

**Meeting of the Waterbury Select Board
Monday, December 19, 2022
Steele Community Room
28 North Main Street**

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| 7:00pm | Approve Agenda |
| 7:02pm | Consent Agenda Items a.) Minutes of December 5 th , 2022 Meeting b.) Approve 1 st and 3 rd Class Liquor licenses for Farmhouse Flowers, LLC c.) Financial policies |
| 7:03pm | Public |
| 7:08pm | Select Board Items a.) Lt. White from the VT State Police b.) Michael Leichter, Superintendent; Harwood Union Unified School District c.) Review of ARPA survey results |
| 7:45pm | Managers Items a.) Capital Fire Mutual Aid System – Communications b.) Fire Department Budget c.) Planning Department Budget d.) Transfer of Property from EFUD to Town e.) Duxbury & Moretown Fire Contracts |
| 9:00pm | Adjourn |

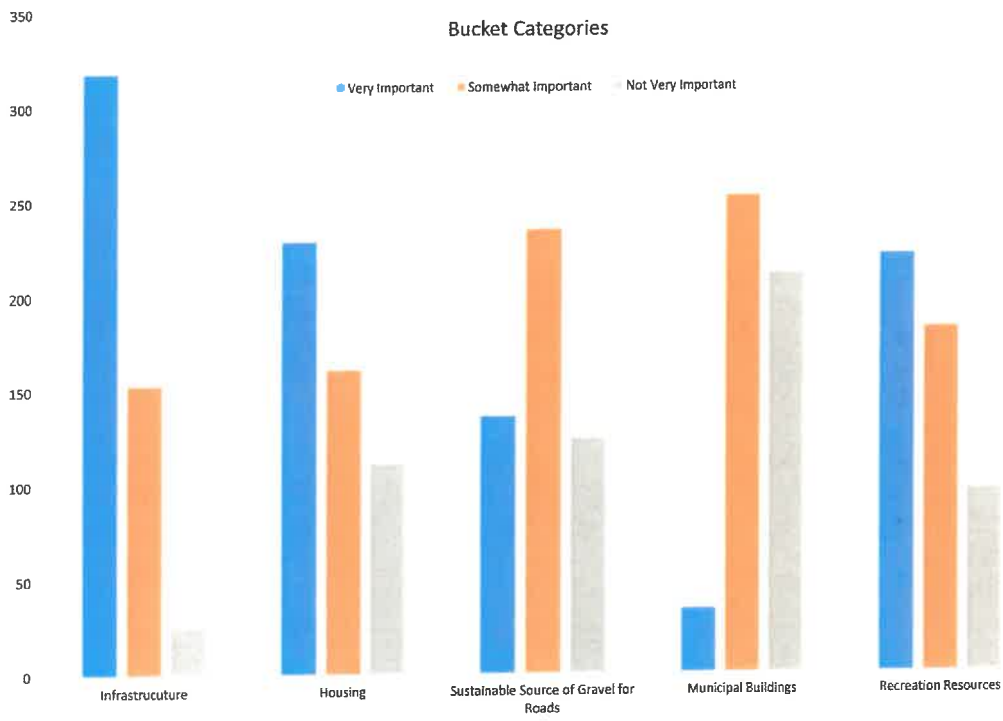
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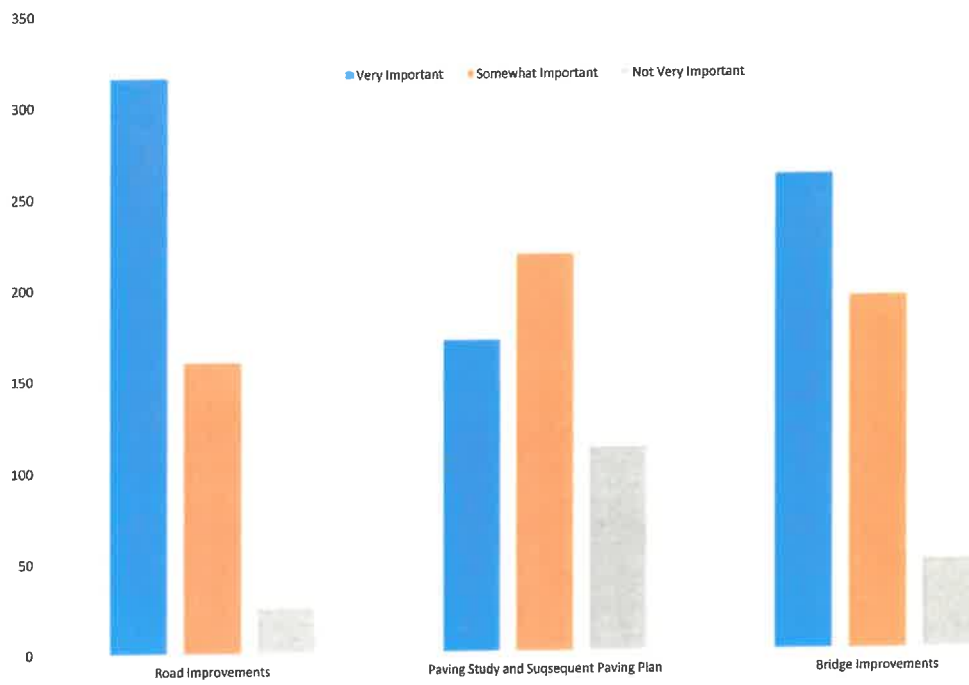
- Noise Ordinance
- Parking Ordinance

| ARPA Survey Responses: 12/16/2022 | | | | | | | | | |
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| Bucket Categories | Totals | | | % of Totals within Question | | | Score | Rank in Category | |
| | Very Important | Somewhat Important | Not Very Important | Very Important | Somewhat Important | Not Very Important | | | |
| Infrastructure | 318 | 153 | 25 | 64.1% | 30.8% | 5.0% | 2.55 | 1 | |
| Housing | 229 | 161 | 111 | 45.7% | 32.1% | 22.2% | 2.04 | 3 | |
| Sustainable Source of Gravel for Roads | 136 | 235 | 124 | 27.5% | 47.5% | 25.1% | 1.79 | 4 | |
| Municipal Buildings | 34 | 252 | 211 | 6.8% | 50.7% | 42.5% | 1.24 | 5 | |
| Recreation Resources | 221 | 182 | 96 | 44.3% | 36.5% | 19.2% | 2.07 | 2 | |
| Infrastructure | | | | | | | | | |
| Road Improvements | 316 | 160 | 25 | 63.1% | 31.9% | 5.0% | 2.54 | 1 | |
| Paving Study and Subsequent Paving Plan | 171 | 218 | 112 | 34.1% | 43.5% | 22.4% | 1.91 | 3 | |
| Bridge Improvements | 261 | 194 | 49 | 51.8% | 38.5% | 9.7% | 2.33 | 2 | |
| Quarry | | | | | | | | | |
| Collaborative Purchasing Between Towns/Counties | 159 | 225 | 110 | 32.2% | 45.5% | 22.3% | 1.89 | 1 | |
| Town Operated Gravel Pit | 76 | 206 | 211 | 15.4% | 41.8% | 42.8% | 1.33 | 2 | |
| Recreation Resources | | | | | | | | | |
| Pool Repairs/Improvement | 155 | 220 | 125 | 31.0% | 44.0% | 25.0% | 1.82 | 2 | |
| Rec Building | 128 | 238 | 126 | 26.0% | 48.4% | 25.6% | 1.76 | 3 | |
| Wayfinding and Signage | 55 | 162 | 271 | 11.3% | 33.2% | 55.5% | 1.05 | 5 | |
| Parking and Trailheads | 193 | 191 | 115 | 38.7% | 38.3% | 23.0% | 1.94 | 1 | |
| Anderson complex study to match Hope Davey/Ice Center area study | 96 | 212 | 180 | 19.7% | 43.4% | 36.9% | 1.49 | 4 | |

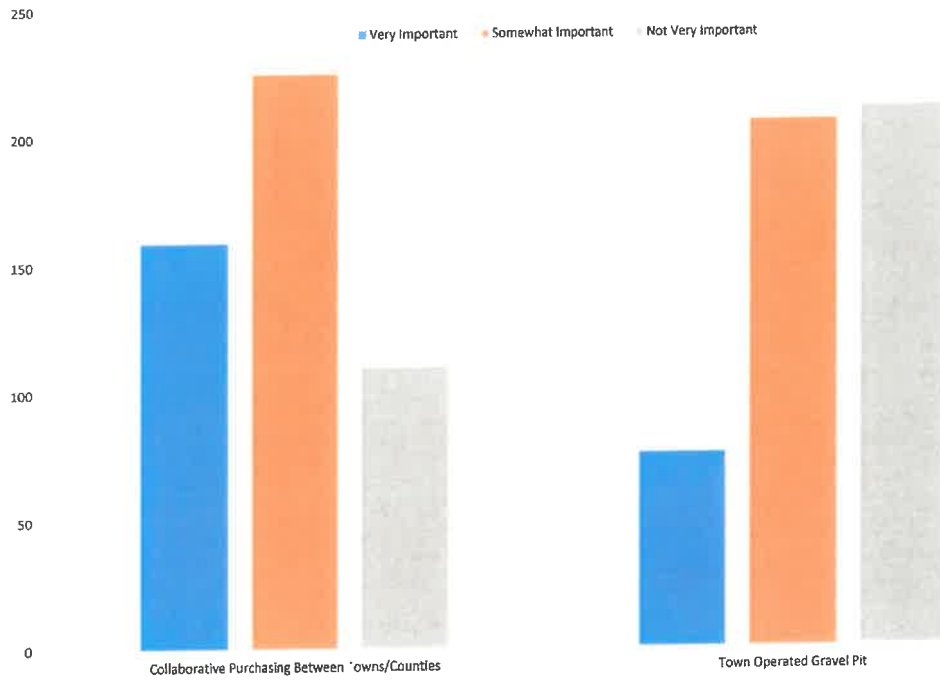
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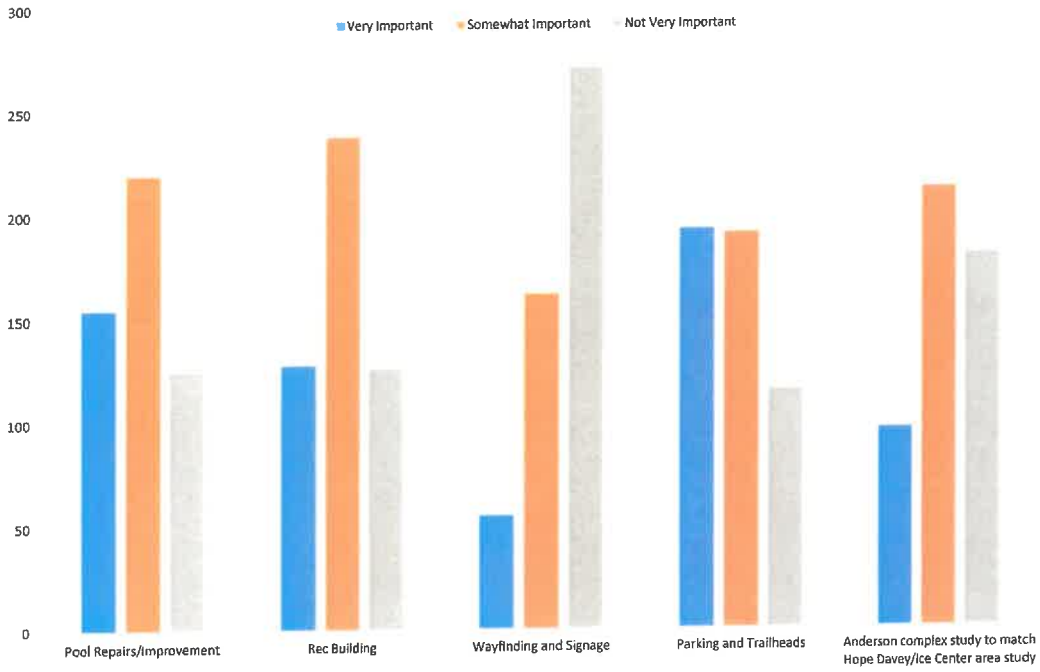
Infrastructure Improvements



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Recreation Resources



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| General Comment | Despite all of the controversy I'd like to see the town look to make improvements to anything connected to disc golf, perhaps the most used recreational facility in town |
| General Comment | Shuttle to Stowe Mountain Resort will improve people's desire to stay and spend in Waterbury, VT |
| General Comment | I don't see mention of Waterbury Fire Dept. As with Waterbury Ambulance I think they should be given as much \$ as possible, especially considering they are mostly run by volunteers and have been invaluable to the community. |
| General Comment | Waterbury has no handicapped parking. No entrances to businesses for handicapped. My handicapped parking I don't mean 1/4 mile down the road |
| General Comment | Anything that grows our vibrant downtown I am all for. Thanks! |
| General Comment | I would like to see some of the ARPA monies used for the purposes identified in the Hope Davy/Ice Center area including: |
| | (1) Ice center - skatepark |
| | (2) Ice center - improving the conditions and moving river road |
| | (3) Hope Davy - repair existing skate park |
| | (4) Hope Davy - improve disc golf and enhance multi use trail |
| | Overall I would like to see resources dedicated to Waterbury's adolescent aged kids, including a large indoor multi-use space that can be used in the winter time, for uses ranging from dog ball to movies to food. Thank you! |
| General Comment | Thank you for Asking. Michael & Nancy Brink |
| Question 1 - Sustainable Source of Gravel for Roads | Need more information |
| Question 1 - Municipal Buildings | Not very important, unless more \$ to ambulance |
| Question 1 - Recreation Resources | Need to have a plan in place first. |
| Question 2 - Paving study and subsequent paving plan | Seems like a road plan should be ongoing |
| Question 3 - Town Operated Gravel Pit | Need more information |
| Question 4 - Pool Repairs/Improvement | Close the pool. More people use skatepark in Waterbury Center. Improvements already made are good. |
| Question 4 - Rec Building | Who besides the summer kids program uses it. |
| General Comment | Need overall rec plan, not piecemeal approach |
| General Comment | Addition to UDAG funds and broader use, only once under control of Town. \$ to facilitate a town charter development. Thank you for soliciting public input. Will be interested to see compilation of responses. |
| General Comment | Village parking sustained and maintained by a local option tax |
| General Comment | Sustainability: Eliminating (eventually)/decreasing (now) use of fossil fuels and plastic!!! |
| General Comment | Investment in renewable energy. More solar more wind. Investment in weatherization & support for homeowners. EV charging |
| Question 2 - Paving study and subsequent paving plan | You don't need a study |
| Question 2 - Bridge Improvements | Only if they need it. |
| Question 4 - Anderson complex study | You don't need a study |
| General Comment | Expand the Waterbury Community Path north from Guptil Road towards Stowe or provide funds for the waterbury area trail alliance to spend on expanding their trail systems |
| General Comment | Create a grant or RFP program to encourage expansion on public level 3 electric charging in both waterbury village and waterbury center |
| | Investigate the opportunities for waterbury to host public daycare especially for children under the age of 5 |
| | Increase town staff time devoted to maintaining the outdoor ice rink at the rec department so that it opens earlier and is maintained further into the winter and has a more consistent surface (weather patterns notwithstanding) |
| General Comment | Waterbury walking trail |
| | A. Create a walking trail loop from WATA/Ice center |
| | B. Improve walking trail from winoski street to state complex |
| | C. Establish walking trail around Dac Rowe |
| | D. Link all these trails with neighborhood friendly access (signs, benches, etc.) |
| General Comment | Replace the 93 year old stowe street bridge |
| General Comment | Truth is all of these categories are important. However, the arpa has suffered from billions in dollars defrauded from its coffers, all of these extra funds should be given back. A federal or state tax break would be preferred. |
| General Comment | Funding for small businesses to sustain and grow as well as promote opportunities for new businesses to join in the community (i.e. empty pizza blue stone, other vacancies, farmer pharmacy-next to subway)... Thank you for welcoming input and for the work done on behalf of the community. Highly appreciated. |

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| General Comment | Very important would be tax reduction for senior citizens in regards to school taxes. Shouldn't have to continue after all children are grown with their own children. I've lived in this address for over 30-years and have had ditches along road and my property cleaned maybe 2 times. I've maintained myself as your crew never stops here. |
| General Comment | These funds should be used for providing better access to health care. Such as transportation and promoting the re-opening of an express care office in Waterbury. Or funding future vaccination efforts. |
| General Comment | Sidewalk improvements, including along 100 past Shaws and Ben & Jerry's |
| General Comment | Get the wires and poles off main street |
| Infrastructure | Create off street parking options |
| | Stowe street bridge @ route 100 & blush Hill road |
| | Gapfill bridge near Zen Bar/Vlens Ext Road |
| General Comment | I don't believe it is the business of the town to take action on housing - but if the public is so invested in the idea, don't build new structures on parking lots (as parking or lack thereof has always been an issue). Rather, team with the state and revitalizing waterbury to rejuvenate old structures like the salt shed behind the methodist church, or other buildings not being used - or for a "new rec" center. |
| General Comment | Invest in our younger generation and seniors |
| General Comment | Make the community more handicap accessible |
| | More free parking |
| General Comment | Need a community recreation center - Indoor/outdoor pickle ball, weight room, courts, exercise, yoga tai chi, conference room, parking |
| General Comment | Better pedestrian way from Colbyville to Stowe St to downtown - not too safe at the moment. |
| | Better upkeep of the trails Lincoln St to Learul Lane |
| General Comment | Housing is perhaps most important. Without it, we will wither away. Jobs, businesses depends on it. |
| General Comment | Improve senior center activities |
| | Improve rec programs in schools |
| | Put toward waterbury's debt and lower taxes for everyone. |
| General Comment | Quit try to improve or compete with Burlington. Maintain what we do have & quit putting burden on tax payers. |
| General Comment | The bridge at Stowe Street and Route 100 in train wreck. You can't really get two cars beside each other on the bridge, and god forbid there be a pedestrian crossing at the time. Someone is going to get hurt there at some point. |
| General Comment | Improve bike paths, especially the community path to help avoid route 100 |
| General Comment | Would like to see bridge on top of Stowe St. repaired and widened to allow for right on red at intersection. Also widen bottom of Blush Hill Rd to allow right on red onto 100 South |
| General Comment | More affordable housing is needed, plus intown development for more village "regular" housing |
| General Comment | Fix pavement |
| General Comment | Ambulance - very important service for us all. Senior center |
| General Comment | Pay town employees what they are worth - a lot! |
| General Comment | Recreation for all! Which means allowing 4 wheelers and ATVs on trails and dirt roads as well as village access for food and gas! NH & Maine already do it. |
| General Comment | Would be ecstatic to see a footbridge from waterbury to waterbury center state park for a safer way to get across route 100. Suggests footbridges near Howard ave and further down 100. |
| General Comment | I'd love to move the pool complex to the rec area. Build on the land out of the flood plain where the town stores road materials. |
| General Comment | The anderson field complex could be turned into a nice building - large enough for a senior center, community center, recreation/tennis, outdoor fields/swings and parking area. Move the pool to parking area. |
| General Comment | Does not want gravel pit on sweet road |
| Question 2 - Paving study and subsequent paving plan | Isn't the institutional knowledge of the roads department adequate |
| Question 3 - Town Operated Gravel Pit | Assuming the appropriate type of material is available and its extraction isn't environmentally harmful. Prefer town operated pit before a collaborative effort |
| Question 4 - Parking and Trailheads | Does this mean parking at trailheads? If not, not sure what is meant by/captured under "parking & trailheads." Improved parking at the hunger mountain trailhead would be nice. Are there other trailheads in waterbury? |
| General Comment | Kennedy Drive. Time for a new, rebuilt road. Road chunks have broken off edges for years. For the last 13-14 years - all you do is patch & patch, which mostly needs to be redone all over again. Enough money in town, stowe street and others that get constant re-doing. Kennedy Drive is priority for us taxpayers to be new again. |

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| Question 2 - Bridge Improvements | Stowe street bridge @ route 100 - very hazardous |
| General Comment | Pay off debt before spending on any projects. If debt is zero, maintenance on existing buildings, infrastructure, and other town resources should be next priority. No spending on items such as a gravel pit or housing with costs that will supersede the arpa funding. |
| General Comment | Schools recreation and projects to keep students occupied and interested. Nature studies, projects, outings. Projects for children who are not natural athletic participants. |
| General Comment | Perry Hill pedestrian trail improvements and access points. |
| General Comment | Programs offered by municipality is recreation resource. People are needed to enhance offerings. Childcare and after school is a priority. |
| General Comment | Improvements to the park in front of the station. A really good jungle gym would enhance the town and make events like the farmers market more attractive. |
| General Comment | How about looking at the town taking over responsibility for roads in developments. My taxes pay to maintain limited use gravel roads for homes on their road like Maples Way but the don't have to pay to maintain others roads like in Marvey Farms, Meadowares, Countryside, etc. |
| General Comment | Yellow lines on Guptill Road |
| General Comment | More money put into outside downtown |
| General Comment | A store in center |
| General Comment | Sewage in center |
| General Comment | Forget downtown and more resources towards the center. Common sense. |
| General Comment | Pave Guptill Road and Howard ave. It is embarrassing. It is so bad. |
| General Comment | If someone had their home burned down and were left in a very bad way it would be great if they got some help to continue on. |
| General Comment | Give the money to people in town who need it. After 50 yrs I remember when Stowe and Waterbury were fantastic quiet towns. Not both are a piece of shit. |
| General Comment | Traffic on route 100 is from the cider mill to past the Interstate. You can't park in town. The town is not filled with road mashes and the town is getting like the cape. |
| General Comment | How about law enforcement. The reckless driving (speeding) needs to be urgently addressed. I live in waterbury center and we had a state police radar display on Maple St. I witnessed daily, speeds in excess of 60 mph. So many people use the roads (year round) to walk, run, bike, etc. Many with young children. Will it take a catastrophic accident before this serious issue is properly addresses? |
| General Comment | I'd say improvement to the rec building @ anderson to make it bigger would help sickness transmission among campers. |
| General Comment | School safety and building structure (asbestos study) |
| General Comment | We'd like to see some allocated for beautification (art, flowers) in waterbury and waterbury center. |
| General Comment | Maintaining a municipal swimming pool is critical for access to swim lessons for instance. A pool is such an important asset for the community on increasingly hot summer days. |
| General Comment | Ensuring the upkeep of the structures at north barber park |
| General Comment | Putting the rest of the telephone poles out of service and continuing the underground services on south main street |
| General Comment | Keep the water/wastewater infrastructure able to manage appropriate growth |
| General Comment | Thanks for the opportunity to give input |
| General Comment | Implementing practices to strengthen the towns resiliency to future and growing climate change impacts. Storms, floods, wind damage, etc. |
| General Comment | Dac Rowe - XC skiing consistent maintenance. |
| General Comment | Cyclist signage in the village (share the road, street parking, bike lanes) |
| General Comment | Vehicular speed deterrents on side roads (speed radars, speed bumps) |
| General Comment | Indoor community swimming pool |
| General Comment | Contingency for future if allowed |
| General Comment | Land acquisition for conserved land open for multi-use recreation including hunting, fishing and trapping. |
| General Comment | How is ongoing climate change considerations being integrated in your planning? |
| General Comment | We need pedestrian sidewalks in colbyville - stowe street to laurel lane. |
| General Comment | Extend water and sewer to conserved areas of town |
| General Comment | We should be able to figure out where our money is spent without conducting an expensive study. |
| General Comment | Hope Davey park improvements |
| General Comment | I would give the money back to the taxpayers the pandemic closures have been hard on us all. |
| General Comment | What would it take to have a town telecom/internet entity like waitfield?? |
| General Comment | Ambulance service town funding |
| General Comment | An indoor recreation center would be great. |
| General Comment | Long-term investments to support future projects. |

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| General Comment | Affordable rental housing |
| General Comment | Using the money for more renewable energy investment for our downtown and businesses |
| General Comment | Cold patch or hot patch any type of pot hole or road degradation in the line of traffic (in line of vehicle wheels) constantly for 12 months. Repaint the white/yellow lines twice or more per year . Cut down the high brush/woods more often at intersections to improve vision in the summer. |
| General Comment | Continued revitalization of main st as well as local recreational areas (parks, Perry hill trails, etc) |
| General Comment | Continued downtown revitalization and investment in local businesses |
| General Comment | Crosswalk to get from Cider Mill to Other side of the road. Restrictions against future Airbnb growth so our restaurants don't close. |
| General Comment | Longer Rec path to ultimately link to stowe, lamolle rail trail |
| General Comment | I think you should use the money in one lump sum to make a big impact with one project. When do we ever have this much money to spend on one item. I think a rec path that connects the town to Little River St Park would be a great use. |
| General Comment | I think it would be the most worthwhile for the community to allocate the remaining funds to one big project. It's rare to have this amount of funds and it would be awesome to have one big, noticeable improvement. I think this improvement should be in the recreation category. I would love to have a rail trail or bike path that connects to the Lamolle Valley rail trail in Montpelier or a trail that connects the town to little river state park. It would be super cool to have something like this to expand and connect our town's access to recreation either within our own town or to other towns. |
| General Comment | Is there a plan for Stowe shuttles and stops along 100? I personally think Vall should be paying for this infrastructure, but I know that Waterbury is going to end up being one of the surrounding towns that will pay the price for the lack of parking. Stowe's problem will and is ultimately going to become our problem. |
| General Comment | Subcategory important to me: Pedestrian Improvements at Roe 100 - Blush Hill/Stowe St Intersection and Colbyville |
| General Comment | There are more needs in Waterbury than Rt100 & Main St. PLEASE FIX THE ROADS! All recreation/business ect will suffer if no one can travel safely on our roads. (Example: Quail, Kneeland Flats, Shew Mansion... Route 100 is not the only rd in town. |
| General Comment | mitigating any type of food impact. |
| General Comment | Extension of sidewalk north on route 100 |
| General Comment | Pave the rest of Blush hill road down to the boat launch. The road is terrible and narrow with all the boat traffic. |
| General Comment | More housing please! |
| General Comment | The municipal skatepark plan next to the ice center is very important to me, my children and the community here in Waterbury |
| General Comment | Enhance the playground at Rusty Parker Park. A recreation center! |
| General Comment | Bike friendly routes around town. Xc ski maintenance at dac Rowe park and potentially looking into additional areas to expand xc network |
| General Comment | Not sure why wayfinding is on the list. A wayfinding system was installed downtown as part of Main St reconstruction. |
| General Comment | Longer Nature trail system paralleling the Winooksi would be an important enhancement to the community. |
| General Comment | Expand recreation options at ice ctr areas in |
| General Comment | safe crossing of Main and Stowe streets, especially a crosswalk across from the Senior Center which is well marked. |
| General Comment | I suggest that we consider upgrading the downtown crosswalk signs to the flashing crosswalk signs that they have in Burlington |
| General Comment | Children's Programs for alternative learning styles |
| General Comment | More investment into broadband infrastructure, especially getting into homes. Also, money for energy efficiency upgrades to the town's municipal buildings and residents homes. |
| General Comment | Would love for an expansion to the train station playground to be a consideration |
| General Comment | Let's keep municipal expenses low and practical. |
| General Comment | Repairing/replacing crumbling sidewalks in some neighborhoods |
| General Comment | I would like more money put into housing to help grow our community |
| General Comment | Shared office and lab space for remote workers, start-ups and consultant businesses |
| General Comment | We have plenty of tax payer funded recreation. Fix the roads and invest to keep costs manageable for tax payers. |
| General Comment | With the exception of housing all of these issues seem relatively minor to me. It would be great if a chunk of this funding went towards helping the planning commission sort out and rewrite our antiquated zoning laws. Perhaps some assistance from a consultant could get our zoning updated so we have zoning that works for us. |
| General Comment | Like surrounding town's the highway department needs to have a roller that goes behind the grader as over the last several years the grading is dangerous |
| General Comment | Potential bike path between waterbury and Montpelier or expanding local trail networks |
| General Comment | I encourage ongoing work to upgrade our recreation facilities, and a long term goal of an indoor rec facility with a pool and basketball court. |
| General Comment | School infrastructure improvements are very important to me |
| General Comment | Teen Center |
| General Comment | I think an indoor athletic facility/field house would get a significant amount of use. A flooring surface that is good for indoor soccer and indoor lacrosse would be immensely popular. |

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| General Comment | So much of the year is cold, it would be nice to have a field house that would be able to be used to play lacrosse/soccer/field hockey and other field sports. |
| General Comment | Revitalized commercial spaces in Waterbury Center |
| General Comment | Funding for library to expand children's programming; money for the summer Waterbury Rec program to be able to accept more children. |
| General Comment | Anything to help relieve taxes. Although covid is somewhat less, times are still really tough financially |
| General Comment | School funding, bike paths / shoulders connecting neighboring towns |
| General Comment | Given the current housing issues, we need to effectively leverage these one-time funds to help there. Additionally, our road infrastructure (and sidewalks in many places) are in bad shape - a plan to address those with budgeted funds at an accelerated pace. Thanks for your work on this! |
| General Comment | No |
| General Comment | Storm resiliency and food security |
| General Comment | Road repaving is very important to us! PLEASE replace Kennedy Drive, off Blush Hill, behind the Best Western. It is in horrible condition and will eventually cause serious damage to cars and their drivers as well as pedestrians. Thank you for all you do!! |
| General Comment | Can I vote twice for pool improvements? That and development of the hope Davey/ice center area |
| General Comment | Elizabeth Schlegel |
| General Comment | Pave the rest of Blush Hill road all the way to the reservoir |
| General Comment | Improved playground in Waterbury Center |
| General Comment | Affordable Housing |
| General Comment | Sidewalks on route 100 to access shops from town |
| General Comment | Education - or does that fall under ESSER funding? Should explain |
| General Comment | Sustainability of waterbury as a place for businesses and people to thrive |
| General Comment | Attracting young professionals to want to live here - jobs, child care, schools. |
| General Comment | Safety - police |
| General Comment | FWIW - this survey seems to evoke "hey, we got \$1.5m in the lottery, let's see what we can spend it on v. educating respondents on what issues are + potential solutions |
| General Comment | Is \$50K CV fiber/broadband enough to move this along (understand with matching funds) |
| General Comment | Connecting waterbury center & waterbury. Trails, walking paths. waterbury as a walkable community |
| General Comment | Access to town buildings (commercial specifically) for people with health/ada impairments. Support/work with property/business owners |
| General Comment | We have a number of wonderful nonprofits and groups that are working hard to make Waterbury a wonderful place, it would be nice to grant some of this money out to them to promote their work. This could include Revitalizing Waterbury, MakersSphere, the Food Shelf, the Childrens Room, Waterbury Land initiative, etc... |
| General Comment | A competitive grant program focused on cross collaboration could result - elevate us as a bid. |
| General Comment | Paving of Perry Hill road so that emergency vehicles can get up the hill during mud season. |
| General Comment | Just to add to road improvements/paving have you driven on Ashford Lane recently? the road is falling apart and grass is growing out of it. |
| General Comment | Land preservation, environmental sustainability with existing buildings, funding for weather proofing |
| General Comment | Improve Maggies Way from beginning to end. |
| General Comment | We would like to see more allocated to the waterbury ambulance service. They did (and sometimes do) an amazing job with covid. They are key to one of the goals - fight the pandemic, public health, etc. We also think the money spent shouldn't be in a way that will cause ongoing costs/property taxes for the community. We would also like to see funding be used for all sorts. |
| General Comment | Affordable Housing |
| General Comment | Senior housing |
| General Comment | Making certain that the recovery fund money sets aside investments for the next emergency/pandemic. This money is a response to covid-19 but we know that th |
| General Comment | Street lighting improvements (rural streets) |
| General Comment | HUHS track - replace gravel with rubber surface |
| General Comment | Wayfinding and signage already much improved |
| General Comment | With the town owning Rusty Parker Park there are structural roof issues with need to be addressed (maintenance). (1) The bandstand has a "copper" roof. It will probably last forever. However, there are leaks that need to be addressed from a marlift and roofing expert to apply caulking to stop the leaks. Roof replacement is not necessary. (2) The gazebo roof is metal standing seam. It does not leak but ice has eroded the surface paint resulting in rusting areas. Needs a surface treatment rust solution on rust areas and also painted - whole roof. Will need a marlift. |
| General Comment | Town center - for years we've needed something for teens to do other than get in trouble and get high/drunk. To be open after school hours/supervised by volunteers and/or a paid staff. Open - pool table/casino type games, ping pong, card games, etc. |
| General Comment | Progress towards an indoor pool |
| General Comment | Funding to local nonprofits. Specifically those that feed those that need help. |
| General Comment | Culvert Improvements on roadways, especially dirt roads |

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| General Comment | Paving of roads is very important to us. Please pave Kennedy Drive |
| General Comment | Tax breaks for seniors so they may stay in their homes and fuel incentives for the same |
| General Comment | Waterbury select board. I shouldn't write this because I didn't attend town meeting or any meeting - but I am gonna anyway. Taxes of \$100,000 for the ice center?? This is the same ice center that taxpayers never had in Waterbury and "Washington west" play? How many other teams and schools use the center? And why are we paying tax on it anyway? How many teams from Waterbury and "Washington west" play? How many other teams and schools use the center? How much do they pay to use it? Is this like the swimming pool? How many teams from where use it for swim competitions. Seems as though everyone is enjoying our sports areas compliments of us. I don't use the pool or ice center so why do I pay? Are you gonna buy my movie ticket? This is totally our of hand. Totally! What about retired people? Is someone else pay for meds or food? Totally out of control. Theresa King |
| General Comment | Walking path along route 100 |
| General Comment | Better maintenance of the rec facilities/fields we currently have. |
| General Comment | Fix the paved roads & junctions/curve |
| General Comment | Get outside mowing for all fields/cemetery - bids |
| General Comment | Better communication to town people on road work plans/paving |
| General Comment | Waterbury's own high school |
| General Comment | We live on Gregg Hill Rd and would like to entertain funding for road improvements. I say this because driving during mud season this year we had so many issues. The grading tractor couldn't even help. In my humble opinion. A couple hours after the road was graded it was back to this sloppy mud and with no tractor available. |
| General Comment | I don't read much here regarding "response to and recovery from covid pandemic." Any space where people are going to congregate needs adequate air filtration. How many restaurants or bars bought air purifiers? It should be a requirement from now on, this money should be available to subsidize. All school buildings should have air systems. Two main aspects of living were exposed by the pandemic: elder care and child care. How can waterbury invest in these? This is where I would aim the funds, not the green pit. |
| General Comment | Focus on ambulance. |
| Question 1: Municipal Buildings | Water and sewer services to waterbury center. Where there is more land for future housing! The once beautiful center looks like a demolition zone. |
| Question 1: Housing | Continuing water/sewer line to the center - very important issue. |
| Question 2 | Think about an enclosed pool! Make the ice center a town utility! |
| Question 4 | Waterbury center has lost its charm. There is no longer a gas station or grocery so center residents have to drive to the village for milk. Add water/sewer lines to center to promote growth outside the village in terms of a community within a community. |
| General Comment | I'm 73 years old and the traffic is scary. Left hand arrows are imperative. |
| General Comment | Its important to many townies that the lights from 86A to 89S onto route 100 be synched for better control to keep a good flow onto Gupta Rd. Add green arrows to traffic lights for left hand turns @ Biles Hill /Stows St/100 and at the Shaws lights. Its dangerous to try to go left on blinking yellow especially. |
| General Comment | Accessibility in town |
| General Comment | Include Sidewalks |
| Question 2 - Previj Study | There are no subcategories within the housing "bucket" to rank. The following is a list of our interests in making an ARPA allocation for housing as "Very important" (1) Given the age of Waterbury's housing stock, especially in our village centers, we would love to see ARPA funding support a fund for lower income home owners to tap into for much needed repairs and improvements. (2) A Waterbury housing fund could also be used to fill in weatherization funding gaps and/or to help homeowners make an initial investment in a renewable energy heat source. (3) Unfortunately we have many absentee "slumlords" who own rental property in town and do not maintain their properties. This really has a negative impact on the options available for many of our residents across the income spectrum to have safe, healthy affordable housing. Perhaps ARPA funding could be used to study/support a local short term and long term rental registry, similar to the legislation passed, then voted, in the last legislative session. (4) If the ARPA funding parameters allow the money to be used in any way to support a comprehensive housing study, especially as might be an anticipated outcome of the Housing Task Force, that seems really important. Perhaps an allocation could be made toward a partnership between the town and state to guide the development of the property which formerly housed Stanley and Wason Halls in such a way that Waterbury's identified housing needs can be further supported. Do we need more housing for seniors, whether those trying to downsize or those who need assisted living options? Is there a need for starter homes for families. If so, could that property be developed to meet one or more needs? |
| General Comment | Just would like to emphasize the need for affordable housing as soon as possible in our community. It's disconcerting to hear about people and families that want to live in our community, attend our schools, and work here, but cannot because housing is not available. |
| General Comment | Sidewalks (or some way (trails?) to connect waterbury center and waterbury downtown] |
| General Comment | I think these funds are an opportunity to catch up. I am confident that the people working for the town already know where the greatest needs are and don't need more studies. They are better informed than any of us. This money is a chance to put behind us problems that have plagued the town, and put in place long term solutions that will last. Infrastructure is clearly one of those. It is hard to get taxes raised for culverts, sewer pipes and bridge repair, and done right these efforts can last for decades. I see do them now and do them right. |
| General Comment | Anything the town can do to increase support for childcare and early childhood education should be high on your list |
| General Comment | Basketball court - upgrades and improvements |

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| General Comment | Recreation appears to be focused on youth. We've told our population is aging and in the majority, yet they (are) are ignored. Seniors are former volunteers, makers of our community. We have to go to Montpelier to find inspiring programs/activities. |
| General Comment | The pool is a big black hole that we through money into year after year. We have the reservoir within our boundaries. When the day use area opened in the Center pool use decreased dramatically. A few years of careful # keeping might be useful in making future decisions. |
| General Comment | Please! No more signs in the village. Main St. is very cluttered with signs/signage. |
| General Comment | Thanks for seeking community feedback. Providing affordable rec programming including day camps and after school care is very important to our family and the larger community. Throughout the pandemic, the rec program was critical to helping our family of two essential workers remain in the workforce. Kudos to your rec department and fantastic staff. Keep up the good work and find opportunities to expand. |
| General Comment | More walking trails throughout town like the Vermont path by the state office buildings. |
| General Comment | Provide support for waterbury dog park which is heavily used and challenged to find volunteer resources. |
| General Comment | Infrastructure spending to make waterbury a more walkable town - additional sidewalks and paths to connect places that are currently not easily walkable for pedestrians. |
| General Comment | Ensure we have police coverage at night because we have so many establishments serving alcohol. Keep our streets safe at night so people can enjoy our beautiful downtown. |
| General Comment | Recreational paths that accommodate individuals with disabilities (e.g. mobility, wheelchair, visually impaired, etc) |
| General Comment | When the money is spent it should be important that it is a one time expense and that the money benefits all equally as opposed to only a few |
| General Comment | Affordable housing. |
| General Comment | Public transportation improvements. |
| General Comment | Energy efficiency incentives |
| General Comment | Environmental protection |
| General Comment | These are all important. Prioritizing is difficult without knowing details of funding sources, current state of repair, usage |
| General Comment | We need affordable housing but sited in areas that already are developed. Loss of habitat is the number one cause for the loss of biodiversity in Vermont and that is caused by development of our natural lands. |
| General Comment | Infrastructure - nonmotorized bicycle and pedestrian routes. Connect the multiple recreation areas with bike/pedestrian rec paths |
| General Comment | Equity, inclusion, diversity and accessibility. Work to ensure waterbury is a place where all people, especially BIPOC people, can live comfortably with full inclusion and access to resources needed pertinent to their lifestyle (group activities, hair salons that offer services for a variety of hair types, stores that sell a wide variety of items, sidewalks that allow for wheelchair users, etc.) |
| General Comment | Services and activities for mature residents and teens. There seems to be a decent amount for younger folk but not as much for the aforementioned age groups. |
| General Comment | Road care is essential too. And better cell service is needed. Thank you for all you do to make this town wonderful. You are appreciated. |
| General Comment | Peve Kennedy Drive and Ashford lane |
| General Comment | Invest in making the town desirable to live in. Better care for the facilities: Pool, Tennis Courts (mold makes them slippery), Keep sidewalks in good repair, bathroom buildings at Dac Rowe, Nice playground at Anderson and Hope Davey, fix up brookwise playground, park row into state complex needs paving, keep trash cans out during winter for dog poop bags. |
| General Comment | Think about flood mitigation. This has been forgotten about since Irene. Any investments that would help town flood less if there was a big storm? Purchase land around Winoski street bridge in Duxbury so river doesn't have as sharp a turn? Keeping reservoir not 100% full so water can be stored during big storm. |
| General Comment | I would like to see commitment to water and sewer lines that could help promote affordable housing |
| General Comment | Environmental protection. Keep land from being developed and cut down. How to keep all the gravel and salt out of the streams. Keep animals safe (roads) |
| General Comment | I have always felt like there should be a gymnasium and/or field house center that could free up gym space at schools but take in money from basketball, club soccer, and other non school sports as a central sports hub for our communities. Possibly a YMCA where they would assist in finance and operations. A YMCA would give a larger area for afterschool camp and activities. Also please consider donating to the new skatepark as all donated money is matched by the Tony Hawk fund for a new skatepark. As far as parking, I feel like any pay parking should be municipally run. The town should be taking in money for this unless leaving the area to someone else outweighs the benefit. |
| General Comment | A rec center that has a large gym for public use as well as for our students since the HU gym can't handle the scheduling needs. Supporting the thriving athletic community in our town is important. Also a way to recruit or make as friendly as possible restaurant spaces for anything but a pub but also focus on ethnic cuisine would be fantastic. Lets make Waterbury a destination for eateries that aren't all about beer and celebrate diversity. |
| General Comment | Whatever is spent must be sustainable for the future. Do not commit to long term maintenance and operational costs. I.e. a building or service must be self sustaining without adding more taxes. |
| General Comment | A plan for climate change. The study of upper elevation water drainage and how it will affect our roads and populated areas. |
| General Comment | This was the worse year for mud season on the gravel roads. Shaw mansion was impassable for 5 days. If climate change is here to stay, what is the town going to do differently to improve the gravel roads? Digging the ditches deeper and throwing some rocks on the top is not the answer. |
| General Comment | Give it back to the taxpayers times are difficult |
| General Comment | Partnership/collaboration with center chains |

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| General Comment | Cross VT trail maintenance and improvements, like receptacles for garbage (like dog waste) |
| General Comment | Bike lanes, EV charging, Composting toilet, Town wide communication - digital bulletin board |
| General Comment | Creative placemaking, Downtown pocket parks, Parking lots, Public art |
| General Comment | Composting, public restrooms and showers |
| General Comment | Study to construct trails along and around the reservoir. |
| General Comment | Bike and walking lanes on Guen Rd and other roads like this |
| General Comment | Please replace the sidewalks that were removed from wassay ct, the "line" that was painted does not prevent any car from cars parking on it making kids going to school walking in the road, it's unsafe. |
| General Comment | Sidewalks, Not everyone wants to (or is young enough) to exercise on mtn, bikes or hiking trails. |
| General Comment | Thank you for the opportunity to participate. I believe recreation is key to bringing more business to the town. Trail maintenance on public lands may be tricky but perhaps explore whether it can be done through partnership with nonprofit? I also think the Town should weight heavily those items that limit recurring lifecycle costs. Focus on one time investments to avoid unintended consequences. Prioritize basic functions to operate first- infrastructure investments that will lower recurring cost by increasing efficiency. Any EV investments in Town equipment as an example? Brainstorming sessions will help. I do however believe the select board should encourage dialogue to also capture whether a project has recurring "tail" that must be met each year. Those recurring costs may help to establish a "cut line" for good ideas. Food for thought. |
| General Comment | Waterbury has no venues for the performing arts, movie theater, etc. Would be great to have evening activities to do apart from drinking and eating! (And inside, so not weather dependent! |
| General Comment | Creative ways to create job opportunity to lift people from poverty |
| General Comment | I'd like to see a portion of the funds go to our valuable public library and it's employees. They have been a cornerstone of this community and are doing so much to help people in their time of need from computer access for job applications to hosting programs for tax season assistance and so much more! |
| General Comment | Can any of this money go towards the schools that desperately need work and can't get funds passed? This would help tax payers and children in our community. |
| General Comment | I would like to see an investment in helping homeowners make the necessary improvements to lower their carbon footprint and energy bills. A FACE program similar to http://www.commonnews.org/state/elt05/story.php?article=12140&page=1# . VosUyrLIV. would help homeowners finance improvements and pay for themselves over time. |
| General Comment | More (any!) Rec programming that isn't just summer/vacation camp |
| General Comment | Affordable long term housing is the most important category to me |
| General Comment | Housing is vital. If there's any way to incentivize repairing existing structures, prepping lots to be more attractive, putting effort into an Airbnb impact survey, or otherwise helping with the housing crisis that is so critical. |
| General Comment | Needs of the senior community. |
| General Comment | Stray power lines on stone street |
| General Comment | A new improved pool away at the Anderson complex modeled after the one in St. Albans would be AMAZING! |
| General Comment | affordable and safe housing for increasing elderly population |
| General Comment | I think you should explore purchasing the Ice Center. It really should be a municipal owned operation as other rinks are in the area. My guess is that the Ice Center has difficulty competing with municipal owned facilities. |
| General Comment | Managing traffic/parking at Blush Hill reservoir |
| General Comment | Would love to see some improvements to the paths down by the river in the village. Maybe even some collaboration with Duxbury to make a rec path loop along the river that would be safe to bring kids on. So we didn't feel like we needed to go to Stowe with the kids on their bikes. Also more trails down by Hope dairy to walk with the kids. I appreciate that we have lots of swim programs, but the pool seems like a high expense item for the amount of time it is open during the year and the fact that we have the reservoir in town where kids can also swim. Thanks for your efforts on this and reaching out to the community for feedback! |
| General Comment | I wonder about covering the cost of pick-up composting for in town residents. Composting is essentially mandated in VT and MANY towns offer the service to their residents free of charge. Many people in town do not have space to compost in their yard (or they rent and do not even have the option to compost directly). Take away composting in town could also help decrease vramint activity. A local pick-up service is \$40/month to compost effectively (every week) which is expensive and adds to the inequitable cost of living in Waterbury. If Waterbury is going to stand by the environment, then residents should make composting an option for everyone. |
| General Comment | Bike path! |