

Q20. What is the best thing about Windham? (Optional)

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Responses

It's a small town and we would like to keep it that way.

The best things about this town have been lost to development and the misery of high speed, high volume traffic. It is 10:20 pm and all I can hear is the roar of engines up and down Lowell Road.

Preserving & protecting nature and what remains of the history of this town is the least we can do.

Parks, rail trail, preserved colonial homes

The people

Location

It's rural appeal in a suburban area.

Quaintness of town. Keep the town small. Picturesque is important to me.

It is a nice community to raise a family.

Great small town close to everything. Good schools

The new trails at Clyde Pond.

Small town

The school system is top notch!

Small town feel

The people

Cleanliness and nice people.

Community pride, activities, resources, location

rural character

Location - proximity to Boston and Manchester

Great place to raise a family. Excellent public education. Low crime. Location.

Small town atmosphere

Rural setting

It's unspoiled open land, fields and lack of commercial development keeping the area clean and beautiful for adults and young alike

its quaint surroundings and small town appeal.

Small town feel assuming we can keep it that way.

Privacy

I have always loved the character of Windham. It has always had a nice quaint feel to it and never want it to turn the Salem/Pelham with used car dealerships and tattoo parlors.

No malls and big box stores

Rural charm with convenient access to highway transportation.

Less each year because of over development.

Good community

the neighborhoods with the smaller homes (2,500sf or less) where families tend to settle for many years and the children grow up there

THE TOWN EMPLOYEE COOPERATION WITH THE TAX PAYERS. EVERY DEPT. ALWAYS WILLING TO GO THAT EXTRA MILE. GREAT WOKFORCE.

Great location and quality schools

Convenient location

Neighborhoods

Small town feel.

The rail trail, town beach, and parks are a valuable assets for the town.

High quality of life in a clean picturesque small town.

Close proximity to diverse New England locations: Boston/Manchester cities, lakes, mountains, ocean, and rural towns.

Small town feel

Small town feel, but still close to bigger towns / cities.

Small town character

Small town feel

Privacy

School

Rual and open community

It's natural resources and quaint New Hampshire charm.

I like the small town vibe but still being in close proximity to bigger cities.

Small town atmosphere and character ! Please don't commercialize it!

The best things about Windham are location to 93, the laid back community, not too rural, Town Beach, Griffin Park, Windham CC.

I live on Cobbetts Pond. The water is not swimmable from frontage. Over grown w/swamp weeds/grass. We have no services, no roads, no plowing. We will never get water or septic. We just pay higher taxes because we live on the Pond.

Community feel

Small Town Charm.

I love Windham - wouldn't want to live anywhere else.

Cobbetts Pond

The community

location

Feeling of community.

Rail Trail

Community feel

because my father was born here and I have lived here for 60 years I love Windham and have adjusted well to the changes.

The Pond. Need to keep it clean.

Small Town feel & Community

Trying to maintain small town atmosphere and open spaces

The country feel

Location; small town feel

Great People!

School System

It is enchanting, and still charming due to it's current size

Semi-rural, ex-urban character.

How it's been for the last 20yrs and it's not Salem, Derry, Pelham or Londonderry.

Natural resources (ponds, lakes, forested areas, trails), historic features, quality schools, recreation facilities, residential character.

The neighborhoods are quiet and there is limited traffic.

we moved to windham in feb 2020. we moved here because of how the town is now. we love everything about windham and would hate to see changes such as more building homes or businesses. theirs a reason why we moved from mass to nh (especially to windham)

Cobbetts Pond and the People here

Has great character as a small town

It's potential to revert back to simple country life with less traffic and development.

Cobbetts Pond that used to be a pristine body of water but has slowly been compromised by the overdevelopment in the areas surrounded by the pond and lack of enforcement by the town of pollution, illegal land clearing and lack of vision for its preservation

Safe, pretty quiet, good schools, great police, fire and emergency staff. Historic feeling, Johnson Farm, Griffin Park, Town Beach

Access to food shopping, medical needs, an access to local government.

It WAS small town, access to trails and recreation areas...especially before the rail trail was paved.

Used it for 30 years and now can't even park there most times i want to go.

Sense of community

People and Cobbetts Pond

It's not commercial. It quiet, it's simple and is an elegant town to live in.

Community

The involvement of the people joining committees to help

Quaint community with beautiful homes and scenery. Low traffic and small businesses. Small town feel
Not overly developed commercial keeping a somewhat small town feel. Many empty spaces for commercial use no need to develop more.

Most of the people

Community/schools

The Windham Rail Trail

Small town with plenty of recreation areas and minimal retail (Salem and Londonderry are right next to us- we don't need more commercial here)

Cobbetts Pond!!!!

Small town feel

Keep Windham small.

Stop letting Lannan build whatever he wants and breaking all the rules with benchmark engineering. He has no financial struggle when he buys properties. He pays you puppets off at the town.

No big commercial. Need more tech, finance. The higher end careers in Windham. No big chains. No bigger than common man or aroma joe's.

You let the labels build that hideous house in range road into a cliff.

We have enjoyed our summer home on the pond for many years and our family will continue for many years so conservation of the pond is an essential concern. Windham is a lovely town to abide in even as a seasonal resident.

The "rural oasis" feeling this town has always had. We look forward to preserving our property to hand down to our future generations.

Country atmosphere, but it is slowly decreasing.

Love the small town feel of our town but wish that we would get more services for the amount of taxes we pay. For example, I wish the town would clean up the wooded areas along our roads that have trees down and just look a mess.

the argument if it is Wind-HAM or Win-DUM

Small town charm (that is quickly fading) and the people

Cobbett's Pond

Residential community

Residential town feel/ not a Salem NH/ not MA

I feel extremely safe here. Police Department does a great job.

Cobbetts Pond

Small town feel with modern updates

Rural atmosphere,
Summer activities,
Cobbetts Pond,
Farms

Cobbetts Pond and friendly people.

the natural beauty

Cobbett's Pond!

Location and community!

Still feels like a small town despite the development.

Residential and country lifestyle while being close to all the other overly developed towns nearby.

Family oriented culture and schools + sport activities

Fiscally conservative Town governance

It's not Salem. It's not overrun with mini malls and commercial businesses. It's got lots of woods and nature trails.

The people

We are a warm and caring community, always willing to take care of each other.

The people.

Still a small community with development potential to enhance our way of life if we have long-range plans to address our needs.

Living in a rural atmosphere with ready access to services and amenities.

Griffin Park

The people are friendly and the community is still somewhat rural with cohesive neighborhoods

small town feel with access to big city amenities close by

Historical and rural land and buildings

low density housing allows families to grow and develop in a stress-free environment

Windham has a small town feel. In the 2 years I have lived here I've noticed increased traffic and population growth. We should limit that to preserve what makes our community special.

the natural beauty we have here in Windham and of course the people

WWPD & volunteers

Community feeling (although that was better 26 years ago when we moved in).

Good school district, close to boston

The feeling of community

The people

Quiet, nature access, safety, and community

93% of the people are friendly.

It's walking and cycling trails and areas of natural beauty. Plus the fact that it is not like any of the surrounding towns that have sold their character for commercial development and ugly housing developments.

A beautiful place to live with active and involved residents and a wonderful school system

Town community sharing information with homeowners/residents

the many civic minded, caring people that live in this community

Less commercial stores and more open space and large private homes.

Close to 93 and nice walking trails

Small town feel and community nature

Quiet, Safe, well maintained and cared for neighborhoods

I believe it is the unique character of this town in comparison to all of our immediate neighbors.

The beauty of the nature around

Location

Safe, small town with low crime

Community feel and pride in town.

Low taxes

It was 10 years ago! Before it became so crowded and busy 111! We Should ban trailer truck on it!

We should protect the town from becoming Londonderry or Derry!

Location

N/A

Commitment to caring for the town, the excellent staff/volunteers/board members who work to look after all aspects of living and learning in Windham. The Rail Trail, Library, and wonderful public spaces are a close second. Thank you!

Rural setting.

Safe, quiet, peaceful

The home town feel

Smaller town feel

Rail Trail, Griffin Park, Overall Community/Neighborhoods

The sense of community, safety and privacy.

You have access to major cities and airports while maintaining a small town feel.

It's rural character (what is left of it), it's natural beauty and the people who appreciate it. With the construction of Rt 93, our town was forever changed. Much of our sense of community has been lost. More construction of shopping malls, massive residential structures and crowding businesses onto our already traffic clogged route 111, will further erode the rural character and the sense of community.

Open space and recreation. Preservation of farmland is crucial!!!!

That it stay a bedroom community.

Land and walking trails, close to major highway

It's country and quiet character.

Schools, parks and well maintained houses

It's (use to be) hidden oasis! Quiet community full of caring people.

Beautiful small town feel but still close enough to major highway/city.

It's location.

The lake and the small town feel

Bring back the small town feel.

The town, open space

Outside of Boston, small town feeling while keeping decent level of business

Small town feel. Community involvement.

Awesome community!

Quality of life as represented by the community organizations dedicated to the general well-being of anyone in need of support; the schools and the general commitment to excellence by Town officials.

The new hookah store.

The people are amazing and welcoming
Where we are located!

Feeling of community. But I really miss the small town/rural feel it had when we moved here in 1990
Our ethnic homogeneity
The care and quality of our ponds.
Small town feel

Windham is a quiet community that maintains a balance between safe, connected neighborhoods, business development, and high quality services for residents (such as the schools). Changing that balance by introducing new business development or apartments/condos would stress not only daily life and traffic conditions, but potentially the quality of education and utilization of resources.
proximity to Boston; 93 expansion makes it easier to commute to higher paying jobs in MA; good schools although declining in the last 5 years; great people

Nesmith library

It's rural nature - It's not like any of the towns around us. And I think we should work hard to preserve that. People have come to this town for a reason, to be in a place where there is not business everywhere- we should continue to resist the temptation to make this town as developed as all the others. If someone would like such business, they should just go to the other town. It's not necessary here.

Rural character (NO business development!)

The saving of the lakes and ponds

Local businesses

The lack of big box retail and almost lack of electronic reader board signs.

Location

Griffin Park, quiet neighborhood, proximity to open space.

Small town feel

Four seasons, close to mountains, oceans, and lakes.

It's CHARM. Of course!! once you lose that you will never get it back

Location

easy access

Location

good neighbor hoods. low crime.

Location and people. Sense of community. Great place to raise children.

moving out.

Access to internet but not over developed

Keep it a small rural town. There are too many businesses on Rte. 111 causing all the traffic issues.

Great location with easy access to Boston, seacoast and mountains.

The friendly small town feel

PEOPLE

Schools

Small town feel. Not overdeveloped, yet.

Safe town to live in

Natural areas still surround roads, not lot after lot of commercial development, aquifers and lakes, preserve as much as we can of the rural oasis. Let's not turn it into another Massachusetts town, suburb of Boston.

Beautiful land/nature. Good school rankings.

Not much anymore - development got out of hand

School system and family environment

Cobbetts pond. Dont destroy it by overdeveloping it. Look after the watershed areas

Reasonable tax rates, let's not increase and force people out of town. Growth should be measured and controlled.

Plenty of space and green areas

Its a quiet little town, but definately needs some increase in commercial businesses, restaurants, and retail outlets to help reduce the tax burden.

location and community

I love the rail trail and park.

Small Town feel

New commercial development. Less liberals than MA, CA, and other shitholes, although they keep moving here.

Community feel. Griffin Park

Location!!!!

Bedroom community, limited large business

Not much now. It used to be a great small town. I'm very disappointed at what has happened.

Safety and friendly neighbors

Small town feel, beautiful parks and fields.

Beauty, safety, conservation land to hike and enjoy, neighbors that care about each other and the town

The family first, small town community

It's residential feel. The community. The wildlife.

We could use some diversity here, but no more building neighborhoods or businesses! Let's Improve what we already have, and bring in clean water!

Schools

It's a small town with wonderful people. There are big stores and lots of traffic within a short drive. We don't need it in our town.

Rural living and freedom of residents to improve their property as the residents see fit. We own our land and pay high taxes. We should be able to do what we want with our land in regards to improvements and building additional structures. Variances should be granted more often for existing home owners looking to improve their homes instead of pushing residents away.

Wonderful family community

The fire department

Small town feel but close to it all.

Small town feel and community

The people

Community spirit

Small town feel

The woods

Community

Less houses more space

Small-ish town with a feeling of up and coming and a strong sense of community. Great place to raise a family. Close enough to retail, the city, the ocean, the mountains.

Small town charm, and natural woodlands

Trails

That it is a small budding town. Even as it has grown it has kept its small town feel minus the traffic. We should not ruin that. We moved from mass to get away from that, if people care for a more commercial town they can move back to mass. Fix the traffic, create a nice little downtown, keep big businesses and condos out, and stop the crazy development. It's getting to a point where the town cannot support the significant increase in residents (mainly traffic)

Small town feel

It's a relatively quiet town that still has a small-town charm.

Great community and people. Love soccer games on Saturday's with the family then breakfast at Reds. Wonderful place to give my children a special childhood.

Small town feel

The people

Small town feel with a wonderful community of people!

We don't have a lot of high density housing (ie. apartments/trailer parks). If I wanted a mixed real estate type of town I could have chosen Bedford. I chose Windham.

The people. Convenience to major highways. Nesmith Library and the staff. Need more shopping options to keep business in town need better sports fields - at least some bleachers at the football field!

The Beautiful Abundance of Natural Land

Windham is a nice small town. Don't screw it up like Londonderry was screwed up. Route 102 is a complete traffic jam disaster and that nice town is now an urban mess. If I wanted an urban mess, I'd move to Massachusetts.

Community feel is strong

The charm and quaintness of a smaller community. Safe area with plenty to offer the young and old.

Beauty, people, homes, businesses, small town feel, gradual modernization

Remote and quiet right now more so than surrounding areas

The quality of the school system

People and forests

Small town feel

The Charm and character of the town

School system

Community feel

the friendliness of the residents; the small town character of the shops, unlike Salem; the number of trails around town

The “small” town feel. Also love the activities that Cheryl puts on for families. Family friendly and safe

Small town feel

Friendly neighborhoods.

Convenience and location to ocean mountains Boston

Easy access to ocean, mountains and cities.

Small town family feel

Small town character with modern conveniences. Prioritization towards schools and infrastructure

It's New Hampshire character.

Bedroom community with good access to highways and major cities. Preserve the bedroom

Community. Reduce taxes!

Small town character which, unfortunately, is currently eroding.

The small town feel

Reading posts from the snotty moms on Facebook

Our people

The people!!!

Community

Schools

Family oriented.

Neighborhood community without big box stores

It's beauty

Location

The community

Windham rail trail, historic downtown and cobbetts pond/canobie lake.

Property values

Residential character

the rural character and the type of people that it brings

Location

Land and community feel

Good location between other towns that actually have businesses

Rural character with easy access to Boston

Proximity of neighborhoods to conservation areas

Higher standard of living and community. We need a Starbucks. And bars should be open until 12am

the small town community feel

The community

Small town community

The town's level of development was near perfect 10 years ago aside from the motel, porn store and large billboard that blight highway 28. Let's not make future decisions that will lead to more visual town blight. Windham is truest special. Let's preserve what we have built. Sure we need some more commercial sites to spread out the tax base. The residential building needs to slow as we need to recognize at some point a perfect town has been "built out to capacity". As a simple plan, let's plan residential growth to fit the capacity of our schools. We are all burdened now by massive school taxes due to near unrestricted residential growth. Can't we pause that growth until our school bonds are all paid off and taxes plummet? During that time we could develop a longer term plan to allow for more smart well thought out growth if desired at that time.

small town, country type areas

The sense of community

Community, schools and people

It's authenticity! And clean welcoming feel!

The trees.

Schools

Small town feel but close to all amenities

Sense of community

The small town feel with access to nature as well as easy access to surrounding towns shopping and highways.

The people! Windham is a wonderful community that comes together in times of need but also in times of joy and celebration! We have lots of wonderful places to enjoy outdoor recreation and if it's okay to say, Cheryl Haas does an amazing job making rec programs available and fun for our kids! We moved here 4 years ago from NY and have never regretted it. Keep up the awesome job Windham! We love you!

Small town feel

It was nice with a reasonable number of residents. It's now out of control.

The community, the rail trail, the school system

Quiet, nature, dont boverdevelop

Proximity to Boston & rural feel of the town; community feeling

People, opportunities, outdoor activities, community feel

Small community

Community

Space and location

Small community feel; great schools. Great places to hike/walk around town. I would cautiously change anything except maybe a few more options for food or additional grocery store like Trader Joe's or Whole Foods. Traffic is minimal compared to what we have for mixed business/residential but will become a bigger issue if we continue to grow. NO waterline; it will mess with residential wells off 111.

Family oriented

Living here..

Really enjoy it.

Safe, Great Schools, Clean

Schools, Rec Dpt, & quality of community

For me it my land

The community. Beautidul town close to Boston. Acess to 93

People get involved and really care about keeping the historic and rural character of this town.

It's small town feel

The teachers and educational system.

Rural character

The community and small town feel

Location and community

Small town feel

the lakes

Location

Quality of life

Character

The small town feel of it and the beautiful trees

Windham is in a great location, it's close to highway, shopping and recreation. No need to travel far, but it's not all right here, so people from outside town don't need to come here.

Quality of life and the minimal industrial base.

It's just right not overly populated

It's a town not a city

The small community feel. We moved here for that and the schools.

It's still a small town and close to everything.

Country quiet feel.

Residential community focus

Being a small town

Neighborhoods with neighbors who care for one another.

It's beautiful and has so many nice areas to walk and hike and explore. The people are very kind

Small town feel

School District and Character/Charm

It's small town feel while being close to other desirable towns and places close by (i.e. Boston, Salem, ocean, etc).

The ? should be what was the best thing about Windham.

It still feels like a small town, let's keep it that way!

It's beauty, location (Boston, Beach, Mountains), great schools.

The rural feel so close to Boston.

Great parks, schools and communities

Small town feel. Salem is close by let them have the shoppers and traffic and covid from MA. Don't want it here.

recreational like lakes parks rail trail

Near route 93 for commuting.

Johnsons Farm

schools and natural resources

The small town feel!

Small town feel is still there although starting to lose it.

small town feel with open space

Location and people.

It used to be the small town feel but now Route 111 is beginning to resemble Route 28 in Salem. Very disappointing!

COBBETTS POND

The commercial, retail district has not yet taken it over; let's try to keep it that way.

How engaged the public is in town decisions - if the facts are known. Windham seems to do the right thing IF INFORMED.

Ability to live on a pond

rural character

The small town feel in a big town-right next to towns with stores.

The people

The way it used to be.

Nice town, convenient to everything and safe

Small town feel and trees. Don't like seeing all the trees being cut down.

Small town community atmosphere

Safe community and a nice place to raise a family.

Rural feel

Location

Beautiful scenery, friendly people, good school district, inviting recreational activities & community holiday celebrations.

School system

Its rural beauty, but close to cities, seacoast and mountains

Fire Dept

Worst - Police dept

Fire Department

Community

Rural feel

Easy access to highways.

The fresh air

the people

There are still lifelong residents in town that remember how it was and care about where it's going.

Parks and Rail Trail

Open space and relatively low population density.

Small town feel, but it's getting out of control. Stop building more homes! If so charge extra extra large impact fees to deter building

Small community feel. Not overly commercialized. Great town to raise a family.

Location, old Town look and feel, not developed, perfect.

The general community feel and relax nature of the town.

Community/small town feel

Schools

No thru traffic.

The community connectedness, the parks and recreation, the trails for hiking, the rail trail

It's in the country. It not urban. It's not Massachusetts

Community, schools

The conservation areas in town are what brought us to Windham 17 years ago.

The feeling of community and location.

Easy accessibility to workplace, shopping, dining

That it's a bedroom community.

Important to keep the charm. Don't over develop commercially.

Rural area with trees and wildlife

The open space

The community

The smaller less developed town feel compared to neighbors in Salem Derry and Nashua. The close knit neighbors and the great schools!

Reputation of schools

Strong community

Quaint town with high end housing and access to Boston and the north woods

Preserving the small town integrity and limiting new structures

Location

The people

Well spread homes and Freedom.

Not sure...it's safe for the most part.

I don't believe Windham really has a clear identity

We maintain the historic buildings and natural landscape while also building welcoming neighborhoods.

The people.

Safe

People

Small close knit community with access to Salem/ 93

Have lived here since 1963. Please preserve the small town feel.

Large land lots for personal homes. Not too much commercial business.

The people and our beautiful landscape

Small town feel not like Salem with empty strip malls everywhere

A nice, quiet town in beautiful tax-free, live-free New Hampshire.

Nature

Small town living... don't turn it into a Massachusetts town!!!!

Village feel

Community and fellowship

The People care about our town.

Schools & Safety

Small town feel

Windham is a beautiful and charming community with a lot of natural forest. It does not feel overdeveloped like most of the towns in the area.

Best was 20+ years ago. Wish people took an interest in realities of town rather than what they “think” the town is. Current watering ban and auto sprinklers case in point.

The people.

Ease of access to highways, Boston, mountains, sea coast

Family oriented community that really cares about members and making this the best place to live
open space, wildlife, walking trails, quiet

It's a boring little town if you like being bored and quiet.

Natural beauty and community

Large lots

It preserves the New Hampshire feel even though it's growing

School system and sense of community

Small town feel with natural open spaces and forests; well kept parks and recreational opportunities;
low traffic volume; I have enjoyed seeing Clyde pond as a place for tweens and teens to meet and have
old fashioned fun and how many kids have been riding their bikes from all over town to get there.

It's proximity to major shopping but not loving among it.

Small town feel, close to the highway, great school system.

Conservation lands, water bodies, small locally owned businesses

The people in the town are very involved in the community

It's natural beauty—trees, ponds, streams, hills, and it's simultaneous proximity to developed areas for
working, shopping, and culture.

Diversity

location

Location. Anything is possible from here. That should be our slogan!

Small size, friendly nature of people and most people are within the same age and economic range for new families. It's why we moved here. It separates it from all the surrounding communities. The town needs to continue to be unique and only have some form a downtown/business/gathering area other than griffin park. Other than that nothing should change

A very family oriented. Community events.

The tightness of the community

It's citizens

highway access

The small town

The community 'small town' feel

It's small town feel. Individual, non crowded properties. Also small business mom and pop shops

The sense of community and spaces that have been created; rail trail, griffin park, clydes pond. The reuse and refurbish of historic buildings I.e law firm and home decor store on 111. The expansion of arts and dining in town.

Location. Close to Mass/Boston. So Maine

quaint bedroom community

Location as it relates to access to ocean, mountains, and Boston

The small town feel

It's natural beauty and rural feel

Open space and lack of over development. Don't let us turn into Londonderry or Salem!

It's safe

Schools and privacy and feel of community

big yards

Nature

It used to be reasonable taxes and a small town feel.

Windham Actors Guild

Green space, trails, bodies of water

it is a nice safe town and it would be nice to keep it that way community that is the best things about windham

Love the small town environment

Location

I love how quiet and peaceful the town is. I left MA due to overbuilding of commercial properties and condos which has essentially ruined my hometown. I want to live in Windham the rest of my life and would hate to see it go down the same path.

Accessibility

Conservation trails near Fosters Pond

People and landscape

Nothing. It used to be rural. Building way too much. It does not have the small town feel anymore.

Small Town feel

It's character- being a rural community.

Location to Boston, the sea coast, and the mountains. Outdoor parks and facilities

Security

Open space without development

Open space that has been saved from developing

Small town feel

The small-town feel along with the history

The abundance of trees and small town feel.

Over all a great place to live and raise a family.

The community

Love the area people are great

Excellent schools

Quality of life. Close to cities and recreational areas. The control growth over the last 36 years that we have lived here.

size/population

The small town residential feel.

character dont change it

The people

Best thing about Windham would be the sense of safety and community.

It's smaller town feel, good sense of community.

Nice quiet town without heavy traffic and apartments, condos etc. Good schools and neighborhoods. Its why we chose to live here rather than other communities.

Home town feel.

The people

Country feel, Cobbetts Pond and recreational areas.

Proximity to mountains, beaches, and Boston

It's location to other areas.

still fairly small town but easy access to main travel corridor RT 93

Low density housing and zoning, great school system and fiscally austere planning boards.

Little regulation allowing for freedom of choice with government interference.

Not over populated and primarily presentable single family homes. Peaceful community with great schools and good people.

Safe, clean, residential is quiet. That isn't to say I don't want business. We need commercial taxes to offset taxes. The funding burden is all in the residents, and it continues to rise.

It's location

Community pride

It is a country town that WAS less developed and had less industry.

Community feel

Community

Small town feel, close to highways

Friendly community nature, kids activities, proximity to Manchester and Massachusetts (family), still has small town feel.

The best was in the past and reason we moved here over 25 years ago: rural, small town feel, less traffic and lights, no chains, easy to get around. All of these have degraded and continues on that path.

I've seen the same thing happen in other small towns - poor planning and unfettered growth will eventually ruin the town. Windham once had a lot of potential. It will instead become a cluttered, congested, unattractive suburb.

the number of residents that remain after 30 plus years

People have pride living here and take care of their properties and surroundings

No crime, quality of life and small feel

The town is run well, people and the school system

Small town feel. Been here all my life, but full time since 1978.

Proximity to the highways

It's natural beauty please don't change that

Small town feel, rural

Kind, compassionate residents

Home value, access to RT93, everything I don't want in Windham is located in Salem right next door, no apartment buildings that would bring undesirable diversity. Close to the Ma border but we maintain NH values.

The small town atmosphere

Small town feel- I don't want to see apartments and the crowded feel they will promote

small town feel with close proximity to services

Small town feel

Small town feel with well established facilities.

The small town feel with easy access to large stores. I love the small business and restaurants in town, and would love to see more of that.

School system.

The schools and community of people.

Sense of community, quality of education, quality of residents

Crime free (more or less)

Teaching kids about Community Volunteering and Services

The people in our community

School system, proximity to Boston.

Parks, Beach, Trails - safe community.

Our stunning rail trail.

Small town feel

Rail trail

Griffin park

The small town feeling so close to big cities

Small town, family friendly, good recreations

The people and it's natural resources

True NH living! The best of everything

Country setting

Small, rural feel town within commuting distance to larger urban areas and services.

Small town character. Stop the building!

Small town feel

Its got the small town feel. Let's keep it that way

It's former character before all of the development that happened and housing increase in the last five years.

Schools

Schools

everything

peace and safety

The small town feel

Not commercialized

Love the small town feel, would hate to lose that.

Community

Size and population. Big enough to have our own schools but not too big to have big town traffic and population issues.

The location is close to highways and shopping, but maintains a smaller-town feel.

Town safety, beautiful maintained roads, sense of community.

Local community feeling and options for outdoor recreation

Community, Privacy.

Given the relative lack of existing commercial development, combined with the many available prime commercial development sites in town, I think windham has a great deal of potential to be thoughtfully developed into a more quintessential New England town that preserves and appreciates its history while also attracting more small business, particularly restaurants, arts, and entertainment.

Small town feel

I like the small town feel but would like a few more restaurants or things to do as a family.

Quality of people. Single family houses. Low commercial buildings.

Small town vibe.

The absence of large scale shopping and commercial spaces let's us maintain the feeling of a town and doesn't promote high traffic coming into our town. Leave that to Salem and Londonderry.

We moved from NYC. The open space and direct access to trails, hiking and open green space is what we appreciate most.

Small town feel

Schools

Small town community where generally speaking people care about their neighbors and support their town.

The charm and character of the town; the many options offered to all ages.

quiet and not too congested....yet.

community spirit

It used to be it's small town feel with easy access to shopping and businesses OUTSIDE of Windham.

As more businesses are added to our town it just deteriorates that small town vibe and adds unwanted traffic.

The rural feel so close to the city

Open spaces

The People

Small town feel

Small town feel near bigger towns. Good schools.

Community and schools

Its land.

It's small town character. It's why our families moved here and raised their families here.

The community

Housing is not too congested or crowded. Benefits of small town living while maintaining access to amenities.

Good people! Great schools and location!

Central location

My memories as a kid growing up here. Now the town sucks. Ruled by transplants who can't even pronounce the town name correctly.

Country roads, quiet, peaceful. Support of first responders, educators.

the people

the ponds and beautiful fields

We are able to enjoy more space, reasonably priced real estate with proximity to the city, the mountains and the beaches.

Small town feel, lots of green space.

Small town feel. Good people who care about their community. Safe environment for children

Location

The lake

Good place to raise children

Has lots of wildlife in our yards and fields.

Community

Rural character with access to major infrastructure...not major infrastructure with access to rural areas

It used to be the small town feeling, but not anymore

Beautiful undeveloped land, outdoor enjoyment of rail trail. Not overdeveloped...should have a small town feel for retail shops.

The New England character of the town.

Schools, proximity to major cities

Our small town character

Small town character

Small town feel yet close to shopping, restaurants and commuting roads

Small community

Not a ton of commercial development

It's not Salem!!!!

Clean waters

Its own uniqueness

The small town feel.

We once had a small town feel, where everyone “knew” everyone. This small town character was the greatest thing about our town. With all of the recent development, both residential and commercial, we have lost that charm. Windham is at its best when we are able to come together as a small community.

Good schools

The neighborhood communities, we are all in touch with each other.

The community feel - a mix of historic and open spaces while allowing for new homes, new schools, and potential for lower traffic commercial businesses (Medicus, etc) to open.

People

It can still be considered a quiet, bedroom community.

Location.

Cobbetts Pond

People/community

Windham has resisted commercial over development and high density housing. We have to keep on this path. If we don't, we might as well move to Salem.

Its small town feel... but we are losing that at the expense of these giant developments. I have been coming to Windham my entire life and while some of the changes have been good... its starting to get overdeveloped.

Community

Community

I've lived here almost 40 years and find the overbuilding sad. It is not the same town I moved to.

Developers will not be happy until every square inch has a structure on it. Commercial development will not lower taxes. Just look at taxes in surrounding towns.

Best: bedroom community. Quiet and charming.

Worst: high school athletic fields. Embarrassing, undervalued, unsafe, and archaic. Especially for a D1 town. Thanks for letting me sneak that in!

Residential rural feel.

The small town feel.

Housing values - the rate the value of houses increases.

That doesn't mean that I am against low-income housing. We need a better mix and diversity.

That it's so green and beautiful far from city climate. Family and kids friendly town with amazing schools. Keep it that way. :)

proximity to rt 93

The peace and quiet

The New England nature of it. It isn't a city but a smaller town setting.

Best town to live in and raise a family

Great schools, friendly, Griffen Park and Cobbetts Pond, rail trail, town forest and other trails, commercial district not overgrown as in Londonderry

Nice people

Cobbett's pond

The people, the charm, the schools and the location which allows easy access the Boston as well as the coast and mountains.

The people

size, community, activities

Small town feel. Town forest parks. Adequate Space between houses. Friendly town hall personnel.

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The dog costume parade.

Character; quality of resources (e.g., lakes, trails, etc.)

Being a commuter town that attracts high income residents

Limited commercial real estate

The residents, schools, open space.

Bring residential rather than commercial,

The space, no more development

Nature, quiet, historic feel, low crime

accessibility

The open space, residential close knit community, forests and schools.

Small town New England feel. It has been eroding but we need to maintain it.

I lived here my whole life, it was such a great town once..when we called it WindHAM! Not sure what is the best thing now a days, It's too bad my own children don't get to experience the great childhood I had.

Upper scale town, low crime, good education system.

Small town feel and close community. While being very close to amenities

The people

People, community, safety, schools

People

Public safety, Quiet neighborhood, proximity to Boston

Small quaint town charm

Schools

Smallish town feel w good school w good access to Boston

Small town atmosphere

The residential feel is what brought us to Windham. The limited traffic (compared to neighboring towns), the small amount of retail. Sometimes people just want to live in a town without all that extra stuff cluttering it up. A place that limits new developments both commercial and residential. A place that conserves nature and our resources (like water).

Location, Caliber of it's population, Charm...

Small New England town feel

Small town with no large apartment complexes

Small town character and historic areas

Country-suburb aesthetic

Quiet, not many big businesses.

The families

Location

Keeping it a residential community and not becoming Salem.

Unique charm and town environment.

the community & schools

The small town feel.

Proximity to cities and mountains. (Location)

The community, residents, and schools.

The community

Proximity to Boston, beaches, mountains and lakes. Small town feeling with upscale amenities

The small community atmosphere.

The people and the nature

Location and convenience to shopping and highways

Location

Quaint town close to Metro Boston

Windham still has a small town feel.

Good reputation and convenient location.

Small town feel with access to big city amenities. Safe environment.

Community support

Sense of community, good schools.

It's off of route 93 and relatively safe- for the taxes we pay we should get sidewalks at the minimum!

the community is great to be with

The country feel, sense of neighborhood, but easy access to "cities"

The willingness of change throughout the years with the growth the town has seen. Expansion, and the boom in attention to renewable resources/our footprint since the mid 2000's

The community

Project Blackout

i do not want Windham to feel like Derry and Salem, too much retail will bring riff raff, lower income housing and Windham will lose small town appeal

Small town charm. Don't continue to change this.

Clean. Not crowded.

A great, quiet community with a smattering of commercial/industrial that does not intrude into each other.

quiet neighborhoods, low population, nice people

The combination of the rural and suburban feel along side commercial development.

Living in a small town atmosphere with lots of outdoor recreational activities and conservation lands for public enjoyment.

Beautiful town with lots of open space and nice people, great neighbors, access to highways and nearby amenities.

It is an ideal location to reside!

Griffin Park

It's a clean, safe town with easy access to the Boston area. Much closer than places near Manchester.

Searles historic wall & castle

I love the small town feel. Having lived in Boston and Nashville, I've moved back.

Quiet and well kept

Quiet, Safe and clean environment for families.

Quiet, involved community with easy access to commercial areas in Salem in Londonderry without having to deal with the costs and issues that come along with these areas.

Community-centric living. Quality of lots/homes. Great school system.

Small community feel where you know a lot of people just going Around town

Foster's Pond

Small town feel. Convenient location.

peace and quiet, while close enough to city centers

Volunteerism

Strong Community

the combination of natural beauty and resources, while still having reasonable access to cities and shopping

Q21. What is the one thing about Windham you would change? (Optional)

Answered

786

Skipped

359

Responses

Stop building new homes/ construction

I would address the problem of aggressive and obnoxious drivers and particularly the ones who continually and blatantly run the red lights in town. Outlaw fast, loud cars and loud motorcycles.

Build low cost senior housing. A 55+ community where town houses cost \$.5m is not low cost!

Create walkable town with sidewalks and a true town center

Sidewalks that connect neighborhoods and school/commercial

Stop promoting commercial development.

Less traffic

The town and school board should work more closely together and welcome feedback more from all citizens.

I would like more side walks and bike paths so I wouldn't have to drive everywhere. Also would like more restaurants etc

Traffic in the downtown area is horrible in the late afternoon!

I would like to see business brought to town that are more unique. Maybe local products or artists, maybe focused on creating a memorable experience. More diverse restaurant options.

I would add sidewalks on more major roads. For example, people are always out running/walking on Lowell rd. and sidewalks would be much safer for drivers and pedestrians enjoying the town.

Traffic on 111

Prevent the building of more residential homes.

They need better athletic facilities to support the Division 1 school sports. Many teams are highly competitive but facilities are pretty poor.

Overcrowding in schools

More sidewalks for pedestrian safety

Diversity

overcrowding

For commercial development, bring in a properly sized Whole Foods and/or Trader Joes (not megastores!)

Promote more smaller businesses, businesses, offices, and technology. Lack of town center.

Concern about too many kids in the schools

Traffic. The heavy traffic and noise from that traffic is hideous and destroying Windhams natural attraction

Promote preserving open lands through purchase via grants, donations, trusts , fundraisers, etc
getting town water available to all residence that is applicable

I would strongly encourage consideration towards commercial development that would result in more in-town jobs (retail/ office/ warehouse-industrial/ mixed-use development) for multiple reasons, two of which would be to improve our tax base, and to improve the number of in-town amenities/ attractions for residents of Windham as well as nearby communities.

I would like to see Windham develop into more of a town with a dedicated ton center and more walkable and bikeable options that don't make you use Rt 111 and other roads with higher speed limits and little shoulder room. Towns like Milford, Littleton, Portsmouth, etc. are great because there is a dedicated town center space with different activities. I would also like to see residential neighborhoods that aren't on major roads, nor are on roads that people use as "cut throughs" to get from one major road to another.

How fast it is growing.

More Traffic enforcement on Range Rd. Eliminate Car and truck loud mufflers

Less sanding on residential roads in winter

property tax is not done fair and way to high to live in windham, florida bound here

We need to encourage more retail development, primarily restaurants and local stores.

Having some more interesting shops, and places to go to. The rail trail is a nice feature. The concept of a village center district with shops that aren't pretentious would be nice

School sports facilities needed

The continued development of huge and expensive homes is turning Windham's reputation into a snobby, rich town.

Aquifers cannot sustain the current population. Why is more building happening?

Why the hazardous windy roads?

Who's profiting from this?

Traffic on 111.

More to do

have more markers for trails as well as the actual miles of each trail.

ALLOW DRIVE THRU WINDOWS THROUGHOUT TOWN WHEN REQUESTED BY BUILDER
REGARDLESS OF ZONING.

No amenities. Nothing to do here

Less crowded housing units with shared green space.

Things that attract out of town people

The traffic flow on Route 111 is too congested for a town of this size.

I would like 111—between hardwood road and McDonald's— to be a New England-style mixed use area with walking paths and hidden parking lots. Housing above shops could increase workforce and elderly housing without the need for dedicated apartment buildings. This is the type of mixed-use area that would add character to the town, diversify our residents, and provide opportunities to small businesses.

Stop trying to develop every square inch of open land

Increased funding for the Rec Dept to create more community events.

Limiting new commercial and new residential development.

Traffic and speeding cars on our country roads

I would change anything

Property Taxes...lower

Tax relief

Focus more community activities around town center

I would stop people from using fertilizer on Cobbetts Pond

I would like to have a downtown area with shops and restaurants within walking distance.

Don't overdeveloped Mammoth Rd with duplexes!

I would love to see Windham have the Market Square District built. That would be a great focal point for the community gather and enjoy. Especially since we have many young and middle age families with kids and teens.

Traffic

Traffic through town, more dining establishments, parking availability. Fire sub station on East side of town near Rt 28.

Town septic around Cobbetts Pond would be great for home owners as well as the lake.

Too many lights and traffic on Route 111

You're chasing long-time residents out. It's impossible to downsize and stay in town. It's impossible to age in place while million dollar homes drive up neighborhood assessments and taxes.

The rush hour traffic

It seems all new residential construction is 3500+sqft/4-5bed/800k+ . I would like to see more new construction in the 2500-3500sqft/3bed/500k-700k range.

tax structure between residential/business. (balance is off, need more business)

Traffic!

I want to be able to get across town without waiting at light after light after light.

Bring in local, unique businesses with walkable area (sidewalks)

School SAU

Preserve the small town feel

Sidewalks

Stop commercial development along route 111 and within watershed district of Canobie Lake and Cobbetts pond

Add sensor traffic lights. Have an exclusive left and straight timed turn signal for Lowell Rd turning left onto Rt 111

increase in taxes

Need a Walkable downtown

Speed limits!

More Restaunts and shopping. More development prefer a scaled down Tuscan Village concept.

Traffic volume, Improved High School athletic facilities (turf field, lights, track),

Would like a Trader Joe's.

Have a walkable center where people gather, possibly with small shops around it - not meeting at the high school or overflowing at the town hall. Look at Keene's main st and common.

Add a rotary and sidewalks...is it too late to have 111 bypass ? :)

More commercial development to balance out the tax rate. In most comparable towns it is 80% residential 20% non residential which helps a lot to keep property taxes reasonable.

Nothing.

Any progressive ideas for change in Windham.

Tired of look-alike strip malls, which seem to be almost all we get in the way of commercial development.

Route 11 between 7 and 9 AM and between 3 and 7 PM

Over development and traffic

Number of Traffic Lights!

I would like less development in town.

Enforce speed limits on ALL roads. Speed Limits are the biggest joke in town

The over development surrounding Cobbetts Pond

Fix the Traffic disaster that is now 111.

Reduce the rate of spending increases by school system.

Unfortunately there is no going back, but it is all way too crowded. Wish it could have stayed small town

NH

Private roads should be maintained by the town

Change the school board. They are out of control with spending.

stop all commercial development

Traffic

Traffic

The pretentiousness and clicks

More good restaurants and increasing the town feel in any commercial area. No big box.

Limit further commercial

development while many spaces remain empty and available for lease there is no need to continue taking land for commercial development while spaces lie empty.

The superintendent and the entire administrative staff at the Middle School.

Some of the people

Added street lights/better bike lanes

The traffic on 111

Better walkability with a central "downtown" area (think quintessential small new England town with local shops and restaurants, not chains) .

Expansion of business development, increased traffic

Growing population

Stop letting these career flippers say their properties are a financial burden. They are two faced liars.

Make a mess.

Commercial development that threatens the pond.

Living on Cobbetts Pond, I would LOVE to not see the giant homes on the tiny lots -- where are those septic systems. The ancient septic systems need more oversight.

Reduce taxes

Add sidewalks, especially on Range Road leading up to the park, on Lowell Road for the schools and along 111. As mentioned previously I wish we would clean up the wooded areas along our roads, there are trees down and they just look messy.

having a housing development plan that coincided with school capacity issues.

The name to Win-DUM and the traffic light pattern between Center School and CVS. We need better traffic flow!

Reduce over population and commercial areas to maintain more of a 'sleepy' and natural environment town

Limit access to Cobbett's Pond and enforce boat cleaning to prevent milfoil. Also ban surf boats with huge waves. They are destroying the shoreline

Less boating

Limit commercial opportunities as much as possible

To many non water front homes crowding water with boats Also town not maintaining roads

Extremely high Property Taxes

Preserve lakes and ponds

Paving and maintenance of private roads

Protect seasonal residences as tax advantages to Windham through tax relief.

Reduce pressures to convert to permanent residences increasing town costs.

Be more strict on lakeside zoning and variances when building homes. Follow wetlands protection act.

add a real mixed use downtown. A mix of art/work/restaurants where its done to look like its been there for 100 years, build with a mix of reusable brick, wood materials, cobblestone streets etc. the complete opposite of what has started and stalled at the gateway. they just doesn't look appealing at all.

All the INSANE development that is happening along Cobbett's Pond. It is detrimental to the health of the lake.

More outdoor / recreation areas for everyone. More entertainment areas for teens.

More places for residents to meet And socialize at. Town centers with coffee shops, etc. bike lanes. Community center for families and kids. Community pool and mini water park?

Limit growth.

Eliminate all local zoning ordinances for the construction of apartments. Zoning focus should be on owning private property not renting private property.

I like the sidewalks idea.

I don't want you to give variances for smaller lots on Canobie Lake and around other bodies of water.

Schools bending to parents instead of doing what is best for the students

Traffic flow on route 111. I find it hard to believe with metadata analyses we can't get a smoother flow pattern. you might even slow some people down

More transfer station hours/days

Require a long-range infrastructure plan to address critical issues like water. We have no plan to address water and it is critical to protect our way of life and our property value. We are way behind the power curve on water and need to look at how other communities around us are moving forward to protect their community. It is incredible that in 2020 we do not even have a plan say nothing about executing it. We are at least 20 years behind the power curve of protecting our community. We need the water plan to develop Rte 111 commercial zone and help reduce taxpayer costs thru sound, long-range planning. Water quality and quantity will only get worse with time due to inadequate planning
The transfer station would be open at least 5 days a week.

People not voting to approve the necessary improvements for the town

More commercial development on Route 111. Appropriately planned, it could increase the tax base while maintaining the character of Windham.

The traffic and congestion primarily along Rt111

we need some decent restaurants - would love a walkable area with a few shops that isn't a strip mall

Synchronize or remove stop lights that cause sequential stops and traffic backups.

too many used car dealers on 28, need a car wash, grocery store on 28

Too many people.

Bring back rural character - currently exists as a traffic pass thru to and from the highway - so disappointing :-)

High end \$1.25M+ housing development and over abundance of political signs

The more houses you put up - the less community feel you have.

More balanced tax base, with larger commercial or light industrial businesses to share residential tax burden, and more places to eat and drink

I would fire the school board

Nothing

Would love an increase in protected forest lands and hiking opportunities for families and less development residential and commercial

Planning board would be appointed, not elected.

Please have more stringent standards for new businesses being built, so there is more of a defined brand of the town. Currently there are little care for aesthetics, and it shows (new Citizens Bank complex just one example). Bedford has done a nice job of this, having standards on color schemes and landscaping, etc.

Needs a Starbucks

Do not grant variances on any undersized lots especially around the lakes and watershed.

Promote more walkable commercial developments that includes Restaurants, shops, and other amenities.

The Gateway project on RT 111 looked promising on the design plan but appears to have stalled. I would like to know more about the future status from the Town on this project
snobbishness and the obsession with how to pronounce Windham - who really cares?

I totally disagree with the strategy of residential tax relief by means of building more commercial developments. This will change Windham's character and is why I moved here. It's short sighted and wrong to make saving money by taxes as the number one goal. The number one goal should be maintain what's special about the character of Windham, and that means keeping it "non commercial."
The character change by developing via commercial would be sad and wrong.

More bike friendly, less big retail

We need restaurants and more retail development

Fix traffic flow on 111. Two lanes to one back to two is not ideal. Entering and exiting commercial areas is hard, even harder during higher traffic times.

New Housing developments Taking away our forests.

We must control residential development to keep the property tax burden under control to protect our citizens!

Sidewalks and bike lanes

Bringing back a closer sense of community! The old Klemms Store

Remove that mini lane that ends by Shaw's. Force an earlier merge. De-cluster the business area to improve traffic. More town activities at the high school, or other town areas, where there is parking (having at town hall area is problematic). Town funded events should be for town residents (ex: egg hunts, fall festival). Please plow this end of town (Gertrude area) better. Roads are always hazardous even days after a storm due to lack of sun and minimal plowing. We need de-icing.

the politics

Wish we had a better grocery store

Lower taxes

Traffic

How quickly it's growing

Lower taxes

Too many people from Massachusetts

Having moved here from another town that was meticulous about cutting the branches back from wires....our family would like to see more of that throughout the town as it seems to be a factor in the power outages that come with storms each year.

Sidewalks along main streets

A-hole entitled people who are up in everybody's business and run the good teachers out of town. And too many Republicans. :)

Traffic

Slow growth

Better athletic fields.

Slow down the commercial growth and build more affordable housing.

Less residential development. Especially on farmland.

Route 111, make it wider all the way to the transfer station.

Traffic

We need more shopping and restaurants less nail salons and pet services

Sidewalks, bike lanes, and street light for safe outdoor activity

The stop lights on 111. Need to do something about the traffic flow, especially in the afternoon.

Protect our small quiet town - reduce development!

Building homes/residences on top of each on small lots when the existing homes don't even have enough water.

Less residential growth.

As much as I don't want to see much commercial business move int town, it would be great to have a few more (non-chain, healthy) dining options or small stores. I also would change the level of work to preserve the lake. The CPIA tries but there is not enough restrictions regarding building on and around the lake on small lots and not enough is done to protect the lake. The road run-off is another big issue, so wetland areas need to be conserved so the lake is not being polluted and brought further into a eutrophic state and killed for future generations.

Bring back the small town feel.

Over development, cutting down the trees, it is become a Salem with traffic, 111 horrible now

More small retail business development along 111 for tax revenue, but better access for walking in "downtown" areas

No quiet cul de sacs- all roads are cut through sod neighborhood

Build a high school sports complex with a community center, pool, etc.

More efficient winter road maintenance

A community/rec center. Neighborhood playgrounds. Convert the "Strawberry" festival into a legit street arts fair that showcases our community and businesses.

Addition of a entertainment center for shows, concerts and other arts

Traffic problems. We thought some time ago Wall St was going to connect to Salem to alleviate traffic issues on Rt 111. Not sure why that has not happened.

Stop over-developing

Stop the development! This is our peaceful little enclave away from the corporate beast system. Let's keep it so.

Improved the water quality of our ponds. Our waterfront properties pay an excess tax rate to help the town address this issue.

Traffic

I really don't understand the planning in this town. No vision and 111 is slowly turning into route 1 in Lynn. Look at Bedford NH as your model. They have standards for look and feel on route 101 unlike the crap we are building on 111. And they had a master plan and infrastructure investments on their route 3 that is paying huge dividends now (first class retail, office developments) unlike Windham and the crap on route 28. And the smaller lots being approved in large developments are bullshit.... but there is "common land" that makes it ok. This town is run by developers. Once the land runs out, they will be gone. And with it we lose all of the charm and appeal that was once Windham. We just become Methuen North.

Increased dining options

Not allowing farm animals (horses & pigs) on residential lots smaller than 2 acres.

Try to get rid of the conflicts of interests - Where you have town committees that are designed specifically to bring business to this town - but yet on those committees are treated as if they are objective and have the town's best interests in mind. Instead their focus is bringing business to the town. We need to make sure that we don't have people on planning boards that are employed by developers or are receiving any financial benefit from them. And if they are, it should very clearly be disclosed. We need to make sure that people can trust their government.

Get rid of Windham Committee on economic development.

The new unfinished commercial site on Range rs

It would be nice if there was affordable housing and more economic development

I would replace many of the signalized intersections with roundabouts on Route 111 to improve traffic flow.

More dining, commercial- make me stay in town

instead of large scale parking, have one central parking area with businesses surrounding it. Phased parking.

Lack of a town center with a nice town hall

More rotaries fewer traffic lights. Less McMansion development.

Nothing!!!! We moved here 20 years ago from Peabody MA. Go look at the history of Peabody and how that city has changed by encouraging development. Allowing 2 homes on a 10,000 sq ft lot was common. Don't want that here for my kids and soon grand children
more affordable housing

Traffic

Attract high tech industries and more people living in Windham could take those jobs and not increase the need for more housing and schools.

Taxes!

the people

More retail opportunities so I don't have to drive as far to buy groceries and other necessities.

Traffic! Make the right turn lane heading into Shaws a right turn only lane. Keeping it a right turn or straight holds up traffic.

Town lacks a Center, very few restaurants and bars. Town has become just another bedroom community.

Bring more commercial business to offset residential taxes and improve town development that way.

MORE BIG BUSINESS TO GET THE TAX RATE DOWN

Want a downtown area to walk to shops and restaurants

Less development. No water line. Less density.

Lower tax rate. We have been in same house 40yrs

Taxes started at \$1900.00now \$10,000.00

Newer ugly commercial development, let's keep the quaint aesthetics we were pursuing. Choose carefully members of our planning and zoning boards, so as not to have commercial developers interests before residents.

Extremely high taxes. We need a Starbucks. The horrible smoke shop that was put in next to 33 Hilltop.

Restrict development, improve traffic flow, fix the pond

Elitism, attract more diverse families

The destruction of trees when building new developments. Some people like the wooded areas and the developers just tear all the trees down for building. So sad to see what has happened to our town

Lower taxes.. More bike friendly and pedestrian friendly roads

Better enforcement of traffic laws, during rush periods.

More lower cost homes, fewer very high end developments

Maybe more entertaining and dining

Taxes

The inept school board. They are ill-equipped and inexperienced to handle the business of schools and they are insufficiently responsive to the community.

traffic ridiculous - cannot expand 111 area more near Klemms, roads can't handle it.

The traffic

Additional Recreational programs

Less bitter, angry, violent liberals - like Joe Bradley's brother.

Add recreational areas

Collaboration with town selectmen/school board!!

better, more walkable downtown area.

Too crowded with not enough resources to handle the overcrowding. Stop or drastically slow down the development.

Establish a Teen Center

Add sidewalks

More small to medium businesses that build community... restaurants, coffee/ smoothie, activity (eg paint, exercise, etc)

We need clean water! We need more diversity. And please stop building high end neighborhoods!!!

Taxes too high

Not having Windham Academy. We already have an amazing school system without it.

Would like to see the town allow and/or fix the issues that are prohibiting the exist build out of areas (Gateway Park area, between SHAWS and Village Green, and behind MVC Eye). Complete eyesores.

The Tuscan Village area will be completed before the Gateway is. Don't start/approve projects ,if the town's infrastructure is not ready or able to allow it to be completed

Sidewalks and residential variances.

Improve the center of town

Sidewalks should be promoted and installed by private developers.

I'd pay the first responders more money.

Building house on top of each other

Parking at griffin park

Allow big box to take burden off school taxes

Allow development of school facilities with growing community to compete with other D1 schools

Drama

A grocery store and small village shopping area.

Get rid of the new vape store its ruining village bean plaza

Better public park amenities, more family owned restaurant options

Add bike lanes

Stop building

Political ridiculousness

Over building, we have enough empty buildings.

Traffic on 111

The development and traffic it has created. We need to control that more. New developments popping up left and right. Traffic just gets worse and worse

New Town Hall

Traffic on 111

Larger trail and bicycle path networks.

More local restaurants, retail etc. local businesses far preferred over national chains etc. ,

I would eliminate work force housing. I would try to sue the state again to eliminate it. It's

unconstitutional. The whole idea of workforce housing is ridiculous. To say that someone who works here couldn't live in any of the surrounding towns is ludicrous.

Need better sports fields - at least some bleachers at the football field!

Large houses on small lots

Too much residential development

No more new stores. Keep the Trees & Wooded Area we have in place. We have enough stores, banks, pizza

Stop the public school buses from adding 25 minutes of ride time in order to serve a very small number of students at the charter school. It is not fair for 20 kids to sit on each bus for an extra 25 minutes every day so that 2 charter school kids can get picked up last.

traffic congestion

Too much building going on

Traffic, schools

Not sure

Safe night-time walking paths

Traffic congestion

Overcrowding of school

Traffic on 111

Taxes reduced

Larger shopping areas. Smaller shopping plaza do not get the additional attention they need. Although large the Londonderry market basket area looks nicer overall.

Trader Joe's, more dining options.

Lack of sidewalks to get safely to schools, parks, recreation, etc

Stop all development. It's not the same town it was 20 years ago.

Since we are in a severe drought and should be restricting watering of lawns, penalties should be levied to those who continue to water in the middle of the day, any given day of the week.

That every new house being built is a huge! They are using up all the land and cutting down so many trees

School and businesses; not world class

Time the traffic lights to make rt 111 flow better.

111 Traffic has gotten worse, so many lights just to get across town

Too many traffic lights and congestion on Rt 111

Having a place like Lynnfield market place for residents to go, walk around and enjoy food and shopping.

Too many regulations

The obstinance of the leadership. The water line was voted down. And now it is back again under the guises of the TIF district. That also was seen with the running track and turf field for the high school. that came back several time in spite of being voted down.

Taxes

Get control of development. Save the pond. Fix the traffic problem.

Too much development—111 between 93 and shaws doesn't look like it belongs anymore

Police department is useless

clean up 111

Traffic

Na

Increase amount of kids in the schools!!!! Stop building new homes unless you are going to build more schools!

Traffic on 111

Less density and new construction.

The high school needs a track. It will benefit the whole town

The quick growth of businesses. I moved to Windham to be in a small town and have watched these changes take place.

Don't like the new developments with giant homes right next to each other.

The police department. They should actually help the town people. Also the assessing sept is a huge mess

more local business to support and decreased lights/traffic

Not enough restaurants/recreation

the town needs a new administration facility

we need a market basket

Add commercial business to keep taxes from climbing, limit residential growth.

Adding better sports fields at the high school

Traffic on 111

Traffic on 28 and 111

Starbucks. Extended bar hours.

would love sidewalks and a real downtown with local, small business shops

More culture, dining, arts; more of a public safety presence - would be great to see more police patrolling the area!

We need town water

Making it easier for working class people to thrive it such a nice town. Stop catering to the rich!

Communication from the planning board to those affected by the decisions made was not good the past year or two. The water treatment building put at the entrance of Spruce Pond subdivision destroyed the character of the entrance. It was an abomination to the character and people of this town. Strong words but they are needed to open deaf ears. This is exactly the type of town development that can never occur again.

less development and destroying of forested areas

The entitlement parents feel they have in managing the schooling of their children. Let the teachers do their job!

Negative attitudes

It would be nice to see Trader Joe's or whole sale store in town.

Create more of a "downtown"

Traffic on 111

The development along the main roadways and losing all the trees.

We don't need bike lanes in this town. We are not Cambridge MA.

More upscale restaurant options (for if and when covid is resolved)

And potentially opening the transfer station on Tuesdays as well

I'd love to see a few more restaurants move in.

More retail and dining options

Planning Board

Number of new developments. Parks and local areas are a mess - too many residents.

Lower taxes so we can remain in town

Nothing

Improve traffic 111

Add a Rubber track at the WHS

Traffic congestion

Water

Traffic

Limit development

Please see above

more dining options, small local businesses

Traffic issues

It seems more and more building of homes and Condos. Enough

Too much building, getting over crowded

Ether population control or additional school district expansion options needs to be addressed.

Stop building houses

Traffic issues

Remove no parking signs on depot road.

Allow more 2 unit houses.

Less development. There are too many out of towners moving in.

More updated dining options. See what Hudson, MA has done

Less housing and commercial development

People driving through the center of town like maniacs. Mostly people passing through bike lanes; access/connectivity to rail trail without having to load bikes onto/into your car

Excessive residential development

Complete project that are unfinished. Too many incomplete projects sitting in town.

We need more business to offset our high taxes

Traffic

Address traffic issues and bring in public water resources .The traffic on my road is awful due to speeding. People consistently go at least 40 to 45 miles per hour on a road with a 25 mph limit. Has really changed the quality of life

Water quality/safety is very concerning

Stop business expansion.

Stop building new homes and let he schools breathe!

fix highway off ramp from 93 south tooo sharp of a turn

Traffic on 111 better managed

More business to supply the tax base

More small business or businesses that fit the culture of Windham

Traffic on 111 & less residential large houses. The town is turning into an elitist town and students that live in "normal size" house are looked down upon. People are losing touch with realistic expectations. Better snow removal in the winter.

Taxes

Less focus on commercial development

Lack of public water supply for commercial development in key parts of town.

We should buy land to preserve, no conservation easements.

Please don't turn Windham into Massachusetts where sidewalks, chain stores, etc. are everywhere.

Keep our town's charm. Thank you for the opportunity to respond.

Traffic issues

Limiting growth and what specifically comes into town to preserve the feel of our town.

Affordability

Building new houses and revamping education.

To create a downtown area like Exeter or Portsmouth that can bring the community together.

One of your questions asked "Protect Windham's unique character". I would ask, what is Windham's unique character? I don't believe Windham has a unique character: there is no Main Street area, no central gathering place (for festivals, Memorial Day, etc.). I would like to see this be a top priority for planning and development.

It has way too much development going on that is only causing more problems with traffic and water quality along with losing the town's Charm.

The traffic congestion and not enough ways to walk or bike ride through town safely.

More town purchases of open space. Less houses going in. Slow down the building. Water is a problem.

add dedicated right turn lane of 111 onto Range rd and lengthen right turn lane from I93 to 111a west.

Lower property taxes for home owners

School board, school traffic, taxes, traffic/parking by Griffin park, traffic on 111, transfer station hours and traffic, too many new homes approved b/cof personal and business connections, no central small town feel, strip malls only, too few restaurants and family friendly establishments,

The ugly new back of a building on 111

There are too many large scale home developments that seem to be negatively affecting our aquifer.

less traffic

Large political signs

The over development both residentially and commercially.

More restaurants and more retail stores.

FEWER STRIP MALLS AND A MORE CENTRAL DOWNTOWN SHOPPING AREA WITH PARKING

Route 111 from Wall St to Church St, should have the lane extension, instead of everyone cutting you off at Shaws or right at Wall St should be exit only and drop the lane, it should never been carried down!

I 'voted' against the 55+ housing in this survey for one reason only: because developers have cheated in the past, using 55+ housing as a way to circumvent the density issues we have in Windham. I would change the oversight of the development process to be more visible - public; with meeting minutes and with town and developers presenting 'arguments' publicly (in the Independent). Second, related, thing I would 'change': to publish the water and conservation numbers. We need to know how much water we have and therefore how many people we can support living here in Windham. I realize that these numbers could potentially be complex, but this water issue is the thing that could change the feel of Windham the most.

Develop a residential-commercial center with sidewalks, park-like features and restricted traffic

Reduce all commercial activity. We are surrounded by retail in every abutting town. Windham should have less commerce and fewer traffic lights.

Add a Starbucks. And some more shops like Tuscan village style along 111.

Increased development in small businesses and economic opportunities

Too many people here now.

Continual 111 improvements. Institute a training program for zoning and planning board new members.

Less cutting of trees

Better traffic flow on 111. Something like whole foods or trader Joe as alternative to Shaw's

Taxes are getting ridiculous. The cost of living here is out of control. With children graduating from the high school we will be forced to move elsewhere due to expense.

I would like to see public water added. We have a huge water problem in this town.

Traffic

Traffic

People that have paid for larger land lots should be allotted more use of their personal water wells than those large homes that have small lots. It is not fair to restrict water usage due to overbuilding and burden us with the fact that the town did not properly manage how much building we permit. Stop allowing money and politics to dictate decisions and stop backing down when faced with tough decisions. We shouldn't allow these builders to continue to profit by building up our town and then make those of us in town suffer because we now have to share the water amongst such a large group. I think water usage should be based on the amount of land you own if restrictions have to be put in place. If I own 3 acres and you allowed building of 8 homes on three acres then they should have water restrictions because of their lot size and I should not. Just isn't fair

There's no large central green space or park by the center of town (ie: by the Town Offices/Library area). The large park in the center of North Andover, MA, for example, is so inviting & wonderful; Windham residents would benefit from something like that here.

Keep it from becoming another Salem with too much chain retail/fast food

Limit number of new homes built.

Community relationships between police and residents need great improvement!

Police Department

More retail (Starbucks, Panera, Chipotle, etc)

Reduce traffic

I would make a simple phone call to NHDOT and have them sync the lights on 111 so traffic can get through. It's ridiculous that the light turns green as the next one in visual sight turns red. This is only going to get worse as you allow developers to smash in 20-50 houses at a time without impact fees to roads and schools.

Building lot size

control people wating too much

The taxes are high for what we get. No water, no sewer no trash pickup. I don't mind having a well, a septic etc.. but the taxes should be lower. The population growth is burdening our schools and therefore taxes. We need more commercial contributing so our taxes are lower, not more housing so we need bigger schools.

There needs to be a walkable downtown area with access to commercial space (restaurants and businesses).

Provide access to public water supply

See Above

The giant elementary school an too many new homes.

Not allow large housing developments and bring in a few commercial businesses to offset taxes and allow local jobs

Do away with housing associations.

More restaurants and businesses

Police enforcement of speeding and texting while driving. Dangerous on the roads!

Make it more walkable and add bike lanes

All the new houses being built

More diverse population, more diversity in our town governments

Realizing that growth/improvement comes with increased taxes to support what has been built/improved - the town builds then does not maintain - neither the facility nor the staff.

Traffic- there's too much, and it is too loud

Less housing development.

111 traffic

I'd stop the build up

Restaurants, cafes, stores. Less banks and medical facilities

Building less homes

Amount of new housing and business development, along with wasted empty building space. Traffic along 111

Nothing

Need more retail business

Enable more commercial development to reduce homeowners tax burden

Traffic flow on 111

Water is too scarce, develop less

Allowing new home developments. Windham is already too taxed and at capacity. Watershed, traffic, resources, and schools cannot handle more growth

School traffic is terrible. Wish there was more of a “downtown” walkable area with great restaurants.

Too many large homes being developed. Desire for new homes around 2800 sq ft

Reduce property tax.

Stop building so many houses!!! Schools are going to be overcrowded again!

I would love to see 111 gain more small businesses that enhance Windham's charm. Also have restaurants open later.

The traffic lights.

Real, viable plan for town water

More businesses

Traffic is now a nightmare! Difficulty getting out of plazas (Dunkin's by town center, Old School etc)

Too much residential building. Large neighborhood brings families. Need to be sure schools can support that.

Reduction in RE taxes for homeowners 68 and older.

Traffic on 111

Change zoning to disallow huge homes on small frontage lots. Stop catering to builders and be concerned for the people of town.

Stop all of the development

Lower property taxes!

The lights on 111 are ridiculous. There is no need for the light at the post office. There isn't one at the commons.. there shouldn't be on for the village

More diversity

Better schools

Catering to developers. Please close the density loopholes

Don't allow people to line up at GBS prior to 2:20!!!! It makes pick up a nightmare when you have to hit more than 1 school!

Don't want to change anything in Windham. Leave it alone.

Good

Ole boy politics

Route 111 traffic flow.

Restaurants with good food

More restaurants/downtown area

111 traffic

Nothing

Invest in water quality and security for our community.

Eliminate the inaccurate profile of Windham that developers perpetuate in order to sell over priced houses built on wetlands and dead wells. So many are naive to the true politics of Windham we can't fix problems.

More transfer station hours.

stop developing. it's going to destroy what makes our town so cherished. Developers are getting rich while our town is losing its rural appeal. We'll be a crowded, noisy suburb in no time.

More things to do besides a park and a rail trail.

Traffic on 111 and lack of sidewalks along 111

Public trash pick up instead of transfer station

Traffic in Rt.111

It would be beneficial to increase housing to make it more affordable for people to stay in town instead of being bought out of their own town that they grew up in. Also we don't have a significant arts program like some other towns in the area

Sidewalks along the perimeter streets of Cobbets pond that create a community loop - range rd to cobbets pond rd to lowell rd to 111 to range rd. It would connect everything in town - shopping, Griffin park, restaurants... And would create a healthier Windham.

Stop the building!! Our schools are at capacity and our streets are beginning to have signs of traffic issues

Walkability

Need more dining and a true downtown type area. I think that would do very well in this community (as long as it's along commercial corridors). Not chains, good, local dining. It's missing in this area altogether

all the traffic lights on 111. Would use traffic circles.

We could use more businesses to help offset taxes. No more banks though!

STOP building houses!!

Our acceptance, as a town, of more diversity—I wish we wouldn't make policies to block all low income or workforce housing, for instance. We should look at it on a case by case basis, so that we make sure to build a community full of people of all cultures, socioeconomic statuses, ages, backgrounds, and ways of life.

Reduce Traffic on 111

school board

We desperately need a community center, and places for our teens to go!

Lack of downtown

It's needs a local gathering area/downtown.

Add a more downtown type feel in the Village District. Sidewalks for foot traffic, and encourage more commercial development.

We need a downtown area

School board. This past year I have found that they have not supported teachers in the way that they should and I felt that my thoughts and concerns were not addressed.

school system

GBS/ WMS traffic issue

Stop trying to move us in the direction of a larger city .

The constant construction and disruptions to our water and clean water.

Minimal shopping options.

We should stop allowing people to upsize (destroy and rebuild) their homes on small lots. Zoning board should uphold the towns standard zoning ordinance more strictly.

The obstinance of WindHAM-ites who resist change and refuse to progress into the 21st century

Nothing

Make it safer for people, young and old, to walk amd ride bikes around town

Need more character, less cookie cutter homes. It's a safe town but it's a boring town.

Over development. It is time to limit the number of new single family homes built each year. We are otherwise will continue to stretch our school resources and deplete our natural resources (especially groundwater).

Slow the building

The schools are indoctrinating the children instead of teaching them. The public school are not that great.

Over populated

Fewer homes and more water availability.

Replace Shaw's with Wegmans

Traffic from 93 off of exit 3

more recreational places to go

Side walks and bike lanes for walkers and recreational biking

Stop the sell out Windham land to developers of malls and commercial sites.

One or 2 local restaurants added in would be nice

The traffic, especially the school traffic.

Traffic on 111

111 bottleneck at CVS.

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Stop building houses and office/stores.

I would have the residents benefit from the water lines. There's one right outside of spruce pond neighborhood, yet none of that neighborhood can benefit.

Developers that have conflicts of interest participating as board members

Have the planning board appointed by board of selectmen

Traffic flow along 111

Large homes with large use of valuable natural resources. Limit water usage and lawn chemicals

Stop all commercial development

stop building - homes and commercial.

Traffic on 111

Not having a turf field and track

Nothing

When there is a water ban, it needs to be a BAN with enforcement. Stop wasting water on the stupid grass.

More quality food options for in dining or takeout
the stereotype that all people are wealth
Traffic on 111
Stop trying to make like Salem
The development. Too much going up. Please keep our town having a country feeling.
I would put sidewalks in
Eliminate electric line over the highway on north side of exit 3.
Decrease the amount of new development because it makes the town less desirable and takes away its
character.
Reduce development to protect drinking water resources.
More businesses, especially restaurants.
Nothing
No more nail salons
Stop buying inhabitable lands as if they fall under the mantra of conservation (Clyde Pond).
Stop all the new construction, residential and commercial.
address drinking water issues
Too many new developments being built.
The liberal zeal to add workforce housing and rezone for increased density building. This is not what
Windham is.
Even less regulation and/or government interference.
The lack of professionalism From the board of selectman during meetings.
Replace the school board.
Traffic near shaws/ post office. Too many slow moving large trucks coming through regularly for a 1
lane road to the highway.
Taxes and better restaurants. Farm to table , higher scale. Less reds and old school
More diversity in leadership
How EVERYTHING is made into a political issue/battle
More transparency from town boards. It seems like the town wishes are not always represented.
Too much new construction
Amount of banks - would prefer small business restaurants

I wish Windham had a more defined downtown area.

See above. Control the development and set high standards if we want a quality place to live. If bringing in commercial is a necessity now, then be thoughtful - bring in things residents can enjoy and add to the value of Windham, rather than even more banks, pharmacies and dentist offices. And think about the traffic implications!! Traffic is horrible now and all of the new traffic lights make it even worse.

stop trying to make Windham the town you moved away from

Town center needs work. Compare to a similar center in Lynnfield MA. Its open and beautiful town common. We have a common however it is covered by over growth. This down is also quickly becoming over developed.

Need more restaurants and fix traffic issues

Leave it alone! Great community

the town management

Stop building houses

Nothing

A better thought out water and sewer option to benefit all residents. Wells could then be used for irrigation alone.

traffic patterns

We need a market basket

improve traffic conditions and lower taxes

I noted not many questions about elderly services or housing. I think there are lots of people retired or planning on retiring who will need to move out. Would like to see a well planned senior housing community built close to main downtown , with recreational facilities and easy access to restaurants , etc. Currently seniors like me are planning to leave Windham due to lack of attractive senior living accommodation where property taxes won't force you to leave town. Thank you for asking.

Improve town center aesthetics, improve center of town traffic while also adding small retail shopping district.

Traffic on 111 around CVS

Not enough restaurants.

More restaurants / small biz shopping

Reduce traffic

Slow the growth!!!

Rapid commercial growth

Contractors being allowed to manipulate open space and lot size. They build houses on small road and on top of each other, seemingly drawing off the same water supply.

The town's lack of funding for greater good projects. Step up and say certain things are necessary and fund them

Add more businesses to help lower taxes.

A community center for all ages would be nice.

Stop the conversion of the Searles orchard to housing.

Stop building huge houses

less commercial building

I would slow the growth - rural character is getting lost

More small businesses

Slow down all the development both commercial and residential. We don't have the water to support this, the town is growing too fast. We are driving out wild animals by destroying their natural habits.

Better regulate the minimum lot size for single family home builders. The town is allowing huge plots of land to be erased of all trees and McMansions to be built on top of each other. The developers get around the current regulations of lot size by creating communal neighborhood "green space". Get rid of this loop hole. So much greed at the expense of our small town feel.

Need more shops and keep only nice businesses and unique businesses. Take out porn and hooka stores. It makes it kinda trashy. Nicer landscaping around town. Street islands look horrible with the run down landscaping. Sides of roads all broken down or dead hanging trees. Need a whole foods/Trader Joe's and Starbucks in town. Check out Westport CT. I always say how this could be the next Westport if you do it right in town. It's a beautiful ritzy town and kept up beautifully with nice shops and nice restaurants. That's what I hear everyone in town wanting. Also better water!

The building. The giant identical homes.

Stop the residential developments. Our schools are already overcrowded.

Stop putting commercial buildings in windham

Stop the influx of people.

Need smaller, AFFORDABLE homes for empty nesters, singles, parent with child homes. Stop building the 55 and older condos!!

Add water to homes

I would allow gas powered recreational vehicles to explore and enjoy our tax payed for lands. My children would love to take a cruise on their ATV's with mom and dad but it's been banned town wide.

No good reason to deprive our children of the freedoms we had growing up to fit a one sided agenda.

Not everyone can or wants to travel these trails on foot. Plenty of land to satisfy both sides before it's all torn down and built on anyway.

keep massachusets people from from getting into town held politics

too many new subdivisions

Decrease new housing developments

Traffic on 111

Funding for school sports be fair, taxes to go down.

Town needs sewage

A few more common area restaurants/ small shops where residents can enjoy an afternoon or evening.

Coffee shop , candy shop , ice cream, cafe, restaurants etc.. where residents can develop a sense of community. Maybe have small concerts in summer

More commercial business along 111

A traffic circle around the green 111, Church, and N Lowell (similar to the Milford Oval in Milford, NH
The town currently lacks "character." As a traditionally small New England agriculture-centric town, one would expect more colonial homes, better preserved farms / barns / fields / stone walls, etc. However, few of those seem to remain. The commercial district is also a bit of a mess with no cohesive design plan and shops that don't necessarily "fit" the market or demographic.

Halting residential building

Adding more sidewalks along roads like Range Rd.

Stop the growth. Enough is enough, we don't need to fill every empty lot with a house.

My parents live here and vote Republican. I'd love it if they'd stop being dumbasses.

I am worried about our water supply.

I hate driving up 28 past xxxposed. I'd love to see more of a walkable downtown area too.

Traffic

Take out Shaw's and put Market Basket in

Too much reliance on residential taxes to fund the town. Would like to see we'll thought out commercial additions without impacting the town's character and water issues.

Bring in more (smaller) retail business and office spaces.

Develop a more useful, walkable, pedestrian friendly town center with multiple small businesses that promotes a thriving community atmosphere for young and old.

eliminate the WEDC

Stop additional building-both residential and commercial. Our schools and roads can't support either.

The traffic on 111

taxes!!!!

Dogs able to go to town beach in the off season.

More small businesses and commercial properties

More responsive School Board and BoS

No sisewalks

Residential growth needs to be regulated.

Would be great to have a public pool. It would also be great town-planning/design-wise, if we had a downtown area/business district that was more centralized but still maintained our spread-out housing throughout town. If, as Windham grows, we could guide its growth into being like a boutique-style town (looking like Bedford, NH, Westford, MA, Andover, MA, York, ME, or Portsmouth, NH), that would be great. Smaller shops, better downtown walk-ability, bike trails/side walks. Our businesses are great, but... Right now, we have too many random plazas with no cohesiveness/theme, and the individual plazas are all spread out (you have to drive from one to another, even when they are just next to each other on the street). It would be great if you could easily walk between shops and businesses and the parks (like Griffin, the bakery, nail place, village bean coffee, pizza place, Reds, hair salons, etc.). People would go from sports games to walking downtown and investing in our economy spending money at nearby businesses. They shouldn't be large retail, they could be small business shops, ideally. Right now everything is spread out. It's not as family friendly when you have to jump in the car ten times on a Saturday morning to go to these places, rather than parking in a central area and walking around for the day.

The town is going to continue to grow. If it is not embraced the legal challenges that will be brought forward will cripple the town financially. The cases will get overturned and the development will be approved at the court level. Work with the developers, property owners and residents to find solutions. Leave the personal bias and agendas off the table and look objectively as things come down the pipe. It's not 1988 anymore, we can grow with the times and have input along the way, or we can have our hand forced.

It needs more diversity, sidewalks, and main street style walkable shopping areas

Nothing

I would change The acceptance of calling it Windumb vs the correct pronunciation Wind-ham
provide sports complexes to help our kids be competitive and have similar access to fields and facilities as other towns have

Ridiculous town politics.

Smaller more affordable home developments.

More pedestrian connectivity, more sports fields / infrastructure. Mixed use development especially small businesses

Town square, ie town hall area

The amount of residential development. It's ruining the town. Overcrowding the schools - again - decimating the aquifers, straining town services, and driving our taxes higher and higher.

The taxes

High property taxes and decrease building of new homes.

The zoning board and rules, they only see black and white, no grey at all

Slow or stop building of everything...homes, businesses, etc

School size/limitations are not considered when allowing new housing development...should go hand in hand. High School needs appropriate fields and tracks that could be used by the entire community.

It's too late to restrict the outrageous building of new homes

No sense of community

Managing residential growth effectively while limiting commercial growth extensively.

I would like to see more of a town center with sidewalks.

Sidewalks and out of town traffic volume.

Very disappointed with the new vape shop and asian spa that moved into the Village Bean complex- ick!

The porn shop on 28 and the crappy motel

Traffic. Provide highway walls to neighbourhoods close to highways.

A water line for all residential areas.

Hiring unqualified personnel.

Stop adding residential / commercial developments.

Increase commercial development

Need to slow down development that leaves us with high costs ie push to large new homes has attracted families with 3-4 kids in school. They complain about 20-25k annual taxes yet education costs us 45k per household. This drives taxes up and non-school families out. Community needs to enhance non-school offerings and build commercial, elderly etc to build out tax base and not overload schools.

Need to open up to more commercial business, to help offset the property taxes. Specific area's where local traffic is not impacted, but close to 93

Tax rate

Less development overall, but especially less commercial development
Very little...it's already changed too much over the years.
Town manager. Town attorney, Planning director.

Restrict future development of all kinds. We're losing our small town feel in the name of convenience.
More houses that are reasonable size less of the giant McMansions that are honestly ridiculous.
we need less building of new homes on small lots - we are destroying the beauty and losing the feel of having homes on larger lots
School overcrowding
More acreage on house plots (4-5 acres)
Stop the overbuilding
Athletic fields at the high school.
Try to manage growth better. Losing the small town feel that brought me to it.
The increase of building houses/home growth.
More restaurants.
I want town to issue less permits to build either residential or commercial.
Well water quantity

desperately need to increase the commercial tax base while also improving the traffic flow on rt111
bring in more restaurants and grocery store options (e.g. Trader Joes, Wegmans, Whole Foods)
Sidewalks required in neighborhoods
More street lights and sidewalks
Reduce residential construction
It is becoming way to commercial and way to many homes being built. Seems like the town has become money minded
Speeding! People drive super fast through my neighborhood and police really seem not to care. This needs better enforcement. Tax revaluations are excessive and have needed correction, we just got here in 2018
1) Route 111 needs to be 4 lanes instead of 2
2) not enough local shopping

More retail, dining options

Growth rate

Have a downtown area for shopping, socializing, restaurants where people can park and walk around
We need more business to offset taxes, but they should not take away the charm and character of the town.

More restaurants

add a community pool. more retail/commercial. trail markings and maps. add street or ice hockey rink.
Follow communities like Wellesley Ma in not allowing toxic chemicals sprayed in public places such as fields and playgrounds

Make the downtown area pedestrian only with local shops.

Would like Windham not to cut AP courses from our high schools. Children need the opportunity to excel academically just as much as children with learning disabilities deserve support.

Water availability

More community events, and better advertisement for them. Better social media presence and activity.

More affordable single family homes

Allow Keno

Continue improving the historic center of Windham (Town Hall area, etc.)

Lifetime term limits for Conservation Commission members.

No more townhouses and condominiums projects

No more development

I would love to see a small grocery, but otherwise less development of commercial and residential in general.

More historic sites preserved.

I would love the downtown to have a "no car zone" place to walk and sit at a cafe, a place to gather

better dining options

Taxes. They are too high. We spend way too much money as a community.

Reduce new development.

School Administration

Stop all the residential building. It's ruining this great town.

remove the loopholes(such as over 55) that allow developers to overbuild in areas

This town desperately needs A downtown area with restaurants and shopping. Windham is a historic, beautiful town, and many others like it have a down town area residents can drive Or walk to and spend an evening or family time with restaurants, bars, and little shops. Picture downtown Newburyport or Newport. It would really increase the feel of the town and help support small businesses.

We desperately need a new district superintendent and administration

More entertainment and restaurants. Fix traffic on 111 and schools

School administration

Freeze on strip-mall construction, freeze on single family home development, all parks must be used only by residents of Windham (sports leagues excluded), New School administration (to finally address sagging proficiency scoring, re-building STEM curriculum, negative student mental health and substance abuse trending, and improve overall poor SAT scoring)

Crowded classes

N/a

Reduce traffic flow on rt 111

Amount and quality of water

Limit new construction. Don't use all our open space. Require lot sizes bigger for new land purchases.

Additional Dining - NOT CHAIN Restaurants, but attract authentic dining experiences.

Improve tax base to take the burden off of homeowners

Would limit population growth

Taxes are ridiculous. They are way too high

More boat access to cobetts

Traffic volume on Rt. 111 too high. Use of neighborhood roads as cut-through to and from Rt 111 makes neighborhoods unwalkable and unsafe for kids.

Route 111 bottleneck at CVS

More restaurants and recreational resources in town

Less development

All the development of retail, doctors office and houses.

More opportunities for affordable, but single-family housing. Preserve the character of the town, but make it more accessible to a broader range of income levels.

The traffic and high taxes

Stop fighting affordable development for people who can't afford huge houses.

Rt111 traffic need to be widened to church street and light cycles need to be fixed. I know call the state but please press them to improve traffic flow with simple measures its paved already rt111 west. Thank you.

Traffic on rt 111 and school pickup traffic

Less residential growth, more commercial growth (dining, entertainment, businesses)

That damn water line. Not sure how many more dry summers we need to just do it. Of course nobody wants a \$10M expense. It's just common sense to do it anyway. And it's not gonna get cheaper in time.

Overdevelopment

Stop clearing trees

Trash pick up or public water would be nice

Racism and discrimination

Increase awareness of community events, and promote community programs for upkeep of parks and conservation land.

Major water shortages in many areas is unlike almost anywhere in NH. Residents are spending way too much money trying get get sufficient water and still suffer during small droughts. This will affect property values and general ability to sustain neighborhoods...

Way too much residential development. Houses are going up like crazy. After the land near the high school became available, the land was quickly developed. I understand the need for tax revenue, but this is ridiculous.

Slow down residential growth.

Increase commercial development in windham to help offset/reduce home property taxes.

Needs more diversity.

The property taxes

taxes are very high

WATER QUANTITY. Neighbors are silently suffering with little or no water. A water line to the east side of town, connected through Derry would significantly improve quality of life, and increase home values (even more)

I would love to see more renewable resources being urged and used. Also continuing the rail trail to connect with the rest of the granite state trail would be great, as well as making the roads more bike friendly. Finally - addressing the traffic down 1-11 between exit 3 and the high school.

Traffic on 111

Giant trump sign by the high school

i like it just the way it is

How many big housing and contractor developments are taking place: houses and prices are outrageous. Starter home or fixing up old houses is hardly an option.

it would be great to have an walkable downtown area

Too many Trump voters.

Improve traffic flow along 111 corridor

Griffin park is too crowded on weekend and some week days. Not enough parking. It has discouraged me from signing my kids up with sports (soccer).

The elitist attitude of residents and the idea that there is an endless supply of money which prices families out of town.

Traffic controls and single lane merge on 111

The cost to live here.

it would be nice to have more small business opportunities / restaurants etc.

Town water

Increase small town feel through more "centralized" town center with potential small business/restaurants and walkability to green space

More development, recreational and entertainment

We need more recreation. Additional libraries, art galleries, cafes, and more places that can be accessed by walking and biking to promote a more inter-connected community

Less larger homes over 3000 sq fr

I would like to see more affordable commercial spots. As a start up business, the rent is so high. I've been waiting for some of the planned developments like the gateway development to continue, but it's just an eyesore now.

Needs a town center for small businesses

I-93 traffic noise is increasing and needs to be addressed! Installing noise reduction walls along the interstate through town would help to dampen the roar that is heard in homes near I-93.

Traffic. Using Windham as a corridor for east/west traffic. 111 is too congested.

The left turn light going westbound on 111 crossing North Lowell where center school is. At night the left turn sensor doesn't work so well. Also, when a motorcycle is first in the left lane, the sensor can't pick up on it.

Making exceptions for small lots on cobbetts pond to be built on!

Less residential development, especially on smaller lots.

building roads and houses in every tiny vacant lot. Keep us quaint.

Our zoning ordinances so they weigh in favor of the overall community and our natural resources as opposed to maximizing developer profits.

Slow down development

I would try to reduce traffic, and purchase more conservation land.

Blurred professional lines between town departments and developers.

Additional clean water resources that will protect our community as well as our aquifer