

### Q9 - Which of the issues above is most important to you (1-28)?

	Single Response	Fractional Responses	Total
1. Modestly-priced houses are being bought by investors who convert them to high-priced rentals or short-term rentals. This reduces the housing stock below \$500,000 particularly in neighborhoods that were traditionally affordable.	<b>33</b>	<b>29.416</b>	<b>62.416</b>
2. Escalating housing costs, coupled with the lack of housing diversity affecting a broad segment of the community.	<b>39</b>	<b>33.267</b>	<b>72.267</b>
3. Zoning regulations are inconsistent and impractical, and many definitions are conflicting or missing.	<b>3</b>	<b>6.166</b>	<b>9.166</b>
4. Commissions and town staff often work in administrative silos resulting in duplication of efforts and inefficiencies.	<b>0</b>	<b>2.105</b>	<b>2.105</b>
5. Zoning impedes commercial diversity and retail viability in Lakeville and Salisbury village centers resulting in lost economic opportunities.	<b>3</b>	<b>4.767</b>	<b>7.767</b>
6. Poor stewardship and deficient standards threaten the integrity of “protected” lands.	<b>5</b>	<b>3.227</b>	<b>8.277</b>
7. Limited access (parking) and amenities (garbage receptacles, toilets) at our preserves, parks, and trail heads are detrimental to both natural and human communities.	<b>4</b>	<b>0.884</b>	<b>4.884</b>
8. Habitat loss and fragmentation, due to overdevelopment, are a reflection of inadequate regulatory oversight and protection, especially of critical wetland resources.	<b>13</b>	<b>8.496</b>	<b>21.496</b>
9. Salisbury has a rich diversity of wetlands, but many of these are vulnerable to impacts from development such as stormwater run-off.	<b>2</b>	<b>6.399</b>	<b>8.399</b>
10. Over abundant and invasive species (plants and animals) are expanding their range and populations and have gone largely unchecked.	<b>9</b>	<b>7.747</b>	<b>16.747</b>
11. Clear-cutting and deforestation threaten the environment and scenic beauty of Salisbury.	<b>3</b>	<b>7.542</b>	<b>10.542</b>
12. Pollution (e.g., herbicides, pesticides, PCBs, fertilizers, road salts) poses short and long-term threats to the environment and human health.	<b>7</b>	<b>5.27</b>	<b>12.27</b>
13. Failing or poorly maintained septic systems increase both nitrogen and phosphorus inputs to Salisbury’s lakes. Health Department approvals for septic systems are “to drinking water standards” and do not adequately protect waterbodies from eutrophication (excessive richness of nutrients in a lake or other body of water, frequently due to runoff from the land, which causes a dense growth of plant life and death of animal life from lack of oxygen).	<b>2</b>	<b>4.504</b>	<b>6.504</b>

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14. Lighting associated with residential, institutional, and commercial development disrupts viewsheds and impacts the residents of adjacent properties.	<b>3</b>	<b>2.405</b>	<b>5.405</b>
15. Local government could do more to increase agricultural viability in Salisbury by adopting a “Right to Farm” ordinance, encouraging regenerative agricultural practices, relaxing land use restrictions on working farms, and providing tools to diversify agriculture ensuring the next generation of farmers.	<b>2</b>	<b>0.999</b>	<b>2.999</b>
16. Pathways to nominations and appointments to Town boards/commissions/committees are overly politicized and/or non-inclusive. This often results in the same people serving on multiple Town boards/commissions/committees for extended periods of time.	<b>8</b>	<b>2.365</b>	<b>10.365</b>
17. Due process and decisions impacting the greater community are under threat by special interest groups lobbying elected and appointed officials.	<b>5</b>	<b>2.051</b>	<b>7.051</b>
18. The function of local government relies on many volunteers without specialized training.	<b>5</b>	<b>1.058</b>	<b>6.058</b>
19. Increasing demands for Town services, result in unreasonable expectations of municipal staff and resources.	<b>0</b>	<b>0.55</b>	<b>0.55</b>
20. Intentional lack of adherence to (willful violation of) Town regulations is an increasing problem.	<b>3</b>	<b>2.027</b>	<b>5.027</b>
21. Speeding in village centers and inadequate infrastructure for pedestrian circulation pose significant public safety concerns.	<b>5</b>	<b>3.266</b>	<b>8.266</b>
22. Aging infrastructure is not designed to accommodate the greatly altered weather patterns caused by climate change.	<b>4</b>	<b>1.583</b>	<b>5.583</b>
23. Essential medical services (hospitals, doctors, EMTs) are under threat affecting all segments of the population from babies to seniors.	<b>35</b>	<b>9.728</b>	<b>44.728</b>
24. Lack of access to reliable high-speed internet and cellular phone service impede the safety and economic viability of Salisbury.	<b>24</b>	<b>7.904</b>	<b>31.904</b>
25. Designated parking in village centers is unsuitable, hindering the success of local business and creating unsafe pedestrian and vehicular circulation.	<b>3</b>	<b>1.784</b>	<b>4.784</b>
26. Development of ridgelines and steep slopes are impacting the viewsheds, scenic beauty and rural ambiance of Salisbury.	<b>2</b>	<b>2.204</b>	<b>4.204</b>
27. Inadequate demographic data on the changing population of our Town hampers our ability to plan for the future.	<b>6</b>	<b>0.524</b>	<b>6.524</b>
28. Overemphasis on maintaining the low mill rate* rather than reinvesting in the community and services.	<b>10</b>	<b>2.642</b>	<b>12.642</b>

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Single Response / With Comment	Included in Whole Counts
Number 1 but I feel inadequately informed to make many of the decisions but there was no option offered for other responses.	1
Number 2	2
#6 I Have rented all my life here in Lakeville area and can not afford to buy a house even though I Provide a wonderful service to the community	6
#7 only the beach & senior center have adequate facilities.	7
#7 salisbury treats its parks and recreational areas as if they are a secret and not really for anybody who isn't a resident of the town. This in turn limits economic development in our villages. For example, one of the Town's most valuable assets in is the Rail Trail. There is almost no signage or adequate parking for both residents and visitors to use the trail. I can't tell you how many residents of Salisbury don't know about the trail and forget about Visitors it is exceeding difficult to know about it. And if you have a physical need on the trail where do you go? The town could really take a page from the town of Millerton. It's economic growth is largely due to the rail trail in the Town.	7
#7. The is not a separate natural world and human world (communities), there is one world and separating the two like you did in this question makes it easier to put in parking lots in natural areas, thinking that it is addressing the "human community". #16 The lack of diversity in our town government is upsetting. The demographic of or town government official is typically a privileged white man making the decisions for the town.	7(.5) 16(.5) (Included in fractional counts)
8 housing affordability. We need to keep the young people in our town so that it can thrive.	8
Question 8 #1	8
Number 16-- the fact that a small group of people seem to indefinitely "run" Salisbury without any checks nor adequate representation of all residents and home owners.	16
17 the "cabal" needs to go!! Get new fresh intelligent forward thinking eyes	17
20 is the most egregious. Easily solved by enforcement, even after the fact. You CAN make them "take it down". And what's with all the approvals for accessory building?!	20
23.. I am concerned that Sharon Hospital will close.	23
Number 23	23
number 24	24
24 Because it can be fixed	24

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24. I live in an area with little if any cell service and this is a health and safety issue!	24
24. Public broadband can be a real boon for Salisbury. My hometown implemented municipal broadband years ago and it was an overwhelming success for individuals and businesses. The private sector has failed badly here---it's not like there's meaningful competition and the prices and service reflect that. There's a reputational boost for the city as well if it can provide a better product at a lower price with less of a headache than the monopoly provider.	24
#25 I'd like to see us do everything we can to support local business	25
27-I feel we need to find a way to broaden the "middle class" of Salisbury with more affordable housing.	27
28 - maintaining LOW mil rate to allow full-time residents on a fixed income to remain here in their homes	28
28 is important to me because we have been on Twin Lakes for 70 years and may soon not be able to pay the high taxes, more than doubled in last few years.	28

<b>Multiple Response / No Comment</b>	
1 & 2	.5
1 & 2	.5
1, 2, 13, 21, 23, 24,	.166
1 & 2	.5
1 & 2	.5
1 & 2	.5
1 & 2	.5
1 & 2	.5
1, 2 & 23	.333
1, 2 & 23	.333
1, 2, 10, 12, 13, 15, 17, 20, 22, 23, 26	.091
1, 2, 23, 24	.25
1, 2, 6, 8, 9, 16, 17, 22	.125

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1, 2, 8, 11,20	.20
1, 2, and 23	.333
1, 2,3, 26	.25
1, 23	.5
# 2 & #3	.5
#24, #23	.5
#3,28	.5
1,2	.5
1,2 and 15	.333
1,2,10,11,23,26	.166
1,2,10,12,19,21,23,24	.125
1,2,12, 20, 23	.20
1,2,16,23,24,27	.166
1,2,21,23,24	.20
1,2,22,24	.25
1,2,23	.333
1,2,5,12,23,24,26,27	.125
1,2,6,8,9,10,11,12,26	.111
1,2,7,21,23,24,25	.142
1,2,8,10,12,21,23	.142
1,2,9,11,12,13,20,21,23,24,27	.091
1,3,8,9,10, 11, 12, 13,14	.111
1, 8, 9, 14	.25
1, 2, 26	.333
10 and 11	.5

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10 and 24	.5
8, 9,11	.333
1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10	.10
2,12, 17,	.333
1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17,18,19,20,21,22,23,24,25,26,27,28	.035
13, 22, 23, 24	.25
11,14, 20, 26	.25
14,18, 20,23	.25
1,2,3,4,5	.20
16, 17 & 18	.333
16, 23, 24	.333
1,2,3,5,19	.20
2 and 10	.5
2 and 8	.5
2 & 21	.5
2, 20, 21, 24	.25
2, 23	.5
2, 24	.5
2, 8, 11	.333
2,21,23,24	.25
2,8,12	.333
2,8,13,14,15,21,22,26	.125
21 and 24	.5
8,15,23	.333
1,10,16,24	.25

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2, 9,24	.333
26, 13	.5
10,12,14,23,26	.20
3, 17	.5
3, 28	.5
3,12, 13, 24	.25
3,5	.5
4, 10, 11, and 17	.25
4, 5	.5
4,23,24	.333
5, 10	.5
6, 8,9,10,11,12,13,14, 26	.111
6,8,14	.333
6,8,9,11,12	.20
6,8,9,11,12,14,15,17,23,26	.10
8, 9, 10, 11	.25
8, 9, 10, 11 & 12	.20
8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 24	.166
8, 9, 11, 13	.25
8,23	.5
8,9,11,13,23	.20
3,8	.5
8-1.	
9 and 11	.5
9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 22, 23	.125

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9,10																				.5
9,10,11,12																				.25
9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17,18,19,20																				.083
1: 10.425	2: 14.21	3: 4.146	4: 1.415	5: 2.16	6: 1.115	7: 0.777	8: 5.826	9: 4.662	10: 5.26	11: 4.806	12: 3.216	13: 2.548	14: 1.973	15: 0.767	16: 1.825	17: 1.514	18: 0.701	19: 0.443	20: 1.47	
21: 2.476	22: 1.001	23: 7.355	24: 5.214	25: 0.177	26: 1.897	27: 0.417	28: 1.035													

Multiple Response / With Comment																											
1) Lack of affordable housing 2) Lack of medical resources (1,2)																								.5			
1, 2 & 17 are all the same issue - I want to see affordable housing now. Develop the Holley Block and more. Bring new life to the town. (1,2,17)																								.33			
#1 and 2. Housing necessary to support a demographically and commercially diverse Town.ercialy diverse (1,2)																								.5			
1,2,3: Issues of overdevelopment turning us into a suburban area (1,2,3)																								.33			
10, 20, 23, Note 28 is a concern as the property tax for a 4 month summer far exceeds my tax on my residence in Delaware. CT is one of the most expensive states to live in. (10,20,23,28)																								.25			
13 - health in general, 28 - let's take care of our town (13,28)																								.5			
6,8,9, 10,11, 12, 13 Lake and Wetland Issues (6,8,9,10,11,12,13)																								.142			
6,8,9,10, 11, 13 are all very slanted questions that should not be written this way for a survey. As are most of the questions. These questions are telling the participant what they should be thinking. Who wrote these questions anyway? (6,8,9,10,11,13)																								.166			
8,9,21,11,14,26,20,17,6,1 -Just keep going! (1,6,8,9,11,14,17,20,21,26)																								.10			
A tie between #1 & #2 (1,2)																								.5			
1: 2.26	2: 2.16	3: 0.33	4: 0	5: 0	6: 0.408	7: 0	8: 0.408	9: 0.408	10: 0.558	11: 0.408	12: 0.142	13: 0.808	14: 0.1	15: 0	16: 0	17: 0.43	18: 0	19: 0	20: 0.35	21: 0.1	22: 0	23: 0.25	24: 0	25: 0	26: 0.10	27: 0	28: 0.75



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Text Comments (sorted alphabetically)	
affordability and diversity of the housing stock – 1 &2	.50
Affordable house prices. We did not need any more million dollar houses. 1&2	.5
Affordable housing 1&2	.5
Affordable housing1&2	.5
Affordable housing 1&2	.5
Affordable housing1&2	.5
affordable housing1&2	.5
Affordable housing 1&2	.5
Affordable housing1&2	.5
Affordable Housing1&2	.5
Affordable housing for low income people. 1&2	.5
Affordable housing (1&2)	.5
Affordable housing 1&2 and protection of the environment. Salisbury needs more dense housing in its villages (where there are sewers), and needs to expand sewers and run-off management around all of its lakes to ensure they remain pristine natural resources. 13	.333
Affordable housing so locals can stay 1&2	.5
Affordable housing, so people working regular jobs can afford to live here. 1&2	.5
Aging infrastructure 22	1.0
All 1-28	.0357
All above 1-28	.0357
All of them 1-28	.0357
Any affordable housing 1&2 that becomes available is being bought up by investors who flip houses and then sell them at a price that young families could no longer afford. You are making it so young families do not have the opportunity to live or stay in this town and we need those people to work in our town and join our volunteer organizations to keep them going such as the Fire Department and Ambulance squad. I also believe it is hugely detrimental to our community that Sharon hospital is becoming nothing more than an urgent	.333

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care. It is important that our community has a hospital close to us and that it has GOOD doctors and medical professionals working there. People shouldn't have to travel so far to get great health care. 23	
At least 7 are highly important Can't use	
Availability of low income housing 1&2	.5
Can't decide Can't use	
COMPLETE SEWER LINE AROUND LAKE WONSCOPOMAC 13 ; BETTER SUPPORT FOR VOLUNTEERS 18 ; PROTECT SHARON HOSPITAL 23; TIGHTEN RESIDENTIAL ZONING 3;	.25
Demographics 27	1.0
development destroying rural quality 8 , tree removal 11, water(lake) quality 13	.333
Economic diversity in housing 1& 2	.5
Education Can't use	
Education Can't use	
Ensuring affordable housing 1&2	.5
Environmental 8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15 (8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15)	.125
environmental issues, specifically pesticide use 12	1.0
Environmental protections and stewardship of undeveloped areas 6. More density and more low-cost housing should be encouraged in the areas already developed 1&2. Tax the properties valued above \$1 million at a higher rate to support environmental protection and affordable housing 28.	.25
environment- safe water 8, invasive species 10, pollutions 12 - and staff being informed 4	.25
essential medical services 23	1.0
Excessive regulation by Wetlands and P&Z 3, 5	.5
Extreme cost of housing 1&2	.5
Fiber optic connectivity for all. 24	1.0
finding a solution to having more low income housing 1&2	.5
Habitat loss 8	1.0
Hard to say, but the way the issues are posed shows a definite bias toward a certain result. Not a well constructed survey. Can't Use	

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High housing costs 1&2, broadband connectivity 24, Hospital 23	.25
High Internet to outer parts of the town 24, Keeping our town mill rate reasonable 28	.5
Horrible set of questions with no access to true answers. Leading Can't Use	
Housing 1&2	.5
Housing Affordability 1&2	.5
Housing affordability and availability for young people, especially those who have grown up in the Northwest Corner. 1&2	.5
housing costs 1&2, environmental issues 6,8,9,10,11,12	.125
Housing costs=working class families that grew up here are having a hard time staying here 1&2	.5
Housing 1&2, invasive species 10, access to quality health care 23	.25
I am most concerned with building community post-Covid. Would love to see more businesses, more places open for locals and not just weekenders, more library hours, more community events for families like the Christmas parade that used to happen at the White Hart... people feel lonely up here and are longing to reconnect. 5, 25	.5
I would say number 2, but also 21 and 22. 2,21,22	.333
keeping taxes low. if they raise much more i will not be able to afford to live in Salisbury	1.0?
lack of affordable housing and housing diversity. 1&2	.5
Lack of affordable housing. The town needs to build or encourage the building of affordable housing without punishing existing homeowners. Short- and long-term rentals aren't per SE evil or detrimental. 1&2	.5
Light pollution - Interlaken Inn & school parking lots - & noise pollution - loud weddings, Interlaken Inn, Lion Rock. 14	1.0
Local hospital and medical availability 23	1.0
Low cost modern high speed internet for EVERY resident 24	1.0
Low taxes	
Maintain the overall current environmental quality 6,8,9,10,11,12 and the school system	.166
Maintaining a low mill rate	
Maintaining LOW mill rate to allow full-time residents on a fixed-income to remain in their homes. 1, 2	.5
maintaining the low mill rate	
Maintaining town centers with adequate parking. Maintaining historic places/ buildings in situ. 5, 25	.5

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Medical services and internet 23, 24	.5
Medical Services, High Speed Internet, Invasive Species 23, 24, 11	.333
Most important is the impending overreach concerning lake properties. Do not agree with the statements made in this survey and as a result had difficulty completing it. Can't Use	
Most of these sound like someone's bitch list Can't Use	
My top concerns are: Alarming deforestation, criminal clear cutting 11, the suburbanization of a rural community, the proliferation of lawns using excessive pesticides and frequent mowing, pesticide overuse by landowners 12, maintaining our clean waterways and wetlands 9. Salisbury MUST have a tree ordinance that prevents the rampant destruction of our beautiful trees and marshlands.	.333
None of these - There is no mention of an aging, volunteer emergency services that is not being replaced by new members. Can't Use	
Not over regulating private property, even in wetlands areas. 3 & 5	.5
Numbers 2,3 and 4 2,3,4	.333
Please be mindful of approving hideous cellphone towers. Can't Use	
Preservation of natural resources 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12	.166
proper stewardship and management of the towns wealth of natural resources. 6 We need better and proactive planning to determine our future development plans 8, including AFFORDABLE housing 1&2.	.25
Protecting natural surroundings 6,8,9,10,11,12	.166
protecting the natural beauty. 6,8,9,10,11,12	.166
Providing affordable housing ownership and related opportunities for locals under a certain income. 1&2	.5
Public schools Can't Use	
Quality of the environment 6,8,9,10,11,12	.166
Schools Public and low taxes	
short term rentals ruining our neighborhoods; influx of city dwellers changing the character of the town; creating low income housing and then importing outsiders to dwell here rather than take care of those who are current residents 1&2; lack of any change in town gov't - the same selectman year after year 16; lack of implementation of blight laws in the area.	.333
Speeding 21	1.0
the balance of natural resource protection with existing infrastructure/grandfathering and new conservation development 6,8,9,10,11,12, 22	.142

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The housing problem is a concern--lack of affordable housing and real estate speculation. 1&2	.5
the leading wording of the questions above is troubling not allowing for adequate evaluation of issues Can't Use	
The Mill Rate should go up. We need to provide the town with better services 28	1.0
The threat to the hospital 23	1.0
These are not issues but opinions. The survey seems biased. Can't Use	
These questions do not align with the answer options. This feels like someone is seeking to create the "right" answers rather than truly being able to get objective data. The town should have hired a professional to build this survey as it feels biased. The data yield will not be helpful, I suspect. And therefore subject to close scrutiny and review for lack of objectivity and clear bias. Can't Use	
Too many choices! 1,8,10,14,16, 20,21,23,24,26 1,8,10,14,16, 20,21,23,24,26	.10
village centers 5, 25; lack of affordable housing 1&2	.25
We feel these are leading questions and the results of this survey and the answers will be highly biased rendering this survey useless for decision making. Can't Use	
Zoning impedes commercial diversity and retail viability in Lakeville and Salisbury village centers resulting in lost economic opportunities 5	1.0

1: 16.481	2: 16.647	3: 1.69	4: 0.69	5: 2.357	6: 1.704	7: 0.107	8: 2.262	9: 1.329	10: 1.929	11: 2.328	12: 1.912	13: 1.148	14: 0.332	15: 0.232	16: 0.54	17: 0.107	18: 0.357	19: 0.107	20: 0.207
21: 0.69	22: 0.582	23: 2.123	24: 2.69	25: 1.357	26: 0.207	27: 0.107	28: 0.857												

<b>Other</b>			
, yards, and near town stores. Need for better planning, and not for over development within the small Main Street areas. The "Pope" property was a great solution and needs to be put into motion, before the state tells us what we have to do. 'High rises' are not appropriate for the center of town, as it will take away parking and change the dynamics of our main streets. 1,2,5,25	.25		
? Can't Use			
1: 0.25	2: 0.25	5: 0.25	25: 0.25