



2010-11 Town of Falmouth Budget Survey

Written Comments from Respondents

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Q5: Please select the preferred level of service for METRO Route #7 bus service provided by the Town. Background: METRO Bus Route #7 runs from downtown Portland to various Falmouth locations, including Wal-Mart, Shops at Falmouth Village, Shaw's, Johnson Road, Town Landing Market, OceanView, and Falmouth-by-the-Sea. The bus runs once per hour Monday through Saturday, from 6:30 AM to 7:25 PM. One way fares cost \$1.25; seniors pay \$0.60. Free rides are available through participating merchants.

5A	MAINTAIN CURRENT METRO BUS SERVICE (NO CHANGE IN FUNDING)
	Please add any comments you have about this service
1	1) I'd like to use the Metro within Falmouth, but the schedule isn't conducive to this. I'm thrilled that the option exists, but would like some midday routes on the Foreside instead of only very early and end of day schedules. 2) I don't understand why the Metro hasn't been mentioned as a possible aid in alleviating the supposed Town Landing parking problem. It runs from the Shaw's parking lot to Town Landing 3 times on Saturday morning and again in the late afternoon, exactly when boaters would need it. Why talk about a town run shuttle when there is an obvious solution the town already has a stake in.
2	Although we do not take advantage of this service, I think it is a great service for people who do need this service.
3	Am torn. Public transportation is the way to go. To reduce it reduces opportunities for people from other communities to come to work here, as well as opportunities for residents to get to the shopping area, library, and Portland. Possibly a smaller vehicle* might be used as more people catch on (*if indeed it would save any money).
4	An increase in Metro service would further benefit the town.

5A	MAINTAIN CURRENT METRO BUS SERVICE (NO CHANGE IN FUNDING)
5	As a resident of the western side of town, I am fully aware that all decisions made on this topic (as most others) discriminate against the West in favor of the East. Take a good look at the route of this metro-bus. Funny how it stays East, isn't it? Too bad commercial tax rate is not less on the Western side (unless of course, one is a "developer" and is given TIF --- to add to the small business burden).
5	As we become more green, which I believe to be inevitable (more and more people at my firm are giving up driving), public transportation will be more critical.
6	Do not use, but (who knows) may in the near future; do not use because of where we live but, nonetheless, we support mass transportation and the transport options this service offers our community.
7	do we know the current ridership? I find it inexcusable that you would offer option 3 without presenting the ridership.
8	Don't eliminate altogether. This is helping putting Falmouth on the map, but it needs more strategy context to make Route 1 a stronger destination.
9	Excellent. Where I do not drive, it allows me to make a lot of my appointments by myself without bothering someone else.
10	Great service - like that the sidewalks are cleared to make it easy to use the bus
11	Hugely important for folks who do not drive and are dependent on public transportation.
12	I do not use the service. I believe it is a necessary service and I don't see a benefit to users if it is reduced to Route 1 only. Is reducing # of runs daily an option - or increasing fare(s)?
13	I don't currently use this service, but I think it is very important to many seniors, and will likely be increasingly important as the price of gas inevitably rises.
14	I don't know how many use this service, but it certainly must be an essential service to those who don't/can't drive. It's easy to vote to cut a service one doesn't use, but the town management must know its importance to some who depend on it.
15	I feel this service is essential for seniors
16	I have not ridden it, but it was very useful for my older brother(Roger Snow) when he could no longer drive.
17	I live along Route 1 and have seen ridership on the bus grow over the years. It's a great way to reduce traffic and move people relatively cheaply into and around Falmouth.
18	I might favor reduction or elimination if utilization is very low.

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19	I returned here to live from Pennsylvania in 2004. I was raised at Skillins Corner. I would hate to think that the senior citizen or any other persons living on Route 88 would ever be denied Metro Service. Foreside Harbor and Falmouth By the Sea are important to the senior citizen as well as OceanView residents benefit from the METRO. Persons working at these three sites as caregivers often need to use public transportation to get to work. The businesses along Route 1 benefit from persons using the bus to go to shop there. Please consider these factors in your decision. I support all current Metro service. Do not eliminate.
20	I think this a great service to Falmouth...green, inexpensive and an added value for students, people with only one car and seniors. If development of route One continues i see expansion up rt one to serve Tyler and asociated businesses. Great asset.
21	I use this service several times a week, and buses are frequently near-full during the rush hours when I ride. This is an important economic development tool - especially for the "creative economy" workers of my generation, who are uninterested in spending hours in a car every day. If anything, Falmouth should invest more in this service and run the buses every 30 or 20 minutes during morning and evening rush hours. According to GrowSmart Maine, there's a new Transit TIF bill that might help with funding (www.growsmartmaine.org).
22	I wish the Metro bus ran more often so it would be more practical.
23	I would prefer to see service stay as it is, but if it meant keeping some service, I would vote to keep Rte One only. I will not go in town unless I can go by bus.
24	If town can afford it if not , go to RT 1 only-now new taxes, too high as is
25	IF WE KEEP SERVICE- HAVE ONE PRICE !.25- SENIORS PAY SAME ROUTE IS OK
26	If you need to make cuts in order for taxes not to go up please look at all the money you spend on consultant fee's! (i.e. Mr. Shafto) \$50 grand savings just for him!
27	I'm not sure why seniors should get a reduced fare, especially as many of the riders come from the Sr. facility that caters to wealthy "captains of industry".
28	Increase fares to \$2 and \$1 for seniors.Important to continue improving public transportation.
29	it is GREAT!!! KEEP IT!
30	It would be nice to have one mid morning run on the Johnson Rd route. This service has been great and compared to what the town spends on transportation elsewhere is a bargain.

5A	MAINTAIN CURRENT METRO BUS SERVICE (NO CHANGE IN FUNDING)
31	it's energy efficient, regional; all areas should have at least one day per week service so people could get to shopping and portland
32	Maintain current number of stops--but reduce number of trips---doesn't need to be hourly.
33	Maintaining METRO service is more important to the oommunity than might at first appear from its ridership -- be careful!
34	Maybe we can increase the cost per ride, but keep the service. How much usage is there?
35	Metro service is important to OceanView residents.
36	Must improve Metro's timeliness!
37	My husband and I both value this bus service enormously. We have cut back to one car, and rely on the bus to get into Portland. We ride it 10 times/month. In this economic and environmental climate, this is no time to be cutting back on public transportation!
38	Needed by many seniors!
39	newcomers ro OCEAN VIEW many do not have cars and will increase bus usage from Ocean View
40	Or else reduce to three round trips daily, e.g. AM, noon, and PM.
41	Perhaps eliminate least popular runs on 88 and other locations and only keep times that more than a handful of people use it.
42	Please keep the bus.
43	Public transport is important. Will save in the long run.
44	Public transportation is very important to the town as part of a metropolitan community. To service only Rt 1 would be to service only Wal-Mart - other areas need this service.
45	Public transportation takes us in the right direction if we want to reduce polution and transportation costs.
46	Restore late PM service to Blueberry Lane.
47	Service to OceanView already reduced. Maintain present level.
48	Since I have acular degenerative eye disorder, I will probably need bus service more as time goes on. I would be willing to pay more.
49	The Bus is needed.
50	The bus service is a great benefit to older residents - especially ones who no longer drive or prefer not to due to bad weather or scarcity of parking in Portland. It allows some to stay in a town they love.

5A	MAINTAIN CURRENT METRO BUS SERVICE (NO CHANGE IN FUNDING)
51	The bus service will become increasingly important due to the economic situation. It should be expanded as much as possible. And it is a very important commitment on the town's part. Please keep the bus.
52	There are Falmouth residents who do not drive and really depend on the bus to get around Falmouth as well as for access to Portland. If service is reduced to just Route 1 some of these people will not be able to get to the bus. As the price of gas rises, I believe more people will become bus users and I'd actually like to see the route extended - I realize this is impossible now.
53	This bus service is essential to the success of my business. I would likely move my business out of Falmouth if the bus service was reduced or eliminated.
54	This bus service is used by many that cannot drive and must go for medical care.
55	This is a very valuable service for residents of OceanView who no longer drive.
56	This is an important service.
57	This is necessary service for people unable to drive or own a vehicle.
58	This may be a duplicate response (I have changed the amount of time in Falmouth to reflect my schooling) I have not used the bus, but my late brother did frequently
59	This service increases the attractiveness of Ocean View for present and potential residents.
60	Try raising rates.
61	Very important for older people, and also important from environmental aspect of reducing the number of vehicles and emissions.
62	Very important to OceanView.
63	Walmart benefits greatly from this bus service and should contribute to it.
64	We need more public transportation options, not less. How about a train station?
65	While I do not use the bus, I would hate to see this service cut. Are there other alternatives to the one suggested. What about mornings or afternoons only - or alternate morning and afternoons, or change route so sometimes full run and others limited. The suggestions offered seem limited.
66	With consideration of usage by Falmouth by the Sea and Ocean View. Have to weigh the cost of extending service beyond Rt 1 to how much service is used. But I do support this service for the elderly
67	Would like to see service expanded to every 30 minutes, from current once an hour

5B	REDUCE METRO SERVICE TO ROUTE ONE ONLY (ESTIMATED SAVINGS \$50,000/YEAR)
	Please add any comments you have about this service

5B	REDUCE METRO SERVICE TO ROUTE ONE ONLY (ESTIMATED SAVINGS \$50,000/YEAR)
1	1) What does an analysis of ridership indicate? Oceanview and Falmouth By the Sea should provide for resident transportation for now.
2	A much smaller bus could probably serve this route as well, and more efficiently/cheaply, than the current vehicles being used. More service during the 7-9 am and 4-6 pm ranged would probably draw more commuters; mid-day service seems less useful to many. Evening service (esp on Fri & Sat) might be used by many who'd like to have dinner/drinks/concert/etc. in Portland-- not currently an option.
3	Are seniors in Falmouth really that poor? They can probably afford the full \$1.25...
4	can revisit this once economy improves
5	can you use a smaller bus for outlying areas away from Route 1?
6	Change the route to include Falmouth Schools and Univ. of Southern Maine so the service benefits the younger generation of Falmouth residents as well as the small number of current users of the service. Otherwise, cost of the service is not justifiable.
7	Good idea but I must still drive a car to catch the bus so I drive to my destination.
8	How many people use this service?
9	How many residents use the service per week? Why run such large buses for so few riders? Go to a van instead.
10	I like the idea of public transportation for our community, but it is disturbing to see empty buses time after time along Rte. 88. It gives me the impression that the service is not used as intended in this community. If that's so, do we know why? Lack of need? Attitude of residents toward public transportation?
12	I never see more than 2-3 people on this bus.
13	I see the bus making its rounds quite frequently. Very seldom do I see more than 3-4 riders, and often none at all. I would make it more of a user oriented service with the riders paying more of the cost.
14	I see the Metro go by my house in the morning and evening with little or no ridership.
15	I would like to see the Metro service Rt. 1 from Portland to Freeport.
16	If cutting the Metro to just serve rt. 1 how much of the ridership would we still serve?
17	if it ran on Sunday I'd use it that day.
18	If this service is not breaking even in a short period of time it should be done away with. 5 years tops.
19	I'm close to saying eliminate it altogether, based on what I've observed for ridership levels. But decreasing service to just Route 1 would be a first step.
20	It depends on the level of usage.
21	It would be easier to answer this question if I knew how much the current bus service was being used. Are the buses 1/2 empty frequently, etc?
22	Often this bus is never on time. I find it difficult to rely on but its a nice option in a pinch and it gets people to WalMart, etc. to shop.
23	Or consider a van service which might be less expensive than an large and unoccupied bus.
24	Or eliminate
25	Or limit runs to non Rt1 locations - perhaps 3 times daily to off Rt1 locals
26	Pause and pass savings to taxpayers
27	Please spend less.
28	raise fare or eliminate
29	Raise the far for bus service while also reducing the route
30	raise the price .25
31	Rather than reduce service to route one, service should be reduced to peak commuting hours.

5B	REDUCE METRO SERVICE TO ROUTE ONE ONLY (ESTIMATED SAVINGS \$50,000/YEAR)
32	Seniors badly need transportation. However, if West Falmouth people must get to Hannafords for transportation, why not other folks on the other end of town? Who among us, deserves more than another, to be picked up "curbside" from where we live?
33	Should revisit current level of Metro service if/ when fiscal climate improves.
34	Should this be based on ridership??
35	Suggest that you solicit funds from the route 1 stores to offset the cost-many come from Portland to shop here, sepecially WalMart
36	the buses generally run empty. use smaller vehicles -- for \$50k/year, we could call a cab for everyone instead.
37	wasteful. i have a vantage point of 1 incoming and 1 outgoing bus stop. pretty big hit on the budget for such little usage.
38	Would there be any passengers if the only service was on US Route 1? For \$105,000 a year couldn't the town provide subsidized taxi service for those without their own transportation? Or for \$50,000, taxi service within Falmouth from Route One?

5C	ELIMINATE METRO BUS SERVICE (ESTIMATED SAVINGS \$105,000/YEAR BEGINNING 2012)
	Please add any comments you have about this service
1	A waste of tax payers money.
2	Am supportive of the initiative, but the current usage does not seem to support maintaining the service.
3	As lovely as it is, Portland is NOT a big city. And this is Maine. We don't have a "tradition" or even an expectation of mass-transit. People got along before, they can get along again - friends, family, car-pooling, RTP, etc...
3	At a minimum reduce service to once every 3-4 hours. However, no intelligent decision can be made without an actual usage survey. Until that information is available, cancel the service.
4	Bus is always empty and causes an environmental problem - smoky exhaust.
5	buses always look empty/ underutilized. Publish actual # riders and cost /trip and citizens will see large subsidies
6	Cost to much for amount of riders.
7	Do a cost benefit analysis on fares/expenses. IF we are not within a range of breakeven, then this service should be reduced. Do not subsidize further.
8	During the existence of this Metro bus route, I have observed very few riders. The concept is good, but not at this expense. Maybe a van should be studied for savings if the service is to continue.
9	From looking at the buses, this service seems extremely underutilized. We do not seem to have a high percentage of Metro riding demographics in Falmouth.
10	From what I have seen there is not enough people riding the bus to maintain the service and the ones that do are a little bit of underdesirables that come out from Portland
11	Get rid of the bus. no value to the town.
12	have never used it

5C	ELIMINATE METRO BUS SERVICE (ESTIMATED SAVINGS \$105,000/YEAR BEGINNING 2012)
13	Have never used this service and have no use for it. Not sure how much other citizens utilize this service.
14	How many Falmouth residents actually use the system and what is that percentage of total?
15	I am unaware of how many people use the metro in Falmouth. If the numbers are small - eliminate the service. If the numbers are large, consider reducing the number of times it runs (every other hour instead of every hour, etc). Also consider increasing the cost per rider.
16	I believe this service mainly benefits non-residents coming to and from Falmouth, especially those going to WalMart. I see this bus often and it it usually carrying fewer than 10 passengers, many times just one or two.
17	I believe we need to determine what specific needs the bus is serving, and whether there are alternative and less costly ways to meet those needs.
18	I can't see spending all of this money when I don't see very many people using this service. (Oceanview and Falmouth-by-the-Sea has their own transportation)
19	I do not feel there is a need to provide public transportation being a rural community. The elderly have other means of transportation and some of it subsidized. Those are the only people we should feel obligated to provide transportation to in this time of budget issues.
20	I don't believe that the Falmouth Citizens use supports the expense
21	I don't know that Route One is.
22	I don't use the service and never expect to. Why should we subsidize WalMart to get it's poorly paid employees from Portland to Falmouth?
23	I have never met anyone who took the bus. No stops are within walking distance of me. I'd have to drive to a stop, and there is nowhere to park. I love the idea of the bus, but I work in Westbrook, so for me, it's not practical.
24	I have watched this ridership since its inception at all hours of the day and the ridership is very limited.
25	I hesitate with this choice and wonder how many residents access this service.
26	I observe the bus coming from and going to its destinations, and there may be one or two people at most on the bus, and mostly it appears empty. Taxi cabs, family and friends with automobiles are a much more cost effective delivery of transportation service for those that need it.
27	I rarely see any Falmouth residents riding the bus especially on Route 88. I'd rather see a "van" or bus service that has a direct route from the Maine Mall to Freeport with Route 1 stops in Falmouth and Yarmouth. This would cater to a broader range of citizens (teens, seniors, tourists etc.) and be much more cost effective. Who wants to do the "transfer" in Portland on Congress street to get to the Mall or walk down to the Old Port. YUK!!
28	I see empty bus's all the time or I see people from portland getting off the bus in Falmouth as a TAX payer I do NOT want to pay for a few falmouth residents use.
29	I see the bus frequently and it never has more than 3-4 passengers.
30	I see the bus several times a day and there is hardly anyone on it.
31	I shop at Shaws everyday and I drive through the bus route on a daily basis. The bus is absolutely empty most times. It would be more cost effective to hire taxis. Why should we subidize Portlanders to shop Walmart. I would love to know how many

5C	ELIMINATE METRO BUS SERVICE (ESTIMATED SAVINGS \$105,000/YEAR BEGINNING 2012)
	Falmouthites use the Bus....what a concept.
32	I think it's important for public transportation but i never see anyone on the bus
33	I think that the Metro bus service should be eliminated because everytime I see the bus there is hardly anyone on the bus. I don't think we should be funding the Metro bus for hardly anyone.
34	I would like to see the ridership numbers. I would also like to see teh development in ridership numbers? Increasing? Decreasing? Neither? Previously proponents asked for time to develop ridership which they thought would happen if the bus line proved reliable and a service riders could depend on long term.
35	if not eliminated the fares should be increased and merchants that benefit should subsidise the service.
36	I'm not aware of how much this service is actually used.
37	In my opinion, it really doesn't seem like the residents of Falmouth benefit from this. It only seems like people come from Portland to go to Walmart.
38	It apeares to me that more people from Portland use the bus ot shop in Falmouth so put the cost burden on the shops
39	It appears to be empty. It would be less expensive to hire taxis or to ask for volunteers to drive people to appointments and shopping.
40	It covers only part of the Town and leaves out West falmouth and Pleasant Hill and other areas.
41	It is a nice to have, but how many Falmouth residents really use it? Does Walmart contribute? Do other merchants? Seems like it mostly takes Portland people to Falmouth to shop.
42	It just doesn't make sense to me that we subsidize bus service so that Portland residents can shop at Wal Mart and Shaws - Let them pay the subsidy - At the very least do a rider survey and calculate the % or bus riders from Falmouth and pay that
43	It would be helpful to know how much this service is used when deciding how much I value it. I never use it but my answer would depend on how valuable it is other residence.
44	Lack of town wide service and I never see riders on the bus within Falmouth.
45	Let . walmart, shaws , oceanview provide their own trasportation . it isn't avaiable to me
46	Low ridership
47	Metro 7 amounts to a subsidy of the Foreside by the rest of Falmouth.
48	Metro users should pay for Metro.
49	more info.needed here...I would at least reduce the service due to budget constraints.What is the ridership? That effects my vote. If it is low, I would vote for a greater savings for the town by eliminating service.
50	more should be done to see who benefits from this service.
51	my reasons include: low ridership to/from Falmouth. The entire town pays but service is very limited.
52	My understanding is that this has been contested in a healthy budget enviroment due to actual usage. Therefore, given the circumstances, it seems fairly obvious.

5C	ELIMINATE METRO BUS SERVICE (ESTIMATED SAVINGS \$105,000/YEAR BEGINNING 2012)
53	Never used it, likely never will.
54	No-one uses this. It's routinely empty.
55	Not enough usage.
56	Not worth the expense
57	Other than maids coming from the city for the rich folks on the foreside, who rides this thing?
58	Ridership does not support the cost of service.
59	Serves a very small percentage of the community. Should not have been created in the first place.
60	Services need to be cut in order for NO MORE TAXES! Falmouth needs the middle class! Our Fireman, teachers and policeman can't even afford to buy a house in the town they work!
61	Some limited service to nursing homes, handycapped
62	Taxpayer can not afford it
63	Taxpayer can't afford it
64	The bus always appears to be empty when I see it going down Johnson Road.
65	The bus appears less than 1/4 full whenever I see it on the road or at Walmart. It is not being utilized by Falmouth residence as was anticipated. Cut it from our budget. I bet Portland is looking at cutting the route out of it's plan.
66	The bus is nearly empty everytime i see it....
67	The bus serves too small a portion of town to be worth the money we are spending
68	the buses are essentially empty and seem to serve only Wal-MARt and Shaws - are these businesses subsidizing the bus?
69	There is absoutely no need for this service; let's reduce greenhouse gases by eliminating this service. Plus the bus almost ran me over in the Walmart parking lot one day.
70	This form of transportation largely benefits riders from Portland to Falmouth not vice versa.
71	This is not a useful "service". It was foolish to become involved in the first place. CAN IT ASAP!!
72	this is the walmart bus, there are never more than 1-2 people on a given bus except sat.am when everyone from portland comes to shop. Does walmart and shaws help with the cost?
73	This service does not primarily serve Residents of Falmouth
74	This service may benefit a small amount of people, but I live at the foot of Ocean View and hardly ever see anyone or more than one person on that bus. It is quite probable that this service could be provided on a reduced schedule and/or certainly with a much smaller vehicle... say a van. I prefer to eliminate this service and have the small population that needs it determine a way to affordably fund it. This should not be a taxpayer's burden to bear. Too small a population is benefitting relative to cost.
75	Too much polution and bus is always empty.

5C	ELIMINATE METRO BUS SERVICE (ESTIMATED SAVINGS \$105,000/YEAR BEGINNING 2012)
76	Unfortunately, there are not enough riders to justify this expense. The bus is usually empty or running loops with only a 2-3 people on board. This is NOT fiscally or environmentally friendly! There are several other good options for senior transportation, which are much preferable to running an empty bus.
77	Useless
78	Very few Falmouth people ride it. The route is only on the Foreside side, not fair. Portland should pay 99% of the cost.
79	We cannot afford to offer bus services these days unless the riders pay the FULL cost of operation, no state or federal contributions
80	we could get a lot better service and use in other ways, call me.
81	We don't use this service at all. If the elderly are heavily dependent on this service then possibly reduced service.
82	What is amount of riders?
83	Why wait to 2012?

5D	METRO SERVICE: DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION/AM NOT AWARE OF THIS SERVICE
	Please add any comments you have about this service
1	+Do people use this service?
2	Am all for public transportation, but don't know what the ridership/demand is for this service. If we're having to make difficult budgetary decisions this would have to be on the table, with the provision it be added back when possible.
3	Depending on how many individuals from Portland use this to shop here, it might be foolish to cut it and the income these individuals bring. Living in Hurricane Valley, this service does not help me personally.
4	don't use it due to age, etc
5	Have not studied issue.
6	how many people are accessing this service? I would need to know what the current usage is and does it sustain itself?
7	how many people use the rt 88 bus stops? What percentage of riders do they make up?
8	I am aware of the service, but I don't know anything about how well used it is.
9	I do not have enough information to answer this. How many people use the service? Do many use it off of route 1?
10	I don't have enough information to make a selection. What is the ridership? Frequency of use? etc. My family does not use this service.
11	I don't use the bus and thus do not feel qualified to comment on whether or not there should be a rate increase. I do know people who use it, though and I think it should not be discontinued for it does serve a need in the town.
12	I feel strongly the service should continue, but I find it odd you ask our opinion without providing ridership data. An opinion is meaningless unless it is based on data, so this

5D	METRO SERVICE: DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION/AM NOT AWARE OF THIS SERVICE
	question's results will be useless.
13	I think having bus service available is very important but must be subject to a cost analysis that includes a review of its utilization.
14	I would be interested to find out how many people depend upon this service. Is there a way to get the figures for that?
15	Increase the cost of fares.
16	My family and I have never used the Metro service but it seems to have a strong backing of supporters particularly among seniors in need of transportation, which I support.
17	The fares seem low. Why not raise fares. Most cities charge a min of \$2.00 to ride the bus.
18	we don't use METRO; i would expect that for those it serves it is a great benefit and might be an overall asset to the town's offerings
19	What about removing Johnson Rd., Town Landing Mkt. OceanView and Falmouth-by-the-Sea could pick up local transportation needs for residents.
20	What is the rider-ship at those locations? How many ride the bus from Ocean View & Falmouth-by-the-Sea which are NOT on route one.
21	What is the volume of ridership?
22	What would the increased fare be to make it self sustaining based on current ridership? I recognize the concept of price elasticity!!
23	You should provide cost-benefit analysis here. How much does service (\$105,000 per year) generate in estimated business revenues and tax-related revenues to the Town (or real estate tax revenues if service adds to commercial property value)?

5E	METRO SERVICE: NO RESPONSE
	Please add any comments you have about this service
1	Although i never take the bus, I'd like people from Portland to be able to come in to Walmart, etc. on Rt. 1. I'd also like retirees from Ocean View and F-by-the Sea to be able to use it.
2	Cut the schedule back if possible. There is no need to run the bus every hour. Difficult decision to cut this service given the economy.
3	How many passangers per week?
4	I have NEVER seen more than 1 person on the bus it is an absolute waste of money! Why wait until 2012! Eliminate it NOW!
5	I say we don't need to run the bus every hour and why not raise the fares. Falmouth does NOT need to subsidize the whole expense. I'm sure this is the only means of transportation for some but those using the bus, should be willing to pay a reasonable rate.
6	I see so few people on this bus I realize that it is largely a symbolic gesture.
7	I would favor maintaining the current METRO service but instead of running it once per hour, I would run it 4x/day Monday through Saturday.
8	it is difficult to comment without knowing the usage patterns and demand for this service. overall, i think bus service is important but not if it is not utilized

9	Maintain service to all areas, but reduce the number of hours and/or days of bus run.
10	not enough info to determine answer
11	Perhaps the frequency of trips could save revenue as well.
12	Reduce it, but where do folks get on and off the most? If it is used by Ocean view residents at all, that is important to keep. Town landing seems unnecessary.
13	What is the useage on a weekly basis?Does it pay for itself?

Q6: Please select the preferred level of service for open space acquisition activities by the Town. Background: In November 2007, Falmouth voters approved 5 million dollars over ten years to fund the acquisition of open space following recommendations from the Council-adopted Open Space Plan. Such open space acquisition is aimed at land preservation, passive recreation, trails, and wildlife, watershed, and rural character protection.

6A	MAINTAIN CURRENT OPEN SPACE FUNDING AT \$280,000/YEAR
	Please add any comments you have about this service
1	Although this is a very difficult fiscal climate, land prices and interest rates are favorable. It is a good time for the town to invest in its open space "infrastructure."
2	Anyone that has lived in communities around large cities (Boston, NY, LA etc.) understands the importance of open space.
3	Are You Kidding...If the town voted for the money to be spent this way, then you are obligated to follow the towns vote. The fact you ask this questions proves voting for you people is laughable....
4	Buy land - they ain't makin' any more of it!, as Will Rogers said.
5	Could not we retain focus on land preservation, wildlife (don't reduce), watershed? Necessities! Eliminate "recreation" and more trails temporarily.
6	Cutting open space funding is penny wise and pound foolish. There will be 400,000,000 people in the US by 2050 and the population of Falmouth is sure to be double what it is today.
7	Especially near waterfront/forside rd. Too much building here and concerned re Shaws redevelopment's impact on Foreside
8	essential to maintain a balance in development which is ultimately very costly
9	Expensive but we can't replace land once it's developed
10	How is current funding \$280K/year - \$5M over 10 years equates to \$500K/year?
11	I am a daily user of Falmouth's open space. It's wonderful that a suburb can provide this as a respite to the more typical suburban landscape. I'd increase the funding if I were asked to.
12	I am opposed to the pilot forestry program the town has initiated. If cuts are required to make up for revenue generated by that program, I would support them.
13	I believe that the amount of open space we preserve in Falmouth will be positively correlated with the value of our property
14	I feel the open space is important. I've lived in Falmouth since 1970 and it makes me sad to see the land that is being stripped and new houses being built constantly and nobody lives in them. The animals need a place to go. Thanks to houses being built behind my house, which used to be a pasture and woods. I had a variety of wild animals I never had before.
15	I would like to see even more open space protected, as well as use of some open space as a community fruit orchard.
16	if possible, suspend for a year or two while times are difficult but definitely spend all \$5 million
17	If this is what was voted on and approved in 2007, we should honor that.
18	if voters approved this, how can it be changed? Just spread it out over more time?

6A	MAINTAIN CURRENT OPEN SPACE FUNDING AT \$280,000/YEAR
19	If voters approved this, then let's keep it up; yet hold it in consideration if shortfalls come in more essential areas.
20	Land is great, get as much as we can!!
21	Lost openspace cannot be recovered once lost. All the other items listed are services that can be resored when the economy improves.
22	Open space is very important. We may have seen a lull due to the economy, but if the economy resumes, we need open space to offset and augment development.
23	Open space is what makes Falmouth Falmouth.
24	Open space it what keeps falmouth a nice place to live.
25	Open space preservation makes Falmouth a more desirable place to live, and is an essential long-term investment in our community.
26	Or increase funding and pursue more aggressively.
27	Project has merit, how about reducing the funding to 100k for the next 3 years and then resuming current funding when the economy gets stronger?
28	purchase of open space should be for that purpose only - open space. Of late, initiatives have been put to he people to purchase open space with the caveat that it might be used for "necessary services." I was appalled when it was recently proposed that "open space" be used for the construction of a parking lot.
29	Save the forests
30	Sensitive line-item to keep quality of life and desirability (think property values), but it is not above the school budget.
31	Should focus on acquiring and maintaining open space for recreation and trails. Falmouth will continue to grow, so maintaining rural character, while a very nice idea, probably isn't realistic.
32	The acquisition of open space is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for a community - and, as such, is "priceless!" A reduction, under present economic circumstances seems appropriate but a \$180k drop does not - maybe a \$100k would be a most palbable compromise.
33	The land is irreplaceable.
34	they are making any more of this commodity and now is a perfect time to be acquiring it with a down market.
35	This funding is critical to Falmouth's future. There is no time to delay on this voter mandate. Opportunities would be lost forever.
36	This is an area where I think \$\$\$ spent is of tremendous value. Open space defines the character of Falmouth. It is what attracts people here. If we do not maintain this powerful attribute we become, "Anytown, USA."
37	This is the absolute best time to be purchasing land if it is ever going to be done. What happened to the bond idea?
38	This is very important as the quality of life in Falmouth depends on saving the TREES and generally NOT developing land. We already have too many places to shop and too many people for our interstructure! Lets kept nature for us all to enjoy!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
39	Trees and open space are healthy and green.
40	We have to think of our future. We only have open space once. When its gone, its gone. Our open space is one of Falmouth greatest assets and we should continue to think that way. Otherwise we will begin to look like "any where USA." We live in

6A	MAINTAIN CURRENT OPEN SPACE FUNDING AT \$280,000/YEAR
	Maine, lets keep it that way.
41	Work on commercial development of Rt. 1.

6B	DECREASE OPEN SPACE FUNDING TO \$100,000/YEAR (SAVINGS \$180,000/YEAR)
	Please add any comments you have about this service
1	1) utilize debt service until revenue increases and/or scale back somewhat. Solicit private donations or as a last resort, tough times require tough decisions (scale back).
2	A tough choice, and I would like to see the leve increased once we are through this rough patch.
3	Although a good thing, in today's worlkd we can't afford the \$5M price.
4	As long as once state sharing increased (assuming), this would be brought back in line.
5	At least for now, the costs of acquisition are considerably lower than 3 years ago.
6	be selective and go after land that has a real value to the taxpayers.
7	Before cutting services cut things like this.
8	Cuts must be made somewhere.
9	Decrease open space acquisition unless it is such a spectacular, one-time situation that really fits the future needs of the town. Not something that is "nice" but something that is a genuine must.
10	Decrease, don't abandon. How does $\$5,000,000/10 = \$280,000$?
11	Depends what we currently have in reserve for open space acquisition. Can we use capital reserve for open space acquisitions that are vitally important? if so, decrease current funding by half.
12	focus on those areas most at risk of being taken over and negatively impacting the open space hopes and environmental concerns of the town
13	For a limited time only
14	I am opposed to developing every last bit of space in this town, which is what our various planning boards have seemed to approve over the years. On the other hand, if the town is facing a shortfall and doesn't want to increase property taxes, the Open Space Plan may have to be temporarily placed in the "nice-to-have" category with reduced funding until the financial picture looks better. Or, the \$280K per year may have to come from the undesignated fund balance, which was \$10M or \$11M the last time I looked.
15	I favor open space acquisition, but in the current economic environment it is not a priority of the first order. Some budget should be preserved for this purpose, but it can be pared.
16	I feel this is very important however during these difficult times we need to contract a certain amount.
17	I think the town could stretch its land purchases over time to save money now.

6B	DECREASE OPEN SPACE FUNDING TO \$100,000/YEAR (SAVINGS \$180,000/YEAR)
18	I think town has probably overaquired some spaces. This seems like a good temporary savings
19	I voted for this in 2007 when economic times were better and i think the town has done a great job (with the help of Bob Shafto) acquiring jewel properties (River Point) and creating a contiguous corridor in the middle of Town with the help of LMF grants. Given these economic times i am comfortable with the council decreasing open space funding for the short term. Please continue identifying key properties and don't miss a chance to obtain a key one if it fits with open space plan.
20	I would not even spend any money unless a truly exceptional peice of property is available. We cannot afford it right now.
21	I would only recommend this if it would be a temporary solution and that when possible funding would go back to the higher level at a future time.
22	Is it possible to reduce the per year expense by lengthening the years over which the purchases are made? I decided to make that assumption when recommending a reduction in the per year expenditure for open space aquisition.
23	It is always a great idea to acquire open space but I feel we have quite a bit now and during tough times, we need to scale back.
24	Jobs come first
25	Open space is a good concept but the downside is loss of tax revenue.
26	Open Space is important, perhaps residents could be encouraged to put property into existing "Conservation" programs, but this subtracts from tax revenue, resulting in a (net loss?)
27	or freeze spending for one year while the dust settles.
28	Please spend less.
29	Public space is important, but this might not be the time to buy additional space.
30	Pull back a little (maybe not as much as \$180,000), but reinstate when time are better. Open space is important for quality of life.
31	Reduce admin / staff hours
32	reduce for now, increase later
33	Review the budget for pending projects and prioritize which ones need to be completed first and which ones can be eliminated. The money always gets spent or used regardless so cut back. Also, consider selling off any town owed land inherited by tax default, emminant, etc, etc as a source of initial revenue which will turn into tax revenue by the buyer.
34	Stick open space policy but, till economy improves spend less on open space.
35	Stop granting every ass a building permit for condos.
36	Temporarily - until the economy can support it again.

6B	DECREASE OPEN SPACE FUNDING TO \$100,000/YEAR (SAVINGS \$180,000/YEAR)
37	This can be adjusted on a as needed basis. Open space is great, but give more insentive for people to keep there land in undeveloped or less developed tracts. How? Wake up and give them TAX BREAK INCENTIVES!! Otherwise you have town owned land that is not generating any tax dollars. This is probably a very controversial subject. I do not think this town has really given it some serious thought. Please understand we need to balance both issues. Open space owned by the town is good, but can the town and the people afford one scenario only? I do not think so.
38	Until the current open space is fully utilized, we do not need, nor should we, spend these additional dollars.
39	Very difficult to find the trails. How about a map? Don't need more sports fields! I belive it is a very limited amount of residents who use this service.
40	We as a society must continue to preserve and create ways for humans to connect to nature. This is an excellent area to create volunteerism in the community in terms of maintenance plus the more trails we have, the more likely people from out of town will come to walk and share nature and perhaps stop in our stores and thereby bringing more income into the community.
41	While I support, expenditures need to be weighed against other potential tax increases needed, particularly for school funding.
42	With the housing crisis, sprawl is taking a breather. There might be some land-acquisition bargains out there, but this fund certainly doesn't need this level of investment.
43	wonder if acquisition plan can be slowed down or spread out over more time?
44	Would make sense to decrease this funding during this difficult economic time.

6C	DO NOT FUND ANY OPEN SPACE ACQUISITION ACTIVITIES (SAVINGS \$280,000/YEAR)
	Please add any comments you have about this service
1	... at this time.
2	Already have enough open space land. It removes prime from the tax rolls.
3	Also, consider eliminating staff, consultants and town council appointed committees designed to create and implement addtional "resource protection" regulation. The residential real estate market is essentially non-existent at this point in time so we do not need to waste resources and time on this issue.
4	Apart from wildlife and watershed protection this is not a 'core' service and should be treated thus in decision making until we are quatifiably out of the "great recession." We should look at all programs with eye to add revenue. Additional open space would require ongoing resource allocation however charging for parking, etc. could generate revenue.
5	At least until the present economy improves.
6	At the current time. To be reconsidered when financial situation is improved.
7	Because of zoning and process difficulties, Falmouth will always have open space. I have given more land to communities than anyone I know, resticted to open space. I was never paid in Portland, Cape Elizabeth, Bath or Falmouth. I never expected to get

6C	DO NOT FUND ANY OPEN SPACE ACQUISITION ACTIVITIES (SAVINGS \$280,000/YEAR)
	paid. It would seem to me that all the land that the town has paid for was undevelopable anyway.
8	CHILL OUT on the open space until the economy gets better. That is a total LUXURY, and this ought to be a no-brainer to eliminate!
9	Do not fund this at this time. Only use surplus funds that may or may not happen in the future. Never increase taxes to fund this.
10	don't make more purchases until economy improves
12	Due to the economy, the Town should eliminate spending monies for this. We can revisit at a later date.
13	Enough for now. Economic conditions dictate a pause in this activity and a tax cut.
14	Enough is enough!!!
15	Enough open space- need to put a hold on spending - takes property off the taxroll which generates money to the town.
16	for now, eliminate. But bring it back in a year or two when we can.
17	For now, this is a luxury when compared to potential cuts in education. But if we do this we need to have a way to put this back in place.
18	For the time being until the funding situation shifts, I am absolutely not in favor of this luxury. Falmouth is not in imminent danger of losing its rural look and feel. And this is not a necessity. Open space purchase is a luxury. Certainly the town could protect through zoning. There are cheaper alternatives than land acquisition to prevent a destruction of Falmouth's rural feel.
19	Freeze expenditures for two years.
20	Great to see land preserved, but it should be a private function
21	Hard times demand hard choices.suspend for now.
22	Honestly - we have plenty of open space.
23	I am in favor of open space acquisition, but not at the expense of services
24	I like comm. park, what else to we really need.
25	I think that given the current economic times the tax payers should not be asked to take on more financial responsibilities
26	If special opportunities arise, they could be considered by the Council on an ad hoc basis
27	If the town doesn't have the money stop the funding.
28	In a town so dominated by real estate developers/speculators it's ludicrous to pretend any committent to preserving open space.
29	In these tough economic times spending money on open space at the expense of essential town services lacks common sense.
30	In this economy, I think this should be put on hold for 2-3 years and then revisit the plan to see if it is affordable at that time.
31	IT IS TIME TO STOP PURCHASING. LEAVE LAND TAX TO HELP FUND OTHER SERVICE
32	let's put it on hold and see where we in a few years

6C	DO NOT FUND ANY OPEN SPACE ACQUISITION ACTIVITIES (SAVINGS \$280,000/YEAR)
33	Like all other spending, this needs to be evaluated based on current economic climate and priority of other town services.
34	Look at the funding each year as hopefully the economy improves
35	Maintain the open space we have
36	Maintain what we have, we don't need any more open space.
37	Make the cuts....what really bothers me is that these land acquisition take away from more tax revenue for the town! We've got plenty of open space now. Enough is enough!
38	Maybe we need to take a break and wait a few years.
39	No brainer if you are serious about making cuts in the short term. Of course, the green crowd, who will be long gone by the time they are 60 something, surely think differently.
40	No funding until we have a surplus
41	Not an important issue in this economic environment.
42	Not on a "need" list of priorities
43	Only until economy improves, then increase funding.
44	open space acquisition should be deferred until the economic outlook improves even if it means open space purchase prices are more at a later time
45	Open space is a luxury and we have a reasonable amount already
46	Open space is land to walk on for those that feel the need, and land to walk on needs nothing else in the way of support.
47	Pause and pass savings to taxpayers
48	Put on hold for now. Reactivate when economy improves.
49	removing a tax base doesn't make sense ... offer incentive to owners to keep it open
50	Save another 50 grand by ending the ombudsmond fee and other outrageous consultant fees.
51	Seems amazing to me that the Town has three full time planners (two of whom are paid at a rate level with or exceeding many town's planning director) AND a natural resource planner (i.e. open space ombudsman). So while I do support funding open space initiatives, but please look at staff allocation for a town of 10k citizens. Please ensure that all departments are reviewed for staff allocation (i.e. # of employees, pay scale, etc).
52	Selling land back to the town exacerbates the revenue shortfall because it reduces the property tax revenue base. The town shouldn't be in the purchase of land business.
53	Short term - until economy turns around
54	SPEND THE MONEY REPAVING ROADS IN TOWN!
55	stopping funding until the economy recovers is prudent. We are in great shape.
56	Suspend program to manage potential tax increases. People are hurting. Especially the elderly. No social security COLA and increases in all other expenses at the same time investment income has shrunk and healthcare costs are through the roof. Give the seniors a break.

6C	DO NOT FUND ANY OPEN SPACE ACQUISITION ACTIVITIES (SAVINGS \$280,000/YEAR)
57	Take a time-out. Define the ultimate goals of this program.
58	The building boom is over and there are many unfinished developments, when the economy improves these will be the first areas of growth (not open space). The pressure to acquire and protect is just not as pressing in the current economic climate. Perhaps this can be revisited down the road.
59	The town has done a very good job in this area, however, it is a discretionary item that we cannot afford and should suspend until the economic situation improves.
60	The Town has significant open space now. I see no need to fund any additional purchases at this time.
61	The town should not be in the land aquisition business.
62	The town should not be in the real estate ownership business.
63	There are several parcels of land that are open to the public already. What is the level of usage of these ? Are they being used to capacity ?I would venture a guess of NO.
64	This is a luxury we can not currently afford. If there are those in town who would like to buy/donate land they may do it.
65	This is a non-essential item. On the wish list, but not needed.
66	This is a waste of taxpayer money.
67	This is alot of money to be spending on open space. I think we have enough open space in the town for people to use as they wish.
68	This is deferrable.
69	This is nice to do when times are good. In the current economy this becomes a luxury and can be easily eliminated.
70	Though I like this program EVERYTHING needs to be on the table (this includes the education budget),
71	Use this money in schools instead
72	We are next to the largest city in Maine. We cannot expect to continue as a strictly rural community. I don't believe we need a park on every corner.
73	We cannot afford it. Falmouth has a great deal of open space. Public spaces do not add to the tax revenue of the community and cost money to maintain the open space.
74	We cannot afford this during these difficult economic times.
75	We have enough open space
76	We have enough open space. Don't seem to see a whole lot of folks using what what have now. Review proposals again in five years.
77	We have enough open spaces
78	we've already lost enough money on open space aquisitions, i.e. the brown prpoerty which turns out to be for the benefit of town landing. the town overpaid for this and it hasn't helped anybody. we cannot afford these purchases especially in these economic times. we all know state aid is going to be reduced, so my question is do we continue ont his path and raise taxes, or, prepare for the lost revenue? consider this money as ALL coming out of your own pocket, do the math, then the answer should become crystal clear.
79	We've got enough open space and don't need to waste more tax payer dollars on this

6C	DO NOT FUND ANY OPEN SPACE ACQUISITION ACTIVITIES (SAVINGS \$280,000/YEAR)
	extravagance.
80	When is enough, enough. Also, unless there is a change in Land Use Ordinance, the town TAKES 60%+ of all new developed properties for open space anyway!!
81	when open space becomes available hold a vote
82	When the economy improves go back and fund it.
83	While I support open space this should be stopped until the economy recovers.
84	why take land off the tax rolls? Open space purchases are a waste of tax payer money. Let the people who demand open space buy the land themselves.
85	You spend all that money to aquire the land that takes money to up keep and then you lose all of the tax money from the land plus you lose all of the possible that may be derived from it if it is developed.

6D	OPEN SPACE ACQUISITION: DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION/AM NOT AWARE OF THIS SERVICE
	Please add any comments you have about this service
1	How about decrease to 180,000. Are there important aquisitions coming up, or are we just spending to keep up with the original mandate?
2	I would be interested in learning how cutting back to 100,000.00 per year would affect the open space.

6E	OPEN SPACE ACQUISITION: NO RESPONSE
	Please add any comments you have about this service
1	It is absurd removing taxable property and spending tax money to do it!
2	Look at the school open space that has been destroyed forever
3	This is non essential and should be eliminated during this time.

Q7: Please select the preferred level of service for local public safety dispatching services provided through the Falmouth Police Station. Background: The dispatch center answers calls for service, including 9-1-1 calls, for the Police, Fire and EMS departments (24,490 calls in 2009) and dispatches the appropriate emergency response. The center monitors security cameras and alarms for all municipal and school facilities and serves as the Emergency Operations Center for the community. On-duty dispatchers also handle all walk-in traffic and serve as records clerks for the department. Assigning dispatch services elsewhere would result in the closing of the Police Station on weekends and evenings, elimination of local programs such as the Reassurance program for senior citizens, as well as the elimination of security camera monitoring.

7A	KEEP DISPATCH SERVICES IN FALMOUTH
	Please add any comments you have on this service
1	A vital public safety department that supports our police, fire and EMS departments.
2	Again, if town can afford it. No new taxes
3	Although I don't use these services, I think it's a quality of life issue which should be funded
4	But review current services to see if new technology can reduce costs. If dispatch services could be as effectively handled by county gov't....use county.
5	Charge a fair & reasonable sum for false alarms. Consider reducing the number of security cameras being used, if the images obtained from them are too distant or dark to be used as evidence in a court of law or for reasonable cause to investigate.
6	Don't many of your calls come in on weekend and nights? Public safety is a cornerstone of a well managed town...keep these for now but research estimated times for service if we were to go to another dispatch service.
7	Don't reduce, or change, any Falmouth's Public Safety benefits in these uncertain times. All of these services are highly valued!
8	Elderly folk need it as is.
9	essential for public safety
10	Falmouth is large enough now to justify this expense but it needs to be managed in a cost effective way.
12	Having a regional scanner, I see the difficulty in dispatching on a regional basis by people who do not know the area being dispatched to, but I also see the economy in regional dispatch so I have mixed emotions on this issue.
13	How would we access getting a fire permit if there were no one at the police station?
14	I assume a cut to this budget item would mean eliminating a job or two for someone; not an easy choice. Keeping it local is preferable to "farming it out".
15	I believe our Police department has grown far too much for what our needs are. Staffed too big and too many toys.
16	I believe this is one area we can not cut back on. Other areas are convenience or just nice to have but this is a necessity.

7A	KEEP DISPATCH SERVICES IN FALMOUTH
17	I don't think closing the the dispatch center would make since. Putting the public's safety in another town hands is not good. The dispatchers here in town pretty much knows the area to get help there. If another town does the dispatching they wouldn't know the directions to get the help there at a timely matter. The dispatchers also do ALOT more than just answering the phone. Sometimes they ARE VERY BUSY!! Also, we people call for help it help it is nice to have someone right in their own town. The security camers montoring is very important in this day of age because you never know what could happen at the municipal and school facilities.
18	I feel very strongly that this service stay in the town of Falmouth. Who came up with this lame idea?
19	I listen to the scanner alot and with Cumberland being dispatched by the County I don't the service they get is as good as we get from our own Dispatchers.
20	I think it is important to have a place in town where someone can go to for help and/or shelter 24/7. Is that place the police station? If so, the functions mentioned above may be carried out by the person(s) attending the station 24/7. If the Bucknam Rd. fire station is manned 24/7, maybe that could be the go-to place and most above-mentioned functions could be consolidated elsewhere. If the savings are \$50T, keep the dispatch services: if the savings are \$100T, twice as much, it's probably worth looking for ways to reduce.
21	I think that it could be dangerous not to have a communications center open 24 hours in the town.
22	I think that the town is too spread out to eliminate this service.
23	I think this actually falls under the "essential" category in the minds of most taxpayers.
24	I value having a Falmouth person answer the phone if/when I'm in trouble
25	I'd only agree if we joined in with Cumberland.
26	Ideally we would join some consolidated 911 dispatch but keep the in-person services (monitoring cameras and alarms, some walk-in capacity, and senior programs). If that's not possible, then we should keep the dispatch services in Falmouth. At \$100k, that's only four dollars a call AND we get the in-person services. I'm all for saving money, but this cost seems pretty reasonable.
27	If services can remain the same, but we can save money by coordinating services with other communities, I would support that.
28	keep it local.
29	Keep jobs in Falmouth!
30	Keep us safe
31	Keeping the Dispatch Center in the town is very important. Local people in the town like to know they are going to be talking to someone in the town. Sometimes letting another town do the dispatching isn't what it all cracked up to be. It is worth the money to keep the Dispatching Center in the town. The dispatchers in this town are very professional compared to other towns. It would be sad to see the Reassurance Program come to an end. This is a good program because it lets the senior citizens get in contact with someone to let them know if they are ok or not.
32	maintaining a police service it vital for a community's safety
33	maybe a volunteer system of some kind for remedial components on weekends and evenings. Get the community involved in their own safety

7A	KEEP DISPATCH SERVICES IN FALMOUTH
34	My mother is in the Reassurance program and I have kids in the schools. I was not aware they monitor the cameras
35	Please keep one in Falmouth, PLEASE!!
36	Records clerk? Could volunteers do paper work to help? Have you requested volunteers?
37	Regional dispatch CAN be a good thing, but the Cumberland County dispatch system is a dysfunctional resource. They can not handle what they have now. The best way to see a savings would be to reach out to Yarmouth, Cumberland and Freeport and invite them to move to Falmouth and have one central point... but there has to be a willingness to stick with it to see savings and it has to be staffed correctly to be done right. Or if the council is determined to send dispatch offsite, send it to Portland like Cape Elizabeth did so our first responders and our citizens will be well taken care of.
38	Safety should be a number one consideration. No cuts here.
39	security at a local level is important these days!
40	The number of calls says it all. It's great that there is a program for senior citizens. These types of things are what taxes are meant for!
41	The Reassurance Program is about the only safety check or service this Town does for wellbeing of disabled/elderly. Especially in winter, this is a potentially life-saving service.
42	The residents/tax payers of Falmouth should have direct services with the town that they pay taxes to and support.
43	The savings does not justify the loss of the services listed above.
44	This is a bit confusing; why would moving dispatch services elsewhere totally eliminate evening and weekend coverage out of our local Police Station. We've recently just built a new facility to handle "service" needs and also just hired a new police officer.
45	This is a CORE FUNCTION of local government - keep it!
46	THIS IS A MUST TO KEEP UP WITH THE GOOD SERVICE WE HAVE IN OUR TOWN
47	This is a vital resource/service not only for the emergency responders for the Town but the citizens as well!!
48	This is an area we don't want to scale back on.
49	This is an essential community service!!!
50	This is life safety. Please do not eliminate the local service.
51	This should be off the table
52	This would mean more jobs lost for the middle class in Falmouth. One needs to ask if the town favors turning Falmouth into the elite only?
53	Very important to keep this in our community for efficient and timely service. This could well be a matter of life and death. Priceless.
54	Very important to town.
55	We don't need to increase and expand the services they provide.
56	We have occassional break-ins in our neighborhood all year long. Vandalism has also occurred during Halloween. Dispatch is necessary for us.

7A	KEEP DISPATCH SERVICES IN FALMOUTH
57	We need a place manned 24/7 for people to go to for help or shelter. This place could be the police station or the fire station (Bucknam Rd.) If the police station is manned 24/7 it makes sense that they can also be responsible for the above-mentioned duties. If the fire station is manned 24/7 and cannot carry out the above-mentioned duties, I'm good with moving some of these (maybe all of these) services out of Falmouth if the savings are in the order of \$100T. If the savings are \$50T, significantly less, let's keep the services here. There are advantages to local control.
58	We need dispatch personnel who know us, and the streets where we live. The Falmouth population seems to be becoming increasingly elderly, so therefore the elimination of the Reassurance program would be a detriment to those who are elderly (and do pay taxes!). I think Oceanview may have its own monitoring, but there are many elderly who live, and want to live, in their own homes.
59	We should pursue other communities to take on their dispatch services thus dispatch would generate \$\$\$\$\$
60	We should re-lobby other towns to assign their weekend dispatch services to Falmouth to add revenue.
61	We should try to include other towns in our dispatch facility, which would decrease our cost
62	Why did we build a new police station anyway.
63	Would be great if we could also be the central dispatch service for some other towns-- perhaps this might even generate some revenue.

7B	ASSIGN DISPATCH SERVICES TO ANOTHER TOWN OR TO COUNTY GOVERNMENT (ESTIMATED SAVINGS \$50,000-100,000)
	Please add any comments you have on this service
1	Absolutely. We are so top heavy with police in this town. I just read where we hired ANOTHER policeman. In reading the Police Beat, I find this a rather embarrassing extravagance. What is the ratio, police personnel to community member? Please, please, some transparency here....thank you in advance.
2	Alternative # 2 ONLY if weekend dispatch supervision were assumed by the substitute center.
3	Assign dispatch to county government.
4	Centralize with another town which presents future opportunities for other centralizations. NOT Portland or Cumberland County
5	consolidate...save money reduce taxes.
6	consolidate
7	consolidate all public safety with cumberland or better still let the county handle it.
8	Consolidate as many services as possible to maintain mill rate as it is.
9	Consolidating dispatchers to one office has actually IMPROVED emergency services in other towns. This should be a no-brainer.
10	Consolidation and elimination of duplication of services should be a priority for all public safety, governmental and school administrative functions. Our Governor is pushing this worthwhile agenda for the state of Maine. I agree with him.

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12	Falmouth cannot justify the existing police department that now exist.
13	I assume there will be no reduction in the availability of 911 service by assigning dispatch services to another town.
14	I have long been in favor of dispatch center consolidation (and served on the 5 town dispatch consolidation effort years ago)--and have been disappointed with the resistance to this in years past by our fire and police personnel (whom I otherwise hold in high regard)
15	I think regionalization makes sense. Couldn't the reassurance program for seniors be handled by other town staff or volunteers?
16	I think this is one area where centralizing services controls costs with the least loss of services.
17	I voted AGAINST building a new police station in this town - it is ABSURD for us to be funding an entire police station and police force! This should be a county-wide service!!
18	I would like to keep the services locally but consolidation has many benefits and being in law enforcement, I support this.
19	If the own is truly willing to cut services and regionalize.....then do something like other towns.
20	If this makes sense and does not jeopardize response times, fine. It is all electronic anyway.
21	I'm certain I don't have all the facts about this, but it would seem to me that there would be some savings if dispatch services were combined with an abutting community, for example Cumberland, assuming that community was also willing to consolidate. I don't understand why the police station would have to be closed weekends and evening or why the Reassurance program would have to go away. In the absence of the facts and the numbers, I think this needs further exploration, recognizing that the consolidation concept has been batted around for a number of years now.
22	I'm for consolidation of public safety services. I hope there is a way to maintain the senior citizen reassurance program despite consolidation.
23	Investigate consolidation w/ Cumberland
24	It is important to keep the same level of service, but not important who performs it. If we get the same service by consolidating with another town or entity, and save money, do it.
25	It may better to get rid of one or two police officers who don't have much to do and drive around aimlessly waiting for the occassional man bites dog incident.
26	It was such a waste building a 2+ million \$ police station and everyone I spoke to was nervous of speaking out against the police department.
27	it would appear that this could be consolidated while retaining some level of local service. cameras could be monitored by a commercial service or recorded. services could be provided one or two nights a week or weekends a month.
28	Let's consolidate a little with neighboring towns.
29	Maybe if you people hadn't approved so many building permits, the municipal services wouldn't be so stretched.
30	Need to look seriously at combining service with adjoining town(s) or to county.
31	Or share with neighboring town.
32	Public safety dispatch ought to be shared with Portland with much the same rationale as used when its Pleasant Hill firebarn was terminated.

7B	ASSIGN DISPATCH SERVICES TO ANOTHER TOWN OR TO COUNTY GOVERNMENT (ESTIMATED SAVINGS \$50,000-100,000)
33	regionalize dispatch services
34	Seniors in town are not receiving any Cost of Living adjustments to social security and investment portfolios have been hit hard. We need to take care of them by spending less
35	Should always sub contract this to viable outside vendor
36	Should explore dispatching services with other communities sharing our borders (ie Westbrook, Windham,Cumberland)etc
37	The last I heard the Reassurance program had 2 or 3 participants - 911 never closes - why threaten us with our inability to visit the Police Station
38	The phone can be answered anywhere.
39	Think we can cooperate/share service with Cumberland, Yarmouth....
40	This has been done in neighboring communities and resulted in substantial savings with little reduction in services. A new law requires all dispatchers to receive the same level of training so the level of service will be standardized.
41	This has worked very well with many of the other towns that I have helped move to county dispatches. All have resulted in cost savings, from reduced monthly phone lines to elimination of employee positions.
42	This is a no-brainer. It will generate anxiety, but it has to work in this age of hyper-communication systems.
43	This is not an either or proposition and it shouldn't be presented that way.
44	This should be regional. Reassurance and security monitoring could be volunteer or self pay.
45	Town got along fine without that for many years and can do so again.
46	We have a police chief who has been empire-building for some years now. I and others, including former Councilors, have witnessed him lying in public forums. Many other large towns in Maine survive with centralized dispatch. What's so special about Falmouth?
47	we have too many cops in this town, get rid of at least three to save some money there
48	We need to be efficient and having everything local is not necessary.
49	We should pursue all possible coordinations to improve efficiency and save tax dollars.
50	When will this town / state wake up and centralize ALL services by county. It is absolutely no wonder that any young person with an education and a lick of sense leaves the state. Why would a manufacturer, or any large scale business ever want to locate in this archaic system? The tax rate is ridiculous. The tax burden to support the country's oldest populace falls onto what little business is here.

7B	ASSIGN DISPATCH SERVICES TO ANOTHER TOWN OR TO COUNTY GOVERNMENT (ESTIMATED SAVINGS \$50,000-100,000)
51	Why not blend Cumberland and Falmouth at the very least? Is Falmouth's emergency service needs so great that this could not be a consideration? I'm very curious as to how many times in a year security has been breached by criminal intent to harm at all the facilities named that are being monitored? I'm not aware of a high crime rate in this town. Closing the police station on the weekends and evenings... doesn't mean that there will not be patrols out and about. I'm all for regional services as long as it does not jeopardize safety, and, in Falmouth's case, I'd need to see stats justifying business as usual. The police department has benefitted from taxpayer money with its new facility. This would be a token statement that it, too, can tighten its belt when necessary and without undue risk to taxpayers from criminal activity.
52	Yes, remote dispatching would handle emergency issues. The technology for this is very reliable.

7C	POLICE DISPATCH: DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION/AM NOT AWARE OF THIS SERVICE
	Please add any comments you have on this service
1	Can the police station take on duties from other towns and reduce cost that way?
2	I basically support the consolidation of this service with another town. But I'd want many more details to be worked out before I make a decision.
3	I do not know enough to have a strong opinion, but generally would support assigning/consolidating dispatch services with neighboring municipalities.
4	I don't know enough to contrast the proposed changes with current usage.
5	I think money can be saved in the police department. Should not have hired the last replacement police officer, until the economy came around.
6	I think we could get some savings by pointing out the the employees we could subcontract it and save 50K--so they need to take pay cuts, reduce benefits, find savings someplace to make up the 50K+. I prefer to see us maintain control but it should not cost us more to do it then someone else doing it at a profit.
7	I would be okay with shared dispatch but would not want to eliminate reassurance programs or other local programs. Can this also be a shared service with other towns versus eliminating altogether?
8	It's brand new!
9	Study the efficiency of combining - maybe it's a good idea.
10	There isn't enough information to answer this question. How effective is assigning services to another town? Can any of this be handled on weekends by volunteers who are trained?

7D	POLICE DISPATCH: NO RESPONSE
	Please add any comments you have on this service
1	Falmouth growth leads me to think we should keep this.
2	It would seem possible that three or four towns could "take turns" dispatching weekends, using the individual police.

Q8: Please select the preferred level of service for curbside trash and recycling services provided by the Town. Background: Falmouth has a "pay-per-bag" trash collection system. While the cost of disposing of trash is covered by the sale of yellow bags, weekly curbside trash collection is paid for through property taxes. Recyclables, such as paper, plastic, metal and glass, are collected bi-weekly at curbside. Property taxes pay for collection and there is no charge for disposal. Property taxes also pay to haul recyclables in drop-off containers, known as "silver bullets," from three Falmouth locations.

8A	KEEP CURRENT WEEKLY TRASH AND BI-WEEKLY RECYCLING SERVICES
	Please add any comments you have on this service
1	& close transfer station and remove silver bullets
2	a choice which should have been given above is to move to weekly curbside pickup for recycling and eliminate silver bullets. I now recycle much more in volume than I put out in trash.
3	Absolutely critical! Please keep. Encourage people to recycle more.
4	Actually INCREASE the curbside recycling to weekly to encourage more recycling. Apparently I was under the mis-conception that the pay-per-bag included BOTH pick up and disposal. Perhaps we need more education.
5	add weekly curbside recycling
6	Again, this is the right thing for the planet, especially if the % of folk recycling has risen as a result of making it easier. But if there has been no appreciable net gain, this program could be considered for elimination with the provision it be added when revenue allows.
7	Also add recycling at town landing. Use deposit bottles as source of revenue.
8	Another option is to discontinue the silver bullets, if there is curbside then the silver bullets seem to be redundant. The silver bullets are also messy and people (not just town residents) leave unauthorized items there.
9	As it is, you can't even fit extra recycle in the "silver bullet" they are always full with curbside recycling.
10	At this point in time, recycling needs to be easy for everyone to encourage the concept, which is not yet universally practiced in town.
12	Charge MUCH more for the trash hauling (per bag) and thereby increase the recycling. "It's the economy (money) stupid.
13	Considerably increase the cost of "yellow" bags.
14	Cumberland has curbside recycling and trash pick-up every week. How do they do it? Do they have a smaller police force? I think it is important to maintain recycling. It is important for our children to see us value what is worth keeping and reusing. It honors our resources and preserves an integrity for the future.
15	Curbside recycling increases the amount of recyclables. We need to help people recycle.
16	Cut consultant fee's...ombudsmond etc.... 1st! We need trash and recycling but do we need or want an ombudsmond?
17	Eliminate "silver bullet" since curbside recycling is in place and should help reduce trash. If we eliminate curbside recycling, more recycling will be included in the trash increasing costs. Also, eliminating curbside trash will cause residents to dispose of trash along roads and illegal dumpsites!

8A	KEEP CURRENT WEEKLY TRASH AND BI-WEEKLY RECYCLING SERVICES
18	eliminate the silver bullets. they are a 3rd way to recycle. i think that curbside and the landfill canserve the town just as well at less cost
19	Eliminating curbside collection will increase the amount of trash to be picked up. Has this been factored into these estimated savings?
20	Falmouth has a high recycle ratio compared to other communities. Obviously the system works and citizens believe in it. Curbside is an excellent addition.
21	Get rid of silver bullets and force people to use curbside. How much would that save???
22	Get rid of the silver bullets!
23	Go to bi-weekly trash and recycling
24	Go to biweekly trash and recycling to save money.
25	Good trash pick-up.
26	how about monthly recycling services and add small increase to price of yellow trash bags.
27	I came from a town that didn't provide any trash service and it is awful. People end up dumping trash off the side of the road.
28	I don't want to see all those cars going to the dump, nor are recycling efforts going backwards!
29	I have a couple of ideas. What if the silver bullets outside the transfer station were eliminated? If all Falmouth residents have curb-side recycling and can take their trash and recyclables to the transfer station should they miss pick-up, aren't the Bucknam Rd. and Hannaford silver bullets excessive? Businesses are responsible for their own waste disposal and recyclables, aren't they? They don't need the silver bullets at Bucknam and Hannaford's either. I am also told the silver bullets may attract non-Falmouth recyclables. On the other hand, maybe there are no significant savings in getting rid of some of the silver bullets. Maybe that's why this idea was not on the list of options? Perhaps trash pick-up could be bi-weekly along with recycling. If compostable trash were composted at homes (educate folks about composting), our trash would be significantly reduced and weekly collection might be unnecessary. If people need weekly disposable of trash, they can carry it to the transfer station on the alternate weeks. Maybe a combination of ideas would add up to some helpful savings.
30	I know that the town purchased a truck to service the silverbullets. I have seen them overflowing many times during the psandingast year. I would support paying the overtime to get them emptied more often, versus paying overtime for plowing and sanding all the streets when we get 1/2 an inch of snow.
31	I would change to a weekly recycling, bi-weekly trash pick-up. This better meets our volume needs by far.
32	I would like more information: has the percentage of recycling increased since instituting curbside recycling? If so, it should be kept. If it has made no difference and people are willing to take it themselves, as we do, it's a luxury we can do without.
33	IF IT IS WORKING LEAVE IT ALONE
34	If not assumed by the town, trash (aka "garbage") collection and, even more, recycling would degenerate.
35	If the curbside recycling is eliminated additional "silver bullet" drop off containers would be necessary
36	If we eliminate the convenience ofcurb side recycling folks simply will not do it. Recycling numbers will dwindle and we will facing a additional trash costs.

8A	KEEP CURRENT WEEKLY TRASH AND BI-WEEKLY RECYCLING SERVICES
37	If we want to encourage recycling at high levels, we need to keep curbside recycling because it is easier for people to participate. Otherwise, I would say we could eliminate curbside recycling but KEEP the silver bullets and curbside trash pick-up. I am not interested in paying privately to have my trash hauled. I'll do it myself, even if it is a real pain.
38	I'm a conscientious recycler but many aren't. If we eliminated curbside recycling, people will just put everything into the trash.
39	I'm not organized enough to get recyclables to the curb very often, but I see this service used by large numbers of residents.
40	I'm sure some of our residents can't make it to the transfer station as can many. We need to think of them.
41	important taxpayer service to citizens
42	Increase cost of yellow bag to pay for curbside recycling
43	Just as there is a charge for trash bags to cover the cost of trash collection, perhaps there could be a charge, by the recycling containers, for recycling curbside pick-up.
44	Just raise the price of the bags. People do not recycle enough, and if they had very pricey bags, maybe they would.
45	Keep the earth clean
46	Keep this service, but increase the cost of the bags to help pay or pay for this service.
47	Love them BOTH.
48	one of the reasons we love falmouth is the pay-per-bag system and the curbside recycling! Please don't change it!
49	Perhaps a luxury, but the gas burned by everyone taking their stuff seems very wasteful
50	Raise pay per bag fees and/or add a "pay per bin" fee also. Some people put everything they can in recycling just to use fewer yellow bags.
51	raise the cost of a bag to cover pick up and disposal of both trash and recycling however provide a free bag for every bag brought to the transfer station.
52	raise the price of the yellow bags
53	Recycling cuts down on pollution and saves energy. I am guessing the curbside recycling collection has had a positive impact on the amount of recycling that we as a town do.
54	recycling should be at least once a week. The current level of service is poor.
55	Reduce trash and recycling to bi-weekly and monthly. We are family of four and only put out trash once every two to three weeks.
56	Residents who do not drive or are disabled are not able to access the silver bullets and would not be able to recycle if curbside pickup was eliminated.
57	Rethink the process as in other towns across US/World. This should not be an either-or, they are the same issue. Trash and recycle can both be bi-weekly (alternate) if people dispose off appropriately (we also live in cool weather overall).
58	Same comment as above
59	Save money by changing trash pick-up to bi-weekly also.
60	Seniors need this and it is one way all of us can contribute to a greener town.

8A	KEEP CURRENT WEEKLY TRASH AND BI-WEEKLY RECYCLING SERVICES
61	Should keep curbside recycling and get rid of the silver bullets. The reason I think this is because the land around the silver bullets is a mess. Trash is all over the land and sometimes people are throwing other items in them. Also, sometimes people from other towns are using them to.
62	Take Trash collection to Every other week. We put ours out once a month with the great recycling service.
63	The other options are grossly wasteful of energy. The transfer station has few hours of public access and those are ridiculously inconvenient for most residents.
64	The silver bullets are an eye sore. At least the ones at West Falmouth Crossing have a nice fence concealing them and containing the mess around them. The containers at the Bucknam Road fire station cause congestion in the already small parking lot and are the cause of a big mess as a fair amount of debris is outside the containers. They should be moved to the Falmouth Shopping Center and have a fence put around them.
65	These options seem incomplete. Basic trash collection needs to continue. I personally find the curbside recycling not practical - the containers blow into the road and my volume exceeds 2 containers even in one week - but the service should be extended to disabled and elderly residents unless a volunteer effort could be organized.
66	this is SO important for keeping folks focused on resources, conservation, etc. I am amazed how much I do recycle now with it so easy outside my door. please keep!
67	This is very important!
68	This service is as it should be and should not be scaled back.
69	To do anything else is a step backwards for Falmouth.
70	Trash handling in Falmouth is an important service. To reduce costs what about starting by removing the silver bullets at Bucknam Rd. and Hannaford's. With curbside pick-up for residents and the back-up of the Transfer Station should they miss pick-up, the silver bullets seem unnecessarily redundant. Businesses are to provide for their own trash handling I believe, so they don't need them. Another idea. Why not collect trash for the incinerator bi-weekly? If residents were encouraged to compost, trash for the incinerator would be reduced significantly. If a resident felt the need for weekly trash pick-up, he could transport it to the Transfer Station himself.
71	We create the trash. We should pay for it.
72	We have cut our non-recycled trash to under one small bag/week because of the ease of the curbside recycling. If you do away with this valuable service, all the gains the town has made in 'reducing, reusing, recycling will vanish overnight. The value of recycled materials is only going to go UP over the long term and one day might even pay for the service.
73	We should get something for all the tax we pay!
74	We should have plastic containers like those in Westbrook and South portland. 1 green 1 blue. They should be picked up weekly. NO MORE YELLOW BAGS!
75	While eliminating town provided pickup it will still cost residents and will increase pollution due to multiple private haulers versus one service.
76	Why can't increase the cost of yellow bags be included as an option

8A	KEEP CURRENT WEEKLY TRASH AND BI-WEEKLY RECYCLING SERVICES
77	Why not eliminate the silver bullets and keep the curb side pick up if we're worried about saving money? Or how about picking up regular trash very other week versus once a week? What are the stats on curbs side pick vs the silver bullets. What if the city only picked up recycling and we had to take our regular trash to the transfer station? Curbside recycling is important lets not go backwards.
78	Would it save money to do bi-weekly trash and have it on the schedule of recycling?
79	You say property taxes pay for the collection fees. I assume you do not intend to lower property taxes if collection is stopped. I guess you just want more money???? If we are paying for it via property taxes, pick up the trash. If you stop the pickup then lower the property tax rate. If we all have to drive to get rid of our trash we get more pollution, road wear, less free time---we need to consider all the costs.

8B	ELIMINATE CURBSIDE RECYCLING, WHILE RETAINING "SILVER BULLET" DROP-OFF CONTAINERS (ESTIMATED SAVINGS \$150,000)
	Please add any comments you have on this service
1	A good cost saving solution that the majority of people could live with. It is very easy to bring your recyclables in your vehicle to the collection bins.
2	Again it's not either/or. You could stretch out the recycling efforts, etc.
3	and add more silver bullets, like at all fire stations and on "stub road" at entry to Public Safety facility on Woods Road.
4	Back to the way it was...not bad.
5	Curbside recycle is very convenient, but I support the council's desire to control spending. Eliminating the silver bullets would lead to much less recycling.
6	go to the dump, you just might learn something!
7	I always recycle at the containers, can never remember when the curbside pickup is anyway. Eliminate curbside recycling but keep the weekly trash pickup, which is important.
8	I am not sure how much curbside pickup increased recycling, but prior to curbside pickup it seemed residents were committed to recycling at the drop-off containers. We still use the drop-off containers and I think many towns have successful recycling programs without curbside pickup
9	I do like the curbside recycling, but if it keeps a lid on the taxes, I'd forego it. --- There! My recommendations just saved \$535K/yr.
10	I do not find this bi weekly pick up to be frequent enough and it is just as easy for me to drop my recycling off in the silver bullet bins
12	I feel like we get premium level of service when it comes to trash. almost too many choices! Either eliminate silver bullets (sell the hauling truck) and go curbside or eliminate curbside and keep town dump. i often wonder how many out of town people use our silver bullets...at least at the dump you can regulate with a town sticker.
13	I go to the recycling center anyway, at least once, usually twice weekly. Also, keep yellow bag program.
14	I have no problem going to the silver bullets.
15	I like curb side recycling a lot and use it all the time, but if it comes at a cost to other services, then I'd rather haul recycling to the silver bullets...

8B	ELIMINATE CURBSIDE RECYCLING, WHILE RETAINING "SILVER BULLET" DROP-OFF CONTAINERS (ESTIMATED SAVINGS \$150,000)
16	I use the bullets because twice a month is too far apart for me but I don't want to spend more and escalate to weekly pickup. How often are the bullets emptied? They are always overflowing.
17	I would like to see the recycling continue but am concerned that if you take away curbside recycling, people will just throw their recyclables away, so I think the town needs to look at the increase in recycling behavior from before curbside to after. If there was a big increase, I would keep the curbside program.
18	I would rather see to keep the curbside recycling and get rid of the silver bullets. The areas where the silver bullets are always a mess!!! (trash everywhere) If we got rid of the silver bullets it would eliminate people from other towns using them.
19	Increase costs for yellow bags to at least partially fund cost of pick up
20	It is convenient to have curbside recycling, but it did not bother me to go to the silver bullets. My objection to the bullets is that they need to be better kept picked up. I generate little enough trash that I could go 2 weeks without trash pick up.
21	Keep trash pick-up but stop curbside recycling.
22	Many folks use the silver bullets - the Bucknam Rd ones are full on Saturdays. Curbside is less convenient for many of us.
23	Need more silver bullet drop off containers!
24	Not worth the expense
25	Only if you really have to make these cuts in order for our taxes not to go up! I never minded taking my trash to the dump!
26	Or.....Have both Trash and recycling picked up once every two weeks! This should save some \$\$.
27	Our silver bullets would be fine for this town's recycling if you could keep other towns from using them and filling them up so we would not have enough room and it is left on the ground.
28	Recycling is foolish and of no significant or important use to anyone!!!
29	Save jobs first
30	Similar to pay-per-bag, could Falmouth offer pay-per-recycle pick up through purchase of large paper bags (similar to leaf pick up bags) to encourage recycling but reduce costs to the town.
31	So why do we have curbside recycling in the first place if it costs us tax money? What are the benefits?
32	The main thing is, please do not eliminate the silver bullets. As it is, the silver bullets on Lunt Road near Route One tend to overflow on long weekends.
33	The Silver Bullets are well placed and easily accessible. Often my recycling exceeds the Blue Box, so it is easiest to utilize the Silver Bullets.
34	Until the economy can support it again - we do appreciate and use the service.
35	We do our own recycling!
36	We have three options on recycling. That is absolutely ridiculous. Go back to silver bullets only. Less trash flying around town from uncovered recycling bins. We keep adding services in this area. How many ways do you need to recycle. It is ridiculous.
37	We would need more "silver bullets" . The last three times I went to the fire station and or dump, they were very FULL.

8B	ELIMINATE CURBSIDE RECYCLING, WHILE RETAINING "SILVER BULLET" DROP-OFF CONTAINERS (ESTIMATED SAVINGS \$150,000)
38	where does recycled material go after drop off containers? Is there an aftermarket municipalities can access for revenue?
39	Woods road Transfer Station is a convenient alternative.
40	You need to maintain trash pick up but consolidate the offerings for recycling . My God, how many ways do you need to be able to do it. It's ludicrous to think that you have three options in this town.

8C	ELIMINATE ALL TOWN-PROVIDED CURBSIDE TRASH AND RECYCLING COLLECTION, BUT MAINTAIN THE "SILVER BULLET" DROP-OFF CONTAINERS. RESIDENTS WOULD PAY PRIVATE HAULERS TO COLLECT TRASH OR TAKE THEIR TRASH TO THE WOODS ROAD TRANSFER STATION (ESTIMATED SAVINGS \$150,000-\$200,000)
	Please add any comments you have on this service
1	1. as recycling is paid for by prop. taxes, I'm assuming this means there is no "rebate" to the tax payer, the town therefore TAKES the added "savings". Hmmm! 2. This would be truly difficult for some residents, although many of us missed taking our trash and recyclables to the dump years ago. The town may save money, but NOT the taxpayer.
2	All residents should not have to pay for pick up service if it is not used. At a minimum, only require yellow bags for curbside pickup and do not charge at transfer station.
3	As long as we have the option to drop it off ourselves that's fine.
4	at a minimum, i do not need my trash picked up every week. (in fact i have more recycling than trash.) e/o week for trash and recycling would be a very reasonable schedule and perhaps offer some savings to the town if you were still trying to offer curb-side. i do believe that curb-side needs to include recycling (including privately contracted services if that's the way we go.)
5	Contracting with private haulers should be analyzed in the light of some residents' inability to pay or have trash taken to transfer station (ie-low income or elderly people).
6	Falmouth was behind the times in using open plastic totes for recycle pickup, some many days it rains or snows on all the paper items or it blows around and no one picks it up. I bring my own trash and recycle items to transfer station so this does not happen. Why did the town of Falmouth Buy its own truck to haul the silver bullet it sits at the town garage 95% of the week not being used again a waste of my tax payer money
7	Give me a break. If you create the trash (non rececalbles), then pay for it....or haul it to the dump yourself.
8	Go to bi-weekly pick up. Keep curbside recycling
9	I pay for my own trash now! So can everyone else.
10	I would be happy to take my own trash to the Transfer Station
12	I would look hard at this, and any other means to increase recycling. Increase the price of the yellow bags. In our household, we fill maybe 1 yellow bag every two weeks and the rest is recycled. I see houses on my street with 3-4 yellow bags out every week. People are lazy or unaware. The combined recycling makes it very simple to do; consider raising the price of the yellow bags coupled with a strong recycling awareness campaign should raise more revenue and reduce non-recyclable trash.

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13	keep it and up trash bag cost so it's user generated
14	Keep silver bullet at Hannaford; silver bullet is not convenient at Bucknam Road for me. Thanks.
15	Let each resident take care of their own trash removal. The town should not be in the trash collection business.
16	Most everyone shops at either Shaw's or Hannaford's. Both have "silver bullets" nearby, so no additional travel should be needed.
17	Private haulers would need to be required to take and separate recyclables.
18	Recently spotted was a "silver bullet" container hauler with a Falmouth PW insignia - what gives?
19	Residents should have the no-cost option to bring trash/recycling to the transfer station
20	The Woods Road Transfer Station is available and the curbside collection is an extravagant extra that we should certainly be able to do with out.
21	Utilize pay per usage (I'd rather take mine to the transfer station)
22	we bring our own trash to the station anyway ... it's easy and clean. I wouldn't object to paying someone to do that if needed.
23	we can cut back on this luxury
24	We recycle one or two blue boxes per week -- twice the amount now being picked up (we use the transfer station bins a lot). We could easily take our trash to the transfer station because we live very close to it and go by it often on the way to Route 1. Maybe you should only collect from areas that aren't convenient to a drop-off.
25	While eliminating the curbside pick up of all trash and recycling, the Transfer station should continue to keep recycling a priority. Private haulers should have to follow the recycling rules.

8D	TRASH AND RECYCLING SERVICES: DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION/AM NOT AWARE OF THIS SERVICE
	Please add any comments you have on this service
1	Has there been an increase in the amount of recyclable material with the present service? Has it been environmentally significant?
2	OceanView has pick-up disposal services (dumpsters).
3	switch to weekly re-cycling

8E	TRASH AND RECYCLING SERVICES: NO RESPONSE
	Please add any comments you have on this service
	change trash p/u to biweekly
	Curbside trash and recycling is important. Can some of the silver bullets be removed for a savings? Can we make trash pickup bi-weekly also for a savings?
	Go to biweekly on all pick up and recycling.
	Have weekly recycling, and bi weekly trash, or bi-weekly for both.
	Have you found that recycling increased with the curbside program? If not, is it really worth doing. I vote to keep it if it has increased the amount residents recycle.
	Having lived in Scarborough and South Portland, I have been unimpressed with the trash/recycling program. I am constantly shocked by how much trash ends up in the roadways. I think the Yellow bag and tiny bins are not as effective as the systems used in Scarborough and SP. What about finding a way to market the recyclables? Many companies are making use of them now for new products. Getting rid of this system will only create more issues like we had in Falmouth years ago (I grew up here). We have a moral responsibility to protect the earth and change our footprint.
	Keep weekly trash - Get rid of the yellow bags, they are just adding another layer of plastic to the land fill and raise the charge of the curb pick to reflect the cost of the yellow bag program. Why complicate trash with another layer of plastic bags?????
	Let's go to weekly curbside recycling and replace curbside trash pickup with letting folks bring trash to the transfer station or hire private haulers
	Make trash pick-up bi-weekly to coincide with recycling services.
	Presently many people do not use the yellow bags, and instead put everything out on the bi-weekly collection.
	Recycle weekly, trash bi-weekly
	Trash - Collect only Bi-weekly (save 50%)
	Use drop off services

Q9: Please select the preferred level of service for the Woods Road Transfer Station, the Town facility where one can dispose of bulky wastes, brush, and other materials. Background: Residents who have a \$5 permit may bring waste oil, gas, antifreeze; water-based paint; cardboard; recyclables; leaves and brush (residential); compact fluorescent light bulbs; wood pallets; metal; cell phones and rechargeable batteries at no charge to the Woods Road Transfer Station. Items such as computer equipment, appliances, TV's, propane tanks, car batteries, tires, commercial brush and leaves, fluorescent lights and bulky waste may also be brought there for a charge of \$5 or \$10. If the Transfer Station is closed, there would be no leaf pick-up by the Town and the Bargain Barn would be eliminated. Residents could take recyclables, hazardous materials and electronic waste, etc. to the Riverside Recycling Facility in Portland.

9A	MAINTAIN THE WOODS ROAD TRANSFER STATION
	Please add any comments you have on this service
1	Again, I think you could charge more, for the permits and for the specialty refuse. The town could also sell compost if they made it.
2	AGain, no one is going to make the trip into Portland to recycle. We could live without leaf pick-up, but the Bargain Barn is an environmental no-brainer--and a great "Yankee" tradition-- that shouldn't cost much to run. If you close this station, you'll have to live with the fact that hazardous wastes will be poured down sewer drains again or improperly disposed of. Why not raise the fee for using the TRansfer Station? I'd rather pay more than have to drive to Riverside.
3	Again,more info would help here. What is the "usership" of Woods Rd. dump? It is a community gathering place and as such, adds to the spirit of Falmouth. I would look at turning off some town lights in lieu of closing this station.
4	again...ease of use is a huge issue when it comes to these type of activities.
5	Am afriad that if the transfer station is closed many of these would be put with the trash or dropped by the road or in the woods.
6	Amazing service, keeps the town clean, easy to get there and use. Very valuable service. Instead of getting rid of it, increase the fee! it's very low and well worth \$10.00 per year (as example).
7	As I don't use curbside pickup, the highlight of my Saturday is my run to the transfer station. I can't tell you how many useful items I have found at the "bargain barn". My wife would go BALLISTIC if she couldn't fill our utility trailer with the blown down branches from the woods around the house and take it there. And I would miss my weekly chat with Pete.
8	Based upon prior answer. It is a major convenience.
9	Best dollar value for our tax money!
10	But eliminate the leaf pick-up If people want to get rid of their leaves why should taxpayers pick up the cost
12	but maybe limit access hours
13	Can the rates be increased to cover the costs?
14	Change the hours from 12-4 on Tuesday and Thursday to 12-8 on Tues. OR Thurs. One long day is much better than two short days.

9A	MAINTAIN THE WOODS ROAD TRANSFER STATION
15	Charge higher fees for this to cover costs \$10minimum and \$50 if large item
16	charge more
17	Charge of \$5 for 2 fluorescent lights is more than what they cost to buy. Everybody is going to put them in the trash. How does that help the environment? Is the Bargain Barn only for Falmouth Residents?
18	Closing it would mean junk and brush in the woods.
19	closing this would create a problem as I believe people would dump things at the side of the road.
20	Correct me if am wrong....the sale of materials dropped off is a geat source of income to pay for the service.
21	Doesn't add up to much savings to cut.
22	Double the fee schedule
23	Due away with the leaf pick-up by the Town.
24	Eliminate curbside and this would be far better utilized.
25	eliminate leaf pick up
26	Eliminate leaf pickup.
27	eliminate the \$5 permit. It should be open free to all residents.
28	eliminate the curbside collection before you consider eliminating the 'dump'
29	Eliminating the transfer station suggests Falmouth is on the verge of total collapse.
30	Expand hours - go back to accepting unbagged trash.
31	Expand hours and spend more, here.
32	Expand stopping/parking area to accommodate more visitors. Expand the "Bargain Barn" a little. Give Peter a small raise! Ask for volunteers to provide a landscaped buffer along the road. This is still a "mini" meeting place for residents and should be maintained at or above present capacity and operations. Maybe even extend hours by a little.
33	Fees should be raised to reflect true cost of disposal of hazardous materials. Bargain barn could generate revenue by being 1-2x/year town wide yard sale location. Any items not sold would be disposed of and anyone dropping off items would have to pay fee to participate and reap benefit of sale of items via set price scale with most of \$ being returned to run transfer station.
34	Fees to dispose of goods should be increased to cover true costs.
35	For the \$50k, the transfer station is a major convenience. I have used the Riverside facility for stuff we can't recycle in Falmouth, and it's a miserable experience -- long drive, long wait in line, and relatively high cost.
36	Have you ever been to Riverside?

9A	MAINTAIN THE WOODS ROAD TRANSFER STATION
37	I am surprised to see that closing the Transfer Station would save just \$50,000. That being the case, the Transfer Station should remain. It is very important to me that toxic waste items be disposed of properly and recyclables get recycled. Wonder if there's an opportunity for more revenue at the Transfer Station: sell woodchips back to residents for mulch or fuel? Firewood? Other ideas.
38	I believe the Riverside facility is now intended for Portland residents only. Falmouth needs to be responsible for its own waste, and the Town needs to provide for residents. Otherwise, people just dump in other towns that have more open dumps, or worse, along roads or in woods.
39	I can't imagine that I, or anyone else, would drive to Riverside Recycling.
40	I consider this a good service for the town. and will prevent people from leaving these types of items along roads or at the silver bullets. I remember times in Falmouth when large items were left along some roads.
41	I didn't know about the \$5 permit. I'm afraid if it were more difficult to dispose of these items, people may dispose of them inappropriately.
42	I don't mind taking my own trash to the transfer station as long as you cut the fat on the consultant and other town offices. Sell Plummer Motz and get that back into the tax revenues.
43	I feel that the Woods Road Transfer Station is a valuable service for the town to maintain. It definitely keeps the neighborhoods and roads more clear of debris. A savings of \$50,000 is minimal compared to the value of keeping the Transfer Station opened.
44	I find the town transfer station to be an invaluable resource that provides tremendous convenience.
45	I run into more people I know at the Transfer Station than at Shaw's. What does this say about me? Our Transfer Station is neat, efficient and the epicenter of recycling in our town. Keep it. Besides, Riverside is a major trip for me.
46	I STRONGLY FEEL TNAT THIS IS A VITAL SERVICE FOR THE TOWN.
47	I think this is one service that the town should provide. We should not be taking our waste to some other town.
48	I think you can streamline services here. Eliminate curb-side leaf pick-up. Limit transfer station hours to those days and hours when you see most traffic. Check other towns, they have figured it out.
49	I think you need to keep the dump for now...i am in favor of eliminating silver bullets along rt. 1 and hannafor or curbside pick up. Could you cut back operating hours at dump? Friday or Saturday 9 to 4pm?
50	I USE IT ALL THE TIME AND IT IS VERY WELL MAINTAINED AND VERY CEAN.
51	I use the transfer station several times a month. It is a vital service that must be preserved.

9A	MAINTAIN THE WOODS ROAD TRANSFER STATION
52	I would rather see the Town look at it's administrative structure, for example the number of positions in the planning department (!), than consider closing the Woods Road transfer station. Since when do we need 4 planners?? I am not happy at all with the prospect of traipsing to Riverside to recycle or dispose of items. If you are looking for \$50K or more in savings, I think you need to look at the number of positions being occupied in town hall. Another example is the "Assistant Town Manager". That position just sort of appeared 2 -3 years ago with no discussion outside the walls of Mr. Poore's office. How about the two positions to manage the town's budget?? When did that change? Do we really need two positions? Keep the Woods Road Transfer station and look more closely at what it's costing us to pay for positions we quite possibly do not need.
53	if facility closed residents will dispose of waste in woods and roads.
54	if the savings were more (\$100K+) then I'd reconsider this opinion.
55	If we eliminate curbside trash/recycling pickup the Transfer Station on Woods Road becomes even more important to residents.
56	if we only save \$50,000. it's not wort closing this and if you do expect a lot more trash to find it's way in the woods, how much would be saved by not letting out of towners dump their recyclables in Falmouth,
57	If you closed the transfer station, you would have increased incidents of dumping hazardous materials on the ground by the lazy people. Keep it conveniently available and local and the watershed will be more protected from oil, gas, antifreeze, and trash bags will be less likely to contain the other hazardous materials stated above.
58	Important!
59	Increase cost of permit
60	Increase permit fee as well as have an annual flat fee for large items in addition to the per item fee. If it is calculated correctly, it should increase overall revenues to make the transfer station self sufficient.
61	Increase the \$5 permit fee
62	increase the annual access fee to \$10 or even \$15. there would be a fee assessed if i want to use the riverside station. the decision here is also impacted by the previous question - if you eliminate curbside you have to have the transfer station for waste disposal.
63	Increase the cost of a permit (I think people will pay \$20/year) and eliminate leaf pick-up (let people bring leaves to transfer station)
64	Increase the fee.
65	Increase the permit fee - annually.
66	Increase the permit fee.
67	Increase the sticker fee
68	Increase the yearly fee a wee bit. Stopping these services will only increase the trash issue that I already see here.
69	it is important to make it as easy as possible for people to dispose of hazardous waste or it may end up in their trash can.
70	It is the towns resposability to provide a sutible place to bring waste material. This keeps people from discarding it all over town

9A	MAINTAIN THE WOODS ROAD TRANSFER STATION
71	It would be nice if every two-three years the town offered a spring or fall clean up similar to neighboring towns.
72	It's already a pain in ass to sort out trash. Lugging it to Portland is even more of a pain, and I don't want to be dependent on Portland for this.
73	KEEEEEEEPPPP!!!!
74	Keep the transfer station available but consider doubling or even tripling of the fees or privatize the operation and receive a lease fee from the operator and the town is out of the business directly
75	Needed for lawn care disposal as well as recycling.
76	Needed for tree and shrub processing as well as trash and recycling.
77	Not a big enough savings to close this station.
78	Not enough savings to warrant closing it!
79	Not even an option - keep Woods Rd open.
80	Once annual curbside brush pick up should be reinstated regardless of its tax implications.
81	Please keep it open, PLEASE!!
82	Please keep this facility!
83	possibly cut some hours or things accepted
84	Problem for me is I have no way to haul trash to the transfer station.
85	Put a set of silver bullets at the transfer station where they can be monitored better for resident only use.
86	Reduce "pick-up" service (#4) and have the residents use the Transfer Station (I don't put anything at the curb, always go to the TS).
87	Restructure the fees at the transfer station. A \$5 permit is much too cheap. \$50 per year would be reasonable or \$5 per drop off.
88	Riverside is costly to the home owner that does his own yard work and a big inconvenience. Our transfer station is run to the top of its potential a job well done.
89	Riverside is not a problem in our location but surely would be to the greater population of FAL.
90	Riverside Price is High
91	Same thing, not either/or. You could increase the fee, decrease the hours, etc, etc.
92	The other options are even more inconvenient and probably more costly than the present regime at the town's transfer station.
93	The Riverside Recycling Facility in Portland is WAY too expensive. We should be able to drop off ALL items at the landfill.
94	The savings obtained by closing the Transfer Station are not impressive. The Transfer Station allows for the safe disposal of some difficult to dispose of items and materials. That's important to me. Can the Transfer Station considering generating more revenue perhaps through the sale of wood chips for mulch or fuel? Sell composted material? Other ideas. I like the Transfer Station!
95	The Town Dump should remain

9A	MAINTAIN THE WOODS ROAD TRANSFER STATION
96	The Transfer Station is helpful, but the Town should increase the sticker fee to something more meaningful (i.e. \$10 per year). The price per item noted above is adequate.
97	The Transfer Station is very convenient and without it people will find "creative ways" to dispose of their trash. I probably make 30 trips a year to the Transfer Station and don't want to go to Riverside to get rid of yard waste, cardboard, recyclables, Christmas trees, etc. The Transfer Station may be the closest thing that we have to a community center.
98	This is a hub where town residents do get to meet others in the Town.
99	This is a much needed service and should not be closed
100	This is a poor option with relatively little savings, consider all the driving to Portland... Find a better use or uses to generate monies..
101	This is a service that all in town use. Increase dump stickers to \$10 per year and cost for disposal of large items to cover costs.
102	This is a service that benefits all. Charge more for permits to access. It is too cheap to use.
103	This is an invaluable service
104	This is one of the town's best services even though it has its limits compared to other "dumps" in Maine.
105	up the charge on lawn care services that use the transfer station as a place to dump either grass, trees, etc. The transfer station should be for personal use not commercial use. limit hours/days/weeks the transfer station is open.
106	We are not residents of Portland. Would we pay more than portland homeowners? I think our facility is convenient and worth the money
107	We need the transfer station. I didn't even know the town did leaf pick up. How do I find out about that ?
108	We use this facility often. We would be willing to pay more than the \$5 fee.
109	What is currently being done with the funds collected from the residents when items are taken to the Transfer Station? Maybe the station should only be open 1 day a week, same as rubbish collection.
110	what would be the gain if the permit was increased to \$10.00? What would it cost citizens to use the Riverside Facility plus additional cost of gas to get there versus increasing cost at Falmouth station
111	Why not charge people to use the transfer station (in addition to the \$5 permit)?
112	Wonder how much of the money collected really goes to the town. There is no accountability when you drop off waste and have to pay for it. No standards- they guess at how much they should charge you. You really think that money goes to the town, or stays in their pocket??
113	Woods Road is a major convenience and keeps the town clean. Without it, there would be much more illegal dumping. If necessary, up the basic dump permit to \$10.
114	Worthwhile

9B	CLOSE THE WOODS ROAD TRANSFER STATION AND DIRECT RESIDENTS TO USE THE RIVERSIDE RECYCLING FACILITY IN PORTLAND (ESTIMATED SAVINGS \$50,000)
	Please add any comments you have on this service
1	a tough decision, but times ar tough
2	Again, save the money.
3	Close only if Falmouth Residents would be allowed same services now in place at Woods Road Transfer Stn
4	I think consolidation in this area is necessary given the financial shortfalls
5	if Riverside facility does the same thing, do it regionally
6	It is easier for me to go to Riverside than to use the 2-step process in Falmouth of first obtaining a permit, then going to the Transfer Station.
7	Many residents already do not get leaf pick-up (e.g. anyone who lives on a private road). Is this fair?
8	Often when bringing items to dump I have 1 or 2 it's that need to go to riverside too
9	The services at Woods Road is so limited that I find not worth my time to use it. I always bring my items to Portland even though there is a fee. Woods Road is generally a hassle even when they accept the items.
10	These are challenging times and driving to the Riverside Facility to save money strikes me as a reasonable way to save money
12	We might go to Woods Road once a year. MNaking the longer trip to Riverside would not be a big deal.
13	With the hours so limited and the type of goods accepted reduced, we have begun using the Riverside facility instead, and we compost our leaves now.
14	Would Portland accept this responisibility?
15	You can save more than 50 thousand if you close this facility.

9C	WOODS ROAD TRANSFER STATION: DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION/AM NOT AWARE OF THIS SERVICE
	Please add any comments you have on this service
1	How about increasing the cost so the facility breaks even. A pay-as-you-go option?
2	How about instituting temporary dumping fees for using the woods road site.
3	I never use this facility.
4	While I'd like to see the cost savings, if the station closes, I would be concerned recycling and proper disposal of hazardous waste would decrease

9D	WOODS ROAD TRANSFER STATION: NO RESPONSE
	Please add any comments you have on this service
1	I live in a condo with trash collection.
2	I would suggest Saturday and Sunday operations only and close it during the week.
3	Increase permit to use transfer station to \$20.00 per year and bulky waste to \$25.00 - 30.00
4	Lease the transfer station to a private company.
5	We don't go there.

Q10: Please rank the Town services listed below from most important (1) to least important (6). Note: Only one response per column is permitted. No joint or even ranking of services is possible.

- **Maintain METRO bus services in Falmouth**
- **Maintain open space acquisition funding**
- **Maintain local public safety dispatching services**
- **Maintain curbside trash collection**
- **Maintain curbside recycling collection**
- **Maintain the Woods Road Transfer Station**

10	PLEASE RANK THE TOWN SERVICES LISTED BELOW FROM MOST IMPORTANT (1) TO LEAST IMPORTANT (6)
	Please add any comments you have on this service
1	Again, so long as there is no new taxes
2	Arer these really the only six places that we could possibly ring a few dollars out of? It seems there may be much more wasteful spending than the items addressed in this survey.
3	ask town workers to take on additional duties/ work more hours/same pay a la standard practice in private business
4	At a little over 10 bucks a month, these seem good value for a well-organized, resident-friendly town.
5	bags are already expensive enough. and, with bi-weekly recycling, residents are less likely to recycle.
6	BiWeekly trash collection. BiWeekly Recycling.
7	Bus service benefits specific stakeholders, rather than town at large.
8	Bus service is important.
9	Caveat is that the public safety response times stay the same or improve. If the quality of the public safety dispatch response were to decline, I'd prioritize keeping local dispatch #1.
10	Combine jobs with the school and the twon office where it can be done. Cut consultant fees! In today's world it can't be business as usual!It's gone on to long.
12	Curb side trash collection
13	Cut numbers 4, 5, and 6. Change curbside trash collection to every two weeks rather than every week.
14	Cut the school budget. It is significantly higher than the town budget. There are cuts to be made there that could offset cuts to town services.
15	Depressing to think of eliminating any of these!
16	Do not abdicate your leadership responsibility to a choice menu. Sometimes you need to educate the town as to how things fit differently according to your vision and strategy for the town- that is your job - and we want you to do that.

10	PLEASE RANK THE TOWN SERVICES LISTED BELOW FROM MOST IMPORTANT (1) TO LEAST IMPORTANT (6)
17	Don't cut things that serve individuals and push the cost onto them i.e. brush collection. Regionalize everything possible to eliminate every little community duplicating effort; it's time to get over that parochialism. Cut unnecessary administration. Control the school budget; we need trash collection and maintaining the rural character more than we need high school football. Put everything possible online.
18	Don't move town hall.
19	Dump metro and open space. Both should be 6es
20	eliminate sidewalk plowing by fox maint.
21	encourage recycling, decrease trash p/u to biweekly with the recycling
22	For curb side recycling to be effective we need the large receptacles such as Cumberland.
23	For some reason, the survey buttons on my p.c. did not show up
24	Good idea to prioritize these!
25	Having lived in town nearly three years in my recent go round, I think the town is well run, but I do think we can take our own recycling, and even trash to the Center. I believe we have been aggressive in acquiring open space and can now afford to slow down.
26	how many people use bus? it may create hardship for some trying to do the right thing.
27	I believe the bus service should be continued if there are people using it. We always use our own cars so are not using the bus.
28	I don't like the way that the answers are set up because if answer a dislike a service in a low importance you cannot answer another one in the level because it eliminates a prior one with the same possible answer.
29	I have lived here all my life, please don't make changes!
30	I have recycled for years. Hate the silver bullets because seems no matter when I would go they were overflowing, plus people would leave not recyclable materials outside the bullets. Love the curbside recycling, long overdue. I believe more people are recycling due to this service. The only way to improve it would, be to have it weekly. I would also like the tall trash bins for my recycling. Would be nice if the haulers wouldn't through my containers in the street or so close to the street. I often come home from work and it's amazing by bins don't get hit my cars.
31	I hope the town makes decisions about these services with a lot more information than listed here.
32	I think we need to look at cutting benefits and possibly salary for city employees. If the rest of the residents face it why should city employees not feel the crunch
33	I wish I could have voted Open Space, Curbside Recycle, and Maintain Dispatch as all least important.
34	I would have ranked open space and bus service both at #5 if I could have!
35	If I lived closer to a bus line, I might feel differently about the bus service.
36	If safety is not the most important and open space is, let me know, because I'm moving.

10	PLEASE RANK THE TOWN SERVICES LISTED BELOW FROM MOST IMPORTANT (1) TO LEAST IMPORTANT (6)
37	In regards to trash/recycling and the transfer station I think it is very important that all three are not eliminated. If curbside pickup is eliminated then the station should remain. However, if curbside pickup continues, then the station could be closed.
38	Increase fee at transfer station to \$25 per year for each permit
39	Land acquisition, while very important, should be postponed IF possible.
40	maintain curbside recycling or keep the silver bullets. this is a duplication of services. nice? yes. necessary? no.
41	Number 1,2,4,5 are least important. Why are you forcing me to rank them otherwise?
42	One consideration - If th Curbside trash collection is eliminated, the Woods Rd Transfer station may need to be open more hours to accommodate people needing to bring their own trash
43	People want to help what can we do to help use these services and help pay for them through use. How can they make money for us????
44	PLEASE don't sacrifice our children's future open space for the short term goal of balancing a budget! Let's look more into the future than 1-2 years!
45	Please put the education budget on the table. Our level of school services is ridiculous.
46	Save money by not having so many elections. In terms of town services, I pay for my own street plowing, water and sewer maintenance and have never had kids in the Falmouth schools. Please don't increase my taxes for trash services.
47	see previous questions; also, i would suggest that prioritization include re-funding prioritization in the (hopeful) event that funding levels return somewhat (eg - car excise taxes collected.)
48	Should have Fire & Police offices in the same building and share staff.
49	silver bullets are very important. More of them are needed.
50	Some of this is comparing apples to oranges. Should not have put this as a ranking, but instead allow true opinion of what people think are important.
51	Survey only allows a ranking, however based on the question responses, each service save maybe the Metro bus and dispatching, are equally critical to me.
52	Take the trash to the dump. I have lived in this town my whole life. I have never used curbside, period. This was just another so called benefit for lazy people who should support the jobs at the transfer station. The fact that we have the luxury of this station is overlooked by many. I do not think people want to travel to Portland, I don't. Curbside creates spending money with outside town service. Keep the jobs in the town as much as possible.
53	The bus is a total waste of taxpayer funds.
54	The results of this question will be invalid as it might appear that some questions are high when someone MIGHT of chosen 6 for all!
55	THE TRANSFER STATION DOES A GOOD SERVICE. IT KEEPS LAND AND ROADWAY CLEAN OF TRASH.

10	PLEASE RANK THE TOWN SERVICES LISTED BELOW FROM MOST IMPORTANT (1) TO LEAST IMPORTANT (6)
56	The wording of the questions on the previous pages are disappointing and short sided. It seems the question focus on dollars and cents instead of acknowledging how the current services are benefiting the community. I understand changes need to be made. The question what will serve the us now and in the future. What does Falmouth look like in 20 years. I hope it doesn't look like anywhere USA. Conserve, recycle and tend the people- all for future generations. In response to Question 2 below- for an extra \$155 dollars a year, or 13 dollars a month. Yes, increase our taxes and make some minor adjustments. Seems like a no brainer.
57	There are several that I would rate a 6 least important: 4,5,6 None are critical and not worth a tax increase.
58	This is difficult, but I have tried to think fairly, not merely as changes will affect me personally. If I thought another minute, I might reevaluate. They all are valued services.
59	This is hard to do based on not enough information.
60	This is not an accurate way to decide what is important or not. You should be able to rank all ways, if you don't want any of these items then we should be able to vote that way.
61	This is unfair because the other items deserve a vote
62	Times are tough for everyone! Make the cuts if need be. Look to the schools 1st and foremost to cut spending!
63	To repeat my earlier comment: I favor the dispatching service consolidation with other towns, but need to know more. That is an area where significant savings can occur with little loss of actual service if done right.
64	Trash and recycling ought to be an inseparable pair. If curbside recycling pickup ceases, many residents will just toss it in with their trash.
65	Trash collection far exceeds the other priorities. But, I'd trade them all, and endorse property tax increases, to maintain education funding.
66	We should be able to rank the services equally. I don't necessarily think that one service outranks another.
67	Where is the option to reduce excessive operating costs of School Buildings and Excessive funding of schools.
68	Why are these the only services under consideration?
69	why are you not asking about cuts in police? going to county police would surely save money. What about reducing public works budget, reducing planning budget, etc.
70	WHY can't I have more #1's if that's the way I feel? I don't call this a fair ranking system...
71	why do we need 2 police dogs and police motorcycle? Cumberland county sheriff should maintain a shared dog, get rid of the motorcycle. Cut back hours in town hall AND reduce salaries. The REAL savings is in the schools. You should not look at reducing municipal service or raising taxes without first trimming a couple percent off the school budget
72	YOU CAN'T CLICK 1 FOR EACH ITEM OR 6 FOR EACH ITEM. YOU CAN'T HAVE 1 FOR THE FIRST ITEM AND 1 FOR ITEM 3. WHO'S THE IDIOT THAT WROTE THIS PROGRAM? NONE OF MY ANSWERS ARE RIGHT THESE ARE ONLY THE CIRCLES I COULD CHECK!

Q12: Do you have any other suggestions you would like the Council to consider in its 2010-11 budget process?

12	DO YOU HAVE ANY OTHER SUGGESTIONS YOU WOULD LIKE THE COUNCIL TO CONSIDER IN ITS 2010-11 BUDGET PROCESS?
1	"Private roads" should not be allowed in Falmouth. All the rest of us are paying for part of the services they receive such as police, rescue, etc. Those people should pay more for services, unless they allow Falmouth people to walk on their roads safely for exercise.
2	1. Limit trash collection every two weeks 2. Collaborate with neighboring towns for some services !! 3. Hold off on buying more land for public use 4. Combine fire chief and police chief into one (1) position 5. Top shoveling the tennis courts in the spring and blowing leaves in the fall. 6. Patrol the Falmouth Rd, Allen Ext, Middle Rd in the early morning and write tickets to all the speeders. Many many cars are speeding between the hours of 4-6 am. 7. Increase taxes on businesses in town that employ more than 10 people. Will a list of the suggestions be posted on the town website ? That would be nice.
3	A review of administrative positions, respective roles, and salaries should be part of an examination of town services, and definitely should be part of this discussion.
4	Acquiring land to create a second road and exit route for the new school campus to ease congestion on Woodville Rd.
5	Again, please spend less
6	Again, there are so many other wasteful spending items in town. Why are only these six being mentioned?
7	Agree to re-instate cancelled programs when receipts return to X in future years.
8	Also, should we be maintaining a school bus service. Looks like alot of kids are being dropped off or driving their own cars to the schools.
9	Amount of trash at silver bullet site is disgusting. Eliminate them and residents can use curb side recycling or transfer station. Non-residents can go elsewhere.
10	Are there any citizen volunteer activities that would reduce costs?
12	Are there any costs to be cut regarding the Harbor Master position and Town Landing, particularly given the short season it is used?
13	As a newer resident, we have yet to attend a Town Meeting, which once we do attend, we feel we would be in a better position to comment.
14	As noted, education is the critical priority. Our taxes have declined in recent years, and an increase would be a valuable investment.
15	Audit snowplowing. Too many runs when there is no snow on the ground succeeding only in filling in everyone's driveway and mailbox.....
16	Be bold and wise. Do not fear to question practices but don't go back to the past - move forward progressively. Approach it as ONE town. The solutions have to affect all stakeholders: users, employees and taxpayers.
17	Be thrifty but wise!
18	Bi-weekly recycling pick-up is not enough; I always have to take my recycling to Bucknam Road anyway, or risk having it overtake my garage. I would rather see this service increase to a weekly pick-up OR be eliminated entirely. Either way, please maintain silver bullets on Bucknam Road, which are essential.

12	DO YOU HAVE ANY OTHER SUGGESTIONS YOU WOULD LIKE THE COUNCIL TO CONSIDER IN ITS 2010-11 BUDGET PROCESS?
19	Bring back 5 day kindergarten, I am very disappointed in the 2 1/2 day schedule. No other towns in the greater Portland area do this. My children will be going elsewhere for kindergarten. As a former teacher of this age group this program is an insult and a joke to falmouth parents.
20	Bring back once annual brush pick up!
21	Can't take tax increases..have to look for ways to cut expenses. good survey.
22	Challenge all departments to cut their budgets. Since we are building a new school the Police & Fire depts. should have been moved to Lunt School, and not built the new station. The town hall should be sold perhaps to the Fal. Congo Church so the maintenance and operating costs are eliminated to the Town.
23	Change all trash and recycling to bi weekly.
24	clean up of marina area
25	Close the town hall and consolidate town hall personnel/administrative functions with either the school system or neighboring town, (ie., Cumberland) or county. With all of the various options of administrative functions available online (and I assume that options will continue to grow), there is no reason we can't join efforts and functions with our neighbors, or school system and/or County.
26	Compared with how much is spent on ephemeral and 'special interest' items such as high school sports, preserving the environment of Falmouth--through public transportation, recycling, and open space aquistion--seems a relatively cheap way of making a permanent difference in EVERYONE's quality of life.
27	consider consolidation of police and public services with Cumberland sell unused properties raise mooring fees
28	Consider elimination of school lunch program. Substitute vending machines and/or lunch from home.
29	Consider having a post office for the Town of Falmouth.
30	Consider printing only limited number of community programs booklets. Send a postcard with link to online version; keep some at town hall for people who don't have access.
31	Consider raising commercial rates at the Transfer Station.
32	consider reducing number of police officers and the school resource officer
33	Consider reducing the plowing / sanding of neighborhood roads. We can deal with snow <4 inches, so we don't need the plows out every time there's a little bit of snow. I would be interested in knowing the cost of plowing a 2-inch snowfall in Falmouth. Savings could fund some of the other matters discussed here.
34	Consider reductions in major portions of the budget. All of these services appear to sum to less than 1% of the budget.
35	Consolidate and eliminate administrative and managerial duplication wherever it exists in town government, public safety, and the schools.
36	Consolidate school and town government financial and personnel management
37	Consolidate with MSAD 51 or another local district. School costs are far too high.
38	Continue emphasis on less dependence on automobiles. This must include all options, including public transportation and safe walking access to town center and Portland.
39	Contract with City of Portland for Fire/EMS coverage

12	DO YOU HAVE ANY OTHER SUGGESTIONS YOU WOULD LIKE THE COUNCIL TO CONSIDER IN ITS 2010-11 BUDGET PROCESS?
40	Could trash collection be made every other week or every third one?
41	Could you consider charging more to use the bus to those who ride it? Perhaps charging a little more for trash bags to pay for curbside recycling, etc.
42	Cross training for Town employees with an added benefit for doing so.
43	Cut back on sporting field improvements. Charge more for Transfer Station stickers.
44	Cut back the numerous times that the roads are snowplowed each storm.
45	Cut education costs
46	Cut school funding, cut metro, and open spaces. start working on reducing taxes and business recruitment to Falmouth
47	Cut school funding.
48	Cut school sports, arts, french. Limit hours at library. Shut lights off early at tennis courts.
49	cut spending on town employee benefits
50	cut taxes now! this survey seems to address maybe 10-15% of the town budget...perhaps less, which means you aren't interested in my other opinions??? get rid of the Harleys. stop building such fancy schools. close town hall one afternoon and substitute an evening.
51	Cut the budget and do not increase property taxes.
52	cut the FAT OUT!
53	cut the school budget !!!! A ping pong club ?? wtf?
54	Cut the school budget.
55	Cut the waste in the school department and Parks and Recreation!!!!
56	Cut your consultant fees! For one, eliminate the ombudsman position! Save 50 grand and put it towards trash, public safety or curb side. We have enough open space. Bring in tax dollars and sell Plummer Motz! Enough is enough!
57	Delay the construction of the new elementary school. The council should look and see if there are employees that can be terminated or furloughed. Private businesses are often forced to look at ways to become more efficient and do more with less. My observations of town employees over the past 5+ years in Falmouth leads me to believe that is not a priority of the town.
58	Do a better job at recruiting new businesses for Falmouth Shopping Center to raise revenue.
59	Do away with the 2 cars bought for the town to use for official use.
60	Do not cut the library budget
61	Do not increase our property taxes!
62	Do not increase taxes
63	Do not increase taxes - more cuts in school budget

12	DO YOU HAVE ANY OTHER SUGGESTIONS YOU WOULD LIKE THE COUNCIL TO CONSIDER IN ITS 2010-11 BUDGET PROCESS?
64	Do not sell Plummer School and the gym. (Don't care about the Motz part) Don't be in rush to get rid of it, before fully thinking it though. You need to listen to the people who have lived here the longest and have vested interest in the town. Not the people who just moved here and will be gone in another couple years!!
65	Do permanent repairs to Blackstrap Rd Extend Portland Water District to residences on Blackstrap Rd
66	Do we need to sit on so much cash? Is it related to our bond rating? Reducing Town Hall hours was a good idea! Besides dispatching, what else can we regionalize or combine with the school district? Asking the town service questions in isolation from the school budget is doesn't represent the true situation. How do citizens feel about these expenditures in the context of school funding?
67	Do you ever have any "coffee and cookie" get togethers where the residents can meet the council members and get to know them? I don't mean a town hall thing where business is discussed, but a purely social affair where the members wouldn't feel they are 'one the spot' or "in the hot seat".
68	Don't get rid of dispatch!
69	Don't move town hall yet, slow down on elementary school moving.
70	Don't plant a garden on the new school roof. Stop spending so much on the school system.
71	Downsizing town staff/departments. Combining some school + town positions.
72	Education is important, high expense/liability athletics such as football, are not. I feel no obligation as a taxpayer to be funding such a program.
73	eliminate brush and leaf pick up eliminate a police officer reduce hours at town office simplify building inspections
74	Eliminate expenses for "beautifying" such as putting in nicer sidewalks, or landscaping. Be more conservative on spending
75	Eliminate letters reminding people of car registration renewals. Do it by email only.
76	eliminate sidewalk plowing as sub contractor ruins streetside flower and fauna.
77	Eliminate the town police force and use the county sheriff the way other towns in this county do; eliminate the town library since it is obsolete; make the town landing self-supporting by charging adequate mooring and parking fees; eliminate the Metro bus subsidy; charge for parking at all town-owned facilities and all town-sponsored events; eliminate the town planner and code enforcement offices since they are merely tools of local real estate developers/speculators; regulate bicycles and bicyclists the same way the town does cars/trucks and their drivers (require licenses, annual registrations, proof of insurance, annual inspections, annual excise taxes)
78	Eliminating a service is drastic, down sizing less. I prefer downsizing which could be a temporary situation. Young people can go to silver bullets for instance, but it would be very hard for a senior citizen to do same. Public transportation, however, is essential for many reasons...too numerous to mention and which all of you are fully aware.
79	Encouraging and demanding people rise to assist the town in order to prevent raising taxes is in order. We all need to be more involved.
80	Enlarge the Town Landing.
81	Evaluate bus transportation so that each bus carries a mostly full load (have noticed empty buses coming & going from Mackworth Island.

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82	Every other year brush pick-up would help out and save the community money overall. Its much more efficient than tons of separate trips by citizens. Even if its higher taxes.
83	Every person in business is faced with more demands and less resources. How come it's only government that considers it an all or none proposition. Why are we building a 38 million dollar school? Why can't furlough days or decreased hours for some of these services be considered? How about increased efficiencies?
84	Examine the commercial property tax system and its revenue generation. Encourage, through optimized tax/fee/incentive structure, businesses to stay in existing locations or within Town of Falmouth, or to locate in the Town of Falmouth.
85	Falmouth dispatch is one of the few small towns to still have their center. I am highly against CCRCC. Westbrook Communications would be a better fit if consolidation is upon us.
86	Find other ways to raise revenue other than property taxes, increase fees for other services
87	Fully fund education.
88	Get rid of Metro. Keep trash and recycle pickup. Expand the transfer station hours and utility.
89	GET RID OF THE METRO BUS!!!!!!!!!!
90	Go to every department head including schools and tell them you need a 2% reduction.
91	Good luck!
92	Great idea to have a survey. Both sides of each question should be discussed in a forum,,,,perhaps on line, or in the Forecaster so that property owners are aware of angles they may not have considered. The more information they have the more likely they will thoughtfully respond to the survey.
93	Have the people that have kids in school that play sports do pay to play!
94	Help the school district, it's our lifeblood.
95	HOLD on the budget -- there is plenty to trim if you look.
96	hope the liberal lawyers on the council can do the right thing. NO TAX INCREASE, STOP SPENDING OUR MONEY ON LIBERAL IDEAS.
97	How about charging non-residents to park at Mackworth Island? Not sure if that is Falmouth or state. Also Town Hall hours should be shifted. Have at least one weekday where they are open like 10-7 or something. Thanks. Good luck. Basically all I care about is school and trash. Funny combination. :o)
98	How are energy conservation measures going, and how are they incorporated here.... I'll try to track down myself, but I would be interested in knowing of the comprehensive plan, but I admit, I have not gone to seek this out, YET! so disregard this if indeed is well underway.
99	How much would be saved cutting back hours of the transfer station, library etc? Town hall being closed Fridays was initially inconvenient but now is no sweat.
100	I am a supporter of education - however I believe that the town needs to look at the cost of the non-educational dollars included in the education budget funded by the tax payers is being spent.
101	I am very surprised that a rather upscale police station was built in light of the economic times...how much are we paying for that?

12	DO YOU HAVE ANY OTHER SUGGESTIONS YOU WOULD LIKE THE COUNCIL TO CONSIDER IN ITS 2010-11 BUDGET PROCESS?
102	I assume you are trying to cut costs. Cut salary and benefits too. If the residents are suffering they cannot afford to support the city employees like they did in the past. Dont borrow money. Find ways to stimulate the economy by creating jobs. Federal (state) money is not free money-this comes from residents taxes--dont waste it . Be conservative, dont borrow money, if we cannot afford it today, then we wait until we can. Dont borrow money. Dont borrow money. Need I say it again.
103	I believe the Town Hall is getting overstaffed. Especially in planning and code enforcement.
104	I commend the public works department and the work that they do. I do,, however question the common sense in the "scorched road" policy that we seem to have during the winter. I have watched the crews being called out many times to plow,salt and sand when the amount of snow is minimal. I wonder why all of the short dead end roads require sand and/or salt being put down on the entire road after every storm. How much money is spent on overtime pushing back the snowbanks on a weekend when it can wait until a regular workday. I question the wisdom of putting in a sidewalk on Gray Road where I have seen very few pedestrians when we have students who could walk or ride their bikes to school if we had safe sidewlks on Falmouth Road.
105	I do not believe that the services listed in this survey represent the only method of savings for the town.
106	I do not want property taxes to go up, so would sacrifice even the transfer station to keep a net zero on taxes. It's time to tighten belts, not raise any cost to taxpayers.
107	I don't know how much response you get to thee surveys, but I think they are a good way to get citizen participation.
108	I feel a lack of community gathering places in Falmouth. I wish Falmouth had more to offer families with young children. No playgrounds, no pool, no community center.
109	I feel the Falmouth Memorial Library provides important services for the town residents--adults, children and businesses alike. Their Friends group already supports the library in many financial ways, and the library uses the services of numerous volunteers to maintain their programs and services. I would like to strongly suggest that the library budget remain the same or get cut as slightly as possible.
110	I have been a resident of Falmouth for six years. It is a wonderful place to live but I would make a couple of constructive points with respect to the use of my tax dollars. I do not have children in the school system and therefore other than trash pickup I get very little from the town in relation to my outlay. The condition of many of the town roads, Falmouth Road in particular, is deplorable. The town office is closed on Fridays which appears to benefit the employees not the residents and we do not seem to have any fiscal constraint when it comes to the school budget. It is purportedly one of the best in the state and that is a good thing but it is a public school not private. When I read recently that the sailing team was in New Orleans for a compitition I wondered if that is a tax funded sport. If so let's get grounded. I hope you take this critisizm as it is intened, constructive. You should be able to make cuts in local government including the schools by using a reasonability test and putting the citizens and their hard earned money before sacred cows like open space purchases and saving unnecessary town positions. Thank you for listening.

12	DO YOU HAVE ANY OTHER SUGGESTIONS YOU WOULD LIKE THE COUNCIL TO CONSIDER IN ITS 2010-11 BUDGET PROCESS?
112	I note that the items on this survey are not considered essential; that's the stated criteria for their being on this survey. I think how our waste is handled is an essential function of town govt. these days. Alternatively, I would have liked to have seen some public works expense options. I wonder how much money is spent on our roads each year and wonder if there could be savings there.(Guess I could look at the annual report.) I find Falmouth to be the pavingest town I have ever lived in! Personally, I'm a fan of roads which make drivers think and slow down. The occasional bump and pothole is just fine with me! Our roads do not contribute much to our rural character! And while I'm at it, I wonder why we have to have double yellow lines on a rural two-lane road. Just makes our roads look like rural highways if you ask me. Costs more too!
113	I recommend that we not spend another dime on consultation for future capitol expenditures until this economy turns around.
114	I support the acquisition of land, but would prefer it be converted to use by the residents such as parks, hiking, etc.
115	I think Falmouth has done a good job of keeping costs under control. It is reassuring to see that the council recognizes the need to further reduce costs, as all of us have had to do. I am all for more user based fees. Falmouth should also look at using private school buses, and stop making pickups at every driveway. The kids can walk a couple of feet to reduce the number of stops.
116	I think in these "tight" times, any discretionary, additional spending for anything should be highly discouraged. Times are tight, tighten the belt, stop spending- ANYTHING extra. Unless it was budgeted for, as good as it seems- the taxpayers are the ones that lose.
117	I think savings should be considered within the school district.
118	I think that the buses running 12 times a day is excessive and not helpful for the wear and tear of martin pt. bridge, and rt. 1
119	I think the islands in the middle of route one are just a nightmare. Having a turning lane in the middle of route one was so much more convenient. In the winter the snow bank melts during the day and at night it freezes making it an ice rink. Try taking a left hand from you driveway turn when it has not been plowed yet. Also when spring comes they blow all the dirt and leaves around the plants, what doesn't get picked up usually stays on the streets.They never come until after the street sweeper has done his job and I usually try to get the dirt off my grass onto the street before they come. I also sweep up a lot of the dirt into buckets and take it to the dump.It would be nice if they could come and do what they need to do to the islands and sweep the street after. Now we have all the dirt and leaves on the street after the fact. This happens every year. I called last year and told them to put a word into who ever it concerns that they should sweep the streets after the island are done. I think in the long run you could save a lot of money if they were removed and the turning lanes were put back. Also checked your records and see how many times the town has had to fix the sign near Andrews Ave & Greenway Drive because of a car or truck accident. I'm sure the plow drivers would be just happy to see them go. I know I would.
120	I think the town should just maintain its core infrastructure and cut back on some items that can take a back seat till the state and local economic situation gets better..

12	DO YOU HAVE ANY OTHER SUGGESTIONS YOU WOULD LIKE THE COUNCIL TO CONSIDER IN ITS 2010-11 BUDGET PROCESS?
121	I think this is getting too nit picky... If taxes need to be raised to make things work, then do it! The only services that have a direct impact of the residents are the dispatch and trash/recycling. If those are gone, what is the sense of paying taxes? Take away the "open space" monies and and spending the additional monies to become "green". It may save in the long run but right now there needs to be a limit on what the town is spending money on. From what I have been reading in the newspaper and hearing on the street, someone needs to rein in the spending going on at town hall.
122	I understand the concern about tax increase and I am just as concerned like everyone else but eliminating THESE services are not the answer. Demand every department head to go line by line and eliminate waste. Bottled water, coffee, excess telephone lines, use multi-function machines instead of separate copiers, printers and fax machines. Eliminate the excess vehicles and eliminate them taking them home. Go around and look at how many people have their own printers, special pens and office supplies. We are paying for things we don't need. Cut those budget items and they will have to look at other alternatives. Eliminate overtime. Do the police and other public officers/staff have to have uniforms that are dry cleaned? Why can't they be washed at home?
123	I would categorize most of the services covered in the survey as "core" services. I suspect that there are a collection of non-core (less important) ancillary budget items, which collectively could be cut to assist the town in maintaining core services while reducing the need to raise taxes.
124	I would examine the size of the public safety budget and whether what seems to be an ever expanding police department is really necessary.
125	I would like the council to make very conservative choices when it comes to spending over this next budget year. Maine is dealing with some tough times it is time to tighten the belt.
126	I would like to see a moratorium on collecting more money for land aquisition but save what we have. We do not need more playing fields.
127	I would like to see an analysis of how much our police force is costing as compared to other towns of our size and composition. It seems to me that in the 15 years I have lived in Falmouth that the police department's growth has otpaced that f the growth of the community!
128	I would like to see the schools play less of a role in the budgets in general; i.e. less emphasis on sports, and things like making parking lots for kids who should be taking the bus, more on simple, ethical citizenship. I also think that sidewalks are vitally important for busy roads, which is probably not in the stars, but it is a wonderful way to create and enable a true sense of community.
129	I would sell the Lunt and Plummer Motz land to the Ocean View Complex to expand and put them on the real estate tax roll.
130	I'd prefer to reduce school funding. I think we spend way too much on the falmouth school system.
131	If Doug Harris was still in office none of this would be an issue, he was more creative in financing than anyone else in this town.
132	If we have to do without, we'll do without. It's been done before and we can do it again. Tough times mandate creative, decisive and impartial choices. Perhaps, doing without will help to foster a truer sense of community with everyone helping each other rather than simply cutting another check. Stop the tax increase!
133	If we need to raise taxes, do it!

12	DO YOU HAVE ANY OTHER SUGGESTIONS YOU WOULD LIKE THE COUNCIL TO CONSIDER IN ITS 2010-11 BUDGET PROCESS?
134	I'M GUESSING FIRE, POLICE, AND HI-WAY BUDGETS HAVE BEEN GONE OVER AT SOME OTHER TIME, OR THEIR BUDGET IS FROZEN. FIRE AND POLICE SEEM TO ALWAYS TO GET WHAT THEY WANT, "IT'S SAFETY". THEY HAVE MUTUAL AID FROM SURROUNDING TOWNS AND ALL TOWNS TEND NOT WANT TO USE IT. IT IS NOT A SIGN OF WEAKNESS TO USE IT - IT COULD SAVE MONEY.
135	In this economy the council should look for ways not to increase expences, however, safety should not be jepordized.
136	Including teachers in Municipal Insurance Program. Change State laws.
137	Increase income by charging non-residents a LOT more than they now pay for mooring their boats at Falmouth. The current services, including the bus, curbside recycling, and open space acquisition, are extremely valuable, and reasonably priced, and it is fine to raise taxes to pay for them.
138	Increase mooring and parking fees ... charge Shaws for unused parking space.
139	Increase property taxes on non-residents
140	Increase tax base by not taking over anymore open space and selling lunt school property to Oceanveiw
141	It appears that there's been an effort to find a "need" for the Plummer Motz School rather than having a "need" and looking for a facility. Strongly recommend that town sell Plummer Motz facility and land for private use; apply proceeds to budget.
142	It doesn't seem these need to be either/or choices. Maybe trash and/or recycling could be done in collaboration w Portland, Cumberland or Yarmouth. Maybe trash could go to bi-weekly. Maybe more collaboration with Land Trust organizations could be sought for the open space acquisitions. I strongly recommend Falmouth work to be a leader in seeking and forming productive partnerships and collaborations with our surrounding community.
143	It is interesting to see the considerations being given, and also to see the estimated cost of each service on a per property owner basis. It would be useful if someone could prepare reports on these matters and email them to interested residents, or at least provide an RSS feed.
144	It's hard to believe there aren't other costs that could be lowered beside the elimination of services mentioned. Freeze salaries, for instance (lots of organizations have done this during the recent recession). Review # of town employees, etc.
145	Just a concept: Classify each budget items by a numerical grade. Example: 100 for police, fire & EMS. 10 for open space buying. Rank by necessity Eg: (100 to 70, 69 to 40, 39 to 0). Always fund the 100 to 70 items, look for modest cuts in the 69 to 40 items and only fund the 39 to 0 items when there are surplus funds in the budget
146	Just be proactive and cut everywhere. Do not be wasteful (eg. most residents drive past a recycling bin regularly..thus we have no need for curbside recycling and wasting natural resourses double driving).(eg TURN OFF LIGHTS IN PUBLIC BUILDINGS DURING THE DAY. I tried to turn some off in a public hallway the other day, and the switches were not even able to turn off ! WHY???)
147	Keep funding the library - a very important resource
148	Keep in mind the long term needs of our town in the midst of this budget crisis.
149	Keep it to the basics -- Fire, police, transfer station. In these times that's all that is necessary.
150	keep safety a priority. look at school expenses, Volunteer co-ordinator at the HS come on!!!

12	DO YOU HAVE ANY OTHER SUGGESTIONS YOU WOULD LIKE THE COUNCIL TO CONSIDER IN ITS 2010-11 BUDGET PROCESS?
151	Keep the spending on playing fields at a minimum
152	Keep up the good work.
153	Learn to do more with less. This is a fiscal lesson to live within ones means, even our Town.
154	Leave the Public Safety and Town Employees alone. They do this town a wonderful service.
155	lengthing the replacement time for police vehicles.
156	let the school committee know ahead of time that the board of selectpersons expect a zero increase increase in spending. also let them know that school class sizes are to small. (compare to cape elizabeth.) we know that means an increase in class sizes but still below state averages. this could easily eliminate @ 15 postions, but we need to stop drinking the cool-aid.
157	level of town employees , police, fire, administrative, etc..... what is the ratio of town employees to residents. How does this compare to 1970?
158	limit the school budget
159	Living on the Metro bus line, we see it often traveling empty or 1-2 people; also what is the wear and tear on Martin's Point Bridge(which is need of major structural repair)?
160	Look at increasing cost of yellow bags to defer recycling and trash pick up costs. Users should pay more. An across the board tax increase penalizes everyone. Consolidate dispatch with area towns but maintain service levels.
161	Look at other sources of revenue for the town - rental of facilities (schools), grants, donations, etc.
162	Look at the schools 1st because that's were most of our tax money goes!Police, Fire and Resucue are # 1 in my books.
163	Look beyond these particular items. A modest reduction in school spending would cover many of these services.
164	Look for grant moneies (such as CBDG) for businesses that can provide jobs that ultimately pay taxes and help broaden the tax base offsetting the burden on homeowners.
165	Look hard at better energy efficiency in existing municipal buildings, especially the schools!
166	Look hard at DPW. It is the most ineffiecent department in Town.
167	Maintain the Library as a budget priority; consider dog license fee increase to put toward open space (I am a 2-dog owner and would happily pay more to support open space); install traffic light at Woodville and Falmouth Rd. intersection with flashing yellow on Falmouth Rd. and flashing red on Woodville and timed as a regular green/yellow/red light during school day commute hours--eliminate need for police officer directing traffic.
168	Maintain the school quality and programs. This is what makes us a great town and without that, the town will fail in the long run.
169	Maintain town administrative, Public Works and Recreation services in Falmouth as was done with the school system. Combined purchasing of materials among adjoining towns is a good idea.
170	Make more of the services pay for themselves.
171	make some decisions
172	modest amount of new tree planting to make up for all the trees that have blown down or been taken down.

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173	More advertising of these types of surveys as to get the most inout possible.
174	No
175	no
176	No
177	No council or committee members should be allowed to lead development initiatives where they have a personal or professional conflict of interest. All conflicts need to be disclosed and managed whether the councilor's home value is affected by the project or h/she has the opportunity to bid on it.
178	NO INCREASED TAXES! School budget should not be exempt. Other personnel should be as vulnerable as the services questioned.
179	No new taxes!
180	No raises or step increases for any Town employees, union or non-union; elimination of Council stipends;consolidation of services; reduction in the number of police officers
181	No Tax Increase !!
182	No, but thank you for wrestling with these difficult issues.
183	No.
184	No.
185	No.
186	No.
187	Not presently,
188	Now the majority of older citizens support excellent schools in Falmouth. Cutting basic services such as the transfer station will in the long run undercut support for schools. Also, do not cut library funds. For those of us without kids in school, the library is the center of the municipality.
189	Obviously, maintaining dispatch for citizen safety is more important than curbside recycling or open space - and has less dollar amounts attached.
190	One area that comes to mind is Community Park and other open spaces or parks that the town maintains. I can only imagine the staff hours, equipment and fuel required to keep all the towns atheletic fields (other than school fields) in good shape. Also, the costs for various soccer nets/cages, and misc other accessories at Community Park mst be significant. Many travel teams use the park. Are fees being collected for the use of the fields and equipment or does Falmuouth foot the bill for this ammenity? Community Park is a true gem however user fees should be considered for organized sports, especially teams that are not local.
191	only offered a very narrow range of things to cut, total savings of only 700k. I think the concil should out some other services up for discussion, such as the ombudsman, council renumeration etc and see how the public feel about that.
192	Other than cutting serivices to the town residents are there other areas that the Council is looking at
193	Our police force is entirely oversized for a community of Falmouth's nature. These functions could easily be combined with Cumberland and/or Portland to provide adequate coverage at significant savings to all communities involved.

12	DO YOU HAVE ANY OTHER SUGGESTIONS YOU WOULD LIKE THE COUNCIL TO CONSIDER IN ITS 2010-11 BUDGET PROCESS?
194	Perhaps add more user fees or increase existing ones? Reduce cost of school sports programs and ask participants to pay a higher share of those costs. Look for savings where the big money is and stop nibbling around the edges with these questions on small items
195	Please consider other innovative solutions besides straight elimination of services
196	Please consider the increasing burden being put on town staff and say "no" to any new items or projects that do not have some plan for revenue generation. Asking staff to do more for less (4 day work week) is not going to be sustainable for very much longer. Get off the dime on affordable/workforce housing to help people who provide services be able to live and enjoy the quality of life here. Use sustainability benchmarks/indicators in all decision making.
197	Please consider undesignated fund to offset tax increase.
198	Please cut back on the salt use on the road it is so polluting I see every snow storm trucks putting salt on the road and the 1hr later another truck plowing the salt off and putting more down The rest of maine puts less salt just drive from Falmouth to a surrounding town and see the roads over the town line. I have lived in Falmouth for over 50 years my whole life and the only thing that would make me leave is the waste money (the taxes I pay) please cut back. There are so many families that move here to put there kids thru Falmouth schools and then leave after they have graduated to avoid the high taxes.
199	PLEASE don't sacrifice our children's future open space for the short term goal of balancing a budget! Let's look more into the future than 1-2 years!
200	Please fund the schools to the best of your abilities. They are getting hit hard, but should be our first priority.
201	Please increase taxes to maintain our current town services AND school budget. Poor planning in Augusta should not dictate our town character.
202	Please limit the moorings at town landing so as to protect our precious waterfront.
203	Please look critically at town employees. Do we really need all the police officers we have? Why do all these little towns have their own police forces? With more services on-line do we need as many people in the front office?
204	please pave the road all the way into community park. It is a shame to have such a nice facility and a terrible road to the last 2 fields.We also could use more parking in the park.add weekly recycling curbside.
205	please refer to my notes re: staffing lwevels...I woudl find it unconscionable to eliminate any teaching position unless a town-wide staff analysis is undertaken to determine the appropriate staffing levels for our town.
206	Plesase see my comments regarding the number of positions funded inside town hall. I think there are savings there because it appears we may not need as many positions as are currently occupied. I would like to see Open Space Acquisition preserved, and understand why that cannot be amended (even temporarily) to be funded through the town's fund balance rather than property taxes. Unless combining dispatch services is a dead horse for a variety of reasons, I think that needs to be pursued with renewed enthusiasm. What is happening with efforts to consolidate town services with Cumberland? Falmouth resolved to be a Cool Community, which included ramping up efforts to encourage recycling & responsible trash disposal. I would hope that resolution would be considered as decisions are made about curbside trash pick up & recycling and the Woods Road transfer station.
207	Plowing side walks

12	DO YOU HAVE ANY OTHER SUGGESTIONS YOU WOULD LIKE THE COUNCIL TO CONSIDER IN ITS 2010-11 BUDGET PROCESS?
208	Public Safety - Being an avid reader of the Falmouth Forecaster for many years, I can't help but feel that the town supports an overinflated police dept. for the amount of crime that occurs in our small community. I understand there are 2-3 patrol officers every shift and especially during the day there is a chief, a lieutenant, a sergeant, a detective and a DARE officer working along the 2-3 patrol officers. In most small communities in Maine the chief, the lieutenant or sergeant do the jobs of the patrol officers, thus reducing the manpower needed. If the police dept. was run more efficiently, then the budget could be greatly reduced. Make the dept. smaller.
209	Put the same limits on the School Budget
210	PWD: When I see 2 employees riding around in a pick-up, i.e. 2 people to refill sand bins (one to shovel and one to watch) or I see 2 or more employees at a local hamburger establishment driving a town pick-up, I question if anyone is watching the bottom line.
212	Quite frankly, appalled at the destruction of sports fields at H.S. There must have been a better solution at less cost. Also concerned with elementary kids on high school grounds.
213	Raise Mooring Fees. Raise Dog Tag Fees. Every little bit helps.
214	Raise the charge for non-resident moorings considerably!
215	Really would like to see cuts in Town Deptments where there seems to be unnecessary expenses/staff i.e. planning office/Comm. Development Office.
216	Recognize that grants from the Federal government require matching funds and therefore are not "free" and should be prioritized along with all other expenditures. Also, stop treating the school budget as a completely separate budget from the overall town budget. They are directly related.
217	Reconsider local funding add-on commitment to Middle School facility.
218	Reconsider school consolidation.
219	Reduce costs of operating the town offices. Cut Staffing. Reduce operating costs of facilities. Not waste any more money on new building that are nothing more than monuments to replace perfectly good facilities. STOP WASTING TAXPAYER MONEY.
220	Reduce number of committees and subcommittees which place undue demand on staff and outside consultants for studies that end with no decision by town leaders.
221	Reduce salaries of town employees.
222	reduce size of police force cut down on code enforcement requirements inspections consolidate police force with neighboring towns reduce the number of school administration staff reduce hours and staff at town office
223	Reduce spending on library and assessing.
224	Reduce the size of classes in the elementary schools so one or two teaching positions could be eliminated.
225	Reduce the size of the police force.
226	Reduce Town Hall Hours and Staffing
227	Redyce the education budget. Talking about these small items is nice, but there is an elephant in the room.
228	Regionalize services, there is far too much duplication of effort within a small radius.
229	Rent out the ice arena for revenue. Decrease overtime spending. Sell off unused property.

12	DO YOU HAVE ANY OTHER SUGGESTIONS YOU WOULD LIKE THE COUNCIL TO CONSIDER IN ITS 2010-11 BUDGET PROCESS?
230	revisit possibility of school consolidation,
231	Revisit all most recent budget additions of past several years to consider value.
232	Road maintenance.
233	School budget should be reduced!!!
234	School Costs...whoops crazy aunt in the basement.
235	School expenses constitute the largest part of the budget. They amount to over 70% of town expenditures. Increase class sizes, institute mandatory pay for play for all extracurricular activities. Require FEF to fund basics and not the extra's. Eliminate Kieve experiment and out of town field trips.
236	See notes regarding dispatching services
237	seek more private donations / volunteers to support open space.
238	Sell land.
239	Sell the Brown property on route 88.Can't believe you bought it in the first place!!!!
240	Sell the extra car's or trucks that sit idle at Town Hall or the Fire station.
241	Sell the Motz/Lunt property for private use to generate future tax revenue. Increase tax on former Shaws location on U.S. 1 to force current owner to sell/lease facility to new business Cut back on charters for buses to transport students to fieldtrips
242	Sell the Plummer Motz and Lund Schools. Drop the recreation Department. Stop the Harbor Committe from implementing the grid system, YOU DO HAVE THE RESPONSIBILITY TO CONTROL THE SCHOOL BUDGET
243	SHUT DOWN the recreation department. It is worthless!!!
244	Social Security benefits were flat funded this year and are likely to be next year - Please bear that in mind when thinking of raising taxes on seniors
245	Some increase for schools is acceptable, but the teachers' union needs to make sacrifice as well. This could be done in the form of no salary increase, or larger contribution to their increased cost of health benefits.
246	Spend less!
247	Stop issuing building permits.
248	Stop providing sewer & water & other utilities to new developments at Town expense. Developers should pay the costs.
249	STOP SPENDING OUR MONEY TO TAKE PROPERTY OFF THE TAX ROLLS! STOP MAKING STUPID COMMENTS ABOUT "MAKING BUSINESS OWNERS ON RT. 1 RICHER" REPAVE THE TOWN ROADS THAT ARE CRACKED AND COMING APART. WE WAITED 3 YEARS AFTER THE APPROVAL TO GET JOHNSON ROAD DONE AND NUMEROUS REPAIRS TO MY FRONT END. ALL THE WHILE YOU "LEADERS" WERE WASTING OUR MONEY BY BUYING LAND AND REDUCING THE TAX BASE! I'M USING CAPS BECAUSE I'M YELLING AT YOU!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
250	Stop spending our tax money. How does Johnson Road have a private contractor clear the sidewalk when we don't have sidewalks.

12	DO YOU HAVE ANY OTHER SUGGESTIONS YOU WOULD LIKE THE COUNCIL TO CONSIDER IN ITS 2010-11 BUDGET PROCESS?
251	Stop the Council from hiring consulting firms for feasibility studies every time they can't make a decision on an issue. The Council wastes more money trying to study how to do the right thing then just voting on the issues, which is doing the right thing, whatever the outcome.
252	Stop wasting time and money researching low income housing proposals (work-force housing).
253	street lighting-eliminate many as unnecessary plow less sand less
254	support managed development along Rte 1 to increase tax base. Consider one-time "resident contribution programs" through cell phone texts.
255	Survey Monkey is a great idea - well done.
256	Take a good hard look at the vehicles used by the town. Repair them instead of frequent replacement. They will last longer than you think. Mexico uses school buses for 30+ years. The vehicles manufactured in the last 5 years are quite durable if taken care of.
257	Take a hard look at the town properties for which an appraisal is being completed. Then ask yourselves if a town whose population is unlikely to grow significantly (how much developable land remains, and how many residential units will likely be built???) how much value can be realized if these properties are sold, AND ADDED TO THE TAX ROLLS. The proposed uses for these buildings should then be reviewed in that light.
258	Take a lesson form the vote in Mass on Jan 19. The voters are tired of out of control spending at every level of govt.
259	Take a more active role in general school dept. budgeting - esp. since this is a contract year.
260	take these as TEMPORARY until the economy improves...ya right !
261	Taxes need to be reduced not increased in current economic environment.
262	Taxes need to remain flat. 0% growth in taxes. Are you listening?
263	Thanks for the survey. I appreciate the opportunity to provide feedback.
264	The budget is multi millions;you are only proposing cuts that directly affect citizens. Some would push costs onto citizens. Our taxes are nearly \$5000 and we've lost our jobs and don't know how we'll pay them. These are difficult times. Share the pain with us. Cut everyone's hours back a little if necessary. Regionalize with other communities. Tell the state you don't have the resources to respond to every request for plans and paperwork.
265	The bus is a sound investment in smart growth.
266	The Council must address the cost per pupil for education. Specifically, the cost of administration.
267	The council should take over, manage and maintain all of the property and facilities paid for by taxes or generated by our tax base. The School Board should not be in the building, purchasing or maintenance businesses. They should be responsible for the actual education of the students and focused on that.
268	The fire department could use some cuts. Closing the barn in West Falmouth was one of the few things that has been done in right in a long time. I'm sure more cuts can be found in this department.
269	The geographical spread makes this difficult. Also, no included are things like town endorsed recycling and composting education, education/information on value of and use of open space, etc.

12	DO YOU HAVE ANY OTHER SUGGESTIONS YOU WOULD LIKE THE COUNCIL TO CONSIDER IN ITS 2010-11 BUDGET PROCESS?
270	The items we were asked to weigh in on are considered less essential than ones we were not asked to weigh in on. I think trash handling is pretty essential in Falmouth. I am curious about public works expenditures; are any of them up for negotiation? I ask because I have found Falmouth to do more paving/repaving/painting than any other place I've lived. I find this curious (and expensive?) as the roads look like rural highways (the 55 mph kind) in a town which prizes its rural/town character. It's my opinion that some bumps and imperfections are desirable; they slow folks down a bit, make them attend to their surroundings. What's with the double yellow lines on our town roads? Maybe it's a state standard, but it makes our roads look more like highways and I bet the paint costs a bit (a little bit, I'm sure). They don't even discourage passing!
271	The OceanView Retirement Community is the largest taxpayer in Falmouth and the complex and the town have always enjoyed a good relationship. In our publicity we are listed not simply as "OceanView" but as "OceanView at Falmouth" as we demonstrated recently when announced as a sponsor at the fifteen performances of the PSO's annual Magic of Christmas show. Among the attractions of OceanView we list to our prospective residents are the many super offerings available in the city of Portland. We brag that we have the best location of all the like communities in the state. But this very important feature is really available primarily to those who still drive - and there's the rub: as we get into our 80's and 90's and beyond, most of us must, later if not sooner, hand over our drivers licenses. No problem, we say, because Metro passes right through our 250-person community six days a week. The math is clear: Metro is important to OceanView; OceanView is important to the town. It follows that the continued service of Metro is a must for the Town of Falmouth.
272	The priority should be for life safety. Dispatch serves the police, fire and EMS departments.
273	The public works workers need supervision. Way too much wasted time!!
274	The residents of Falmouth have resoundingly voted for the preservation of open space for the 14 years I have lived here. I would urge the council to maintain the spending on open space, even if you need to drop it this year to \$100,000. The preservation of the land is vital over the long term. Please do not be shortsighted on this subject.
275	The school needs to manage their expenses. I have three children in the system and I am bothered by the whinning of some teachers - we are all in this together and we have to be resourceful and accept a little less.
276	the state revenue sharing was not intended to help the town with recycling. It is not clear to me why this was chosen as a service to cut. the email does not explain this well. What about education cuts. I assume the schools are cutting as well, but what is the balance?
277	The town of Falmouth residents pay extremely high taxes as it is for lesser benefits then most other surrounding or simialr communities. We should be working on reducing taxes and there are a few ways how.
278	There are other Town expenses that should be considered for cuts alongside those listed in the survey.
279	There should be a public forum to discuss this.
280	These seem like insignificant items, the budget is for 30 million and you have listed a few hundred thousand. You need to go after bigger things.
281	They should all resign. New Councilors should address the school budget. And they should make cuts and changes that will improve the education and not worry about getting re-elected.

12	DO YOU HAVE ANY OTHER SUGGESTIONS YOU WOULD LIKE THE COUNCIL TO CONSIDER IN ITS 2010-11 BUDGET PROCESS?
282	This may now sound silly but I would love the land fill to be open on SUNDAY. Mrs. Hopeful!!
283	This survey doesn't seem to include full range of services.
284	This was nice. I think anywhere we can cut is good, as we are ALL doing it at home!! The school could cut administrators, but I think this survey is separate from that.
285	Times are tough and I don't enjoy paying taxes, but someone (all of us) has to pay for the services.
286	Times are tough. Business all over town are cutting employees and expenses to match reduced revenue levels while passing little of it on to the life blood - "customers". the town must adopt a similar attitude. The school budget should be cut and or user fees instituted.
287	times are tough. not the time for higher taxes
288	To not raise property taxes at this time. People are hurting.
289	Top priority is open space and working with groups to ensure this continues ie. FCT
290	Town hall is over staffed, you could eliminate positions. When was the last time you put your financial audit out to bid?
291	Treat Falmouth like a biz that CANNOT raise revenues yet still n/t provide basics. Ask ees to do more/ same pay (lots of replacements avail) & prioritize/ get rid of nice to haves. Do not like it h/t/b either or. That is unacceptable rationale in tough biz world. n/t produce w/ same or less resources.
292	Try something other than taxes. EVERYONE'S revenue is down. Don't feel special.
293	utilize undesignated fund to cover any increase in tax
294	view administrative process and streamline to be sure task are not being touched several times before completion thus becoming more efficient and reducing time paid in wages.
295	We are blessed with a safe community, so don't need quite so much police protection. Town landing is a splendid resource, and should be upgraded with proper bathrooms.
296	We need to keep town expenses down in this economy. Reducing taxes should be the objective.
297	WE need to sell excess real estate to reduce the cost of maintenance and to help control debt.
298	What about cutting back on police dept? We have too many police cars and enough policemen hanging out at Waldo's on Rt. 1. Falmouth is pretty low on crime and murders.
299	What other fixed cost could be considered to lower costs
300	When the Town/School hires a new administrator, such as a Town manager or superintendent, teacher, ect. don't give them the same salary as the out going person.
301	when you get a prelim budget, when you've arrived at some answers to the previous questions, an opportunity for the public to review and provide specific feedback might be helpful. it might, for example, allow me to look at the way you've allocated funds and see the big picture and then ask final questions/offer input on the whole.
302	Why are schools off-limits? I think there is a lot of waste there.
303	why are we building another elementary school?
304	Why do we need 4 Toyota Prius's, all new pick up trucks, all new dump trucks, and so many police cars? We don't need all that.

12	DO YOU HAVE ANY OTHER SUGGESTIONS YOU WOULD LIKE THE COUNCIL TO CONSIDER IN ITS 2010-11 BUDGET PROCESS?
305	Why have comittee's outgrown town hall? Mission creep. Planning dept, CPAC, other comittees that take time and resources should be scaled back as well
306	Why no questions about parks and recreation? School recreation programs? Town landing & harbormaster? Seems like you have a pretty short list of things that may be cut or else the taxes go up.
307	Why not have this survey pertain also to the school depaartment? Is it a sacred cow?Are there any lots owned by the town that could be put up for sale to help bridge this shortfall?An independent job review for all services should be looked at? Are there any duplication of jobs between school and town that could be combined like the City of Westbrook is now doing? Should we look at revising schedules for the public works department so that they work 10 hour-4 day weeks and then revert back to 8 hor 5-day weeks in the winter? Consider leasing the Plummer School for now, this way there is income for the time being but you retain ownership if needed in the future. NO new programs without a dedicated source of funding so that it does not come out of the general fund.
308	Why was the school budget not included in this survey? They spend what appears almost freely. I have yet to hear a good reason as to why we had to move sports facilities across the streer to build a new school instead of putting the new school across the street. I think we need to tighten up the school spending.
309	Would like the opportunity to provide input on other areas of the budget (e.g. public works, schools, town office)
310	Yes abolish the town government and all town run services in favor of a county system. I know it's a foreign concept, but there is economy of scale available to us. Did we really need a bomb-proof police station? The absurdity of this decision making would be funny if I didn't have to pay for it. Instead what we get are more speed traps around town to pay for the moronic Taj Mahal bomb-proof police station.
311	Yes, I do. You present this as though raising taxes or maintaining services are the only two options available. How about maintaining services with less resource? That is what businesses are faced with every day. Cut waste, ask employees to work more hours for the same pay, forgo the fancy new boat or truck, put less salt on the roads. I am dead serious about this. Nearly anyone in business has been told they need to do more than last year while being handed a budget that is less than last year's. Employees should be thrilled to have jobs, and my guess is they are treated very, very well with pay and benefits compared to other towns. And if we must cut services, let's prioritize what is most important...like you are doing with this survey.
312	Yes, please raise taxes if required to maintain the high quality of our school system
313	yes, please think about what you want the town to look like in 20 years. It is easier to be short sided for immediate results then to make hard choices for the betterment of Falmouth's future. Be progressive, be a leader and model for other communities.
314	Yes, though perhaps insignificant in nature. How about some around the edges of slash and deadwood around McGregor Cemetery on Falmouth Road, and Merrill Cemetery on Winn Road, both have Revolutionary Soldiers and we might spend a few hours doing this out of reverence. This writer does the "floral" planting at McGregor each year and the plantings around The Monument in the Pines that honors the men of New Casco who manned Fort New Casco!
315	Yes, you can always tell good government by the quality of the roads. A towns number 1 priority is maintenance and repairs and infrastucture. Not aqiring real estate or busing people. Also the town does not need a police station with so many personal and vehicles, there is no crime wave here to justify it.

12	DO YOU HAVE ANY OTHER SUGGESTIONS YOU WOULD LIKE THE COUNCIL TO CONSIDER IN ITS 2010-11 BUDGET PROCESS?
316	Yes. Consider lowering the school budget!
316	Yes. Eliminate 50% school administrative positions - no need!
317	You are on the right track but are looking at what to cut as opposed to the concept of zero based budgeting where you start with a clean sheet and build the budget from there.
318	You need to force the school board to look at it administrative cost. You have 1 elementary principal who is in charge of 2 grades making \$112,000. Come On! That needs to be cut.
319	You need to look to other cities and what they have come up with to save money.. appoint someone who can look into these options.

Q13: Do you think this survey was helpful for the Council in setting budget priorities?

13A	THIS SURVEY WAS <u>HELPFUL</u> FOR THE COUNCIL IN SETTING BUDGET PRIORITIES
	Please add any comment you have
1	Again eliminating these services other than excess space is not the answer. Cut the line items in the budget and the departments will have to comply.
2	All of these are great programs but in this economy you have to cut some of them or the short run
3	Appreciate the council reaching out to residents and providing an easy way to give feedback without having to attend meetings that may conflict with other activities.
4	Are there only these few categories of services that present any opportunities for cost reduction?
5	As long as, you make as many cuts in house and stop spending on consults/surveys! I want to afford Falmouth and remain here but it's looking like it'll be for the rich only!NO MORE TAXES!
6	AS WE GO IN TO THE FUTURE WE NEED TO PUT THE LUNT,MOTZ SCHOOL INTO TAXABLE PROPERTY TO FURTHER TOWN SERVICES.
7	At least they will be getting feedback from the residents. Hopefully the Council will use the feedback.
8	Be sure to publicize the results of this survey and refer to it at the Council meetings. Such publicity will encourage more citizens to take part in such surveys resulting in more responsive town government which is government that citizens will be more willing to pay taxes to support.
9	Choices are very limited - why not include survey on Town Departments?
10	Encourage school board to conduct the same type of survey!
12	Everyone wants the same things to make things work...
13	Excellent, thank for going us an easy way to voice our opinions
14	EXCELLENT !
15	Excellent way to keep the citizens informed and involved in this process. Please keep expanding the methods of contacts available to the citizens of Falmouth in key issues such as this.
16	Extremely helpful - thanks for asking my opinion.
17	Glad to have the opportunity to provide input
18	God bless the council for the time they devote to helping run this town. I appreciate giving feedback in this "21st century" fashion.
19	Good luck!
20	good survey
21	Good survey questions
22	Great idea and I appreciate the opportunity to voice my opinion!
23	Great idea to have a survey. Each home owner should be made aware of the surveys so that they can weigh in on how their property tax is spent.

13A	THIS SURVEY WAS <u>HELPFUL</u> FOR THE COUNCIL IN SETTING BUDGET PRIORITIES
24	Helpful as long as the results are actually used by the Council (!!!) and not avoided in favor of "politics as usual".
25	Helpful as long as there are enough responses to be statistically relevant
26	helpful for input. n/t how management balances \$\$ & priorities to see how helpful
27	Helpful only if they pay attention to the results.
28	Helpful only if you take the results as they come in.
29	Hope so, but wish there were more questions to talk about!
30	Hope so.
31	Hope they actually read these survey results and that many do the survey to help.
32	Hope to see the results.
33	However, we will see - If there are no cuts to the purchase of open space in this budget enviroment, this will be proved to have been a waste of time.
34	I am happy you are looking for citizen input to bolster your decision making before hand rather than reacting to decisions after the fact.
35	I appreciate an oppportunity to have my voice heard and considered. The population of elders is growing. We need options to maintain a balanced life along with the younger folks. We do contribute as tax payers.
36	i appreciate you reaching out to try and get a consensus.
37	I appreciate your asking!
38	I believe that Falmouth will do whatever it wants to do despite what the public wants. Maybe I am wrong, I hope I am but we shall see.
39	I certainly do hope so; I enjoyed being asked for my opinion. Thank you.
40	I don't really know but I appreciate being asked my opinion ----- and by the way I've lived in Falmouth since 1967 - way more than 25 years! Only left for 2 years to get married and return to raise my family. Three generations of the same same have lived and been raised in my house
41	I hope this is helpful to the council. I'm very glad and grateful for this opportunity to give my opinion. Thank you
42	I hope you listen to the residents. Take the new school yes its great the state is giving us millions to build a school when they are in the whole tax wise. But why did we have to build it 3 times the sq ft of what it is replacing , the tax payers of Falmouth are going to have to pay to heat it and maintain a building that is to big now let alone in a few years it will only need half the space.
43	I hope!
44	I liked the ranking & dollar-based questions just before this page. Much easier to think about "do I want this service, and how much will it cost". Thanks very much.
45	I think is very good that the town wasnt the input of the residents. My hope is that the town listens and heeds the wished of the residents.
46	I think this a better process than the public charettes--more inclusive, better opportunity for individual feedback.

13A	THIS SURVEY WAS <u>HELPFUL</u> FOR THE COUNCIL IN SETTING BUDGET PRIORITIES
47	I would hope it is helpful, but have no way of knowing as it is up to the council to use to help them set budget priorities. From this end of the computer I can't know if they will use the information....
48	If everyone actually does fill out survey honestly.
49	If it is used.
50	If the Council uses the results, it was worthwhile. I was at a meeting a few months ago where the one councilor who didn't attend a Charette said point blank "Having a charette is very well and good, but I don't think we should follow the suggestions made at it [by the 100 people who attended], because I don't agree with their suggestions." If the councilors decide what they want to do regardless of this survey, why ask people to take the time. Hopefully most elected councilors do want to listen to the townspeople.
51	I'm forwarding this survey to all my Falmouth friends and I hope you're telling the citizens about this survey in the Forecaster (I haven't read mine yet!) and not just relying on an email list. This is such a valuable tool for you!
52	I'm very concerned that the open space program may be on the budget room floor. I know many residents may say no to this program in this survey when they see the price tag attached, but they will not be looking towards the future. Please don't be so short sighted as to stop this program!
53	In my 49 years of living here, I've never seen so much spending as in the last 10-15 years!Especially in the schools! Please learn to say "NO" in order for the middle class to live and work in this wonderful town. I appreciate you allowing the tax payers of Falmouth to voice their opinions.Hopefully, you'll be able to look at the overall and ask, is this a WANT or a NEED in this economy... as I have to do in order to remain living in Falmouth. Thanks for this opportunity.
54	Inefficient schools are bankrupting town
55	It can be helpful if the response is large enough
56	It is still their decision and they have my sympathy. It is tough. Good Luck. Howard Reiche
57	It put the possibilities in perspective and triggered thought regarding priorities. Thank you for the explanations and clarifications.
58	It will be helpful if the council is paying attention.
59	It will be helpful only if all the council members take the time to read ever answer submitted, not just some summary. It is up to them.
60	It will only be helpful if the Council does in fact consider the ideas residents contribute. But we know how these things go.
61	It's always nice to be asked. Thanks!!!
62	KEEP the bus. It is so important to have this option for our community.
63	Keep up the good services.
64	Keep up the good work. Keep curbside recycling!!!
65	kudos to you for creating this survey. I especially liked the way it was phrased in terms of \$/yr per house. Very helpful
66	Maybe!

13A	THIS SURVEY WAS <u>HELPFUL</u> FOR THE COUNCIL IN SETTING BUDGET PRIORITIES
67	Need better communications to let people know survey exists. Without communications to all residents, the results will probably be biased towards "saving city jobs" instead of what residents really want.
68	Need to let people know about the survey.
69	no tax increase !!
70	Only helpful if the council reacts to the wishes of the respondents and has enough surveys that represent a good portion of the population.
71	Only if you listen
72	Only time will tell - We will wait and see how the council responds
73	Please...no new taxes. Just look at the increase in the number of Falmouth families needing the Falmouth Food Pantry. Please budget only for the "needs" and not the "wants".
74	Surveying is a very good idea and more towns should do it. But be careful that special interest groups do not respond multiple times and "game the system". It's not the same as a formal vote.
75	Thank you
76	Thank you for all the work you do and the time spent as our public servants.
77	Thank you for asking for our input.
78	Thank you for asking!
79	Thank you for asking!
80	Thank you for looking for and considering all opinions. Times are tough. Thank you all for what You do for us.
81	Thank you for the opportunity to participate.
82	Thank you for this opportunity to share my opinions.
83	THANK YOU FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY TO VOICE OUR OPINIONS AND BE ACTIVE PARTICIPANTS IN OUR PROPERTY TAX DECISIONS
84	Thanks for asking! It is valuable to have this opportunity for input on the budget process. And GET RID OF THE METRO BUS!!!!
85	Thanks for asking. Thanks for your work on the Council.
86	Thanks for lett us share our input.
87	Thanks for requesting my input.
88	Thanks for seeking input - well done.
89	Thanks for teh opportunity to give my opinion
90	THE BIG JOKE ON THE TAXPAYERS IS SOME OF US THINK THIS SURVEY WILL MAKE A DIFFERENCE. THE MINUTES OF EVERY MEETING SHOULD BE PUBLISHED IN THE FORECASTER SO THE TAXPAYERS CAN READ EVERY ASININE WORD SPOKEN BY SOME OF OUR IDIOT COUNCILORS.

13A	THIS SURVEY WAS <u>HELPFUL</u> FOR THE COUNCIL IN SETTING BUDGET PRIORITIES
91	The Council should be congratulated for asking the publics opinion. Please act according to their instructions. Please make this an annual exercise. Thank you.
92	The right way to give a survey!
93	The survey is only helpful if the council really considers what the people really need and what they do not need. Higher taxes is not the answer.
94	This is an excellent survey format -- clear, concise, user-friendly and very helpful in expressing opinion and establishing priorities!
95	This process does need a revised strategy context because the new reality is here to stay. The town needs to also look for NEW sources of revenue (e.g. how to appreciate properties above market trends). Route 1 has the opportunity to become a new Greater Portland destination point for families (Falmouth Town Mile?) that results in desired shops and spaces -which in turn will make our town more desirable and increase property demand. The town can/should provide the leadership to make this happen. This is how Falmouth developed originally . This town needs to show its deserved quality.
96	This survey is the perfect length and asks good questions. However, I would appreciate a bit more information prior to the survey so that I could better understand, "usership" on services offered in Falmouth. Many thanks...
97	This survey, unlike others, very helpful. Straightforward. Questions were not skewed toward an agenda.
98	very convenient idea!
99	Very fair and efficient way of collecting opinions. Keep up the good work and thank you.
100	Where's the money coming from to put in the new side walks. I've seen them out here surveying for that.
101	yes. also helps to make residents more aware of the tough budget issues we face
102	Your residency question at the beginning went up to only 25 years. There are those of us who have been here at least double that.
103	Your survey hit the nail right on the head. It asks the residents if they want to continue living on a champaign diet and pay more out of their pocket in a poor economy , or tighten their belt and begin to live within the town's means , i.e., reasonable taxes.

13B	THIS SURVEY WAS <u>SOMEWHAT HELPFUL</u> FOR THE COUNCIL IN SETTING BUDGET PRIORITIES
	Please add any comment you have
1	A little narrow in focus, but the opportunity is welcome.
2	A very narrow focus. I am disappointed that you did not bring a much wider scope of items to discuss.
3	As an architect having done schools, I have seen tremendous wast of resources within school systems. Looking deeply at waste in these facilities would be a good start.
4	Council needs to act in an intelligent manner and respect the future of our community and the quality of life we presently enjoy.
5	Curious why the school budget potential impact on taxes is separate from the town budget survey, as I place more importance on education than conveniences such as trash pick up, recycling, etc.
6	Difficult decisions in stressful times are never easily made, but the buck stops with those in whom the electors have placed their trust.
7	Does the council think it is helpful?
8	Doesn't mention that current dispatch is already based in Westbrook, not "local" Falmouth. That is confusing.
9	First, I have lived in Falmouth since 1964 (46 years). Your survey only covers those who have lived here up to 25 years. Any reason you don't want to hear from people in my catagory? Interesting that three of the six services your list for consideration involve garbage. Perhaps you should rethink this service(s) and try to design a cheaper solution. Pick up garbage every two weeks like recycling, for instance.
10	Hard to answer until I see what the town does with the survey results!!!
12	Have the council provide leadership by making decisive decisions. Hearing after hearing and study after study draws out the process, creates uncertainty, results in more expense to the town.
13	helpful that we get to comment. unhelpful that you only list goober items rather than real change items. let us comment on the school budget with real items. Thanks!
14	Hopefully
15	I do not think they will listen
16	I don't feel that I have all necessary information, or that all options have been presented. For example, open space projects might be curtailed if there were no urgent property aquisitions available, or of interest.
17	I don't think the survy was detailed enough. I don't think it targeted the real issues and what we need to be looking at. look outside the box make the tough calls.
18	I might find it interesting to see the process followed which resulted in these 6 (only) options.
19	I think it is useful for gaging opinion. It should be a basis for discussion, not necesarily a basis for action.
20	I would have more respect for the outcome if I had more information surrounding our budget. I am curious to know what other cuts have been made in the budget other than the above issues.

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21	If they decide to read it and really listen to the concern of the taxpayer who is struggling to live in this community - we are not all highly paid professionals so any increase in taxes along with loss of services will be reflected in the ballot box. Stay tuned.
22	If you would run the town like a company we could reduce our takes by 25%.
23	It appears to be a foregone conclusion that some town services come under budget axe but others go unscathed -- as examples, the rest of public works outside sanitation, sewers/water, public safety outside call dispatch, public library, planning and code offices, parks and recreation, community programs, emergency management
24	It is difficult for me to comprehend that the town would consider raising taxes due to current economic impacts on its budget given the fact that the majority of taxes payers have been hit and hit hard by the current economic hard times too.
25	It seems you have picked services that do not add up to a whole lot of money-if you want to save money you need to really attack the problem and consolodate government services and schools on a larger scale
26	It should have included school options.
27	It sounds like you have already decided to cut these things and are just looking for public approval. There are many other components of the budget that have not been mentioned here.
28	It would be more helpful to provide a complete list of services, and include the impact of education funding on the property tax assessment, including road repairs, education, salaries/benefits for administrative staff, etc.
29	it's always hard to address such complex issues with Y/N questions. but i GREATLY appreciate the thoughtful querying of the community in the budget process. it is a good survey.
30	Make sure that all departments are accountable and encouraged to conserve when they can.
31	No reference to school and the expenses of the budget there. We all know it accounts for 75% of taxes/expenses intown. That is where the real savings are. The schools are fat. Increase class sizes at all levels. Institute pay for play. Share services with other districts. Eliminate assistant superintendent vacancy.
32	Not clear why you chose these town services and not others on which to solicit our opinions.
33	Not nearly deep enough in looking at the full operations of the town budget.
34	Only if the council listens to the voice of the people. You can't ask for opinions and then ignore what people have to say. We've seen that around this town for too long. The old we know better than the people approach to government.
35	Only if they pay attention to it. My guess is most memebers will ignore it. I have little faith in the majority of the members!!
36	People on a fixed income really can't afford a tax increase. You are forcing the middle income people out of the town.
37	Please use a little common sense and stop spending like a drunken sailor on pay day. If we as a town, don't have the money, don't do it. Don't fund a new program. Once you start something it seems impossible to stop.
38	Question #5 a bit unfair - hard to make choices.
39	Remember the Long Time residents who may wish to stay in Falmouth as they get older

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40	seems that there are limited options being considered for ways to reduce costs.
41	Survey difficult to use, trying to scan down would inadvertently erase answers. Like a better survey format next time.
42	The options presented were too narrow.
43	The school and recreation departments don't seem to be fairly represented here. It seems that much of the budget is allocated here and not all residents use these services.
44	There must be many more options than this to reduce costs.
45	there must be MANY other items or services where savings can be achieved. For example, see the suggestion above. The town has provided many successful charettes over the years to solicit resident feedback concerning proposed development. Why not hold a "charette" type gathering (similar to what smaller towns around the state conduct when their annual budgets are approved) to go over the entire budget. Finances really are tight for many people so an aggressive review of everything we spend our tax income on would be appropriate and appreciated.
46	There must be other budget items for citizen survey. I feel this is an abbreviated survey.
47	There must be other items that were not included here.
48	There needs to be a more aggressive effort to consolidate personnel and administrative task within our town and school system. Currently it's lip service. A more aggressive effort to have County systems, similar to other states. There needs to be more sharing and collaborating. No more silo functioning towns and entities within our towns.
49	These seem like pretty small budget items. For the question of how long a resident - either people who have lived here more than 25 years are not supposed to respond or nobody has lived in Falmouth for more than 25 years!
50	They're going to do what the department heads want them to do anyway!!!
51	Those are the only budget choices? Surely there must be more tweaking categories!?
52	Way too limited in scope. Seems the council has selected these limited areas as the places that they already plan to focus their cuts!
53	We will see!
54	We'd like to hear the results of the survey after it is reviewed.
55	What about the schools? 85% of the town budget
56	While the facts provided with each question are helpful I am not sure if I have all the information I need to make the best decision.
57	Why is the school budget exempt from review? No excess there? Untouchable?
58	Working with estimates and not real figures and having questions that can't be answered is difficult but I think it is great that the council is reaching for the peoples' opinion. You'll not be able to make everyone happy no matter what the choices come down to but I thank you for the chance to be heard. I sincerely hope many many people respond but if not and they complain, let 'em see the results of the poll they had a chance to participate in and didn't. Accountability.

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59	You are on the right track but are looking at what to cut as opposed to the concept of zero based budgeting where you start with a clean sheet and build the budget from there.

13C	THIS SURVEY WAS <u>NOT HELPFUL</u> FOR THE COUNCIL IN SETTING BUDGET PRIORITIES
	Please add any comment you have
1	"They do as they want anyway"
2	I don't think the council will listen to what the town wants. I think they have their own agenda and this is a way to make people think they are being heard when in all actuality they are not.
3	In order to fairly manage expenses, ALL options in the budget need to be on the table. Starting with staffing and staffing changes which have occurred in the town office in the last 10 years. Building permits have plummeted and yet the code and permit departments have not been cut. Cut 3 staff and save over \$100,000.00 a year. Schools are not exempt from funding cuts. Every department in the town needs to learn to live within a tight budget, just as the residents live within theirs.
4	It does not provide enough information for responses to be meaningful, and panders to people's preconceived opinions which may not be based on actual knowledge.
5	it doesn't ask anything about the really big expenditures...let's get spending opinions from the ground up.
6	It will not help because I think the council will do what they want to do anyway and on the question of how long lived in town was not enough years because I have been here over 50 years and many have been here much longer. I don't think the Town needs an assistant Fire Chief, there are Deputies help the Chief.
7	It will only be helpful, if, the Council seriously considers the comments of the residents of Falmouth via this survey. My concern is this survey is not capturing all Depts that effect the Total Budget.
8	Not helpful because it doesn't address all the things that are taken into consideration while forming the budget.
9	not really..you limited the areas for savings..you're focused on small potatoes...where are questions about programs, staffing levels, assistants, etc. in the schools
10	The council will do as it wants. You need to attack the school spending
12	This must be a joke.... If the town councilors feel these questions are what they need to address proves they are clueless. What about the school budget? What about the fact are taxes are already too high? Why are some building still empty on Route 1? Please.....
13	This survey is not serious. It is a self-selecting small group of responses and limited to a tiny amount of the budget. If you want serious feedback on spending priorities, ask serious questions and provide enough information to answer them. School expenses should be discussed. If this is just a feel good thing, then don't waste our time or yours.

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14	Why are we asked only if we want to eliminate the six discreet services? There are other options. Property taxes should pay for trash removal and dispatching. Those are fundamental services the town has traditionally provided. Let's cut some of the other expense that is not necessary. I would like to receive by email a complete, itemized list of all expenses. This would bne a huge list, but I would really like to review that and provide input. I was born and raised in Falmouth. I have had three children go through the school system. We enjoy the town. The town seems to have changed to a "keep-up-with-the- joneses" town with new athletic fields, new this and new that, when much of what we already had worked well. We have 8 -10 police cars, a police truck, police cycles, boats, etc. Why so much?
15	why were other departments not on the table for elmination? a little explanation of where the "big bucks" are spent in town would be helpful and helping the reader to understand what % of the municipal budget are represented by these proposed cuts. Number one rule for local government: pick up the trash!!!!
16	You don't have any option for residents who have lived here more than 25 years? There still are a few of us left.
17	you will still raise taxes....status quo prevails as a human phenomena of resisting change and taking courageous acts to relieve inequities

13D	<u>I DON'T KNOW OR HAVE NO OPINION</u> WHETHER THIS SURVEY WAS HELPFUL FOR THE COUNCIL IN SETTING BUDGET PRIORITIES
	Please add any comment you have
1	Depends on if it gets used.
2	Depends on if they listen
3	Don't know until they vote.
4	Good luck.
5	Hope it's helpful.
6	hopefully
7	How am I to know whether the Council finds it helpful? But I found it interesting.
8	I do not want to have our taxes raised. Cuts must be made to make the budget work.
9	I don't have any sense of whether or not the council will respond to the survey results
10	I don't know because I don't know if these are your only budget priorities to avoid increasing property taxes. I don't have a feel for what the savings would have to be to avoid an increase in property taxes. I would hope there are a number of other things you would look at in the overall municipal budget picture (and take public comments on) and not just these 5 or 6 items.
12	I don't know if this is helpful for the council since I don't know how they are going to use the information. My hope is they act responsibly to reduce spending with no increase in taxes.
13	I don't know, but would hope so!

13D	I DON'T KNOW OR HAVE NO OPINION WHETHER THIS SURVEY WAS HELPFUL FOR THE COUNCIL IN SETTING BUDGET PRIORITIES
14	I don't think "most" of the council will stop their liberal agenda. I can only hope we are not facing higher taxes.
15	I HAVE NO AX TO GRIND WITH THE TOWN OF FALMOUTH. (I DON'T LIVE THERE, I JUST KEEP A BOAT ON A MOORING DURING THE SUMMER). HOWEVER I HAVE DONE POLICE WORK AND VOLUNTEERED ON FIRE DEPARTMENTS. WHEN IT COMES BUDGET TIME THEY WILL QUOTE CHAPTER AND VERSE FROM STATE REQUIREMENTS BUT IT'S NOT USUALLY LAW. FOR IF IT WAS THE STATE WOULD REQUIRE FUNDING. THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING ME INPUT, DON BROWN
16	I think conducting the survey is important. The council will have to decide whether it was helpful. I will add that one burden is that when you ask people what they want, you have a responsibility to listen. From my reading and watching council meetings, some councilors seem to be completely out of touch with normal people and on some idealistic agenda or another. Government is not supposed to be all things to all people; keep us safe, provide decent schools, enforce the laws; just give us the basics.
17	I think you would have to ask the Council- it is only helpful for them if they actually act on the results. if they ignore it- no so helpful. I like this process. Please request input like this for every budget season. It is tough to make the meetings.
18	I will have to see what the outcome is.
19	I will only know that after hearing the Council's discussions and the way in which they used this information.
20	IF I READ THAT CORRECTLY, I SUGGEST YOU ASK THE COUNCILORS, NOT THE RESPONDENTS! WILL THE RESULTS BE PUBLICIZED??
21	If the council listens
22	If the survey is taken seriously and some logical cost containing decisions are made, then it is helpful.
23	I'm glad they are asking for opinions from residents. It's very easy this way vs. at town meetings. Lets see if they actually use this info in their decision making.....
24	Isn't it for the Council to decide, by word and deed, whether this has been a helpful exercise? I am pleased to have been asked.
25	it depends on how they use the information. If it is thoughtfully consider or dismissed and checked off the list. in the future, i would recommend writing the question from a less bias point of view.
26	It is not up to those surveyed to determine if it is helpful. The question is if the councilors found it helpful. If the answer is yes, I'd like each of them who responds affirmatively to explicitly describe how it has helped and in what areas it has changed their previous views.
27	My hope is that it is helpful to the Council in doing so.
28	Only the council can answer this question.
29	Seeing as how I am not on the Council, how could I possibly know if the council found this helpful?
30	This is a question for the Council, not me.
31	Will only see if council listens. We have paid for a lot of consultants and studies that are not critical and need to really go through some belt tightening -- now is the time.

13E	DO YOU THINK THIS SURVEY WAS HELPFUL FOR THE COUNCIL IN SETTING BUDGET PRIORITIES? <u>NO RESPONSE</u>
	Please add any comment you have
1	Certainly helpful for citizens to get a dose of reality!
2	Don't know if it's helpful to the Council - only Council can answer that - but I'm glad to be asked for input.
3	dumb question...how do I know if it helped the council?
4	Hope so!
5	I cannot make that assessment until the Council makes its recommendations. #3. Participant Residence #2. How long have you lived in Falmouth. Years greater than 25 is not an option. However, for the record I have lived in Falmouth 39 1/2 years
6	I certainly hope so; I also hope each council member will listen to the people who actively use the services provided.
7	I have no way in knowing. Are you really listening? Do you really want this input? Will you PUBLISH the results?
8	I would hope so as they are getting input
9	I would hope so.
10	Isn't that for the Council to decide?
11	It should be if it's read !!!
12	Like a smaller survey - save the trees!
13	there is no way for me to know how the council will view this survey. At least we had opportunity to say something, so it SHOULD be helpful.
14	This is a good idea, however the council does not pay any attention to the citizens requests and never have. Also, this site does not work, because when we check an item it is cancelled when we go to the next line.
15	This is a question for the Council whether it was helpful to them. From my standpoint, yes, I felt I was being asked the questions.
16	This question does not make sense without knowing the outcome?