	not in favor of increase in taxes	3/27/2018 6:19 AM
44	1%	3/27/2018 1:51 AM
45	To cover needs	3/27/2018 12:15 AM
46	2	3/26/2018 9:15 PM
47	0	3/26/2018 9:12 PM
48	1%	3/26/2018 9:11 PM
49	None. Services are low already.	3/26/2018 9:04 PM
50	None	3/26/2018 9:02 PM
51	No more than 2 percent	3/26/2018 9:00 PM
52	0	3/26/2018 9:00 PM
53	2	3/26/2018 8:54 PM
54	?	3/26/2018 2:48 PM
55	COL	3/26/2018 12:32 PM
56	Whatever it would take to maintain our services	3/25/2018 10:27 PM
57	3-5%	3/25/2018 10:01 PM
58	Whatever is required	3/25/2018 9:06 PM
59	5% or below	3/25/2018 8:49 PM
60	3%	3/25/2018 6:12 PM
61	3	3/25/2018 3:30 PM
62	not sure	3/25/2018 12:53 PM
63	10%	3/25/2018 12:21 PM
64	2	3/25/2018 12:07 PM
65	1	3/25/2018 9:49 AM
66	10	3/25/2018 8:30 AM
67	2%	3/25/2018 8:10 AM
68	10%	3/25/2018 8:00 AM



69	0 if I receive less in my paycheck next month I look at what is not essential and reduce spending there. I don't ask my boss for more money so I can keep living the way I am knowing there is wasteful spending	3/25/2018 7:35 AM
70	5%	3/24/2018 10:28 PM
71	0	3/24/2018 6:30 PM
72	2%	3/24/2018 6:26 PM
73	??	3/24/2018 5:45 PM
74	2%	3/24/2018 5:44 PM
75	0	3/24/2018 5:02 PM
76	1%	3/24/2018 5:00 PM
77	2% more than current mill rate	3/24/2018 4:59 PM
78	2%	3/24/2018 4:58 PM
79	0	3/24/2018 4:49 PM
80	.5%	3/24/2018 12:55 PM
81	2-3%	3/24/2018 9:52 AM
82	0%	3/23/2018 6:25 PM
83	none	3/23/2018 11:06 AM
84	2	3/22/2018 8:55 PM
85	Three %	3/22/2018 2:28 PM
86	20	3/22/2018 1:00 PM
87	0% - 3%	3/22/2018 12:07 AM
88	whatever it takes to maintain services; I'd rather pay town taxes than state and federal taxes; we have more control here and can be more cost efficient	3/21/2018 11:47 PM
89	0.0	3/21/2018 6:56 PM
90	5	3/21/2018 4:19 PM
91	This is too generic a question. Number should be provided	3/21/2018 3:15 PM
92	0%	3/21/2018 3:13 PM
93	three percent	3/21/2018 3:01 PM
94	Skip	3/21/2018 1:28 PM
95	0	3/21/2018 8:21 AM
96	0	3/16/2018 1:27 PM
97	Unsure	3/15/2018 9:02 AM
98	3	3/14/2018 4:26 PM
99	3%	3/14/2018 11:29 AM
100	anything up to a one mill increase would be fine with me	3/14/2018 9:51 AM
101	2	3/13/2018 6:12 PM
102	one to three percent	3/13/2018 5:21 PM
103	Same increase as inflation though I think deserving staff should get more for merit.	3/13/2018 3:57 PM
104	Same as cost of living	3/13/2018 3:42 PM
105	1%	3/13/2018 3:03 PM
106	3	3/13/2018 2:56 PM
107	1%	3/12/2018 4:26 PM



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108	To be honest I'm not certain	3/12/2018 10:28 AM
109	0%	3/12/2018 9:57 AM
110	3	3/11/2018 5:53 PM
111	0	3/10/2018 5:50 PM
112	2	3/10/2018 5:23 PM
113	1%	3/10/2018 3:16 PM
114	Given the potential grand list when you include the private schools as partially taxable, Pomfret should have one of the lowest tax rates in CT. And we should be proud of that thrift. The real measure of success for the BOF and Selectmen is doing more with less.	3/10/2018 1:05 PM
115	3-4%	3/10/2018 10:54 AM
116	zero	3/10/2018 10:04 AM
117	1%	3/10/2018 9:51 AM
118	very little	3/9/2018 2:35 PM
119	2% as that is what i get from my employer	3/9/2018 1:35 PM
120	None. We need to look at the waste that continues and spending on things that are not necessary to keep things under control.	3/9/2018 1:31 PM
121	0	3/8/2018 5:47 PM
122	It depends on the services being maintained	3/8/2018 5:44 PM
123	inflation factor	3/8/2018 4:54 PM
124	None	3/8/2018 11:29 AM
125	0%	3/8/2018 10:19 AM
126	none // decrease	3/7/2018 7:08 PM
127	2	3/7/2018 6:35 PM
128	3	3/7/2018 6:19 PM
129	2%	3/7/2018 6:07 PM
130	3	3/7/2018 3:45 PM
131	3 to 5%	3/7/2018 2:18 PM
132	Minimal	3/7/2018 2:16 PM
133	0%, compared to other towns, our mill rate is too high	3/7/2018 9:56 AM
134	5%	3/6/2018 4:27 PM
135	Not sure	3/6/2018 12:58 PM
136	2	3/5/2018 11:04 PM
137	0%	3/5/2018 5:51 PM
138	none	3/5/2018 2:54 PM
139	1%	3/5/2018 2:35 PM
140	1%	3/5/2018 11:34 AM
141	1%	3/5/2018 11:21 AM
142	match the increase of costs	3/5/2018 9:36 AM
143	none	3/5/2018 1:53 AM
144	0%. Not everything increases.	3/4/2018 12:21 PM
145	2	3/4/2018 12:16 PM
146	2%	3/3/2018 4:39 PM

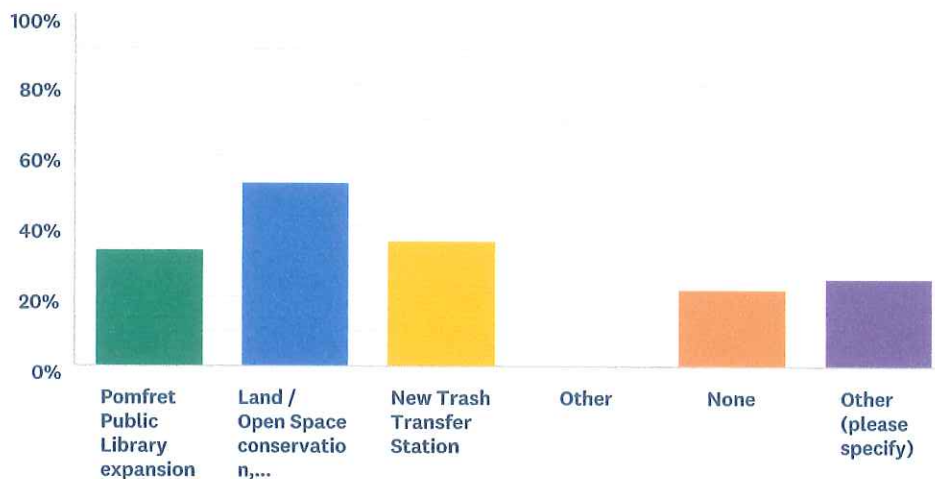
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147	1%	3/3/2018 3:13 PM
148	2 %	3/3/2018 3:05 PM
149	3%	3/3/2018 2:58 PM
150	none	3/3/2018 10:06 AM
151	0	3/3/2018 1:26 AM
152	1-3%	3/2/2018 9:51 PM
153	Every year taxes go up. Probably wouldn't mind except for all the wasted money in town, at the state level and (surprise) at the federal level. We are tired of the waste and the "we have to raise taxes" attitude. So no increase would be great	3/2/2018 5:57 PM
154	10%	3/2/2018 4:29 PM
155	1-1.5%	3/2/2018 4:10 PM
156	1.75%	3/2/2018 3:35 PM
157	?	3/2/2018 2:06 PM
158	0	3/2/2018 12:11 PM
159	5	3/2/2018 10:51 AM
160	0	3/2/2018 10:36 AM
161	No increase is acceptable. Taxes continually go up every year and and sooner than later you have to stop burdening the citizens of the town with higher and higher taxes.	3/2/2018 9:56 AM
162	Our taxes are already too high! They've gone up every year since we moved here!	3/2/2018 9:28 AM
163	1%	3/2/2018 8:36 AM
164	0	3/2/2018 8:21 AM
165	2-3%	3/1/2018 10:30 PM
166	0%	3/1/2018 9:04 PM
167	1%	3/1/2018 8:02 PM
168	Perhaps current services cannot be maintained.	3/1/2018 7:20 PM
169	None, I have a fixed income	3/1/2018 7:17 PM
170	0	3/1/2018 6:56 PM
171	0	3/1/2018 6:24 PM
172	UNDER A MIL	3/1/2018 6:23 PM
173	5%	3/1/2018 6:12 PM
174	Not sure	3/1/2018 5:28 PM
175	25%	3/1/2018 3:53 PM
176	20%	3/1/2018 3:30 PM
177	2-3%	3/1/2018 1:32 PM
178	0	2/23/2018 5:48 PM

## Q21 In the future would you support spending for the following?

Answered: 195 Skipped: 4



## ANSWER CHOICES

## RESPONSES

Pomfret Public Library expansion	32.82%	64
Land / Open Space conservation, preservation	51.79%	101
New Trash Transfer Station	35.38%	69
Other	0.00%	0
None	22.05%	43
Other (please specify)	25.13%	49
Total Respondents: 195		

## # OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)

## DATE

1	I would CONSIDER any of the above, depending on cost/benefit analysis	3/30/2018 12:17 PM
2	invest in infrastructure to support new business - roads, sewer, water, internet utilities	3/30/2018 10:50 AM
3	Education	3/28/2018 9:19 PM
4	Enrichment or gifted and talented programs for PCS. Currently there are not enough resources to challenge top academic performers	3/28/2018 1:35 PM
5	open space because less homes means less kids in school and less tax dollars we all spend as one house does not pay for the child / children living there. BUT we must not spend foolishly as we did last time by buying places like the old dinner so someone doesn't get foreclosed on or paying more for back land than it would cost to develop OR buying land rights as a pension to a town employee. yea we ALL see what happens. but done correctly, open space is the way to go, just should have an outside service negotiate the purchase price.	3/28/2018 10:13 AM
6	The ability to stop reducing education budget. I'll pay more taxes to ensure teachers have what they need and the children do not suffer from lack of support or opportunity. Our teaching assistance are crucial to our children and they should receive more opportunities for continuing education/development(paid). They are sorely undervalued.	3/28/2018 9:04 AM
7	More recreational outdoor activities/facilities	3/27/2018 7:19 PM
8	other recreation or school programs	3/27/2018 1:34 PM

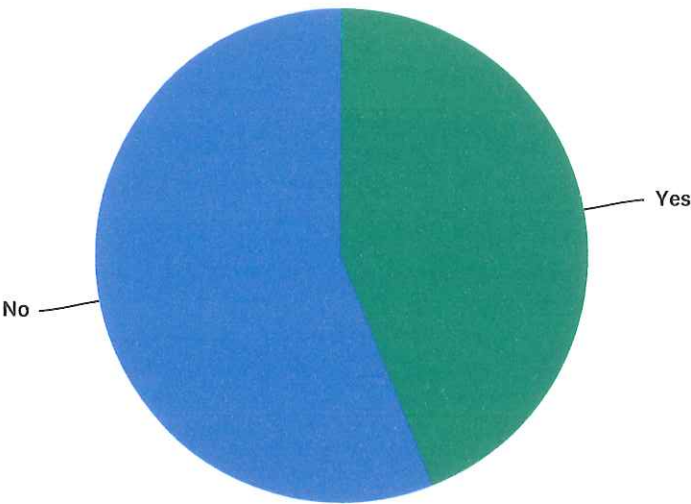


9	case by case basis, I beleive thew town over extended debt/drant for land aquisition (grants are state wide debt, no?) now they cut back.....	3/27/2018 1:01 PM
10	communication	3/27/2018 9:13 AM
11	Teen Center or Town Pool	3/27/2018 7:39 AM
12	Education facilities	3/27/2018 12:15 AM
13	Education	3/26/2018 2:48 PM
14	Organic practices on town owned land/fields, Community garden, anything supporting education, teachers and the arts.	3/25/2018 9:06 PM
15	New business expansion	3/25/2018 8:49 PM
16	education	3/25/2018 9:49 AM
17	Education funding. The school needs another music teacher.	3/25/2018 8:10 AM
18	Multi Use Building besides PCS	3/24/2018 10:28 PM
19	Education	3/24/2018 5:02 PM
20	School system	3/24/2018 4:59 PM
21	Community Renewable Energy	3/24/2018 12:55 PM
22	Pomfret Community School	3/24/2018 10:40 AM
23	or accommodations with other towns to use theirs	3/24/2018 9:52 AM
24	Pomfret Community School	3/23/2018 8:00 PM
25	Town should do everything it can to reduce spending, not look for ways to spend	3/23/2018 6:25 PM
26	improved internet service	3/22/2018 8:55 PM
27	Active Senior Independent Living /Housing/Condos	3/22/2018 12:07 AM
28	i would need more info on the trash transfer station to make a decision; I'm generally supportive of supporting the town library if there is data to back up specific expansion needs; I think we have already spent enough money on open space, we should not invest any more when we are looking at cutting other services	3/21/2018 11:47 PM
29	Definitely no more on land conservation	3/21/2018 4:19 PM
30	I don't feel like a library expansion is practical	3/21/2018 1:28 PM
31	Education, education, education!	3/14/2018 9:51 AM
32	More trucks/road crew for winters which continue to worsen overall.	3/13/2018 3:57 PM
33	TOWN WIDE RECYCLE PICKUP	3/12/2018 4:26 PM
34	Municipal Trash Pickup Contract	3/10/2018 10:54 AM
35	business development	3/7/2018 6:35 PM
36	regional consolidation efforts	3/7/2018 6:19 PM
37	Trash Transfer station should support itself	3/7/2018 2:18 PM
38	Revenue generating sources, that don't impact quality of life.	3/5/2018 9:36 AM
39	Larger Pomfret Center post office parking lot	3/3/2018 4:39 PM
40	Some form of public transportation especially for seniors	3/3/2018 3:05 PM
41	Abington Social Library	3/3/2018 1:26 AM
42	Use money from the unnecessary safety complex and bridges on airline trail to do it	3/2/2018 5:57 PM
43	Town Solar collector	3/2/2018 4:29 PM
44	Improvements / more regular maintenance on the Airline Trail	3/2/2018 3:35 PM
45	While it would be nice to have these things, I am content with what we currently have. Sometimes it's okay to do without more.	3/1/2018 7:20 PM

46	NOT UNTIL THE STATE REVENUE SITUATION IMPROVES	3/1/2018 6:23 PM
47	Education increases. Library is a waste of resources. That is a dying service. Education in Pomfret is what drives our being the best town in the N/E corner. Trash transfer only benefits blue collar business that should contract for those services.	3/1/2018 3:53 PM
48	Education only. That is the only reason Pomfret real estate commands its prices. Going away from education would be short sighted.	3/1/2018 3:30 PM
49	Community/Senior Center	3/1/2018 1:32 PM

Q22 Did you attend and vote on the budget at last year's Annual Town Meeting?

Answered: 198 Skipped: 1

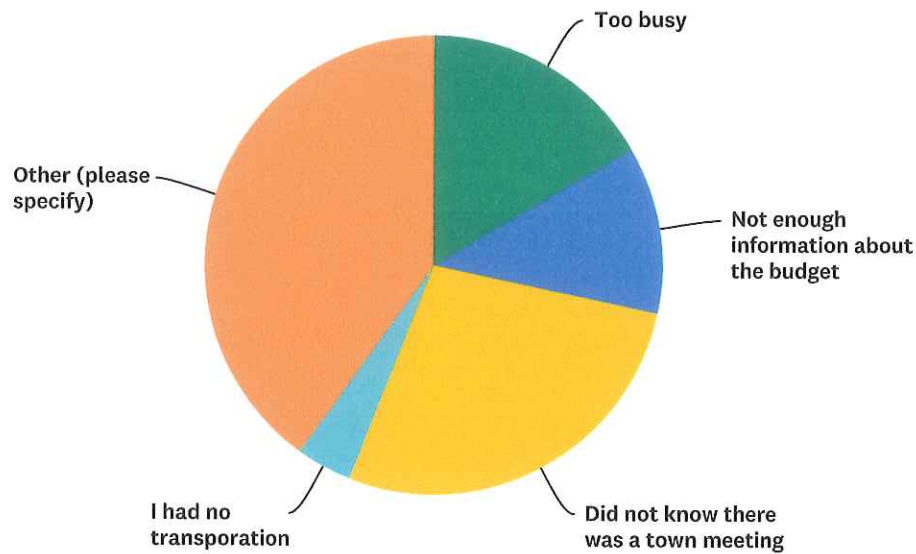


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	43.94%	87
No	56.06%	111
TOTAL		198



## Q23 If not, why?

Answered: 127 Skipped: 72



## ANSWER CHOICES

## RESPONSES

Too busy	16.54%	21
Not enough information about the budget	11.81%	15
Did not know there was a town meeting	27.56%	35
I had no transportation	3.94%	5
Other (please specify)	40.16%	51
TOTAL		127

## # OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)

## DATE

1	was there.	4/2/2018 4:53 PM
2	Away	3/30/2018 7:52 PM
3	Not in town at the time	3/30/2018 3:44 PM
4	I did but survey won't let me get past this point without an n/a option	3/30/2018 3:34 PM
5	Busy and I wasn't exposed to advertising of the meeting	3/30/2018 10:50 AM
6	New to town	3/28/2018 9:19 PM
7	My husband attended and voted.	3/28/2018 9:04 AM
8	attended	3/27/2018 1:34 PM
9	I attended	3/27/2018 10:06 AM
10	Away at the time	3/27/2018 1:51 AM
11	I was there and voted	3/26/2018 9:12 PM
12	n/a	3/26/2018 2:48 PM
13	Was not a resident then	3/25/2018 10:33 PM
14	Wife attended and voted while I watched the kids	3/25/2018 12:21 PM

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15	no baby sitter	3/25/2018 9:49 AM
16	Recently moved her approximately 6 months ago	3/24/2018 4:59 PM
17	Out of town on business	3/24/2018 12:55 PM
18	not enough notice given or information about what was being voted on. did not see budget on line.	3/23/2018 11:06 AM
19	irresponsibility	3/22/2018 8:55 PM
20	work kept me late	3/16/2018 1:27 PM
21	Don't recall.	3/15/2018 9:02 AM
22	New resident in 2018	3/14/2018 4:26 PM
23	I went	3/14/2018 11:29 AM
24	I was at the Town Meeting and voted	3/14/2018 9:51 AM
25	Husband went; I went to WA openhouse. Often conflicts.	3/13/2018 3:57 PM
26	it conflicted with another town board meeting	3/13/2018 3:42 PM
27	I voted	3/13/2018 3:03 PM
28	MEETING TIME NOT CONVENIENT - WORK AT THAT TIME	3/12/2018 4:26 PM
29	Out of Town	3/12/2018 9:57 AM
30	My voice does not count as much as it should. Too many people are voting that do not own property in town.	3/10/2018 1:05 PM
31	sick	3/10/2018 10:04 AM
32	Knew that i could not have a voice there. Need to have a better way to vote than in an open room where peers can see who votes which way.	3/9/2018 1:31 PM
33	vote on budget should be done by ballot	3/8/2018 5:47 PM
34	night meetings are out for me/age issues	3/7/2018 6:07 PM
35	NA	3/7/2018 2:16 PM
36	was not in town at the time	3/5/2018 2:35 PM
37	Out of town	3/5/2018 11:34 AM
38	Illness	3/4/2018 12:21 PM
39	I trust the town officials to do the right thing	3/3/2018 2:58 PM
40	At work so I can pay more taxes	3/2/2018 5:57 PM
41	I trust the people that attend, happy with budgets.	3/2/2018 4:10 PM
42	forgot	3/2/2018 2:06 PM
43	Didn't live here	3/2/2018 12:11 PM
44	Felt like it was a done deal and not worth attending.	3/2/2018 10:36 AM
45	Was not yet resident	3/2/2018 9:35 AM
46	Knew about meeting but forgot to go.	3/1/2018 9:04 PM
47	Forgot	3/1/2018 6:59 PM
48	timing does not work with schedule	3/1/2018 6:24 PM
49	We don't live in Pomfret, although we have a house there.	3/1/2018 6:12 PM
50	Work	3/1/2018 4:26 PM
51	Present	3/1/2018 3:53 PM



## Q24 What can the town do to increase participation at the town meeting?

Answered: 137 Skipped: 62

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	online or audio availability	4/5/2018 10:38 AM
2	more info	4/2/2018 5:36 PM
3	Controversy always brings or a crowd.	4/2/2018 4:53 PM
4	Announce the Town is planning a Drone Park." You'll see plenty of folks coming to the meeting to oppose that and for them to see how they can make a difference in town.	4/2/2018 4:44 PM
5	Get the budgets out or on line. Need information before the meeting to be in a position to vote.	3/31/2018 12:49 PM
6	Nothing.	3/30/2018 9:26 PM
7	Personal mailings.	3/30/2018 7:52 PM
8	Earlier and additional announcements of meetings and formats.	3/30/2018 3:44 PM
9	Not sure	3/30/2018 3:34 PM
10	Wish I had a good suggestion! ??babysitting in the gym for school age kids by honor society kids and gym staff??	3/30/2018 12:17 PM
11	Advance the facebook page, along with other social media platforms, to promote planned meetings - date, times, AGENDA, etc.	3/30/2018 10:50 AM
12	Increase the publicity. Posted in more places.	3/30/2018 9:55 AM
13	Advance information, a welcoming atmosphere	3/30/2018 9:23 AM
14	Listen	3/29/2018 12:44 AM
15	Advertise the date	3/28/2018 9:19 PM
16	Publicize more.	3/28/2018 4:10 PM
17	Huge signs on every public corner in town Also, a townwide email data base to send out notices	3/28/2018 1:40 PM
18	?	3/28/2018 1:23 PM
19	Begin communicating it sooner to allow people to plan accordingly, I am typically booked several months out	3/28/2018 11:40 AM
20	some saturday meetings would allow people who work other shifts to attend. ALSO a new moderator would be nice for a change. some people need to be thanked for their years of service but asked nicely to step aside for new people to assume roles.	3/28/2018 10:13 AM
21	Difficult when we have a town of older folks with no more school aged children and then over 300 families with kids in school. Not sure what can lure either group to a meeting when one group always seems to lose out. Raising taxes hurts one group more than another and reducing school budget hurts the other. Who wants to attend a meeting at which there is no mutual value. Just a hard reality.	3/28/2018 9:04 AM
22	Bring in a food truck so people can feed their families and vote.	3/28/2018 8:33 AM
23	Make it more inviting and welcoming for people to be able to speak up	3/27/2018 7:19 PM
24	more contact with signage or e-mail to let people know when meeting are occurring	3/27/2018 1:34 PM
25	go to referendum	3/27/2018 1:01 PM
26	Send out electronic reminders	3/27/2018 12:55 PM
27	More electronic communication and signage	3/27/2018 11:10 AM
28	outside moderator	3/27/2018 10:06 AM
29	email notifications like this	3/27/2018 9:23 AM

30	consider online participation	3/27/2018 9:13 AM
31	More awareness, listing budget items that will effect daily lives of pomfret residents.	3/27/2018 8:33 AM
32	Email reminders	3/27/2018 7:39 AM
33	send out information and what is being considered in the topic	3/27/2018 6:19 AM
34	More on line info/participation.	3/27/2018 1:51 AM
35	Better publicity of dates and times of meetings	3/26/2018 9:15 PM
36	stop the division in town of the have and have not. People need to be approachable and not condescending when people are talking with them.	3/26/2018 9:12 PM
37	Multiple Meeting times dates	3/26/2018 9:11 PM
38	Be more transparent and push information out proactively.	3/26/2018 9:04 PM
39	Email. Mail. Information	3/26/2018 9:02 PM
40	Provide day care or a place for kids to go while meeting is in session	3/26/2018 9:00 PM
41	Not really anything.	3/26/2018 9:00 PM
42	Just keep emphasizing how important it is, akin to voting in an election.	3/26/2018 2:48 PM
43	?	3/26/2018 12:32 PM
44	I am unaware of when ad where the meeting is	3/25/2018 10:33 PM
45	advertise, send home notices with school children	3/25/2018 10:27 PM
46	Hold at different locations at different times of the day	3/25/2018 8:49 PM
47	1. Post the meetings on the town calendar. I looked today (March 25) and none of the town meetings are showing. 2. Consolidate the public meetings... I recall 2 public hearings, then a town meeting. People are too busy to come to all three.	3/25/2018 6:12 PM
48	Text meeting info?	3/25/2018 5:16 PM
49	Getting the word out to residents of each section of town who can then use word of mouth or personalized notes/emails to make sure people are aware of meetings and why they should attend.	3/25/2018 3:30 PM
50	Not sure	3/25/2018 12:53 PM
51	Push notifications of the meetings to local TV stations for mention on the news or their web site/apps.	3/25/2018 12:21 PM
52	More advertisement with agenda notes	3/25/2018 9:49 AM
53	Put it on line with a frequent notice in a local paper	3/25/2018 8:30 AM
54	Share more widely the budget, time, place, and how our vote will make a difference.	3/25/2018 8:10 AM
55	Communicate the dates ahead of time in the paper and on line	3/25/2018 8:00 AM
56	More transparency and actually show that you listen to your constituents	3/25/2018 7:35 AM
57	X	3/24/2018 6:26 PM
58	not sure	3/24/2018 5:45 PM
59	Video/ online	3/24/2018 5:44 PM
60	Send information out about meeting times and agenda...people get busy and forget, keep reminding them!	3/24/2018 5:02 PM
61	Advertise through PCS	3/24/2018 4:59 PM
62	Advertising at school, Facebook	3/24/2018 4:59 PM
63	Advertise, place signs out in more areas weeks in advance. I feel the town doesn't put the word out intentionally, so less people show. The words "budget vote" should be prominently displayed. It's been left off entirely from signs posted in front of the school in the past.	3/23/2018 6:25 PM



64	get more information out about budgets. tell us what is going on and what we are voting on. can't show up and vote on budget if never seen before that meeting	3/23/2018 11:06 AM
65	publish information re: topics for discussion in the Pomfret Times	3/22/2018 8:55 PM
66	Put it online Advertise several weeks in advance by email or signage	3/22/2018 2:28 PM
67	Why do we need to increase participation?	3/22/2018 12:07 AM
68	Get the date out to people better.	3/21/2018 4:19 PM
69	maybe a Saturday meeting or more information mailed directly to residents as a reminder.	3/21/2018 3:15 PM
70	Use social media, promote use of social media to inquiry town events. Use of social media will enable notifications to individuals smart devices.	3/21/2018 3:13 PM
71	More notice in the form of signs, WINY announcement, Pomfret Times	3/21/2018 3:01 PM
72	Present information factually. Pro's and Cons based on facts. Both sides of issue. Do a reminder mailing, in the form of a postcard. Focusing on town's citizens, not personalities.	3/16/2018 1:27 PM
73	Livestream them.	3/15/2018 9:02 AM
74	Live feed through social media so people can participate or listen remotely.	3/14/2018 4:26 PM
75	Stream video to the town's web page and allow for participants to send questions in to the meeting.	3/14/2018 11:29 AM
76	Advertise beyond the town website...use all forms of media available, including social media. Does the Town even have a social media site?	3/14/2018 9:51 AM
77	Better publicity and longer notice	3/13/2018 6:12 PM
78	ask questions of the attendees	3/13/2018 5:21 PM
79	Continue emphasizing that every individual matters, ensure that meetings are well run so no bullying, not too long, etc. Door prizes? :-)	3/13/2018 3:57 PM
80	Make sure the meeting does not conflict with already scheduled PCS, Commission, Board meetings.	3/13/2018 3:42 PM
81	I wish I knew.	3/13/2018 3:03 PM
82	CableTV ads	3/13/2018 2:56 PM
83	?	3/12/2018 4:26 PM
84	Not sure	3/12/2018 10:28 AM
85	Not sure	3/12/2018 9:57 AM
86	Make them angry! Seriously, low turnout means that the town government has built trust. Take it as a compliment!	3/11/2018 5:53 PM
87	Town meetings are obsolete due to modern day working schedules. A votes is easily swayed by stacking a meeting. The town website should have a positive ID/verified log-in where residents can read proposals and opposition views and vote digitally. This would increase participation substantially and anyone who wishes to vote, is able to regardless of transportation or work schedules.	3/10/2018 5:50 PM
88	e-mail notifications	3/10/2018 5:23 PM
89	1. serve pie and coffee 2. only allow people who pay real estate (not personal property) tax to vote on the budget.	3/10/2018 1:05 PM
90	Email notification	3/10/2018 10:54 AM
91	town and fire districk budget meetings same night	3/10/2018 10:04 AM
92	Promote the meeting in advance and list out the reasons for coming. Present an agenda of things to be decided.	3/10/2018 9:51 AM
93	Town meetings should only be for people who reside in the town. If there is information that is needed from a superintendent/ principal they should be asked to give that information and then leave.	3/9/2018 1:31 PM
94	nothing, it is what it is	3/8/2018 4:54 PM

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95	Offer more background explanations of the budgeting process.	3/8/2018 11:29 AM
96	Robocall day before meeting.	3/8/2018 10:19 AM
97	have online voting/ broadcast meeting	3/7/2018 6:35 PM
98	I think we do pretty well with involvement	3/7/2018 6:19 PM
99	make the presentations more interesting with such measures as comparisons to other towns our size. Ask WA students for their suggestions.	3/7/2018 6:07 PM
100	N/a	3/7/2018 3:45 PM
101	Although the publicity is adequate, participation will only increase when there are controversial issues.	3/7/2018 2:18 PM
102	Perhaps offer more informal settings/smaller venue to encourage more attendees to offer their comments in a public setting.	3/7/2018 2:16 PM
103	Have a full day referendum like most area towns	3/7/2018 9:56 AM
104	Make sure it's not just a bunch of crabby older people complaining about spending a dime.	3/6/2018 12:58 PM
105	Advertise	3/5/2018 11:04 PM
106	Good question	3/5/2018 5:51 PM
107	Advertise it more so that the town residents are made more aware.	3/5/2018 2:54 PM
108	Move start time to earlier (6:00)	3/5/2018 11:34 AM
109	can't think of anything more	3/5/2018 1:53 AM
110	Have it on Saturdays, including voting on Saturday.	3/4/2018 12:21 PM
111	Increase communication about upcoming meetings.	3/4/2018 12:16 PM
112	expand methods of communication	3/3/2018 4:39 PM
113	Publicize more on internet, newspapers,Pomfret Times Explain issues to public before the meeting via social media	3/3/2018 3:05 PM
114	Serve alcoholic beverages (only kidding but a Town Hall Happy Hour does have a nice ring to it).	3/3/2018 2:58 PM
115	have at earlier time so older people can attend	3/3/2018 10:06 AM
116	schedule it on a weekend, or at least a Friday	3/3/2018 1:26 AM
117	Many people do not have the time or want to go to a meeting. An increase in attendance is not likely.	3/2/2018 9:51 PM
118	Bake pies!!	3/2/2018 4:29 PM
119	It's tough in todays climate, 2% on each side dominate the conversation. I feel like you have to pick a side and I'm a centrist. Don't like politics.	3/2/2018 4:10 PM
120	Condense/simplified agenda and minutes. Bullet points, not paragraphs. Encourage people to attend if they want details.	3/2/2018 3:35 PM
121	?	3/2/2018 2:06 PM
122	Social Media	3/2/2018 12:11 PM
123	Personally I believe the budget should be put out to referendum.	3/2/2018 9:56 AM
124	Make it an event not just a meeting.	3/2/2018 8:36 AM
125	very difficult situation as people seem to not have enough time. Maybe a Sat meeting!	3/2/2018 8:21 AM
126	Keep raising taxes	3/1/2018 10:30 PM
127	Announce on radio, have someone discuss issues on WINY close to meeting date.	3/1/2018 9:04 PM
128	Make transportation available.	3/1/2018 8:02 PM
129	Could the internet be utilized?	3/1/2018 7:17 PM
130	Put signage up at the entrance of the town line alerting residents of meeting	3/1/2018 6:56 PM



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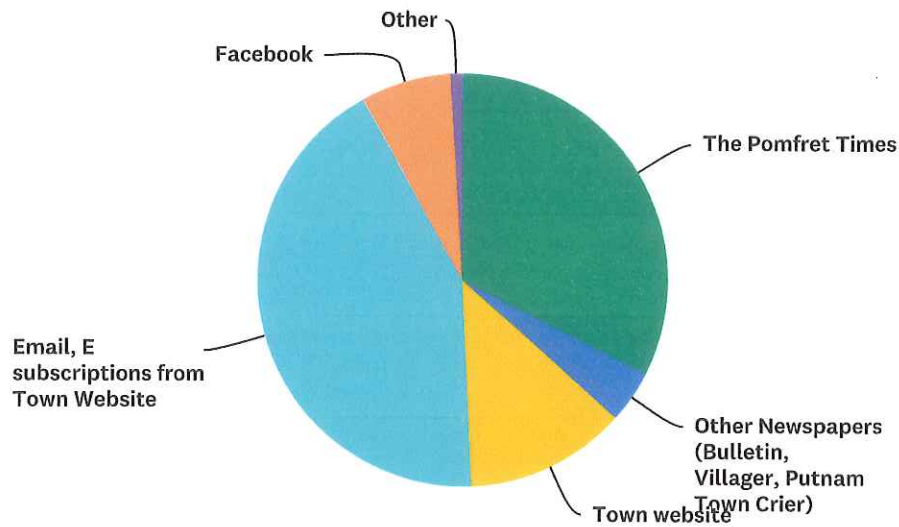
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131	hold on Sat.	3/1/2018 6:24 PM
132	REFERENDA	3/1/2018 6:23 PM
133	Don't know	3/1/2018 6:12 PM
134	Go to virtual meetings/social media/live stream. Allow members one week to view the meeting before comments are closed.	3/1/2018 3:53 PM
135	Move to virtual attendance. Stream the meeting. So many in Pomfret are high earners and have travel/work committments outside the area. Make it accessible.	3/1/2018 3:30 PM
136	Email would be quickest and least expensive. Sometimes weather is a factor especially in winter months.	3/1/2018 1:32 PM
137	People who are interested will go vote. Others don't care and you will never get them out to vote.	2/23/2018 5:48 PM



## Q25 What is the best way for you to receive town information?

Answered: 197 Skipped: 2



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
The Pomfret Times	32.49%	64
Other Newspapers (Bulletin, Villager, Putnam Town Crier)	4.06%	8
Town website	12.69%	25
Email, E subscriptions from Town Website	42.64%	84
Facebook	7.11%	14
Other	1.02%	2
TOTAL		197

## Q26 Do you have any budget-related questions, comments, suggestions not covered in the responses above?

Answered: 120 Skipped: 79

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	what is being done to improve commercial business growth?	4/5/2018 10:38 AM
2	Pomfret has fewer students and higher administration costs than in years past. We should look to cut administration staff before cutting teachers or support staff.	4/2/2018 4:53 PM
3	Put budget related info in the Pomfret Times each month.	4/2/2018 4:44 PM
4	Spend more on road maintenance. Support agriculture and make it easier for small businesses to develop in Town.	3/31/2018 12:49 PM
5	None	3/30/2018 9:26 PM
6	No	3/30/2018 7:52 PM
7	Consideration to seniors who may find it difficult to meet rising cost of taxes. Most are civic minded and have built the town from early years. I find no need for them to continue to pay increases in education costs when many may find it difficult to pay for medicine or foods	3/30/2018 3:44 PM
8	Not really	3/30/2018 3:34 PM
9	No	3/30/2018 12:17 PM
10	We love the investment in open space but believe it's time to back off of these investments in favor of other services	3/30/2018 10:50 AM
11	Consider development of mixed age community development for moderate income people.	3/30/2018 9:23 AM
12	NO	3/28/2018 10:43 PM
13	no	3/28/2018 9:19 PM
14	No	3/28/2018 4:10 PM
15	no	3/28/2018 1:40 PM
16	no	3/28/2018 1:23 PM
17	Some administrative roles in the school seem redundant based on the population attending PCS, I would rather see money spent on directly on improving classroom services/technology rather than administrative salaries.	3/28/2018 11:40 AM
18	we have an awesome website. the more you put on it, the better for us all. nice job !	3/28/2018 10:13 AM
19	No	3/28/2018 9:04 AM
20	If you want to raise taxes then take care of the homes that have blight. It's horrible. I am not willing to pay more taxes when we aren't upholding the laws we currently have. Clean up Pomfret! You want to charge a million bucks then make it look like a million bucks because right now every entrance into Pomfret is riddled with yards full of trash, broken down cars and car parts. It's disgusting.	3/28/2018 8:33 AM
21	School should have more after school homework support and childcare	3/27/2018 7:19 PM
22	no	3/27/2018 1:34 PM
23	nyet	3/27/2018 1:01 PM
24	no	3/27/2018 12:55 PM
25	no	3/27/2018 11:10 AM
26	no	3/27/2018 10:06 AM
27	hope we are looking to combine our school with another to reduce cost.	3/27/2018 10:05 AM

28	I don't care for the three options given as a solution to rising costs - ie increase, taxes, cut school budget, cut town budget. There has to be a balanced approach as there always has been in Pomfret.	3/27/2018 9:23 AM
29	no	3/27/2018 9:13 AM
30	No	3/27/2018 8:33 AM
31	none	3/27/2018 6:19 AM
32	Not at this time.	3/27/2018 1:51 AM
33	Clearly explain where money is going and where it's being taken from.	3/26/2018 9:04 PM
34	No	3/26/2018 9:02 PM
35	No	3/26/2018 9:00 PM
36	No	3/26/2018 2:48 PM
37	No	3/26/2018 12:32 PM
38	Not at this time	3/25/2018 10:27 PM
39	Focus on new steady revenue not based on town or state taxes to fund	3/25/2018 8:49 PM
40	Last year the town voted to pass the budget with a possible 2.3 mil increase. This year, you are asking boards to decrease their budgets before the public hears about them. WHY? Let the people decide. Don't simply cut the budgets because you think it makes you look like fiscally responsible.	3/25/2018 6:12 PM
41	No	3/25/2018 3:30 PM
42	no	3/25/2018 12:53 PM
43	Must maintain or invest in music, art and sports programs at PCS. Cutting the school budget is a local government death spiral. A fantastic school system is the best way to preserve a fantastic town. Similar sentiment for land preservation...	3/25/2018 12:21 PM
44	na	3/25/2018 9:49 AM
45	no	3/25/2018 8:30 AM
46	No	3/25/2018 8:00 AM
47	Take a strong look at what the town REALLY needs and not accepting something just because it's the way we've always done it. And before you think about taxing it's citizens more maybe we should be looking at taxing entities that generate millions in revenues in town such as the pomfret school.	3/25/2018 7:35 AM
48	X	3/24/2018 6:26 PM
49	not right now	3/24/2018 5:45 PM
50	No	3/24/2018 5:44 PM
51	Please consider three third grade teachers for the 2018/2019 school year.	3/24/2018 4:59 PM
52	No	3/24/2018 4:59 PM
53	Increased safety measures at PCS.	3/24/2018 4:58 PM
54	Take into consideration, not everyone in Pomfret is rich and can not afford tax hikes year after year. We need to get rid of a use it or lose it attitude in budgets.	3/23/2018 6:25 PM
55	why doesn't our town have a transfer station? we spend \$\$\$\$ on very few seniors who were very rude to my family member who won't go back	3/23/2018 11:06 AM
56	no	3/22/2018 8:55 PM
57	Is the sewer plan which will go through pomfret community school still on for 2018.	3/22/2018 2:28 PM
58	Why does the school population continue to decrease but spending continues to increase. Spending at senior center increases but too few users.	3/22/2018 12:07 AM
59	We need to fully support public education; it is the cornerstone of our democracy and it drives our future.	3/21/2018 11:47 PM



60	No	3/21/2018 4:19 PM
61	It's important to consider that even a minor uptick in mill rate is significant to most residents. Also consider a mil rate reduction for tenured residents, which would go a long way towards retention.	3/21/2018 3:13 PM
62	25. Receive info via email, subscription to town website, as another way to stay up to date on town information. as well as The Pomfret Times	3/16/2018 1:27 PM
63	Vote by ballot rather than saying aye or nay	3/14/2018 10:10 PM
64	no	3/14/2018 4:26 PM
65	No	3/14/2018 11:29 AM
66	Why are we sitting on a large amount of undesignated funds and still scrambling to cover expenses? Use some of the monies to pay for necessary services and hold tax rates steady (but do not lower taxes...that is a bad idea fiscally).	3/14/2018 9:51 AM
67	No	3/13/2018 6:12 PM
68	no	3/13/2018 5:21 PM
69	No	3/13/2018 3:57 PM
70	If State aid is cut, the choice should not be between raising taxes to support current spending or cutting existing programs to maintain inflation level taxes. There should be some middle ground of cutting some and raising taxes slightly above the rate of inflation. Where that middle ground lies is going to depend on the circumstances and details.	3/13/2018 3:42 PM
71	no	3/13/2018 3:03 PM
72	NONE	3/12/2018 4:26 PM
73	Nope	3/12/2018 10:28 AM
74	Pomfret is fast becoming a high tax town in which senior home owners are forced to leave due to high taxes. Complete fiscal mis- management at the state level has bankrupted our state and the town can not afford to make up for the ever increasing lack of state support.	3/12/2018 9:57 AM
75	No	3/11/2018 5:53 PM
76	The mill rate should not increase. We need to find ways to be more efficient or find areas to cut back.	3/10/2018 5:50 PM
77	no	3/10/2018 5:23 PM
78	make a real effort in not just reducing the increase in budget line items, but reducing the line item total. From experience I know that budgets default to the same or a little more each year, while rarely wanting to reduce. It is necessary to reduce most recurring items with a reduction in the grand list. Also relating to question 29, people that do not pay real estate taxes (employees of private schools that live in school housing, renters) should NOT be able to vote at Town Meeting. The \$1,000 threshold should be eliminated or changed. Who checks this at the Town Meeting anyway?	3/10/2018 1:05 PM
79	Unsure.	3/10/2018 10:54 AM
80	The taxes are very high considering we don't have a standing police department or a fully paid fire department. We should benchmark our tax burden to services against other ct and Massachusetts comparable communities to see how we rank out. I have come to appreciate that the town doesn't have a transfer station. Putting one in will lead to much higher costs to the town. Right now I pay \$93 per quarter for curbside trash and recycling. I'd be hard pressed to believe the town could do it for less. I would encourage our budget to be savvy. Get the best possible value at the lowest possible price. Given our small town. Thanks!	3/10/2018 9:51 AM
81	property tax reduction	3/9/2018 2:35 PM
82	Doesnt seem like we are getting better or smarter with our budget. Many more administration at the community school than in previous years. Many more full time secretaries. That have had their positions changed due to outsourcing cafeteria management. Fewer students.	3/9/2018 1:31 PM
83	The Pomfret and Rectory Schools should pay the town more.	3/8/2018 4:54 PM
84	Pomfret needs to reduce property taxes for senior citizens so that they don't have to move out of their homes.	3/8/2018 11:29 AM

85	Yes. Comprehensive review of boards and commissions with view toward their continued relevance. For a small town, Pomfret has a lot of government. I would discontinue recreation dept. Not a proper role of gov't to provide fun.	3/8/2018 10:19 AM
86	The government needs to live within its means. If we taxpayers dont have the money, then we live without until we can afford it.	3/7/2018 7:08 PM
87	NO	3/7/2018 6:07 PM
88	N/a	3/7/2018 3:45 PM
89	Not at present. Will wait to see the budgets when presented	3/7/2018 2:18 PM
90	No	3/7/2018 2:16 PM
91	No	3/7/2018 9:56 AM
92	nope	3/6/2018 12:58 PM
93	No	3/5/2018 11:04 PM
94	No	3/5/2018 5:51 PM
95	I can't remember when it was, but having it April-October is a good idea, as many seem to go to Florida! (not us)	3/5/2018 2:35 PM
96	No	3/5/2018 11:34 AM
97	school spending keeps increasing but population keeps going down. can't afford to live here much longer	3/5/2018 1:53 AM
98	What happens to equipment (vehicles, construction, computers & peripherals, furniture, etc.) when they are no longer used? When was the last time the BOE budget remained level? We have fewer students, but still have 8 buses, why?	3/4/2018 12:21 PM
99	Don't use the rainy day funds to support standard operations.	3/4/2018 12:16 PM
100	no	3/3/2018 4:39 PM
101	Keep taxes low. Living in CT is expensive enough.	3/3/2018 2:58 PM
102	Who considers the affects of tax increases on the seniors on fixed incomes?	3/3/2018 10:06 AM
103	I am concerned that there is not enough support for the Abington Social Library, which does not receive the support from the State that the Pomfret Library does	3/3/2018 1:26 AM
104	Stop the "I have to use all the money in my budget or I'll get less next year" mentality	3/2/2018 5:57 PM
105	No	3/2/2018 4:10 PM
106	none	3/2/2018 2:06 PM
107	Beyond taxes and State/Federal funding, how is the town identifying new additional forms of income? Town events, fund raisers, sales...	3/2/2018 12:11 PM
108	No	3/2/2018 9:56 AM
109	No	3/1/2018 9:04 PM
110	No.	3/1/2018 8:02 PM
111	Can the Murdoch property be used to generate income?	3/1/2018 7:17 PM
112	No	3/1/2018 6:56 PM
113	i think it is time that senior citizens(65+) get a break on education portion of taxes. They have been paying for this appropriation for many years after their children have been out of the school system and their tax liability should be lessened.	3/1/2018 6:24 PM
114	WE HAVE TO PULL TOGETHER WITH WHAT WE HAVE TO GET THROUGH THE STATE REVENUE CRISIS	3/1/2018 6:23 PM
115	No	3/1/2018 6:12 PM
116	Not now	3/1/2018 5:28 PM
117	Snow removal poor	3/1/2018 4:26 PM



118	Keep in mind why Pomfret and Woodstock command premiums versus the surrounding (failing) towns. Do you deviate from that success. Pomfret is home to many successful executives, professionals, etc including numerous new constructions. Appease the high earners. Do not fall into a trap of attacking what makes us successful...great education equates higher R/E values. Keep Pomfret the "premier" town in the northeast for high earners with families (ask any R/E agent in the area).	3/1/2018 3:53 PM
119	Please do not hamper the town property values by now funding our education. The only reason Pomfret (and Woodstock to a lesser degree) maintain property values well above the surrounding towns is due to the inherent value of the schools. If that changes, we become Putnam/Killingly/Thompson and if that happens, households like mine will leave the area.	3/1/2018 3:30 PM
120	I know you'll do your best.	3/1/2018 1:32 PM

## Q27 Are there any services that Pomfret does not provide and you wish it did?

Answered: 127 Skipped: 72

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	access to a transfer station / trash services	4/5/2018 10:38 AM
2	nope.	4/2/2018 4:53 PM
3	Unfortunately the few I can think of right now wouldn't pass muster so I will remain silent on this.	4/2/2018 4:44 PM
4	Farmers market.	3/31/2018 12:49 PM
5	Transportation	3/31/2018 10:15 AM
6	No	3/30/2018 9:26 PM
7	No	3/30/2018 7:52 PM
8	Nothing at this time that would be realistic due to economic factors being faced.	3/30/2018 3:44 PM
9	No	3/30/2018 3:34 PM
10	I worry about house bound elderly, more social services for them through TEEG?	3/30/2018 12:17 PM
11	For the elderly, provide greater transportation and entertainment /gathering services (we'll all be old someday)	3/30/2018 10:50 AM
12	Trash removal	3/30/2018 9:23 AM
13	Pomfret is a small middle class community and as such I believe the services are more than adequate.	3/29/2018 12:59 PM
14	NO	3/28/2018 10:43 PM
15	no	3/28/2018 9:19 PM
16	No	3/28/2018 4:10 PM
17	More offerings for bulky waste and trash services	3/28/2018 1:35 PM
18	trash removal	3/28/2018 1:23 PM
19	Not that I can think of	3/28/2018 11:40 AM
20	less will be just fine. we have gotten out of hand thinking that we need to provide more services. let neighbors help neighbors. the food bank is a great thing that i believe costs the town little if anything. more like that. foolish to have those req fields that are empty so much of the time. yes they get used, but they sit idle a lot also. how much does that cost ?	3/28/2018 10:13 AM
21	no	3/28/2018 9:04 AM
22	No	3/28/2018 8:33 AM
23	After school classes/groups	3/27/2018 7:19 PM
24	no	3/27/2018 1:34 PM
25	nyet	3/27/2018 1:01 PM
26	paths/sidewalks along roads would make our town even better. With childhood obesity, screen addiction, etc-would love to have a safe ways fro all kids, adults, elderly to access the airline trail from other places w/o having to drive to a parking lot.	3/27/2018 12:55 PM
27	no	3/27/2018 11:10 AM
28	summer recreation	3/27/2018 10:06 AM
29	no	3/27/2018 10:05 AM



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30	No	3/27/2018 9:23 AM
31	no	3/27/2018 9:13 AM
32	Recycling option	3/27/2018 9:10 AM
33	Although I am aware that we have a food bank, at the senior center, I think that we should make aware more to the public of Pomfret residents that this is a service that the town provides. I think there should be more donations and more focus on it for the families who live here who still cannot feed their families.	3/27/2018 8:33 AM
34	Additional high school options other than WA	3/27/2018 7:16 AM
35	Pay by the bag trash pickup & recycling	3/27/2018 6:55 AM
36	trash pick up. We pay independent right now. Police available for Pomfret because we have to wait quite awhile if we call for assistance	3/27/2018 6:19 AM
37	Recycling/transfer station. More frequent bulky waste.	3/27/2018 1:51 AM
38	town dump, maybe a youth center for teens	3/26/2018 9:12 PM
39	Transfer station.	3/26/2018 9:04 PM
40	No	3/26/2018 9:02 PM
41	None	3/26/2018 9:00 PM
42	More open hours for the food pantry (or at least look into that would be a good idea in terms of users).	3/26/2018 2:48 PM
43	No	3/26/2018 12:32 PM
44	A way of disposing items such as a transfer station.	3/25/2018 10:27 PM
45	no	3/25/2018 6:12 PM
46	No	3/25/2018 3:30 PM
47	no	3/25/2018 12:53 PM
48	All purpose town building besides school.	3/25/2018 12:21 PM
49	na	3/25/2018 9:49 AM
50	transfer station police	3/25/2018 8:30 AM
51	No	3/25/2018 8:00 AM
52	X	3/24/2018 6:26 PM
53	recycling center, upcycle shed. Perfectly good 'things' are otherwise thrown into the trash or into dumpsters especially at Bulky Waste, when somebody else would gladly put the item/s to good use and more importantly this would KEEP much OUT OF OUR LANDFILL! Every little bit helps. It is embarrassing how behind the times Pomfret is in this area.	3/24/2018 5:45 PM
54	Before and after school programs	3/24/2018 5:44 PM
55	Yes	3/24/2018 5:02 PM
56	Trash, before/after school care like Brooklyn	3/24/2018 4:59 PM
57	No	3/24/2018 4:59 PM
58	transfer station	3/23/2018 11:06 AM
59	provide access to cable services as was done for the 4-H camp	3/22/2018 8:55 PM
60	No	3/22/2018 2:28 PM
61	transfer station	3/22/2018 1:00 PM
62	Better senior programming	3/21/2018 4:19 PM
63	Trash transfer station and recycling	3/21/2018 3:15 PM
64	yes, but only when we have a true surplus in budget.	3/21/2018 3:13 PM
65	Transfer station	3/18/2018 10:35 PM

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66	Economical Trash pick up.	3/16/2018 1:27 PM
67	None that I can think of now.	3/14/2018 4:26 PM
68	No	3/14/2018 11:29 AM
69	TRASH!!!!!!	3/14/2018 9:51 AM
70	No	3/13/2018 6:12 PM
71	no	3/13/2018 5:21 PM
72	I do wish that we were able to start teaching the students Spanish beginning in pre-K/kindergarten.	3/13/2018 3:57 PM
73	it might be more cost effective and more energy efficient for the Town to bid out weekly household rubbish pickup rather than have multiple vendors driving the same roads. I am currently paying \$372 per year for rubbish removal. The Town could raise taxes enough to cover the pickup and it might be cheaper. Plus less trucks on the road.	3/13/2018 3:42 PM
74	no	3/13/2018 3:03 PM
75	TOWN WIDE RECYCLE PICKUP	3/12/2018 4:26 PM
76	Sidewalks would be cool	3/12/2018 10:28 AM
77	Pomfret should be cutting back on expenditures not looking for ways to spend more tax payer money.	3/12/2018 9:57 AM
78	No	3/11/2018 5:53 PM
79	A resident trooper program with their office located inside the school.	3/10/2018 5:50 PM
80	no	3/10/2018 5:23 PM
81	more bulky waste and hazardous wasted	3/10/2018 3:16 PM
82	No, we get much of what we pay for. Living in Pomfret means you should pay lower taxes in return for fewer services. That is one reason why people choose to live in a rural town.	3/10/2018 1:05 PM
83	Municipal trash collection; Willimantic Waste's for-profit monopoly *without optional access to a transfer station* or *any other* alternative means of disposing of household waste is a gift to WW.	3/10/2018 10:54 AM
84	No. Keep as is. Do not implement a transfer station. I get curbside pick up for \$93 a quarter. Unrealistic to believe the town can do the same for less.	3/10/2018 9:51 AM
85	Bulky waste the weekend after the town wide yard sale	3/9/2018 1:31 PM
86	no	3/8/2018 5:47 PM
87	No	3/8/2018 11:29 AM
88	No.	3/8/2018 10:19 AM
89	trash removal	3/7/2018 6:35 PM
90	A transfer station would be nice but I think getting access to existing facilities in neighboring towns is the perfect solution.	3/7/2018 6:19 PM
91	no	3/7/2018 6:07 PM
92	N/a	3/7/2018 3:45 PM
93	No	3/7/2018 2:16 PM
94	No.	3/7/2018 9:56 AM
95	More activities geared toward young families year round.	3/5/2018 11:04 PM
96	Not at this time	3/5/2018 5:51 PM
97	not that I can think of right now	3/5/2018 2:35 PM
98	No	3/5/2018 11:34 AM
99	A maker space would be great, perhaps with a school in town.	3/5/2018 9:36 AM
100	more frequent trash days at murdock property	3/5/2018 1:53 AM
101	Not at this time.	3/4/2018 12:21 PM



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102	Garbage pick up.	3/4/2018 12:16 PM
103	hazardess waste facility as Eastford/Willington	3/3/2018 4:39 PM
104	more older adult active educational programming, not in the sr center	3/3/2018 3:05 PM
105	It would be nice to have a town trash pickup service.	3/3/2018 2:58 PM
106	trash collection center.	3/3/2018 10:06 AM
107	I wish it would stop plowing dirt roads when there are four or less inches of snow, thus scraping the surface off the roads, creating potholes, destroying the drainage and dumping gravel on the side of the road where there should be grass - the excessive plowing is a waste of money and destructive to the environment	3/3/2018 1:26 AM
108	Better advertising for the food pantry. Summer concerts at the Recreation Park Another Farmer's Market at the Recreation Park	3/2/2018 4:29 PM
109	No, keep it basic, people need to be fairly self sufficient. Once you add services you own them forever and some people will be priced out.	3/2/2018 4:10 PM
110	Everyone would save on trash removal and recycling if the town negotiated a group rate paid for it with our taxes.	3/2/2018 3:35 PM
111	nope	3/2/2018 2:06 PM
112	Not that I can think of	3/2/2018 12:11 PM
113	I wish that the roads in town were maintained during a snow storm and not just after the storm.	3/2/2018 9:56 AM
114	No	3/1/2018 9:04 PM
115	Transportation for those of us who haven't any car.	3/1/2018 8:02 PM
116	No	3/1/2018 7:17 PM
117	No	3/1/2018 6:56 PM
118	would like to see more of my tax go to infrastructure and less to education	3/1/2018 6:24 PM
119	TRANSFER STATION, BUT NOT UNTIL THE FINANCIAL SITUATION BETTERS	3/1/2018 6:23 PM
120	No	3/1/2018 6:12 PM
121	No	3/1/2018 5:28 PM
122	No	3/1/2018 4:26 PM
123	Dog officer.	3/1/2018 3:53 PM
124	No	3/1/2018 3:30 PM
125	Transportation for the Senior Center (van and volunteer driver).	3/1/2018 1:32 PM
126	Trash pick up.	2/23/2018 5:48 PM
127	Transfer station, bigger collection at the library	2/23/2018 3:29 PM

## Q28 Do you have any suggestions for improving services from the town or school system?

Answered: 113 Skipped: 86

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Market the Senior Center more heavily- attendance at a stand still for last 2 years at least. Thank-you town leaders for asking this of your constituents. I think we all feel you have us always in mind.	4/2/2018 4:44 PM
2	Communication, communication, communication!!! I can't count how many times I've heard I'll look into it and get back to you! Never hear a word!	4/2/2018 10:08 AM
3	Not at the moment.	3/31/2018 12:49 PM
4	Keep WA as our High School	3/30/2018 9:26 PM
5	No	3/30/2018 7:52 PM
6	None definitive at this time.	3/30/2018 3:44 PM
7	No	3/30/2018 3:34 PM
8	No	3/30/2018 12:17 PM
9	None. Our kids no longer attend PSC but we'll always be in favor of supporting and active school budget and programs. Strong schools attract families who are educated and believe in strong education offerings	3/30/2018 10:50 AM
10	NO	3/28/2018 10:43 PM
11	Decrease the snow days	3/28/2018 9:19 PM
12	No	3/28/2018 4:10 PM
13	For the school, go back to the arts integration model when we were a H>O.T. School	3/28/2018 1:40 PM
14	see comment in question 21	3/28/2018 1:35 PM
15	no	3/28/2018 1:23 PM
16	Less focus on testing, more focus on organic, hands on learning, greater emphasis on arts. Commit to hire or train teachers to become technologically savvy.	3/28/2018 11:40 AM
17	start cutting. run them both like you run your house. it is not a blank check. you do NOT know what you will get for a raise this year ( money from the state,) so do not count on any extra. spend what you know, save some for a rainy day and if you do get a bit extra, then make a priority list and pick from it. no more deep pockets	3/28/2018 10:13 AM
18	A community garden or school garden for the kids/seniors/community would be a nice gathering and learning spot.	3/28/2018 8:33 AM
19	See previous	3/27/2018 7:19 PM
20	more outreach to parents to get involved. Hard to get informed if you are not already in the know of events	3/27/2018 1:34 PM
21	nyet	3/27/2018 1:01 PM
22	We feel very fortunate to be part of PCS, yet are concerned about the seeming lack of leadership (defined as willing to make decisions) in our school. We would like to see our principal present at more events supporting all kids. Tone in building has changed...not for the better.	3/27/2018 12:55 PM
23	no	3/27/2018 11:10 AM
24	no	3/27/2018 10:06 AM
25	To much overhead in school administration.Merging is one solution.	3/27/2018 10:05 AM
26	I think the town and school system are doing a good job with the resources they have.	3/27/2018 9:23 AM



27	Research other towns our size to see how they form a sense of community to support each other.	3/27/2018 9:13 AM
28	I think when we lost the grant for the after-school homework program and we didn't replace it, we missed the boat. I think that as a town the amount of money that it cost to have kids in a structured environment getting help with their school work from the teachers who are teaching it was a huge bonus for parents, and it really is a shame that we can't fund that initiative.	3/27/2018 8:33 AM
29	Having a child who is presently at WA we always were told that when they left PCS they would be well prepared for WA. That is not exactly the case. There have been numerous times I can back this up with.	3/27/2018 6:19 AM
30	Not at this time.	3/27/2018 1:51 AM
31	the school system needs to be overhauled. people. there are condescending and uncooperative when problems arise. Bullying at the school needs to be dealt with including the bullying from the faculty towards the student.	3/26/2018 9:12 PM
32	Instead of defaulting towards tax increases for additional services, explore tax breaks for donated services. i.e.school improvements.	3/26/2018 9:04 PM
33	Many for the school system	3/26/2018 9:02 PM
34	No. Just keep costs down.	3/26/2018 9:00 PM
35	Not that I can think of.	3/26/2018 2:48 PM
36	No	3/26/2018 12:32 PM
37	I think the school is the most positive thing we have in town. I understand people are moving to Pomfret because of the excellent school. This could only improve the value of homes.	3/25/2018 10:27 PM
38	More resident preference to rec park Replace bulky waste personnel-they are on the road leaving @ 3 & hoard items left for residents	3/25/2018 8:49 PM
39	No	3/25/2018 3:30 PM
40	no	3/25/2018 12:53 PM
41	Invest in more music, art and sports resources and programs at PCS.	3/25/2018 12:21 PM
42	na	3/25/2018 9:49 AM
43	no	3/25/2018 8:30 AM
44	I would like to see a second music teacher added to the school budget so that the children can have music lessons past grade 5.	3/25/2018 8:10 AM
45	Maybe little more programs dealing with bullying in school, seem to fall short on that!	3/24/2018 6:26 PM
46	give educators a raise.	3/24/2018 5:45 PM
47	Before and after school rev programs	3/24/2018 5:44 PM
48	Do not cut teachers...the best part of Pomfret is our school...classes should not have 20+ kids in them.	3/24/2018 5:02 PM
49	I think Pcs students should have more choices for high school not just WA	3/24/2018 5:00 PM
50	No	3/24/2018 4:59 PM
51	spending too much \$\$\$\$\$ on education budget. can still provide quality education on less dollars. spend more on maintaining roads and land preservation	3/23/2018 11:06 AM
52	no	3/22/2018 8:55 PM
53	We need a town wide event other than positively pomfret day and our tag sale day in may. "Pomfret food truck day" or a fishing tournament or hot air balloons etc	3/22/2018 2:28 PM
54	School spends too much. Spend more on fixing our roads.	3/22/2018 12:07 AM
55	No. School is excellent.	3/21/2018 4:19 PM
56	The school system staff must be audited for continual service improvement. There are some that have been stagnant for decades, and quite frankly provide little value for the tax dollars paying their salary. All teachers should be rotated throughout there certified grade levels, and should be required to be certified in all grade levels. to be the most effective.	3/21/2018 3:13 PM



57	Not at this time	3/16/2018 1:27 PM
58	More transparent and effective communication. A letter in a packet of 40 page newsletter isn't there. Maybe a video message or an succinct email. We don't have time to go to town meetings (we have kids with whom we stay home with).	3/15/2018 9:02 AM
59	Not yet.	3/14/2018 4:26 PM
60	Keep The Woodstock Academy as our local high school	3/14/2018 11:29 AM
61	The town actually offers a great deal of services IF YOU KNOW WHERE TO GO TO FIND THEM. We need to advertise those services we offer better so the citizens will make full use of the services. The people cannot access what they know nothing about!	3/14/2018 9:51 AM
62	No	3/13/2018 6:12 PM
63	no--sorry	3/13/2018 5:21 PM
64	Feel the school needs to look seriously into the disparity of how boys and girls are treated, especially in the middle school grades. I have made this concern known to the Principal but not sure if it's been followed up on.	3/13/2018 3:57 PM
65	No	3/13/2018 3:42 PM
66	no	3/13/2018 3:03 PM
67	None	3/12/2018 10:28 AM
68	Unions essentially run the schools and in the process they degrade the educational system and raise costs. The collective labor process needs to be drastically revised.	3/12/2018 9:57 AM
69	No	3/11/2018 5:53 PM
70	Eliminate the constables. They seem like nice people but they offer no real security. They have no training or certifications which results in a liability issue to the town. They nearly caused a car to crash into me while they were stopping/alternating traffic over a hillcrest on Route 44 after Chubbiks Farm during some construction project by longmeadow. We either need real local police or resident troopers; the untrained/elected constabulary system that we have in our town is antiquated and largely abandoned everywhere except for a couple towns in Windham County. The constables in the rest of CT are sworn police officers who graduated from the police academy.	3/10/2018 5:50 PM
71	no	3/10/2018 5:23 PM
72	When voting for the school budget, make it a paper vote, not a na or ya vote. Have a suggestion box set up somewhere in town for people to suggest or give opinions on school budget to be addressed at town meeting.	3/10/2018 3:16 PM
73	1. Being able to easily email the highway dept. with issues related to the roads and trees, especially in an emergency. And knowing that the emails are being read. Understanding that they cannot necessarily act on each email but just knowing that someone is listening. 2. Having bus stops for children rather than the bus stopping at each individual house. What a waste of time and energy. This can be accomplished safely depending on the street and number of children there. It only is happening at a few locations now. A little effort can save a lot.	3/10/2018 1:05 PM
74	TBD	3/10/2018 10:54 AM
75	Suggestion box in the post office so everyone can have a voice	3/9/2018 1:31 PM
76	School administration is bloated and over paid. School population has decreased steadily and yet school has principal and assistant principal when none were required when school population was much larger. There are full time secretaries for part time administrators. Custodial staff should not be receiving overtime. Facilities manager should not have school provided vehicle.	3/8/2018 5:47 PM
77	No	3/8/2018 11:29 AM
78	See #26. School system appears to be too expensive. Question need for all that staff.	3/8/2018 10:19 AM
79	I think the Town should consider changes to the land use review process for planning, wetlands and engineering. You could consider issuing a new RFP for those review services to see if you could find a group to do that work in a more unified manner but also bring the correct expertise to each role. Having a planner do the wetlands review work is a mistake. NECOGs engineering review is cost effective but lacks technical depth. I'm not sure who you would get for a response from but it would be worth investigating.	3/7/2018 6:19 PM



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80	no	3/7/2018 6:07 PM
81	No	3/7/2018 3:45 PM
82	No	3/7/2018 2:16 PM
83	Less administration.	3/7/2018 9:56 AM
84	Not an improvement really but I always think one way to cut the budget needs would be to reduce school bus service. I see buses dropping off and picking up kids who live within a mile or two of the school. I also see buses stopping at house close together on the same street. Surely if there were dedicated bus stops or no pick up within five miles of the school or some such this would reduce costs?	3/6/2018 12:58 PM
85	Not at this time	3/5/2018 11:04 PM
86	Regionalize	3/5/2018 5:51 PM
87	No. I really appreciate the email notices!	3/5/2018 2:35 PM
88	More Bulky Waste Days. At least one during winter.	3/5/2018 11:34 AM
89	too much spending for senior center with not many people benefiting	3/5/2018 1:53 AM
90	Don't add anything, unless you remove or reduce the same amount to something you already have.	3/4/2018 12:21 PM
91	Share services with neighboring towns.	3/4/2018 12:16 PM
92	continue long-term designation of Woodstock Academy as Pomfret high school	3/3/2018 4:39 PM
93	My wife and I have attended several grandparent days at Pomfret Community School. We weren't impressed by the job that some of the teachers are doing. The classrooms were chaotic and we couldn't help but wonder if this was the norm and if so, how can learning take place.	3/3/2018 2:58 PM
94	no	3/3/2018 10:06 AM
95	see 27 above	3/3/2018 1:26 AM
96	Overall everything is fine, maybe some more electronic services at Town Hall so people can do more business without going to Town Hall.	3/2/2018 4:10 PM
97	nope	3/2/2018 2:06 PM
98	Not at this time	3/2/2018 12:11 PM
99	No	3/2/2018 9:56 AM
100	Better traffic control on back roads and cut over roads. There is significant and dangerous speeding. Maybe signs, decrease in limits, speed bumps..	3/2/2018 9:35 AM
101	There's a lack of communication!!	3/2/2018 9:28 AM
102	As school population drops, consolidate town hall into school building	3/1/2018 10:30 PM
103	Seek volunteers if possible	3/1/2018 9:04 PM
104	When the selectwoman/selectman is going to be on W.I.N.Y. radio, I think a Esubscription announcement would be appropriate.	3/1/2018 8:02 PM
105	No	3/1/2018 7:17 PM
106	No	3/1/2018 6:56 PM
107	see above	3/1/2018 6:24 PM
108	No	3/1/2018 6:12 PM
109	No	3/1/2018 5:28 PM
110	Not at this time	3/1/2018 4:26 PM
111	No	3/1/2018 3:53 PM
112	No	3/1/2018 3:30 PM
113	Have you considered using more volunteers such as seniors, stay at home moms/dads to help teachers and students? I hope to be able to do that when I retire.	3/1/2018 1:32 PM

## Q29 What sources of tax revenue should Pomfret encourage?

Answered: 131 Skipped: 68

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	improved commercial business	4/5/2018 10:38 AM
2	Solar farms. Recreational. Leasing open land for farming. Approximately one third of the taxpayers in town are retired. With educational costs increasing and state aid decreasing, we need to find viable cost reductions along with an expanded tax base. Good luck.	4/2/2018 4:53 PM
3	Keep status quo for now and think taxes only if the State becomes miserly. Taxation with representation only, should it come to that.	4/2/2018 4:44 PM
4	Solar. Wind. Cell towers on town land.	3/31/2018 12:49 PM
5	A tax on SUVs and 4x4 pick ups	3/30/2018 9:26 PM
6	Property	3/30/2018 7:52 PM
7	Pomfret should be encouraging a broader based tax from finding businesses that can operate in this area. Bring in more business and strongly encourage and support local businesses. Make it interesting for visitors to want to come to the area to help develop more commerce.	3/30/2018 3:44 PM
8	Small businesses	3/30/2018 3:34 PM
9	Businesses that don't negatively impact the rural feel to the town. It would be great to have a grocery store in Pomfret	3/30/2018 12:17 PM
10	Business	3/30/2018 10:50 AM
11	Small business development. Solar farm perhaps	3/30/2018 9:23 AM
12	Promote more industry to help our tax base	3/29/2018 12:59 PM
13	Additional business in town	3/28/2018 10:43 PM
14	Not sure	3/28/2018 4:10 PM
15	Clean businesses	3/28/2018 1:40 PM
16	services related businesses	3/28/2018 1:35 PM
17	Assuming that the lion's share comes from Property tax, add more revenue streams by encouraging more small businesses in town. I understand it will be impossible to replicate Putnam's success with its downtown area, but its close proximity could encourage people on day trips to visit.	3/28/2018 11:40 AM
18	we are fine. buy up BUILD-ABLE land so no more homes can be built, less kids in school, less tax \$\$\$\$. and stop treating long meadow special	3/28/2018 10:13 AM
19	Not sure	3/27/2018 7:19 PM
20	thoughtful commercial development. There is room for businesses in town without the loss of rural character. Encouraging home based or low impact businesses would bring value to the town.	3/27/2018 1:34 PM
21	increase promoting small business, be more pro-active business friendly, less "nope won't can't"	3/27/2018 1:01 PM
22	Get the private schools (rectory and pomfret) to support the town, especially the education budget. They certainly use the services, and though they offer generous "in-kind" services (use of facilities, fields, etc) this does not diminish the cost of educating faculty kids and/or providing services to kids attending those schools (ex speech pathologist)	3/27/2018 12:55 PM
23	More industry into town.	3/27/2018 10:54 AM
24	small business	3/27/2018 10:06 AM
25	horse farms	3/27/2018 10:05 AM



26	I think there could be opportunities to encourage revenue from commercial uses of property without changing the character of the town. The town has also traditionally had a good working relationship with the private schools in town. Those schools are large consumers of town resources (school aged children) but do not contribute any revenue to help offset those costs. I encourage the continued development of partnerships with the schools which might benefit both. Maybe the schools could take over the care and maintenance of the rec fields? At the very least, faculty of the schools should have their vehicles registered in town and pay vehicle tax.	3/27/2018 9:23 AM
27	Tech services... small businesses	3/27/2018 9:13 AM
28	More small business	3/27/2018 8:33 AM
29	don't know	3/27/2018 6:19 AM
30	Any type of renewable energy if possible.	3/27/2018 1:51 AM
31	Bring more businesses to town	3/26/2018 9:15 PM
32	Pomfret needs to be more open to allowing businesses into town. we have enough open spaces, the businesses would help with the tax situation.	3/26/2018 9:12 PM
33	Additional businesses. Village concept.	3/26/2018 9:04 PM
34	N/a	3/26/2018 9:02 PM
35	It would be great if Pomfret School paid taxes. Lots of property but no revenue to claim, meanwhile students of parents who work there attend PCS	3/26/2018 9:00 PM
36	Try to recruit small businesses to certain areas of town (Route 44, 101).	3/26/2018 9:00 PM
37	Get back (in terms of grants, education funding, road work) some more of what we send to the state.	3/26/2018 2:48 PM
38	?	3/26/2018 12:32 PM
39	The private schools and churches should be paying their fair share of taxes as well.	3/25/2018 10:27 PM
40	Business & affordable housing	3/25/2018 8:49 PM
41	Many people feel strongly about land conservation, and I believe that our town has done a great job with that. But I do think we should allow some industry in our town if it would provide tax revenue.	3/25/2018 6:12 PM
42	Commercial	3/25/2018 3:30 PM
43	not sure	3/25/2018 12:53 PM
44	Property tax	3/25/2018 12:21 PM
45	Light manufacturing, warehousing, data companies. Would love to see the Steak-Ums building occupied.	3/25/2018 12:07 PM
46	Must think on this	3/25/2018 9:49 AM
47	business	3/25/2018 8:30 AM
48	Solar / wind farms; small scale business center	3/25/2018 8:00 AM
49	X	3/24/2018 6:26 PM
50	?	3/24/2018 5:45 PM
51	What are options?	3/24/2018 5:44 PM
52	Solar panel farm needs to be taxed more	3/24/2018 4:59 PM
53	Corporate income tax, fees for town services, personal income tax	3/24/2018 4:59 PM
54	Small business such as Software companies, Research firms, small manufacturing facilities, Renewable Energy Generation facilities	3/24/2018 12:55 PM
55	Find a way for Pomfret School to chip in. Limit the amount of home/land purchases they make. We lose a lot of tax revenue from them when they buy up all the properties that surround them. They should also have to pay tuition for the children who go to PCS that live on their campus. Allowing us to use certain facilities on occasion is not enough.	3/23/2018 6:25 PM
56	small business solar	3/23/2018 11:06 AM

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57	don't know of any options	3/22/2018 8:55 PM
58	Business park?	3/22/2018 2:28 PM
59	solar, cottage industry, small home based business, green industry, medical marijuana	3/22/2018 12:07 AM
60	Small environmentally friendly businesses and home based businesses. Non-chain restaurants.	3/21/2018 11:47 PM
61	Business growth.	3/21/2018 4:19 PM
62	use taxes, i.e. donations to the library, etc.	3/21/2018 3:15 PM
63	charge for bulky waste, it would cost extra to have a trash service pick the items up anyway. hold several more bulky waste days than we have now.	3/21/2018 3:13 PM
64	Light (green) business	3/18/2018 10:35 PM
65	Encourage the State to be responsible with their current budget. Encourage State to reconsider unfunded mandates to give towns relief.	3/16/2018 1:27 PM
66	N/A	3/14/2018 4:26 PM
67	?	3/14/2018 11:29 AM
68	Solar and other "green" initiatives, try to draw in more small businesses, try to get some tax revenue on vehicles operated by our non-profit businesses	3/14/2018 9:51 AM
69	Don't know	3/13/2018 6:12 PM
70	minimally invasive businesses that can be integrated into the community without effecting its bucolic nature.	3/13/2018 5:21 PM
71	- More solar if private and doesn't interfere with landscape - More 'service' companies that operate out of homes, etc. but bring in higher property taxes while keeping landscape beautiful - possibly advertise/use Mashamoquet park more to our advantage? - Positively Pomfret group has had some great ideas to make Pomfret an 'attraction' - perhaps that can be capitalized on in a way to help the town as well?	3/13/2018 3:57 PM
72	Low profile, no impact, businesses. Same pipe dream as everyone else.	3/13/2018 3:42 PM
73	service businesses	3/13/2018 3:03 PM
74	COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL	3/12/2018 4:26 PM
75	Unsure	3/12/2018 10:28 AM
76	Why must the answer always be new funding sources. Ever increasing homeowner taxation is not the answer.	3/12/2018 9:57 AM
77	Good Luck!	3/11/2018 5:53 PM
78	Plan/zone an industrial park at the Murdock Property or other suitable location that will not greatly reduce the rural scenery in town.	3/10/2018 5:50 PM
79	unknown	3/10/2018 5:23 PM
80	more businesses and look into Pomfret School and Rectory for more support money wise for school budget	3/10/2018 3:16 PM
81	I have seen over the years the private schools in town buying houses, which takes them off of the grand list. Pomfret should initiate a PILOT program similar to Boston and surrounding suburbs to tax these facilities. The tax burden in Pomfret should be shared equally. It is morally wrong to shift the tax burden from the people who can most afford it to the least. Unlike a for-profit business, it is hard to imagine a school with a \$40million endowment leaving town because they have to pay (some) taxes. The recent sewer project and sidewalk project benefit these schools more than any resident who pays taxes.	3/10/2018 1:05 PM
82	Encourage tech (and other) businesses with low or even positive environmental impact to locate here; however this would likely require a much more robust digital infrastructure (particularly cell service) than the town currently has.	3/10/2018 10:54 AM



83	There are lots of families living for free on the campus housing at the two private schools. None of the schools pay real estate taxes on that private market activity. This is essentially a landlord operation having nothing to do with school. If the schools didn't offer this the workers would have to rent or buy and contribute to the tax roll. This causes my taxes to be higher. They need to pay a fair share. Plus these non tax paying residents send kids to our schools putting additional costs into our system. They also force our town to pay special education costs for their kids that pcs can't handle or the exclusive schools can't deal with themselves so the non taxpayers stick us with the bill for the education and transportation. Somehow this doesn't seem right. These two schools should evaluate their economic impact and make a payment in lieu of taxes. It might be a good idea to see what sort of development can be done on the outer edge of town near the killingly line on route 44/101. Perhaps some more retail shopping. I think killingly gets quite a sum from killingly crossing. We should have Pomfret crossing.	3/10/2018 9:51 AM
84	bussiness	3/9/2018 2:35 PM
85	Keep pomfret a desirable place to live.	3/9/2018 1:31 PM
86	Pomfret is not at all friendly to home based small businesses.	3/8/2018 5:47 PM
87	Again, Pomfret and Rectory Schools should be paying for their children they are sending to PCS. It's only fair, they should not be getting a "free lunch"	3/8/2018 4:54 PM
88	None except for grants or user fees	3/8/2018 11:29 AM
89	Something that would reduce property tax, e.g. user fees.	3/8/2018 10:19 AM
90	Too much property is owned by non taxpaying entities.	3/7/2018 7:08 PM
91	public water supply development, innovative residential development opportunities like developing a tiny house community	3/7/2018 6:19 PM
92	Be more aggressive in selling the town for appropriate businesses.	3/7/2018 6:07 PM
93	N/a	3/7/2018 3:45 PM
94	Economic development at the Murdock property. Home based businesses.	3/7/2018 2:18 PM
95	Green when possible. Some business expansion - office and professional space where appropriate in keeping with character of Town.	3/7/2018 2:16 PM
96	Non-residential development, including small commercial and light industrial.	3/7/2018 9:56 AM
97	Small business, green business, businesses that fit the landscape, including light industry that doesn't pollute or disrupt the quietude of country living.	3/6/2018 12:58 PM
98	Business	3/5/2018 11:04 PM
99	Not sure what you mean. You collect property, automobile, and fire tax. What are the other sources?	3/5/2018 5:51 PM
100	I like keeping Pomfret quiet, but clean businesses are great. I think partnering with the last Green Valley or other groups like that is a good idea.	3/5/2018 2:35 PM
101	Current is fine	3/5/2018 11:34 AM
102	Solar farms, modern agriculture, tourism	3/5/2018 9:36 AM
103	green industry. solar. pot. cottage industry home ,service businesses	3/5/2018 1:53 AM
104	There are many vehicles in town with out-of-state license plates. Some have been here for more than 10 years. Others have no plates and they sit stagnant, along with multiple boats, campers, trailers, etc. Fortunately, information on these tax evaders can be found online. Maybe a notice with the regulations for property declarations could be placed in the Pomfret Times and online. Then, take a road trip around town....like the census?	3/4/2018 12:21 PM
105	Commercial businesses in town to increase tax base.	3/4/2018 12:16 PM
106	percentage tax attached to each purchase of residence or property in town used to support community recreation services	3/3/2018 4:39 PM
107	business development at Murdock property	3/3/2018 3:13 PM
108	small clean business, organic businesses	3/3/2018 3:05 PM
109	open to allow more business coming into town.	3/3/2018 10:06 AM

110	cut spending. Property taxes are already way too high, especially now that they are no longer deductible	3/3/2018 1:26 AM
111	Clean energy such as Solar collectors	3/2/2018 4:29 PM
112	Encourage the development of business that are suitable to the rural character. Art, nature, recreation and hospitality show off and use the beauty of the open spaces.	3/2/2018 4:10 PM
113	Pomfret should be proactive about zoning and policies surrounding cultivation and sale of medical and recreational marijuana. Eventually CT will legalize marijuana. It will be a multi-million dollar industry. If Pomfret already has the legal infrastructure in place to encourage outdoor and indoor growing of organic marijuana, we can get be ready for legalization and become the easiest town for investors to locate their marijuana farms. This would provide a boon to our agricultural community, increase revenue, and attract investment to Pomfret without compromising our communities core values of great education, open space, and outdoor recreation.	3/2/2018 3:35 PM
114	not industry or commercial	3/2/2018 2:06 PM
115	Tourism	3/2/2018 12:11 PM
116	business/corporate tax revenue	3/2/2018 10:51 AM
117	Small home businesses. Pomfret needs to stay a small town and avoid ending up like Coventry or Mansfield.	3/2/2018 9:56 AM
118	Small private business fitting with character of town.	3/2/2018 9:35 AM
119	none	3/2/2018 8:21 AM
120	Business development on the Murdock property	3/1/2018 10:30 PM
121	Small businesses/light industry	3/1/2018 9:04 PM
122	The rich but, then again you can't tax them more than anyone else. Too bad:( I think the encouragement of local businesses would be a good source of tax revenue:)	3/1/2018 8:02 PM
123	Property tax is enough when you're on a fixed income.	3/1/2018 7:17 PM
124	Agricultural.	3/1/2018 6:56 PM
125	pomfret school,rectory school properties these are not non profits	3/1/2018 6:24 PM
126	CLEAN SMALL INDUSTRY AND BUSINESSES IN AREAS WHERE THEY ALREADY EXIST	3/1/2018 6:23 PM
127	Don't know	3/1/2018 6:12 PM
128	Residential. CT is not a state that encourages business development so do not waste resources or efforts trying to solicit those revenue streams. Maintain the excellent education system to entice the areas highest earners to stay here. Real estate values directly correlate to the highest performing educational districts. We went through this in 2017. The only town left where high earners remain is Pomfret.	3/1/2018 3:53 PM
129	Residential	3/1/2018 3:30 PM
130	Positively Pomfret Day, consider asking for each vendor to pay \$10-25 for their space.	3/1/2018 1:32 PM
131	Solar. Green industry. Agriculture / medical marijuana.	2/23/2018 5:48 PM