

## 2010 Town of Montague-survey comments

Keith Paper Building = 1. Keep downtown clean = 5. Montague-Gill Bridge = 5

Job-related childcare & transportation: for whom? Individual Development Accounts: not sure what this is  
How about setting aside a minimal amount of tax dollars for potential businesses owners to apply for in order to create a downtown instead of having to go through so many loopholes to even get a small business loan. Let's borrow against what we are forced to invest. Turners downtown is so very similar to Shelburne Falls, with improvements. How about using one of our bridges over the canal as a bridge of flowers, build it with donations and support from people whom have a green thumb.  
There is so much potential for the Turners Falls downtown. If you build it they will come....Hi Wendy!! Amy

Railroad Salvage building: Demo! Purchase Thomas Memorial Golf Course and turn into new swimming and rec area! Restore Visiting nurse to full time for seniors, disabled and person with serious illness. Railroad Salvage building: remove RS bldg. Pass ordinances to remove trash from front of homes in .F. Clean up Turners Falls. Re-open road by Railroad Salvage/canal.

Railroad Salvage building: knock down. Knock down Railroad Salvage. Fill in and charge the person or co. 2 million dollars. Cover over with fill. There are too many old buildings standing in town and should be filled in.

Public school/education reform/nature awareness programs. Enforce laws: only one un-registered vehicle per property! Noise ordinance enforcement (motorcycles)

The elderly and disabled elderly need more help and consideration than the town gives them. They have been forgotten.

You should have a discount for people that owns the houses that has their income low for people that get social security or SSI instead of age that often can't get because they are not older enough.

Social Service Programs: need a Town Nurse. More police officers-school ROTC program. More summer programs for children. Band concert down the parks. No littering signs posted. Watch traffic coming from the Turners-Gill bridge, too fast. More senior service, more senior housing for seniors only, a bigger shopping mall. No animals in senior housing. Stop swearing in public-no loitering signs. State Housing-we need generators, we lost food. State pays no freezer? We all don't have food stamps!

Encourage business development: depends on what kind of business. What about the Montague Center Grange? I see signs that say its in dangerous.

Demolish abandoned buildings: on the hill. Railroad Salvage building: demo.

The town needs better management of the school budget. There is too much money spend for the less than optimal education the kids are receiving. This is in regard to the Turners Falls High School only.

Railroad Salvage Building: tear it down. Renovate main library.

I wish they had more public swimming at the Turner's Falls high school.

Create more subsidized housing for elderly & disabled. Maximize existing services for elderly. Find ways to attract & support new businesses downtown. Street is attractive but empty store fronts are depressing evidence of unhealthy economic development. Fred S. Tirrell III. T. Falls resident

## Improvements to town streets

Why don't we have a poll tax like we had years ago which would bring in (cannot decipher writing) a lot of extra money for town. Some towns are bringing the tax back. Why they don't cut down bad trees along roadsides before storms cause all kinds of damage plus we pay all overtime & work cleaning up the mess and go without power for days. There are many rotten trees if they just look around.

Create jobs for elderly and disabled citizens who want to be able to work and keep busy. Such as part-time work for projects to help the community. As in planting flowers, clean up, painting, etc. or even simple administrative work like stuffing envelopes, mailing fliers, etc. This would also create more time for more important tasks for the official administrators. Turners Falls has really improved its image in the last 20 years or so but we can do better. More trash barrels are needed for the main streets, and enforce the laws to keep the town beautiful. Careless littering and vandalism should be punishable by fines, etc.

Stabilize former Railroad Salvage building: Owner!! Some of the social service programs are already happening at local churches and the MCSM, schools, civic groups and business associations. How about a 5-10 year plan for community projects. It works for us as homeowners.

Commercial façade: not. Accessibility improvements: important. Focus on projects which save \$ such as energy conservation. Focus on economic development.

In the very beginning of the town survey, where survey is explained respondent circles town's each time the word appears, circled programs/projects/services and underlined the word funding with comment "punctuation." Respondent also wrote: normally, the scale would begin with 5 indicating highest to 1, lowest priority. New public swimming area: where is the old one?

Respondent indicated Community Center and Senior center should be combined. Railroad Salvage building: take it down!

Railroad Salvage building: raze

Landfill remediation and development: solar.

Railroad Salvage building: tear down

I think T. Falls is coming along great. More people coming here from afar.

Improve sidewalks in Montague Center. We are left out of everything. According to the town administrator we are too rich for any improvements. Give Montague a piece of the pie, look into town water & sewer on Turners Falls Road in Montague.

Millers Falls winter parking; need snow lot in town for 30+ vehicles. Room for lot in waste ground by tracks on Depot St.

Demolish abandoned buildings: or rehab. Railroad Salvage building: tear down & develop area.

Railroad Salvage building: demolish it. Railroad Salvage building needs to be demolished. It is an eye-sore.

4\* Encourage greater use of Peskcomskut Park. I believe there are less than 12 events there per year. 4+ More police presence in downtown Turners Falls during weekends. The items I circled 5 I believe are things that would definitely encourage people to work, shop, invest and live in Montague.

Railroad Salvage building: tear it down. Tear down the old Railroad Salvage!

Maintain roads. Railroad Salvage building: demolish. Reduce town hall staff!

New sidewalk on the top of the hill in Millers Falls. Not sure why the sidewalk upgrade stopped. We walk to the library and the sidewalk across from Highland School is awful.

Trail restoration on the Montague Plains: off road use. Railroad Salvage building: demolish. Proper street sweeping or don't waste the time. Remove Railroad Salvage building & sell the lot.

Energy sustainability = 5.

Support for local farms and home gardeners-seems to me it is win all around. I would like to say the DPW with their limited work force & money & equipment do a great job & do not get enough credit. That goes for the people at the town hall too.

Expand the industrial park-town needs income. Too much emphasis on arts & entertainment. Montague Center School: sell it. Sawmill River Improvements: clean up river of fallen trees & brush. Stabilize former Railroad Salvage building: by owner?

Downtown garbage cleanup-enforce litter laws! Fines for dog owners walking w/out leashes.

Railroad Salvage building: raze it!! Maintain roads, sidewalks, sewer, water and drainage infrastructure. Maintain infrastructure! Maintain what we've got before adding programs! Town hall overstaffed. Public works understaffed. Reallocate funding.

People who live off of Montague Street have to smell the trash people burn. It is bad for our health! New Bingo supplies for Sunrise Terrace. Best drinking water in Massachusetts.

We could use a casino & Wal-Mart somewhere around us. Or a racetrack. Bring some business & jobs to Turners Falls, not Conn.

Basic services such as snowplowing need improvement. Give the schools more \$. Good schools bring in more families. More families mean more tax \$.

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Community Center: do at senior center-don't separate them.. New Senior Center: not till demolsion done. Only Community Center. Main library: it's fine. New public swimming area: only at Unity for toddlers. Pre-employment skills/job training: go to employment office-they have there. Homelessness Prevention: more than enough in place. Drug and Alcohol Abuse-Treatment/prevention: already available in vicinity/region. Elder self-sufficiency services: no new ones. Local transportation: taxi would be very nice-a business here.

Please support a concrete skate park for tweens and teens.

Need for more areas to help keep children from wandering around town getting in trouble. Parking that is wheelchair assessable for van w/ramp out sidedoor.

Open space/agricultural base support & planning.

Where do all the new people come from and what is attracting them to Turners Falls

A park for Montague City

Railroad Salvage building: demolish. How will these programs be funded?

We really need a school in Montague Center. We're losing an enormous amount of money to school choice, private, and charter schools due to not having a school in Montague Center; it also depresses home values (and therefore property taxes) in that area.

A way to walk to & from Greenfield that is safe.

Sweep the streets sooner

Facelift downtown store fronts they look horrible. Clean up teens from the downtown.

Better/bigger signs for stopping at pedestrian crossings!! Flashing Lights?! Many people don't stop!! Dangerous!

New public works facility: let them move into the \$temporary police station! Railroad Salvage building: tear the thing down already! You should have made the survey available online to save us taxpayers the cost of the postage stamps. I'd be interested to see the accounting numbers on this little project.

New benches on Ave. A, some in pretty bad shape. Do a better job in park by post office. I see some very bad weeds & tree, that needs looking into, so no one will get bite if home to wild animals.

It is hard to rank any of these areas when one doesn't have any knowledge or specific information about what services or community projects needs are, but this seems like a good start.

Reopen Montague Center School. Renaming it when it opens in memory of Anna M. Garbiel. She was the principal there for over 20 years. She looked out for the best education for our children. She work very hard to keep Montague Center School. Please name the school after her. Thank you.

The town needs to stop focusing in on the arts, and owning old buildings and look at trying to get more businesses into town. Large companies should be encouraged to come to town and downtown Turners. Store fronts should be filled with businesses where people can go buy things. Need to lessen the amount of low income housing, and the number of sex offenders in our community.

Street sweeping in Montague Ctr would be nice. Snow removal really needs to improve in Montague ctr. Also. We do pay taxes. Main St. Montague Ctre. MA is like a race track. Do we have a public safety unit or just a new station?

Sidewalk improvement and/or traffic-slowing measures on the sharp curve on Main St. in Montague Ctr-very dangerous for pedestrians & many young children who walk there. Would like to keep the playground equipment from Montague Center School in Montague Center-perhaps the playground ballfield across the street. Specifically the 2 wooden play structures.

More times for PVTA or FRTA pick-up and drop-off. If not better waiting facilities against winter elements.

1. Snow removal times sent via 3-mail so that cars are not unnecessarily towed.
2. adherence to snow removal timetable.
3. new snow removal signs.

All villages working together to include all 5 villages. (Montague Center was not included well in the disaster of the large storm recently)-why? Public safety complex is misnamed!!! Why? There is a newer public safety building in Montague Center also. Selectmen should review this travesty!

Cultural Center: minus one. Encourage housing for artists: not needed. Lower the tax rate cut costs esp. schools get too much money. No new laws. No one attempts to enforce old ones/cut police costs. This isn't Manhattan. Cut down tax free business. Make the General Mass Laws equal to everyone not just certain persons. Stop the grab assing in town hall also certain persons have informers. Stops the port barell spending.

Create youth employment cleaning streets etc. Build improvements with eye on maintainence. Don't put anymore \$ into Strathmore, RR Salvage-tear it down. Develops must deposit good faith \$ with town 1<sup>st</sup>-to cover demo/upkeep expense should pie in sky plans fail!

Swim lessons for all ages. Do not spend a lot of money on skateboard park. And spent it playground for all children. Swim area for everyone so we do not have anymore drowning.

I like the community based approach in Turners Falls. Support & help for those who try to support themselves. More help is need for those transitional people as they work to make ends meet. Was not sure about some of the questions nor up to date on need for example, public works facility. Montague Center school building. I thought it was unsafe?

**Respondent wrote in column next to Social Service Program Needs:** all these are already provided state/countywide w/state subsidies that we are already paying for. Noted GCC provides EOSL & Voc/Adult Ed., literacy and ABE. Noted PVTA and FRTA provide job-related transportation and day care subsidies are available for job-related childcare. We believe in a strong downtown revitalization, parks, libraries and development of river access. With the location of our area (Rte. 2 & 91) Turners Falls could become a destination for residents in the eastern part of the state. We need to attract businesses that are appealing to residents with disposable income. Arts, culture, shopping for more affluent residents of the state (Shelburne Falls, Northampton, Brattleboro are good examples). Thank you!

The stop sign at Avenue A & Fifth St. should be moved for better visibility (the one next to the bank). The Senior Center needs more services rather than a new building. Industrial Park development should be noninvasive of the environment. Instead of building a cultural heritage center, we should contribute to the support of the Great Falls Discovery Center.

Love to see Ave A to have the garden planters in a few of the businesses dressing up cleaned up at some are so nice and others are full of weeds! I would love to see more festival/ (could not decipher word) involving downtown to bring in more small businesses for downtown.

Computer classes for seniors; more things for the seniors. We live on the hill and our street, Davis St. and it is one of the worse streets-plowed in the winter and last compared to other areas! Have one week or two where bags of leaves could be picked up w/special bags-or vacuum the leaves-every 3<sup>rd</sup> year-anything goes. I would be willing to pay an extra fee for this. There are many of the neighbors who would be willing to do this also.

The following comment/typed letter was attached to a survey completed by William B. & Anna L. Klaus, Sr., of 544 Turners Falls Road, Montague, MA (413)367-2428: We have lived in and paid estate taxes to

the town of Montague for the past 60 years. Bill has lived here 78 years and paid all costs demanded. It would be nice to have Montague Center be recognized as part of the town and not just the Village of Turners Falls. We keep losing services as time goes by. Examples:

1. It would be nice to have sidewalks-there are a few here and there and strips of tar serving as a sidewalk. We live on Turners Falls Road and we used to walk the dog every day and turn up to Swamp Road, but it was taking our lives in hand with the traffic. They sped over the mileage rate and just as soon as run you over as to slow down. We finally gave up and enrolled in the YMCA to get the exercise as Winters were even move dangerous with all the snow pile on the edge of the road. 2. There was a vote to close down the school with a vote with the residents of Turners Falls voting against the population of Montague Center. How fair is that? **WE WOULD LIKE FOR OUR CHILDEN TO NOT HAVE TO RIDE THE BUS.** Transportation goes in two directions and Turners Falls could put up with the inconvenience of bussing just as we do. 3. A little more effort and what we have left for a Library will be gone, but we have the Carnegie Library to use-not easy to get to, but then we wouldn't want to make it inconvenient for the Turners Falls village people. 4. As to Elder Self Sufficiency Services it would be nice to have some help. I am 82 years of age and severely handicapped-difficult to walk, yet the town would not help me with rubbish day. All I asked is that they would take my rubbish from the driveway so I wouldn't have the painful struggle to get the rubbish bad out to the road but that wasn't allowed! It would be nice to have a decent Senior Center for the Elders who have put "their all" to create the Town of Montague, to enjoy some benefits in their retirement. What did the artists do for the town that we need provide housing for them? As to improving Unity Park, how about improving the playground for the children of Montague Center? How about enforcing the rules as to not having more than two unregistered cares in their yards and the "junkyards" that serve as yards for the houses. When are we going to get any consideration to have the railroad overpass bridge replaced? This is a burden for homeowners on Greenfield Road and also to the persons on Turners Falls Rd. We now have all that heavy traffic using this road that has become a traffic nightmare with the speeding and why do the eighteen wheeler trucks have to use this rode? We don't have any business concerns in this village that warrants such heavy vehicles. I could go on and on, but will let this serve as a start. It is sad to see the downgrading of the Village that we worked so hard to make it out home. WE still pay taxes, but get less and less services for the same. **End comments from respondent.**

Social Service Programs: most of these need to be provided regionally as it is not cost effective for individual communities to try & provide all of this.

Truthfully I do not consider myself up enough in these projects to comment on them.

Remove, replace, or repair cement post located on struts to identify and protect land, sewer covers, from plows.

Demolish abandoned buildings including the Railroad Salvage building.

1. If we had a community center we could hold AA meetings there. 2. Move advertisement/upgrades for food pantry/survival center. 3. please tear down Railroad Salvage.

\*\*\*Please work on eliminating the foul odor on Greenfield Rd. from the wastewater plant. It makes using the bike bath undesirable.

Support local, renewable food, transportation & energy sources. Landfill remediation and development: solar!!

Repair Greenfield road. Reduce low income housing in Turners Falls. Thank you!

Railroad Salvage building: Get rid of!!

The industrial park is “stupid growth.” It was designed for motor vehicle access only. All industrial development should require access by rail, foot, public transportation.

Remove dead or dying trees in tree belts & plant new ones. This survey is a good idea.

More assistance for seniors, childcare for working parents. Is it even possible to save the old R.R. salvage?

Food assistance, food pantry.

Greenfield Road needs to be addressed once and for all. Needs to be repaved.

One time, annual anything goes: trash pickup curbside small/large appliances recycling. No cost? Call ahead?  
Lets clean up Montague!

Where would money come from for improvements? Taxes already taxing us.

How do you prioritize all the needs and projects? Good luck.

Important: infrastructure/roads/schools/libraries/social services. Less important: beauty fixups.

Could you just get them to sweep our street-New St. Millers Falls-I have to call & beg every year.

Bridge project-this needs to be completed ASAP for any chance of redevelopment and the future of Turners Falls economy.

Bike path upkeep/improvements.

Stop placing large trees under power lines on town tree belts. Encourage commercial/business development in order to decrease residential tax rates. Do whatever is necessary to keep residential tax rates as low as can be.

Need to get dump area used to generate income.

Clean the sand and debree off the streets.

Would like to see us maintane what we have for now until the economy get better. Than we can think about doing more. We need to keep the roads and public place and buildings in shape instead of all this stuff that all the town people don't use as taxes payers\*.

Volunteer services-for elderly & community clean up days!!! In the two years since moving to Montague I have noticed great improvements to the community. I enjoy the area and am willing to commit some time (volunteer) in anyway that's helpful. Stephen MacDonald, (413) 230-8476.

I would like to see the Historic Dry Hill cemetery in Millers Falls restored and have access to it on the historic Dry Hill Rd. from Wendell Rd. The cemetery is in very bad shape and a disgrace to the civil & revolutionary veterans that are buried there. The cemetery should be registered with the National Register of Historic Places. Ursula J. Ellis, 176 Wendell Rd, Millers F.

Have open brush dump (same as leaf dump) DPW & school maintaince should be better connected to get answers (and not pass the buck) Police dept. should do more walking patrols down town.

Recreational facilities and housing rehab loans in Lake Pleasant. Focus on attracting business. This will increase revenues and provide jobs-easing social problems and providing money for other projects.

Officials should make building owners and property owners clean up-maintain such properties as all tax paying have to do. Also follow up on all fines left unpaid.

Stop catering to “specific entities.” Talk to the public more & LISTEN. This is such a depressed area, and mostly to do with the part time government presently in office. Taxes and all other fees and licensing requirements are much too expensive and deter private business. These are some of the reasons Montague will always stay basically the same old lousy place to live & work!

Social Service Programs are needed and worthwhile and should be funded from Federal and State sources and not from town tax base. **Unity Park improvements should be done as funding is available.** Railroad Salvage issue should be resolved by demolition of building.

Housing Rehab Programs: town line. Replace street signs: Welcome to Montague signs. Reuse of Montague Center School: for elderly living. **Unity Park Improvements:** Benches along river. Railroad Salvage building: knock down. A community hall for rent to the surrounding towns. Uses for weddings, meetings, dinners, baby showers, awards, cooking classes, speakers, etc... 1st & most get all bridges complete. “New town signs” some are missing or badly damaged. More block party’s. Involve the schools-students. Landfill. Pick up services for elderly & “no transportation” (car less) for a fee.

Increase commercial development: As long as it is beneficial to two communities needs & not environmentally detrimental; not development for developments sake. Community Center: give the library more funding. A library should be a hub for the community, perhaps every part of a community center.

EOSL: free Spanish classes for English speakers. Programs that help more low income families rehabilitate their homes & take advantage of the MASS SAVE Program. Programs that might stimulate more new building for low to moderate income families similar to Wisdom Way in Greenfield! Programs aimed at conservation of our land & resources. Alternative housing, like co-op’s for low to moderate income families & artists. Promote business & commercial development that reflects what Turners is striving to become: Green & a haven for the arts. Improve energy education & offer more services for affordable education and job skill training for the existing workforce. Promote business and commercial development to create more local jobs. I think a scale of 1-2-3 would have been more efficient. I think all of these projects, services & programs are important. I couldn’t put less than a 3 for any of them! I also think this survey was great. Thank you.

Improve sidewalks. I believe the town of Montague would be much more attractive if the town offered a anything goes trash pickup at least every two years!! I hope that it will be considered. It will help to stop people dumping in the rivers & plains. One half of Stevens St. has had new sidewalks poured. The other half of Stevens St. is in terrible condition! Looking around town I believe that these sidewalks are worse than any others. Please please look into fixing the rest of the street. Many elder people as well as children use these sidewalks on a regular basis.

Just reopen the Bridge going into the patch. Two way’s. People are doing it anyways and someone is going to get hurt. Take the old railroad salvage building down if it is gone and again someone will get hurt or killed before something is done. Why wait. Wayfinding signage: the Bridge. Lorraine Geddis.

Give back to tax payers other than schools. People walking in road because of condition of sidewalks on the hill. About time tax payers see their money going to infrastructure other than schools (sidewalks/crossing near schools).

More programs for people who are not working to volunteer their time doing tasks within their limitations to help out in the community, giving back something to the community in return for receiving some of the social services listed above. This should improve their self-confidence and feeling of self-worth, and decrease their feelings of being a "burden" on the community.

Clean up downtown Turners & Millers Falls. There are far too many shirtless/barefoot dreadlocked kids & thuggish looking punks to make anyone want to spend an enjoyable evening in town! We also need to provide incentives for homeowners to refurbish & clean up property. Railroad Salvage: tear it down.

Social Service Programs: Don't need. Redevelopment of Strathmore Mill: sell. Encourage housing for artists: no need. Reuse of Montague Center School: private. Railroad Salvage building: tear down. Stop making it so easy for welfare support services. We are the welfare town in the county get real. Lower trash fees which are sky high, lower taxes. Town of Montague needs to get these young people working again. It is sinful the way welfare, food stamps. Turners Falls has a tendency of treating newcomers (residents) better than residents who have lived all their life in town & that is just not right. We homeowners pay the bills.

All public schools should generate all energy that they use. One regional High School for the towns of Gill, Montague & Greenfield. One regional elementary school, Grades 1-8, for the towns of Gill, Montague & Greenfield.

More police surveillance on ave that are dead ended, for safety of property, fire. Vol. Fire depts. need to have clear access to fire hydrants and for laying of hoses. North St. has the potential for money for the town if parking tickets are issued (rarely).

Montague Center School! Keep open as 1. regional school 2. magnet school or 3. private school. Gas will soon be \$5.00 a gallon or more & The school system transportation costs (busses) will double-no one is considering this seriously

We are not impressed with road treatment on Avenue C! Is there another asphalt layer to be applied & what is there causes damage to vehicles!

A high priority should be to demolish the Railroad Salvage building not to stabilize it.

Demolish old bldgs-use priority for need. Police-hwy maint-town budgets. Good control!

Those not circled we weren't able to decide on.

Fix bridges in town. Lower taxes!!!

Wayfinding Signage: what??

It is the greatest town!

Finish the roads you already tore up then fix other ones. Make it easier for the working man to live instead of drug addicts and immigrants.

Railroad Salvage building: tear down

Community Center: new police station. Railroad Salvage building: demolish. New public swimming area: high school pool. Community Center at police station. Pool at high school was for the public also. Demolish Railroad Salvage!!! Sell the Strathmore now!!

All persons receiving social services must provide proof of U.S. citizenship.

Sawmill River improvements: don't know what this means. Cleanliness of downtown Turners Falls. Too much street trash and abandoned grocery carts.

Increase areas of opportunity to increase commercial development. This would increase opportunity for increase tax income, increase job growth, and local dollars = local growth!

Greenfield Road!!

More policing of Mt. Pleasant area & surrounding Rt. 63 area! Constant speeding/motorcycle racing on 63 must be stopped. Repave Rt. 63 w/less noisy asphalt. Improve roads, sidewalks, accessibility. Landfill remediation.

Clean up the downtown side streets.

Need more apartments/houses for Section 8/housing participants. Put our taxes to good use.

Improve roads. Demolish abandoned buildings: Railroad Salvage. Resure of Montague Center School: not good for school. Stabilize former Railroad Salvage building: For what. New public swimming area: No. We need to get rid of eye sores like the Railroad Salvage build. And give the poor people a second access to that section of town.

No projects until economy improves.

Seniors need to be considered for a new senior center-it provides great services with few resources. When the lease is up-where will they go.

Gill Montague Bridge repair. 1 or 2 bulk pickups/year.

Less odor from treatment facility!

The owner of Railroad Salvage need to take care of all costs of that building. The landlords of slum apartment building should have to maintain their buildings better.

Improve roads and sidewalks: In Montague Center correct the bend. Road/sidewalk in Montague Center going from Center to bookmill is a hazard. Its virtually nonexistent and cars round the bend too fast. Thanks for doing this.

Less money for high school, police & fire/These programs have the best facilities in Montague and better than most other towns. They don't need new everything to get the job done!

High school drop-out rates. Early childhood development.

Encourage business development: use the waterfront possibilities. Strathmore building: redevelop or sell it. Improve river access: for kayaks & canoes, south of dam. Sawmill River improvements: like what? New/renovate main library: need to have sense of community. If we provide an attractive growing community that takes care of its young & old, businesses will want to come here. One of the things we have is the Conn. River and the Millers R in Millers Falls. There is an area to the right of the parking lot at the bottom of the hill right on the river above dam that could have public restaurant/ice cream/tables & chairs outside (Brattleboro

Marina Rest. Is a good ex.) that would draw people. Get a couple good attractions & you won't have to spend a lot to encourage bus. Dev. It will happen & offer the rest of us some tax relief. P.S. The streets need swept of winter salt/debris pretty badly right now & its overdue; had to bicycle close to berm, etc. Please pass on to DPW.

River culture has gotten a good start attracting folks to the area. Hopefully other private orgs could follow in other areas instead of depending on the town budget/resources. As far as I can tell River culture has worked with the town. Organizations that just take it upon themselves to do what they want usually end up wasting the town money. Is there a better way to interview folks that purchase parcels like Strathmore, RR Salvage & St. Anne's? These people have been "a lot of talk with nothing to back it up. It's hurting the town. Apparently they talk a good game and we're not doing any background checks before allowing them to do virtually nothing or creating problems for the town.

With so many social and economic concerns these days it is difficult to decide what our top priorities should be. With such high unemployment, making Turners Falls a welcome place for new business is a must. Raise our community's tax base and put properties to good use. Increase employment and encourage people to take better care of our community and resources. To take pride in what we have, encourage history and the arts. But don't forget the needs of the elderly and persons with disabilities, and help for those less fortunate than most. Montague has a unique opportunity to develop into a community with small town values and big city growth.

I live in Senior Housing run by Town of Montague. If some energy etc would be put into grants and other ways to make these complexes energy efficient with upgrades to appliances and building (example) caulking windows, doors, upgrade furnace, etc. many dollars would be saved. Also Senior Housing should have some effort into emergency procedures. Safety features. In last power outage our emergency lighting did not work. There are no lights in stair well. A suggestion would be to make community room hook up to a generator. Also elevator.

Zero tolerance of bullying first time take necessary actions-build or reuse buildings for "scared straight" programs.

Community Center: Police station.

Education should be first & foremost.

Improve roads.

Remove dead trees!

Better policing of illegal Mexicans in town. Get these people off our street corners.

Horace Mann charter school to be housed in Montague Center school-attract new students to district & prevent loss of \$/student through school choice.

Improve public parks and rec areas: Dog park. Demolish abandoned buildings: depends on condition. Reuse of Montague Center School: use as community center. Unity Park improvements: dog park. DOG PARK I don't see why dog owners have to pay licensing fees if the town offers so little for dogs/owners.

The more social service programs we create, the more dependent our community population becomes. This type of community can inhibit the economic growth and health of our town.

Preserving farm land and open areas.

A foot bridge over the tracks on Greenfield Rd. Extend the bike path. Don't renew the contract for the apts on Ave. A.

Restore the Greenfield Road bridge over RR tracks.

Gill Montague bridge should not be allowed to lag behind schedule & should be made to last a very long time.

**Improve public parks and rec areas: Sand volleyball court 2 Unity park.** Reuse of Montague Center school: but not as a school-maybe a community center.

Good survey! Should be done more often. Single man w/no kids struggling to afford my mortgage, can't take a property tax hike and keep my house...my tax should not be raised when so many of the people producing kids are renting. There has to be another way to fix the schools needs. Hwy Dept. - 3 guys sitting on a tailgate watching as blonde girls works...I'm just saying...

Revise town business hours to Tuesday thru Saturday to accomidate working public. Need a full time town nurse to check on elderly residents and disabled.

Improve roads and sidewalks: esp. Mormon Hollow Rd.

Wayfinding signage: what's this? Develop municipal Geographic Information System: what's this? Youth Violence/bullying: schools are doing this.

“?” indicated lack of specific knowledge on my part. These are obviously all important. Not enough money for all. Perhaps a survey with far fewer options would make prioritization easier given the current fiscal crisis.

Individual Development Accounts: say what? Put the money into education. Fire bad teachers and get good ones, computers for kids. Hello. NO money for police stations we don't need.

Have the police dept. get grant money to put a cop on foot beat in down town Turners and down town Millers Falls 7 days a week, for the spring, summer and fall monthes of the year. Also help the town DPW and fire dept. find grant money, so they can hirer more people.

Please keep us informed by radio, newspaper or mail what is being offered and what is being done to fix problems when they happen. Continue to improve as we are able to. Good work-carry on!

I live on 2<sup>nd</sup> St. right across from between the Uprights. I am on the verge of a breakdown because of the noise from there four nights a week. Just because Ave. A is considered a “business district: NOTHING is done about it. DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT!

Redevelopment of Strathmore Mill increases tax revenue. Landfill remediation and development. Accessibility improvements. New public works facility. New senior center. Increase commercial development increases tax revenue. Reuse of Montague Center School, parking and green spaces in Turners Falls and Millers Falls. Railroad Salvage building: Tear it down. Renovate main library.

The bridges here in Turners Falls are in such need of being painted.

Get stimulus gov. \$ to fix R.R. bridge Greenfield Road. St. Would like to see Montague Ctr. Library stay viable and preservation work done on the Montague Ctr. Grange. Re-open Greenfield Rd. somehow.

This is a good first attempt at trying to gauge community support for different spending priorities, however, if it is going to be only meaningful someone needs to include a brief summary of what these specific needs and projects entail. Some of them are not self-explanatory. What does it mean to encourage housing for artists? Are there municipal costs involved? What would we hope to recoup on that investment? A more revitalized downtown?

5+ town-wide highest speed internet access.

Thanks for doing this survey! I didn't want to indicate that some things shouldn't be done (low priority)-just what I thought was most important.

Improve roads only! Landfill remediation. ? Reuse of Montague Center school as a school! New/renovate main library: NEW! See Wendell, it is their community center also!

Greenfield Rd long over due-saving money when (can't decipher word) right now waste of money patching it. More cutting and trimming on sides of roads not only downtown Greenfield Rd and etc, rural areas. Sweeping roads-not only downtown-and the hill. Railroad Salvage should be demolished.

? (can't decipher word) storms sewers? (can't decipher word) #4. Airport Improvements: done. Redevelopment of Strathmore Mill: doomed location, waste of taxpayer money. Reuse of Montague Center school: if commercial, if not commercial. Stabilize former Railroad Salvage building: are you kidding? Tear it down. Primary recreation projects should be swimming access. Stop wasting money on Strathmore-bad, bad location. Build arts incubation downtown instead. Montague has more than its fair share of low-income housing-please no more. Fire district budget & tax is an outrage. No dept. w/7,000 people anywhere spends more money. Join COG inspection program!

Railroad Salvage building: tear it down before someone gets injured. I'd also like to see a time table on how long bldgs can be un-inhabited-ie the house on L Street-before the town starts either fining owners or taking control of the properties. We need more money to hire more help to get this town on its feet! Lets get relations started w/storefront owners-give them incentive to lower their rent-s we can see more businesses come to town! Solid businesses not hippy co-op style craft stores-we need solid businesses that offer product consistency. We have the base w/pour restaurants we need retail-destination type stores! We have lost multiple-possible businesses due to high rent! Also at some point a few yers ago an effort to make safer houses the Bldg Insp. Was checking the safety of all porches-lets get back to that!

All roads need sidewalks. Landfill remediation and development: don't know condition. New public works facility: don't know condition. New Senior Center: don't know the old one. Parking and Green spaces in Millers Falls. Social Service Program Needs: It all sounds important to do! The bike trail, the Connecticut & SawMill Rivers are a strong asset-take care of them. Also the Montague Plans why not try a magnet school at the Montague Center school? Millers Falls & Lake Pleasant could be very cool, but need help. Improve schools radically not incrementally-better school system will bring in more property taxes. Amherst is going down hill, go ahead & compete for those taxpayers! Thanks to all the paid, elected & volunteers folks who do such a great job at running this great town! P.S. Turners Falls is starting to have a very different reputation than it did 10-20 years ago. It's getting to be (starting to be a very cool place). Good work!!!

Get going-make the owner of Railroad Salvage take that building down. Do not use our tax money to demolish it. That's what he is waiting for. He's probably waiting on & laughing at the "hicks" in Turner Falls. Turners Falls is a very nice village. To live Avenu A looks very nice with it's lovely trees and good looking buildings.

The bridge renovation is much needed. We also need to prevent those projects from stalling local development. I love this town. I like the direction it has been taking regarding arts and business development. We need to bring lower income folk into this process and truly make it redevelopment for all!

You should always remember this “don’t put in a swimming pool if your house needs a roof.” I am 63 years old and these words of wisdom came from my father. Try to run the town this way and things will get much better.

I would like to see plantings along the bike path, flowers, fruit, even vegs, herbs, wild edibles would be ideal! Things that could help out people. Maybe classes on foraging edible plants would be awesome. Things that could supplement peoples incomes. In these square patches of dirt on the sidewalks why can’t we grow cukes, squashes, gr beans, tomatoes, etc...and share with all in need? Why does it always have to be ornamental stuff? We could have many people pitch in to help.

Landfill remediation and development: not sure what entails. Industrial Park Development: lower taxes. New public works facility: need one? Reuse of Montague Center school: if it can be re-used as a private school you can retain perhaps some of the residents leaving Montague Ctr & therefore taxes. Having said that I realize this will take away from \$ for public school. Personally I would love to see a gym go in there. Stabilize Railroad Salvage building: for what purpose? Social Service Program Needs: this is impossible to choose-they are all important however given my tax bill and town budget I know we can’t fund everything. Individual Development Accounts: no idea what this is. In the winter Rt. 47 changes at the Sunderland line from being well maintained by Sunderland to being more snowy /icy on the Montague side. I believe Turners Falls has tremendous potential and believe high priority should be developing the mills and artist space/creative economy-especially with New Northfield College coming. Millers Falls is perfect spot to be an antiques hub-problem is parking. Need to do something about 2 rejected brick buildings there. Thank you to everyone there who is working so hard.

\*Heavy traffic exceeding speed limit consistently at Montague Center Sawmill River bridge. Better enforcement of speed limits. Quiet hours in neighborhoods on Sundays. Reinstate Barton Cove Eagle Cam ASAP. Encourage longer hours & weekend hours at Discovery Center. Beautify land at Rodney Beauchesne property. Support Hunting Hills.

Landfill remediation and development: recycling, pick up both types of recycling each week. Commercial façade and accessibility improvements: 2 very different projects. Yes 5 accessibility improvements, handicap of course. Parking and Green Spaces in Turners Falls and Millers Falls: 2 very different projects. Yes green spaces. Sawmill River Improvements: let’s make a waterwheel for free electricity!. **Unity Park improvements: fountain w/drinkable water spout for filling water bottles.** Pre-employment/job training skills, GED classes, ABE classes, Domestic Violence Prevention Services, Drug and Alcohol Abuse-treatment/prevention, parenting education/support: In Greenfield. Montague “Transition Town” supports (transitioning toward sustainability). Green Energy projects & moving beyond dependency upon Oil/Petroleum. Community Water Source. We had 2 power outages during the moth of May, the last one lasting for 2-3 days, even 4 days for some people. We need to make provision for these violent weather patterns by creating a place where townspeople can go for clean, drinkable water. It would be great to have a community well with a hand pump & a waterwheel to generate electricity in case of (for only small use) emergencies...Community Garden space (this would be really great!). Emergency Response. Firefighting Programs (for resident information. As I write this (June 6<sup>th</sup>) I’m thinking of the tornado warning that was in effect yesterday & what would have happened to Montague if it had hit us-we need to be prepared for emergencies better!

This respondent chose to attach a full, two-age, typed commentary regarding the survey and the needs proposed for consideration: This is a hoot! All communities need most of these things all of the time. I’m feeling insulted that this was even sent out. That is was printed up \$\$, copies made for all the residents\$\$, postage paid

\$\$ and for what?? More than half of the townspeople have either lost interest for lack of consideration, or never card to begin with. This mailing is a waste of “budgeted” money. Did the town hire a *sidewalk engineer* to evaluate and prioritize the sidewalks most need for repair and replacement? What a fine job was done. (sarcasm). The list on this “survey” is insulting. Isn’t it obvious to the remaining townspeople that do have an interest in the towns’ future, what and where improvements and replacements are needed. And will the *ranking Order* be the townspeople’s best interest? I don’t recall filling one of these out regarding that ridiculous island in front of Scott’s. And I sure don’t recall a sidewalk survey. Improve roads and sidewalks: Quite a few streets on the hill in Turners were just oil and stoned. The good streets! I wasn’t paying attention when that notification came out because had I been, I would’ve said no. Go to Montague Center and fix those roads. They need it most, of the villages in Montague. Is there an issue with the sewer, water and drainage infrastructure? What are they? How can I rank without more information? Improve parks and rec so that if we can’t get from point A to point B because we have no bridges, we certainly have enough parks to hang out in and wait. Encourage business development...Yah...that was mine.fifteen years ago when I campaigned for selectboard and again this year. Fifteen years and we’re still beating that dead one. Shouldn’t the energy improvements just be being done? Why does that need to be ranked...don’t we already know? Airport...we’re beating this one too. The realization of the revenue a fully, functional town airport would produce could bring in the “development” the town needs. Social service programs? Jobs were alleviated and lost and programs were cut from the budget. Strathmore-Let’s have some research done. The buildings structural issues, public access is it is redeveloped, parking... Landfill-should be a priority considering the method the town now utilizes and job generation is a plus... Cultural heritage-very important to individuals that prefer non developmental projects that don’t necessarily generate significant revenue... Commercial façade and accessibility improvements can only be accomplished if/when the town can attract more businesses not just in the village of Turners but in Millers and Montague Center... Industrial park development-how nice to have a functional airport so close to the industries... Housing for artists?-not sure I understand that one. Who gets to judge who the artists are and how much they get charged to show what is considered art... Community Center-includes the many cultures that now reside in the town of Montague. The idea is a good one but again, research...who would utilize the community center?... New public works facility-Is it broken? Can it be fixed, or are we just needing a change of scenery?... Demolish abandoned buildings-Again...a dead horse...we’re beating it? New Senior center-the older generation has my utmost admiration and respect. That said...is it needed? If so can it be moved to a building already constructed, maybe renovated? Housing rehabilitation programs-again, Governor Patrick cut budgets. Once this town generates revenue, this should be revisited... Replace street signs-what? Why? The ones that have been destroyed by vandals or by the elements, yes. The town has an over abundance of signs, especially bikeway signs... River access- I’m under the impression that the river banks are being destroyed by the traffic currently causes. Why destroy more nature? Wayfinding traffic-we’re good. Preservation of historic resources-Does Montague have a historic society? Where is it? Increase commercial development-Downtown revitalization!!! Reuse Montague Center School-Of course, why not? Do the towns people understand the restrictions regarding the use of this building? How can one rank if uninformed? That actually goes with every? on this survey. Trail restoration-can wait. Green spaces!!!!Green spaces? There s a whole riverbank of green spaces! Parking-just let’s never turn into Greenfield! Renovate Elementary schools-great idea. But let’s research how many children the town will educate considering that people are opting for school choice. Sawmill river improvements-Is there something wrong with the sawmill river? What? Again...information required! Develop municipal geographical information system-okay...once the town revenue is regenerated and improved, yes... Unity Park-What the heck is wrong with Unity park!?!? Other than the fact that someone thinks a skate park in that area is a good idea...it is not for sooo many reasons... Stabilize former RR Salvage building-Stabilize!! Knock it down and build a beautiful, functional, revenue generating skate park! New/renovate main library-Renovation is our best bet, considering all of the vacant deteriorating buildings the town of Montague now hosts. New public swimming area-WHAT? WHY? As for the Social Service Programs-My grandmother, rest her soul said, “If you have nothing nice to say, say nothing.”

Next to General Community Needs respondent wrote: don't take care of the current areas very well now-so be careful what we take on. Business Development: business signage?. Social Service Programs: evaluate effectiveness. Redevelopment of Strathmore Mill: if have serious developer who has funds to follow thru and is bonded & insured. Commercial façade = 1 / accessibility improvements = 6. Housing for artists: must be self-sufficient. Community Center and New Senior Center: combine. Housing Rehab: matching grants? Wayfinding signage: showing fish ladder, disc. Ctr, etc? Reuse of Montague Center school: is there a plan? Renovate Elementary schools: if needed (combine). Railroad Salvage building: demolish. Main library: renovate, improve for access/wchairs. Keep T.F. tree planters neat-or remove plantings. Fill with mulch or ground cover and place tub planters with flowers-less expensive & easier to maintain. Will look more uniform. Water doesn't stay on planters-runs off. Social Service Programs: Yes. EOSL: must be in English class to get services. Job related transportation: bus passes? Homelessness prevention: review pgm for effectiveness. Food Assistance: must work at F.P. if able. Elder self-sufficiency services: have able-bodied work giving rides, etc. Earned Income Tax Credit: some keep income low to be eligible. Mortgage Foreclosure prevention: must take financial literacy training to get assistance. Make public bldgs green. Tear down salvage bldg-eyesore for town. No more spending on Strathmore unless bonded & serious! Replace sign that was to be fixed at River crossing into T.F. and weed that bank-is homeowner responsible? Do NOT expand park system-intentions good, but don't maintain what we have well. Cut weeds & brush along river near fish ladder & across from the playground/park & along bike path & up hill going into Greenfield occasionally if Greenfield isn't going to do it-it is a poor entry sight into our town. When coming over bridge can't see traffic coming. Bicycle or car-and bike path is becoming more crowded-cars not sued to stopping to look.

During heavy rains there is always flooding on George Ave. Improve sewer, water and drainage infrastructure: George Ave.

There needs to be economic development, especially in Downtown area.

Fishing area for wheelchairs canal & river.

Universal access to Broadband!!! If you really want to see economic redevelopment Broadband is essential!!! It boosts business & educational opportunities.

Housing for artists: why just artists? I have no problems with monies going to community and social services that need it. And some of these I did not reply to because I'm not sure what they are. I have NO interest in funding the airport, unless someone can explain how it benefits the town.

Home owners yard clean ups-get the community cleaned up-maybe a couple of large disposal drivers-some yards are a lot worse than Jarvis situation. Just take a drive around town. Back yards full of junk, wood, etc, cars.

Some kind of financial literacy for high school students. Hire someone from a financial inst. Like a credit union.

Paving and maintenance of West St. re-opening of Montague Center school as a school.

STOP WASTEING MY TAX \$\$\$.

Get businesses back which will lower overall tax burden-built in '93, prop. Taxes have tripled since.

Rebuild bridge across river to conservation area! And reopen all of Greenfield road!

1. Inforce people to pick up after dogs. 2. People need to slow down on Park St.

Need a lot more road fixing. Bad holes everywhere. Trees hanging over wires should be cut. Trees are leaning toward wires. Take them down.

Montague Center school should be used as an elder assisted living facility.

Social Services to help soldiers and their families.

New/renovate main library: Montague Center Library.

Railroad Salvage bldg: clear it.

Railroad Salvage bldg: Demolish.

Improve roads. Strathmore Mill: power plant. Railroad Salvage bldg: power plant. Not against helping other so long as they contribute to the town. Helping with projects, picking up trash. NO MORE FREE LOADERS!!!!

There are so many abandon buildings especially on L street. I take care of the property behind me. The building has abandon for 20 years. It's a shame that these building are wrouting. Nothing is being done. As for Railroad Salvage tear it down and build something in its place. So many people are looking for work.

Don't want it-if it ends up like Greenfield-low income people take over with out of town people. Reduce the amount of people who live here FREE. Doing a lot better job on getting rid of 1. illegal immigrants down town 2. drug sellers down town.

Have waited 80 years for park in Montague City!! Only precinct without a park!

Encourage Greenfield to make Greenfield to Turners Falls connector (i.e. hill by mills)-biking & walking safety improved in this area.

Need shops. Open closed store doors. Need stores-mall-our town is beautiful, but I get very upset when I walk down the Ave and see all empty buildings. Plenty eating places. Just get stores open.

It is a good survey and I hope these programs get better support.

Needed-area of concern-a stop sign behind the Shea Theatre in area where cars exiting Cutlery Block enter the alley. Since removing "Do Not Enter" signs on Ave. A next to theatre, it has become a hazardous situation. There are "Do Not Enter" signs in area of "L" St., but people disregard these signs. So most of the time there is two way traffic in the alley. Most people are unaware of this and exit at free will. I myself was almost hit by someone going in the wrong direction. Please take this matter into consideration. Thank you. Also speeding on the Avenue and side streets.

Let's move forward with our airport project. Having an airport in our back yard has GOT to be a plus for developing new business ventures. The groups blocking this projects should Not be rewarded with other venues in town! Let's have an understanding. I think we should concentrate on encouraging new business to the downtown in our villages plus the industrial park. Hopefully an improved tax base will allow some of the other program to come into play without a burden on local taxpayers and homeowners! Our taxes cannot CONTINUE TO INCREASE DISPROPORTIONATELY TO OUR INCOMES. It is not a formula that works.

No more taxes. Montague is the highest yet in this area. You are strangling the elderly & home owners. Why should anyone vote for the airport project. This is the same projects from years before. It wouldn't benefit anyone in Turners, Millers, Greenfield, etc. The majority of the issues that are on here, this paper, help can be obtained in Greenfield.

Better & larger signing where bike path & highway cross-(especially Greenfield Rd. near WWTF). I have had twice almost hit cyclist. Cut back trees so both can see both ways better. Canel bridge not as bad. I like this idea of a survey. Ticket J walkers on Ave A-that's what crosswalks are for. Please publices (misspelled) results in Recorder and Montague Reporter. Thank you.

Intervene in school system. There is an extreme amount of bullying in T.F. schools. (sometimes its even teachers!). Our school system is a real mess!! T.F. police department needs sensitivity training! They are still operating in 1980s as far a domestic violence is concerned!!

Activities for youth that w/benefit the community, develop pride & ownership in community-encourage develop sense of self-esteem & social skills, along with sense of team work. The town of Montague is surrounded by water-a town swimming area along w/picnic area (Sawmill River would be perfect) should be a priority. There is a low sense of community, in Montague-we are 5 separate villages & should realize we are 1 town w/ 5 burroughs.

Water has become a prime issue for some of the world, and will shortly become a prime issue for most of the world. The Town of Montague has water as one of its key assets; (rivers, aquifers, water shed and canals. This asset should be given highest priority, special monitoring, with an eye toward community needs including "bringing in revenue." The Strathmore location could provide cooling water for certain electronics (for example, this is a key requirement for Google). There is ample opportunity for water recreation, watershed trails, etc. which can be made to attract out of town revenue.

Main concern is to attract decent paying jobs that will actually support families in town. Look at large projects, ie: regional transportation/warehousing design & sales of alternative energy products, high speed electric trains connecting us to Boston/Springfield.

There are areas of Millers Falls that the sidewalks weren't fixed and there are areas that the street needs repaving. Somehow these areas were neglected when the rest of the town was being worked on. The former Railroad Salvage building should be demolished not stabilized. Why waste town money fixing it or stabilizing it. Its an eyesore and dangerous. Plus it will just siet there empty. Take it down for everyones safety. One more thing. I feel the jut outs put in Millers were a waste of space (parking space) as well as a waste of time. Also they are ugly.

The patch job (stones w/oil-tar?) done on Stevens St. and side streets is terrible. It is poorly grated, dangerous and extremely noisy. You can hear every car coming down the street at night while trying to sleep. If any child falls off their bike, it will be a trip to the emergency room to pick stones out of their skin. If the town can't resurface roads correctly it would be better to do nothing and save the expense.

Encourage business development: which has been happening. I think education & some teacher have gotten out of control! Fast pace-electronic & high-tech. We ought to slow the pace doing somethings-back to the old way. This town has become totally worse since I grew up here & my children did! Times have changed yes-but who changes them! There are good things still here & revived! But-----.

Demolish abandoned buildings: w/o removing the structural antiques like the molding, floors-charming aspects. An emphasis that Turners Fall was established by a mixture of culture and that we remain the same. Heightened awareness of this fact to socialize the acceptance of those diverse groups instead of maintaining the

status quo of clear discrimination between families that have lived here and the growing population of other cultures. How dare we criticize the exact nature of where we come from in the first place. Just look at the areas of the churches and share their culture. The role models of this community need to step it up and abolish the racism in the town that jeopardizes our future. Let's make and enjoy the multi cultures that exist in this town.

General Community Needs: "Maintain" on all of these is 4-5 for me! We need coordination & "butt-kicking" inspiration for a "neighbors helping neighbors" program! Our "idle"- "bored"- "neglected"- "addicted" young people, and our under-employed adults, would grown in skills, self-worth & employability by being organized to paint their needy neighbors' homes; help seniors & disabled with cleaning, household tasks, errands, drs. Apptmts, and simple repairs; helping to clean & landscape our streets & parks; planting city gardens; etc; etc, ETC! I feel it is great that you are asking. I have the utmost respect & empathy for paid and volunteer public servants who are so constrained in the resources (\$) available. Few of us understand the devastation in our local budgets & technical assistance that bean with Ronald Reagan slashing funds & programs to states & localities. No one of either party has ever restored it.

Under specific community projects I would encourage town beautification incentives. I walk a dog daily and I have to walk carefully due to dog poop and trash strewn about town, especially in some areas, also some areas have piles of trash that no one seems to be responsible for. Also could we commission the field down by the river where dogs congregate every Saturday am as a dog park with rules, regulations for pooper scooper and other dog related obligations?

The number one problem if you don't live in the center of town is transportation! It is either expensive, unavailable, confusing, or unreliable. A steady, dependable, low-cost shuttle that runs through the villages and via main roads and is highly publicized could change lives! It would also be nice if the town of Montague would put drive-up mail boxes in places off road where they could be accessed by the drivers of cars without stopping in the road & getting out! (like at Greenfield PO and the Montague Center and North Amherst PO).

Put some tar on bridge going to Gill. Feels like your are four wheeling.

I moved to Montague earlier this year. I am an avid runner & hiker & have been shocked to see all of the garbage that people dump in the wildlife management area. Can't some of the trails be blocked off to prevent cars from going in & dumping their trash?

No new additional spending when you can't afford what you already have!

Opinion: All people on unemployment should be "required" to attend job training programs as should all people receiving state welfare.

Industrial Park Development: not sure. Montague Center school: not sure. We've talked about all this for a while...just do it!!! I personally think so much can be fixed for the better in our town. I've lived here my whole life & I'm now raising a child here & I think everyone knows the park (Unity) should be priority for the children, also a public swimming area for all the families. Domestic Violence prevention in town also because its everywhere & NOT enough support for victims.

Strathmore Mill: Senior apts. Generators for senior apts. No loitering signs. More police officers. Fine people for bad language. They (the state) says no freezers-we need them!

Get rid of old Railroad Salvage! Take it down.

Montague Center school: community center. Railroad Salvage building: demo. New public swimming area: Lake Pleasant

Musician housing (not just artist). Great survey-thanks!

We'd like to see a recreational center with indoor pool, weight room, aerobics studio/yoga studio, outdoor volleyball court.

Please fix sidewalks in the patch. I am tired of the potholes in mine. I have complained and all they do is fill them. The stuff comes out with snow removal. Thank you.

Assume all funding will be reduced substantially for decades to come. Build capacity and resilience to "do without." Invest in infrastructure that provides basics-water, food, shelter, with low energy input. Knit community together.

Housing for artists: and or studio space. New Public works facility: improvements to present. Replace street signs: if they are missing. Wayfinding signage: if needed. Development of a historical museum for Montague. I have given top priority to all Social Service Programs even though they are not all my needs. Everything on the list above is very important in Montague and in downtown Turners especially.

Renovate elementary schools: close Hillcrest. Railroad Salvage bldg: tear down.

New Senior center: not necessarily new. I'm concerned that taxes will be raised to fund these items. How about a discount for Seniors to help pay taxes? People should pay for their own social services program needs. Why should my taxes support them? Taxes would be better used for projects listed on other side of this paper. Will the libraries in the villages close if the T.F. one is new (renovated)?

**WE NEED MORE BUSINESSES IN AREA.**

Local transportation: for elders especially.

Something needs to be done about the old Railroad Salvage building ASAP. Also the downtown is beautiful. We need to encourage more quality businesses. Its great that we're getting restaurants but how about some stores.

I think programs for youth and teens is of major concern. Keeping music and arts in the whole school system. Young people need to have something besides sports.

Replace street signs: I like my "old" sign. School system/crime prevention are most important to my family. I am an ESL & English writing/reading tutor-if I can be of any assistance with the above programs please let me know. Charis Tarbett (404) 372-4847.

Don't try to duplicate what other agencies do better-literacy, ABE, Housing Authority. Need Industrial Park development-market remaining lots-Montague is not listed on the Western MA list of industrial park sites Econ. Dev. Council of WMA-Why not-.

Reuse of Montague Center school: sell it and be done. I would love to see efforts made to make this feel like one town instead of two "towns" that cannot get along.

Litter Downtown, gangs & drug activity. More police patrols would be good. Too many grocery carts not returned-why should Food City have to pay for pick up-people should return them! There are no trash cans on the street (Ave A) from 3<sup>rd</sup> to Peskeomskut Park on the west side.

Stop young people from hanging around downstreet in front of businesses.

Railroad Salvage bldg: demolish. New public swimming area: No. Financial Literacy/budgeting: banks should do this. Domestic Violence Prevention: \$ should be the P.D. Homelessness prevention/homeownership counseling/mortgage foreclosure: banks should do this. Banks should be directly involved in “economic education” initiatives & made accountable thru “community reinvestment act” portfolios.

Annual spring trash cleanup-trash transfer station.

Sewers in Millers Falls need to be looked at. They do not drain water very well especially on Crescent St. Millers Falls.

Row of semi truck trailers on Ave A @ Bob’s Auto-terrible blight for our town welcome. Noise control in congested neighborhoods-barking dogs for long periods (& we are a dog owner-we don’t hate dogs) & loud music played into the night. Thank you.

Thanks for asking! Railroad Salvage bldg: demo!.

Railroad Salvage bldg: burn it. More police presence in the downtown-clamp down on illegal drug dealing in town. Clamp down on illegal immigrants in out town-roaming the streets, living on our tax money. Program don’t work-taxes are high enough-how to pay for it?

The three major bridges leading into Turners falls need major work!! Not only for safety it also effects attracting new industry & visitors to Turners Falls! How many times can the town patch the roadways over the bridges!

If people come here from other countries, they should know how to speak our language. We should not have to spend the money to teach them.

Excessive increase of 18 wheelers & large trucks roaring up & down Route 63 without any study of the effects on this day after day. The amount of truck traffic is mind boggling.

Strathmore Mill: develop canal area, e.g. San Antonio’s river walk. New Senior center: relocate to more accessible. Improve river access: see above. Railroad Salvage bldg: Demolish. Local tradesman/craftman barter. In area of Social Service Program Needs respondent wrote: self reliance education = 10.

Fully maintain annually all white and yellow road striping = 5, esp. on Greenfield Rd. Thanks for doing this survey. Great to solicit public opinion and educate us regarding range of needs.

Bridge repair (over railroad tracks) so detour is eliminated on Greenfield Road. The railroad doesn’t care if we can’t use bridge but many of us in Montague want it repaired.

Demolish abandoned buildings: especially Railroad Salvage. Why stabilize the RR Salvage bldg-demolish it!!

Somebody should look into waste & inefficiencies in town depts. Especially the DPW.

Improve roads and sidewalks: bridges.

Railroad Salvage bldg: demolish. New bridges! Train town highway workers to maintain roads better, including how not to hit curbs with plow trucks, how to fix potholes, and how to prune trees properly.

I would like to know why Couture can park in the middle of 5<sup>th</sup> St. and alley all day, 6 days a week and make everyone drive around him.

Incentives for homeowners who keep up their property, ie..., Orange and Spruce Up program or penalties for property owners who do not attempt to keep property maintained/neat & orderly. Thanks for asking for community input. Turners seems to be on the upswing and I'm happy to be a part of it. Riverculture, etc. is great. Festivals downtown, pumpkinfest, musicfest are all GREAT ideas!

Greenfield Road & bridge that has been out for at least 15 years outrageous. I know money is tight, but the improvement of our infrastructure should be the highest priority.

Business development: small only. Strathmore Mill: s/b private. Commercial development: small business. Railroad Salvage bldg: s/b private. New public swimming area: liability too high. Thanks!

Airport improvements: why?. Main library: how about opening the library for longer hours & on Saturdays?! Open library for longer hours & keep open on Saturdays during the summer.

I have completed those only of main interest.

Many street signs need replacement. Why not order signs that some one (volunteers) can re-paint when needed. Have DPW workers check all catch basins frequently. Finding many full of sand.

Bridge potholes. Walking path for people to Greenfield near housing and up hill to Stop n Shop. People have no where to walk bad for drivers almost hitting walkers and bike riders.

Tree clean-up! Please continue basic services as you are currently doing.

Don't waste any funds.

Social Service Program Needs: this should be state and federal.

Residential sidewalks in dire condition. Ave A from Food City down to Cumberland Farms needs a good clean up. Trees & bushes cover the sidewalk, The entire Ave. A needs a good cleaning. The lights are too dim and the trees and planters need a lot of attention. Those high mounds should be lowered and trimmed. It look as if they are burial grounds.

Improve roads and sidewalks: and bridges. Railroad Salvage bldg: destroy it.

Strathmore Mill: demolish!. Railroad Salvage bldg: demolish!

Promote businesses & business development of downtown Turners Falls. Continue to enhance the Montague Business Association (and partner w/towns like Shelburne Falls-who have a great downtown support system). Thank you for creating this survey! It's nice to know that the Town of Montague is actively seeking ways to improve our town and reaching out to the residents for input. We really appreciate that! Thank you again. Could you create some "We love Turners Falls, MA" bumper stickers?

Downtown Revitalization/parking and green spaces: Millers Falls.

There are other agencies already in place to deal with social services. No town monies, time or energy should be spent in this area. Letters of support are the only thing that should be offered and then only if the program or agency has experience and a successful track record. This statement is made with 33 years of experience in this area.

Have police after drug dealers & bullies not speeders only a few miles over limit.

The old Railroad Salvage building needs to be torn down and replaced with a park or something that the community could make use of. As it stands now it is an eyesore for those of us that live in the patch. It also is a fire hazard.

Railroad Salvage bldg: Demolish.

We are new to area & don't know area very well-New St. Ctr-if none currently, our priority for this would be 4-5. Improve roads: for smaller side streets/roads. Redevelopment of Strathmore Mill: jobs?. New public works facility: how bad is old one? New senior center: poss 4-how bad is old one. Replace street signs:: old ones still very functional. Improve river access: what river? Millers River is gross. Main library: renovate. New public swimming area: NO! There are plenty of water ways in area.

Railroad Salvage bldg: burn it! Use more volunteers in town for major projects. The town should not be involved with services that can be provided by others. Stay with the basics (infrastructure) & education, and increase industrial base to keep taxes down.

Youth jobs. More youth jobs to keep these kids off the streets/and law should be enforced after 9 pm at night/kids 18 and under should be off the streets by 9 pm.

Need a department store Walmart or K-Mart-anything.

Railroad Salvage bldg: or demolish. Use some of these empty buildings for new senior center, community center or public works facility,. Maybe the reuse of Montague Center school as a senior center and community center together. Some of these abandon buildings could be use as housing or food pantry. Mortgage foreclosures-maybe reduce the monthly payment and increase the length of time to pay off, that way people could keep their homes or businesses.

Food assistance/pantry: we need more. Elder services: Yes. We need buses on Saturdays. Very much needed.

Support skate park project. Food growing support-farms, gardens, farmers market, public spaces/plantings of nut trees or berries & fruit trees. Support/connect with cooking and nutrition classes multi generational. Maintenance of trees on Ave A. (they don't seem to be properly trimmed). Good idea to do this survey-thank you.

Commercial development and accessibility: accessibility. Replace street signs: missing. On "L" Street, especially. **Unity Park improvements: except dev. Skate park = 5. Thank you for purchasing a new flag and putting it up at Unity Park. I noticed you replaced the faded and tattered flag. It means a lot to me. Eldon Koch.**

Respondent drew arrow between community center and new senior center. Railroad Salvage bldg: demolish!. Social Service Program Needs: my tow's are important but could be county projects? I think a lot of programs should be a county effort. Also a lot of "Needs, projects and program" in this survey should be combined if at all possible. Otherwise I think the town has made a lot of progress on these projects ongoing! A new

community center with separate space for teens and seniors with families in between might be cost effective and interesting.

Skate park could be a lot better, bigger. Keep kids out of trouble. Keep trees better trimmed off of power lines. Clean water drains around town and make water follow into it instead of around it. Railroad bridges around surrounding areas of the town keep around guard rails mowed better. The police could do a better job beside harassing local people and get bigger fish to fry. Stop over paying town officials and put that money to a real use.

Replace street signs: which need to be. Railroad Salvage bldg: apartments for mid-class people. "Areas of major concern:" Yes, it appears downtown especially 2<sup>nd</sup> St-5<sup>th</sup> St. Ave A. & L St. is harboring young drug addicts along w/drug dealers. I think some money should be put into hiring trained undercover officers to get the heroin & pills off the streets and away from Turners Falls. It so obvious, especially on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> of the month when people get money. They gather in small groups/clusters. It really needs to be addressed.

A walk in health clinic in the downtown for the poor-big savings. Infrastructure shouldn't get run down-big cost. How about a county "poor farm"-big savings. Daily home visitation for the elderly & disabled. Volunteerism.

Change "Village of Turners Falls" name to either Great Falls or Peskeomuskut (? spelling)? instead of glorifying name of man who slaughtered Native Americans. Create new mascot for Turners Falls High School as an Indian is derogatory and portrays racist views for a town team. Wayfinding signage: ? dk means?. Main library: renovate.

Social Service Program Needs: can be done in collaboration with area agencies. All of the above are important and there are many local agencies that can help with these areas. Transportation is a big issue for everyone. Thank you for asking us!

Railroad Salvage bldg: demolish. New public swimming area: high school pool. Youth violence/bullying: classes all ages. Local transportation: buses. More support, education, encouragement of youth to find & keep jobs as police and firefighters, as older personnell are reaching retirement age soon! Thank you!

Fix the roads, clean up Main St. areas. The state & Federal gov't. has enough programs in place-the town should focus on the town. Stop giving money away to people who are already on the gov't programs. **FIX THE SCHOOLS!**

F.L. Roberst should place arrows pointing one way to enter and one way to exit and a special entrance for the feul trucks to enter with out blocking off the street. The traffic lights should be more noticeable. Traffic lights should be placed on the corners of Third and L. Streets.

Encourage industrial development to stabilize town services.

Several social problems in downtown Turners are closely linked: lack of education/jobs/poverty lead to violence (both teen and domestic abuse) and substance abuse. I'd like to see collaborations made between agencies to attack/resolve root causes. Thank you for asking for citizen's input. I hope these surveys are helpful to you! You have your work cut out for you-don't forget to ask citizens early & often to participate as volunteers!!!

Respondent placed a "\*" for replace street signs. More housing for the elderly. Control slum landlords. More hours for the Town nurse. More control (probably by signs) of speeders coming off Gill-Montague bridge and proceeding down Avenue A. At least paint street signs if not replaced. Elimination of "U" turns on Avenue A.

Control use of cell phones while driving by petitioning the Mass. Legislature. Any attempt to abolish the name of our beloved Turners Falls should be vehemently opposed. Rumors are that this move will be made by certain groups in the future with the possible establishment of a cultural Indian Village. Ambulance service in the Town of Montague should remain with Baystate Ambulance. We have experienced expert service, prompt response & extremely competent advanced life support personnel.

I would LOVE it if we could beautify the “strip” on Montague City Rd.Ave. A where Aubuchon, Food City, etc. is. This is such an eyesore-esp. when compared to the new Greenfield Savings Bank on one side & the downtown district on the other side-both of which have beautiful attention to trees, art installations & gardens. There is no need for such a huge parking lot. For little money we could convert some areas of the lot into garden spaces for trees & flowers...what a difference for locals & visitors & consistent with the downtown efforts to beautify Turners Falls. It wouldn't take much but the effect would be tremendous. Perhaps local Garden Centers (Stewarts?) would contribute as a community gift?

New public works facility: have more work involving (cannot decipher written word). Replace street signs: readvise, update, enforce violating them. Trail restoration: advertise events, educate. Montague Center school: more historic site. Renovate elementary schools: parking lots larger. Railroad Salvage bldg: destroy demo. Homeownership counseling: more advisors and banks effort. Oriental bittersweet vines are webbing our forestry. Trees are a necessity to life. Several properties have abandon houses. Have more citizens make a community effort into rebuilding and making homes. Cars need to do 15-20 miles on Avenue A and 10 mph on any road off onto other 1<sup>st</sup>-2 streets and stop at crosswalks. Jobs for every adult citizen who lives in town. Send weekly flyers with pictures of sexual offenders in 30 miles parameter. Buses for all children to their schools. 380 parents spend 1 hour and \$30 a week & maintenance for 380 vehicles 5 days a wk, 180 days a year.

Lower taxes-we don't have any extra money to give to the town.

Remove bump outs on Main Street in Millers. They hinder parking and access to businesses and collect sand and garbage. At least clean and maintain them.

Airport improvements = -5.

Improve sidewalks. Most sidewalks are a mess,, on top of the hill. Better of running in the street. Downtown not to bad.

Replace street signs: traffic, make needed. Appearance 7 litter! Get RR Salvage bldg torn down & all debris removed! Hire a full time town litter cleanup person with fines established! Front porchs & streetside storage ordinances needed!

Railroad Salvage bldg: demolish!

High school drop-out counseling-prevention teen pregnancy counseling-prevention.

New public swimming area: re-open & develop Green Pond!

Gill Montague bridge very rough driving.

Work and/or recreational facilities for teen-agers to keep them off the streets and out of trouble. **After school programs at Unity Park for grammer and middle school students.** The placement of the benches along Avenue A are great for the elderly and disabled citizens of Turners Falls. Keep up the good work!

Railroad Salvage bldg: get rid of it. Safety & firehazard!!

Main library: renovate. Demolish Railroad Salvage building.

Turners Falls needs more business. We need to do something with the former Railroad Salvage building. We need make a Dept. store to come in to create jobs and money for the town. We need to build a bigger industrial park and have more big company's to come in. And we need to clean up downtown Turners from drug dealers, etc.

Improve roads. Bring in a box store somewhere on Millers Falls Rd. Heck Greenfield does not want it and we could use the revenue.

I don't believe services to those with serious mental illness should be delivered by Service Net in a homeless shelter environment. Training program for police related to how to respond when in situation with a person with serious mental illness who has not been managing that chronic illness. A school volunteer program that utilizes the many talented community residents would be a plus. A coordinator is needed to make it work. Greenfield had a V.I. P. program that was excellent because the coordinator knew how to get the community involved in the schools!

Support what we have. Improve what we can. No new projects until economy improves regardless of grant dollars.

The only thing I feel-that we need-more sweepers for the sand on the roads. It takes a very long time to get to my street in the spring time. My window are so dirty-for the roads not being sweep! I feel the Town of Montague is doing a great job in everything they do-I'm very proud to be living my life in this town!

Reopen Montague Center school. Renaming it after Anna M. Garbiel dedicating to her after many years of being the principal.

Main library: renovate. To save money the town should reduce the number of police officers. At one time as many as we have now was needed-at this time we are supporting too many officers and police cars.

Establish new community gardening plots on town-owned land & parks = 5. Establish and maintain dedicated bike lanes on existing streets = 5. Household composting collection/partnership w/local farm = 5.

Street sweeping in Millers Falls still needs to be done...

Railroad Salvage bldg: demolish. Downtown revitalization in Turners and Millers Falls: try again to get landlord to do something with front of building sidewalk! Front looks like it is rotting. The sand on the streets & sidewalks is terrible. Every time I call on when will they finish cleaning the streets I am told the sweeper is broken. In downtown Millers Falls the Main St. is an eyesore. The landlords in some buildings never clean sand off sidewalks to road. The bump outs & corners are loaded with sand. The landlords need to be notified that this is their responsibility (sidewalks). Many residents also don't sweep to road. The drainage system can't possibly work well when so much sand left on side of roads. A notice should go into paper that residents are responsible for sweeping sidewalks every spring to keep buildup down. Very dangerous. Some people fly across bridge & other side. Can't see it coming until on top of bridge-tall trees cut! The small bridge over railroad tracks headed to Wendell is in need of some road patching on both ends. Sand needs to be removed near drains. Generally cars cross from one side while car on other side waits. Narrow bridge. It would be extremely helpful if trees on all sides cut back at least 25 ft. so driver could see what is coming.

We need more for the kids big & little.

As part of a tourist destination project, capitalize on historic Lake Pleasant and its status from circa 1880-1020 as the largest gathering place in the United States for practitioners of Spiritualism.

Railroad Salvage bldg: demolish. I think that most of the above social service programs can be achieved & available on a county or Greenfield/Montague shared community basis. Transportation continues to be a barrier to many services. The worsening economy has led to a greater need for basic (food, housing) services while the funding & supportive services shrink. More creative solutions should be encouraged & sought out in the development of education, social & economic development.

I live on Greenfield Rd and the traffic is very heavy. The biggest problem is speeding. More effort should be made by the police dept. to set up radar and give these speeders a citation for speeding. Worst times are 8:00 a-9:30 a & 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm.

Railroad Salvage bldg: tear it down! New public swimming area: reopen Lake Pleasant. Reopen Lake Pleasant-bring it back to its original awesomeness! Charge for swimming & boating-public use! Tear down Railroad Salvage. Build major attraction in town-(outdoor waterpark like Cokokeys, aquarium, zoo). Some type of destination spot-shopping center. Greenfield doesn't want a BigBox. Turners should get Target. Jobs & tax revenue for the town! Mini mall.

Fix the bridge over the CT River. Its going on far too long.

Railroad Salvage bldg: demolish.

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Renovate elementary schools: if they need it-5. Unity Park improvements: if needs it-5. New/renovate main library: if needs it-5. There is town owned property between Roosevelt & Montague Streets. Use it for a park for "us older folk?" Bocce ball, shuffleboard, etc. If not there, elsewhere but for the older ones. Thank you for this opportunity!

Reuse of Montague Center school: as a school! Renovate elementary schools: only if pd by state. Railroad Salvage bldg: demolish! Some help with development of businesses etc. for areas OTHER THAN Turners or Millers would be nice!

General maintenance of the side roads during winter. Trimming overgrown foliage that is in the road. Re-paving side streets-less populated roads. Meadow Road is on of the last roads cleared during winter mowed during summer & is extremely tore up/bumpy. Would like town water extended to all of Meadow Rd. in Montague Ctr-many roads need trees trimmed & debris removed as the power lines are affected any time the wind blows (WMECO has done what they can do). Any influence on phone carrier (land lines), access to DSL, high speed internet to improve access to cable & internet from Meadow Road.

Airport improvements = 0. Railroad Salvage bldg: tear down. Comments by Bob Walker, 102 Chestnut HI Loop. 367-2893.

Improve roads and sidewalks: bridges. Strathmore Mill: traffic concerns. New public works facility: no idea what state its in. Demolish abandoned buildings: assuming condemned. Sawmill River improvements: whats that? Develop municipal GIS: what is that? New public swimming area: is there one now? Individual Development Accounts: what is it? The roadway from center of Turners up to Scotties convenience store is very dangerous with many point of potential accidents. The cross walk at the crest of the hill is extremely

dangerous for crossing pedestrians as cars coming up the hill can't see them soon enough. The crosswalk should be moved to a safer location. 1<sup>st</sup> priority-maintain crucial infrastructure (roads, bridges, town facilities, etc). 2<sup>nd</sup> priority-reduce cost of maintaining crucial infrastructure. 3<sup>rd</sup> priority-improve quality of life for existing residents. 4<sup>th</sup> priority-expand public services & business development. I'm very impressed with the development of downtown Turners Falls over the past 10-15 years. It's gone from being the slums of Franklin County to being a pleasant home town and cultural center. I'm happy that I moved here a few years ago. Keep up the good work.

In these challenging economic times, we feel that social services should be our highest priority along with critical infrastructure maintenance as needed. Local transportation: public transit.

Trail restoration: no. Railroad Salvage bldg: demolish. Somehow the town felt it was a great idea for bulldoze a larger path for their dogs to poop on in front of my kitchen. That was truly good money spent. Way to go Montague.

The most important needs are education, homelessness, elderly needs.

Your losing open land-terrible consequence for Montague.

Railroad Salvage bldg: demolish.

No road is as bad as this one! I have lived here for 50 years. The main road to Greenfield should have been fixed years ago! Greenfield Road has been a mess forever. The bridge should have been replaced & the road fixed! What happen? Railroad Salvage should have been demolish years ago. In the long run it would have saved money! Lets not start anything new until we get back on our feet! This is a great idea! Thank you!

Improve Rods: Greenfield Rd only. Cultural Heritage Center: what culture?. Encourage housing for artists: or business owners. Housing Rehab programs: what? Anything that gives people activities other than spending money. I would love to see more town events, groups, classes. People need activities. I need activities. Wording a bit confusing on some issues is housing rehabilitation mean rehabilitation housing? If so, yet to that. Or does it mean fixing up houses. That seems ok too. As what would new public works facility entail? It would be nice if this came with info packet.

Railroad Salvage bldg: demolish.

Need safe sidewalk in Montague Center on curve from center to BookMill. It is dangerous. Someone is going to get killed the way it is. Empty Montague Ctr school a tragedy. Aquifer should be protected at all cost (i.e. "no nestles). This survey is a great idea. Thank you. This is real democracy at work. Cheryl at Montague Ctr. P.O. deserves a community award. No Nuclear power. No Biomass. We love Montague.

**We need more for children to do in this town, swim, get a new playground structure for them. The equipment at Unity Park so old.** Need to update. Get in bands to play where you just put a new band shell in (across from Abuchons). Not the community band all the time either. Music for all ages of people. Our town is so boring. Nothing ever to do. Music is fun & exciting.

Business development: industry. Strathmore Mill: industrial. Demolish abandoned bldgs: Railroad Salvage open bridge. Railroad Salvage bldg: flatten. Greenfield Road rebuild railroad bridge for all traffic not bikes only-high priority. Sawmill River should be cleared of trees along S. Main St. Montague Center.

Need for tree work as evidenced by damage from recent storms. There appears to be a lot of overlap in the social service program needs. I'm not sure what % of the tax base comes from Montague Center but services do not seem commensurate. Hatchery Rd & Greenfield Road need work!

Railroad Salvage bldg: tear it down! Turners Falls/Gill bridge. Greenfield Rd bridge!

Renovate elementary schools: do we have more than one?

Would be great to create a "green" town, set excellent example for other U.S. towns. Reward local Biz's for reducing waste, conscientious environmental practices, energy-saving, alternative/solar energy conversion, etc. Do public educ. Seminars & reward home-owners for smart/responsible environ. Practices. A community farm, which could provide organic veggies for the whole town! They're trying this in various local towns. Public works of art (& please not all related to fish!) make the downtown amazing!!!

Reuse of Montague Center school: as a school!! Improve public transport/bus service to Greenfield and Amherst & bus through 5 towns of T.F. more often. This is a real lack that forces people to drive, use gas, etc. Street sweeping in Montague Center still not done on June 11-disgraceful. Noise pollution in Montague Center is serious. Lawn care esp. causes highly stressful decibel sound pollution daily. I would like to see a limit on this.

Need more activities/events/projects/education/training/arts/musicdiscovery/games/for pre-teens & teenagers: ways to reach out to them give them positive environment; to not only learn about responsibility, self love, accountability, sharing, being creative, team player, part of community. Helps teenager to learn so much by helping others. Volunteering at hospitals, churches, rest homes-additional places for just girls. Just boys and one for all to hang out. Depending on age & other criteria, perhaps some health education in abstinence, safe sex, or anything to help prevent teen pregnancy or spread of STDs & HIV & AIDS. Beside the Brick House I know we use often more to our 11-20 year olds. Little variety could be offered & then based on their need & age...education, training, health (clinic, nutritionist, exercise work, drug abuse, swimming) all in one place perhaps...

Tear down the Railroad Salvage bldg.

Speeding prevention in Montague Ctr. We really appreciate the opportunity to share our opinion with this survey.

New/renovate main library: don't change that beautiful building. Our buildings are beautiful and worthy of preserving. When buildings like library are renovated do not alter special historic character. Transportation-even a slight increase/expansion of service could do good for so many...this will be an area of increasing concern in coming years.

Improve roads and sidewalks: need more qualified leadership. Reuse of Montague Center school: no more studies. Railroad Salvage bldg: demolish. Domestic Violence: for police. Wake up leaders! Bad economy! Less state & Federal aid! This survey should be about what needs to be cut. Taxes are more than average people can pay. This town needs leaders that have good common sense and use it. We don't need leaders that say yes to everything! Get the most for the taxpayers money. Have the towns high salaried employees earn their pay. Write grants to demolish Strathmore and Rockdale and then if feasible write to get grant money to rebuild new. Don't spend money resurfacing side streets that don't need it. Spend money on main town roads in disrepair. Rebuild Greenfield Rd with a grade R.R. crossing by Hatchery or bridge with spread footings, etc. etc!

Improving quality of education overall-more money for gifted and talented, less for people who will never contribute back to society.

Descriptions on page 1 (other side) are quite vague: may mean something to town hall people but less to residents.

Housing rehab programs -5. to many already. Railroad Salvage bldg: demolish it.

Open access to Dry Hill Road cemetery!! Stop letting Mr. Senn keep blocking the road-take action! Stop wasting money on consultants ie the money wasted on telling us what to do with Montague Center school.

Sand removal in Millers Falls and street sweepers in the spring in Millers Falls.

Please put money into better public transportation between Montague & lower valley (Amherst & Northampton)

Need more improvements on all schools in Turners, need more activities for children and teens, more food assistance, transportation, more things at the **Unity Park for kids to play on, better skate park for teens.**

Sale of town-owned property-land & buildings. Closer control (by proper town officials) of type of development-not everything is good for the town. The town is coming out of a period of little or no development. Don't try to do everything for everybody. Program should encourage independence rather than long-term independence.

Railroad Salvage bldg: tear down. Try to expand industry to provide jobs and to provide tax relief for homeowners.

Explore hydropower and enact it.

Too much attention & work performed at housing project on hill. Re: sweeper constantly cleaning area there but just a passing cleaning on other streets, snow removal or plowing, etc.

Who the hell is going to pay for all of this? Not me. Sweep streets in Montague Center. Can't wash windows, too dusty. Sweep the sand from streets in Montague Center. I pay taxes, please. Fix Hatchery Rd & Greenfield Rd. When I was young we never had parks. Our parks were our own back yard. Whats wrong with that? Don't waste our money on this foolish mess. Are people so damn helpless nowadays? Us senior citizens have to pay for all this crap that we never use. I am in my 80's & never needed any of this stuff.

Don't spend anymore taxpayers money until we get the police station bill down. It is not fair to the taxpayer. Have the selectmen look into another cable co. the programs they have are repeats some 20 or 30 years old. But when you get the bills they aren't 20 or 30 years old. They don't even have a senior discount. It is not fair.

The town of Montague needs to develop more of a revenue base so we aren't so reliant on state funds. Our public schools are vital to the community and we need to find a way to stop fighting and fund them. This will attract more people to town-keep people from leaving and ultimately create a stronger vibrant community.

Parking and green spaces in Turners Falls and Millers Falls: parks??. Railroad Salvage building: too far gone. Main library: renovate. New zoning regulators-form based codes in Downtown areas & other techniques to curb frontage lot developments; traffic (can't decipher word) measures (curb bump outs, raised crosswalks, islands) along Montague St., Rt. 47, Millers Falls Rd, etc. Street tree planting program, if a cultural heritage center, tear down old Cumberland's next to Discovery Center; NO BIOMASS; work w/FRCOG to develop

Regional energy & food resources; regional public transportation; update (or complete\_ an OSRP (open space & recreation plan). Montague w/its village centers and open space still retains a New England character-do not sacrifice this for big box stores or large-lot residential development in the farm fields. If the town does this, it will lose any hope of thriving downtowns and will become a truly bedroom community-it will become Greenfield (which has no good vision and is fast losing its green fields). Thank you.

Parking: Millers Falls.

Sidewalks on Bridge St. are lower than the street. During heavy rain, the water flows on the sidewalk to Crescent St. The piping cannot handle the flow & the drains backup. After the rain subsides the water flows through the pipes again the drain on the right may have collapsed. After a rain storm, it takes about 3 hours to drain.

Railroad Salvage bldg: tear it down. Strathmore Mill and Railroad Salvage bldg: demolish. Senior center should be first priority! Demolish Strathmore & railroad salvage before someone gets hurt or the building collapse on its own.

Lower taxes.

Instead of giving out so much free assistance (food, lodging, etc) have people do community services for schools, elderly, help them to develop self esteem & give back to the community instead of constantly taking. People need to learn the language of the people who provide them with all the assistance. Assist them to learn to help themselves more.

If we get ½ of the list done that would improve Montague a grate deal!

Tear down former Railroad Salvage building.

Move the highway department into the Railroad Salvage lot. Reuse the Montague Center school as a food pantry store. Any buildings that are uninhabitable should be demolished, but if they can be lived in, the town should give the tenants the option to own them at a reasonable price.

I don't want to see the town try to get involved with swimming and river access to the point where it would affect private property owners rights. I am not anti social service needs. I just don't think it should be a town funded project. The same with swimming, river access etc. We need infrastructure & education more than recreation with what little \$ we have.

Sawmill Rive improvements: bridge. I like the direction Turners Falls is going in-river culture/art emphasis. It would be great to see the Strathmore turned into artist studios like the Arts & Industry Building in Florence or like Easthampton. Maybe with outlets/boutiques/retail shops. I would like to see Native American culture celebrated. There have been so many negatives-from Turner himself in the 1700s to modern problems related to the airport and high school. I like the idea of a cultural center-as long as it is done with sensitivity and with the full support of native tribes.

Reuse of Montague Center school: not as Mont. School.

Railroad Salvage bldg: knock it down.

Perhaps investing in the people of our community instead of buildings might be a better way to encourage the overall development of the community. Just a thought.

Main library: need handicapped access (can't decipher word) to 2<sup>nd</sup> fl! What about a retailer-Target, etc in T.F.? If Gfld can't do it, what about us? I would love to take my 6 year old child to the library functions; but at the programs are on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. He's disabled and too big to carry up.

Railroad Salvage bldg: can not be fixed. We live at 8 Stevens Street and we have a sewer drainage problem. The towns solution was to block the drain in front of our house. Everytime it rains we are dealing with a flooded street. Now that it is summer the water is a stagnant mess.

Keeping our "sidewalks" & "streets" cleaned. The upkeep of our sidewalks, vegetation (town trees) & cleanliness of our roads is a "disgrace."

Afraid another Railroad Salvage disaster at former Ste. Anne's church & another bad site being used to dump other waste at former Rod & Reel bldg. Isn't it the same person involved???

Unity Park improvements: swimming pool. Camping grounds at Montague Plains area for seniors to visit out of doors-cover.

At 10 Grout Circle-Millers Falls-is a giant Maple tree. The tree is half dead-it will come down and someone will be injured. I call last year about it but nothing was done. Please take care of this project. Tel 659-3506. Sophie Bourret.

I feel we should be looking to increase. Increase of jobs & taxpayers. Social service programs are paid by the taxpayers.

Improve roads: bridges. Energy Improvements to public buildings: go solar to all town building and wind power. Go green as much as possible.

All schools should have a mandatory violence and bullying class that should be passed by grading to insure that each child understand the severity!

Get Strathmore and RR Salvage off the towns back. Good schools now don't need social programs-keep kids in school. Mandate graduation.

Tear down Railroad Salvage building. Allow 4 wheelers & dirt bikes ect. On Montague Plains.

We need to improve our tax base by encouraging small, start up businesses, making it easier for current businesses to turn a profit and improving downtown. **MORE OUTSIDE CAFÉ SEATING!** While expanding our safety net for those less fortunate, more homeless beds, better access to a LOCAL food pantry, increasing affordable housing for Montague's citizens.

Strathmore Mill, Industrial Park development, Community center, new senior center, commercial development, new/renovate main library: could all go in there. The mill. Support for persons with disabilities: for job training?. Homeownership counseling/mortgage foreclosure prevention: is this the town's resp. Please have more speed traps in all 5 villages!! Thanks for asking our opinion!!!

Sell the Montague Center school. Unload the Strathmore Plant. It is a money pit. Stop waisting taxpayers money of endless studies. Don't waste my tax dollars.

I would prefer not to have most of these projects funded publicly. I would like my tax dollars to pay for schooling, road and sidewalk maintenance (including plowing), trash & recycling pickup, public parks, and

admin staff. Thereafter, I'd greatly appreciate a property tax reduction. If I had more money onhand, I could give more to the church (Czestochowa!) which does AA, food banking, elder care, etc., or I could buy more coffee & breakfast out at Round Here an Second Street. To me, that builds economic security. Thank you.

Thank you for the time and effort on this project.

Demolish abandoned buildings: Railroad Salvage. Wayfinding signage:?. Parking and green spaces in Turners Falls and Millers Falls:?. Railroad Salvage building: demolish. Local transportation: for the elderly. Earned income tax credit, individual development accounts, mortgage foreclosure prevention: for who.

Railroad Salvage bldg: demolish thing. Food City shopping area always looks disgusting. It is not clean and unkempt. It needs attention. And all the shopping carts all over town are ridiculous. If people use them, they should return them or be fined.

Need to do something with unused buildings-sell or rent-need tax \$. Get going on dump issues!

Encourage business development: Millers Falls. **Unity Park improvements: dog park. I would like to have a real dog park in Montague.** I pay double the amount of properties taxes than I used to and I have not children to use the schools I help pay for. My "kids: are my dogs. A fenced in area where they can run freely & safely would be wonderful. Also our dog officer seems to do nothing when we call him. Unlicensed, unleashed, running around dogs.

Railroad Salvage bldg: tear it down!. I will not press 1 for English!

It would be great to have more businesses that provide products people need and use in their daily lives. Having someplace similar to Thornes Market or the redevelopment of the old factories in Easthampton would expand the diversity of commerce in this town. It would also provide more employment opportunities for all ages and craftspeople.

Accessibility improvements. I am in an electric wheelchair. I would like to be able to get into Ave A/Second St. stores and shops. Please make all stores/shops accessible.

Main library: renovate.

Projects to keep children off the streets like sports & music programs. Youth center to cover these projects. Renovate old building to take care of these programs. Helping elderly with shopping, cleaning, taking to appts, lots of elderly don't have Masshealth! So these programs aren't available to them.

Other projects/programs and/or areas of concern: Integrate open-space committee (OSC) with town recreation programs and RiverCulture (RC) and with Great Falls Discovery Center. Work to open Discovery Center full-time, all year-not just the summer months. Do same with Gill-Montague school district curriculum. Integrate school curricula with OSC/RC (will help "school choice" issues). Figure out way to integrate Greenfield Community College in town recreation/education projects. Use OSC and rec events as outreach for adult education. Work to make Turners Falls/Montague an eco-tourism destination. Train and educate town citizenship skills-do workshops on how to vote, participate, volunteer. Additional comments: Hire TWO (2) Town Planners! Go after more grants-especially for science and nature education. Fund RiverCulture 100%. How will we (citizens of Montague) know the results of this survey?

As we know that many immigrants are reluctant to respond to census takes and are frequently under counted & underserved. I want to be a loud voice for their cause & speak for those who can't read or write English. These programs are the basis of our community development.

I am expressing my concern about losing the playground structure currently at the Montague Center school. There are a lot of families with toddlers & young children who use that structure. We'd like to keep something available in Montague Center for these families. I have special interest in the Sawmill River restoration because it is such beautiful resource.

Railroad Salvage bldg: tear down. If mills are too expensive to rehab-tear them down-if they can be used-look what the town of Easthampton has done.

Top priorities: 1. new public swimming area. 2. Sawmill River Improvement. 3. make apartments in Railroad Salvage building. 4. new senior center. 5. demolish abandoned buildings.

Railroad Salvage bldg: level it. New public swimming area: Lake Pleasant "town only"

Community Needs survey: too much to think about. Social Service programs: such as? Cultural Heritage center: first reopen visit center Greenfield. New public works facility: see additional comments. Demolish abandoned buildings: can they be rehabbed: New senior center: part of comm. int., see Bangs Center in Amherst. Trail restoration: would interfere with natural habitats. New public swimming area: where. Using the Bang Center in Amherst as a model, a community center/senior center combination might supply broadest needs of community-for socializing, exercise, recreation, communication.

Sawmill River improvements-need more info. Individual Development accounts: don't know what this is. Local resilience: planning for more local sufficiency in a time of climate change & dwindling oil supplies. Thanks for sending this out. I hope you get a good response & that it's helpful.

Lower tuition costs for Hillcrest pre-k programs or @ least offer 7:30 am start. I have to send my kid to Greenfield to accommodate my work schedule. People who need class to learn how to parent shouldn't have kids! Let the drug addicts kill themselves! Expand the rec department for the young youths.

Railroad Salvage bldg: stabilize what...a wall? That does nothing! And have the same problems (complaints that Greenfield people have?? Knock it down! Main library: renovate. New public swimming area: no. How about the school system (in a students senior year) have a semester of "pre-employment skills/job training/financial literacy/budgeting skills" Students are graduating and don't even know how to do a checkbook (simple addition and subtraction) this is a life skill it should be taught in school. Get a friendly walkable downtown-we have beautiful buildings and storefronts why does Turners Falls need improvements to the airport?

Most of the items only increase the tax burdens for property owners and retard economic development. Primary business only improves economic development.

Get rid of the riff-raff on Avenue A, 3<sup>rd</sup> St. 4<sup>th</sup> St. 5<sup>th</sup> St.

Eliminate airport comm.. and manager position!! Reduce tax obligation for citizens! Reduce town payroll!

Sorry I am not more familiar with the current status of a number of mentioned projects and programs.

Demolish abandoned buildings: or restorations. Railroad Salvage bldg: tear down, clean-up. I support anything that will bring more industry and retail into the town.

Lets look at what we spending money on and what in the long run for it.

Universal Downtown WiFi. Pub.Ser. Ann. To offset bridge construction inconvenience.. Work to enhance “middle bridge” access. Thanks for the survey. Physical and social monasturcture, including education, need priority.

Extremely excessive spending! Lets try something unheard of in govt. Stop spending other peoples money like you’ve won the lotterys.

Try to encourage drug store (new) corner of 116 & Rte. 47 in Sunderland.

I would like to see town “neighborhood watch” developed to help with crime prevention, senior checkups, volunteerism with Flu clinics and participation in town announcements and activities. The Sheriff’s dept. may have grant/funding resources. I may be contacted (413) 863-3541 if desired-Chet Chin..

We need a bridge in Montague Center over the Sawmill river.

I believe more people would use public transportation if there was more publicity about its availability and more visibility of non-depot bus maps. The bike path signs are terrific. Something similar for the bus routes might increase its usage.

Railroad Salvage bldg: demolish! Montague Center Grange building project & revitalization needs support-everything seems to be geared toward Turners-spread it out.

Improve sewer, water and drainage infrastructure: corner of Coolidge Ave & Morris Ave always floods rds in storms. Landfill remediation and development: do we even have a landfill that we can use? Railroad Salvage bldg: demolish. Stop signs on streets that are up on the hill. Better snow plowing skills for snow removal past few years have made our law destroyed.

Turners Falls High School has an Olympic-sized swimming pool. I would like to see it highly utilized as a public swimming area. It would require supervision and life guards. Paid membership or individual fees should be high enough to cover the costs of security, life guards and maintenance. We could encourage out-of-town membership to join to make a larger membership.

Replace street signs: Dell St.

Demolish abandoned buildings: reuse empty space. I would like to see the town & the school district work together on a PR plan to bring families back into the district who have choiced out & attract families from other communities. This should help solve (and make) money in the long run. Also, although I’m sure it won’t happen, I’d like to see Montague Center school reopened as I believe that will also bring families in. Thank you for asking your citizens for their opinions!

The roads & cutting brush, etc, are the worst in the county.

Can the town somehow approach to owner/owners of the former St. Annes church/rectory to clean up the grounds of their property.. Its really becoming an eyesore in the downtown area & its right next to the park. Looks very un-kept.

My concern is I can’t get help but out of state or country get all the help they need-what about us white folks. Fix the bridge to Turners. Need stuff for teens to do.

Most of these programs are already available in Greenfield. I like living in TFLS. I think we just need more businesses. I don't think the former Railroad Salvage building is worth the cost to stabilize it and the town should focus on the reuse of the property instead.

I would love to get the community together for holidays. I could explain better vocally. I can't quite word it in writing. Basically I have ideas I'd like to discuss with someone who might be of help to get the ideas started. I have lived in Franklin County all my life. I've only lived in Turners Falls less than 2 years. I've marked most things as a 5, not because of my own personal concern more because I feel they should be a community concern. Something that needs to be priority for all residents.

Bridges-all now. Clean & shovel main sidewalks (ie, up to Scotty; s) Gill over bridge. Keep Lisa Dabolt employed here & happy. She's done neat things for T.F. Say hi to all girls at the town hall-thanks Girls & Matt.

Railroad Salvage bldg: remove it. Remove Railroad Salvage bring in Target/Best buy/or food chain fine dining.

Demolish abandoned buildings: sell? 1.00 terms. For our (can't decipher word) it is always pay me now or pay me later. ? productive youth vs. spend \$ & support jail costs. Rather than pay to demolish abandon buildings, should or could we sell them? ? 1.00 or (can't decipher words) with terms to revitalize, ie.. w/I 6 mo-1yr. Or revert back to town. This would hopefully save town money and promote growth.

Strathmore Mill: loser!! Cultural Heritage center: waste!! Railroad Salvage bldg: demolish. 1. industrial park expansion. 2. collect delinquent property taxes-Strathmore-apartments in Millers Falls, etc. 3. need new methods of enforcing anti litter & dog waste-clean up Downtown! The Strathmore project might be the single stupidest windmill tilt we have. There will never be anyone stupid enough to move in there without huge financial breaks. Ill it-now. Bill Brown, 21 Crocker Ave, 863-2996.

Sawmill River improvements:? such as?

New /renovate Branch libraries (Millers Falls and Montague center). Use Montague Center school as branch library/resource center/senior center/day care center.

GED classes = 5

Roads: use Greenfield road & Hatchery. Downtown Revitalization in Turners and Millers Falls: what happened to the step child MC!. Reuse of Montague Center school: as a Horace Mann school. Turners & Millers Falls are not the only villages in Montague=there is Lake Pleasant, Montague City & Montague Center.

Stop spending all the money to the school unless they improve their teaching skills.

Improve roads and sidewalks: Montague Street. Demolish abandoned buildings: former Rockdale. Renovate elementary schools: Hillcrest. Remove leaves near fence. The Railroad Salvage Building makes Turners look slummy. It should be torn down.

Cultural Heritage Center/ Community Center/ New senior center: new library instead. Increase commercial development: how? Earned Income Tax Credit: Federal. We need commercial investment rather than solely relying on government investment for commercial development. Focus town resources on good schools & libraries will encourage development. No one wants to send their kids to a failing school-so families with money won't want to live here. NEW LIBRARY!!! A new public library is shared public space for kids, seniors, teens, cultural heritage, community meetings, job-skills practice (computer skills, job searching via

internet, etc) literacy skills, English skills for speakers of other languages, shared resources (books, movies, music) Libraries are all about sharing!

My priority, while prices are low and grants are available, is to build a large solar array at the old landfill to make money and offset electric bills at sewage plant and at town hall. Solar P.V., residential systems are now 5 KW. The landfill can accommodate 1500 KW (as much as a very large wind machine). 1. wholesale P.V. panel prices are at record low levels now due to excess supply and recession level demand. 2. Mass. Has some of best alternative energy grants in US.

I really am not familiar enough with the needs of our town's residents to know where the support should be given. I circled "4" for everything because I do think high priority should be given to assisting & educating our residents who are struggling.

Frankly education is the biggest issue in this town. If the survey is this detailed it needs longer form explanations as to just what is meant.

Use Montague Center school for senior services as dentist, beauty shop, etc, meetings for town and social gatherings such as music or plays. Services for mental health or other advice counseling departments. Use school for exercise programs for all ages and as yoga, senior excercises or dancing programs or zumba. Doctors offices or lawyer offices for serious advice.

Renovate elementary schools: already done. Railroad Salvage bldg: demolish. Maintaine the Montague Center school property until a development plan is in place. Remove the dead trees crossing the Saw Mill River.

St. Anne's church/rectory is shameful! Any chance of pressuring these folks to redirect their focus? Perhaps a Martini Lounge in TF is not the most prudent us. I'm reminded of a individual in Greenfield a few years back who wanted to restore the Pony Express. Otherwise I'm proud of the progress the town has made. Great effort, hearing positive comments!

Better screening for people of need.

Development of program where seniors can volunteer work hours to earn credits to be used in reduction of real estate taxes. (bills).

Why don't the streets in the town of lake Pleasant ever get swept. When some one calls to ask they are told the sweeper is broke every year. Need to build up streets in lake Pleasant so when there's heavy rain storms water will drain off and not flood peoples cellars.

Too much waste of money. NO WAR. Help clean up oil spill. Do not believe in most of these projects. I feel people need help eating the rest is up to themselves.

Sidewalks: cut the brush and grass so you can use them. Airport improvements: should be NO tax burden on us. We don't use!!!. Social Service Programs: only for those in hardship not for chronic welfare free loaders.. Strathmore Mill: money pit. Replace street signs: just paint them. Wayfinding signage: what is this. Parking and green spaces in Turners and Millers Falls: what is this. Develop municipal GIS: what is this. Railroad Salvage building: tear it down. Food assistance/food pantry: only for those who really need it. Individual Development accounts: what is that? A brief explanation of what some of these heading mean would have been nice, and what it going to cost us also! Montague Housing Auth. Should have to abide by state and local building codes like the rest of us do! Needs to e a stronger police presents downtown. You need to stop the violence, drug & gang activities, seriously, MS13 is the most dangerous of any, in the country & they are here

along with the Deobloes & Latin King's. You can pretty up the town all you want and you are just flushing it down the toilet as long as they are here. We are surrounded by water and have no access to it, unless you're a member of the boat club or the rod & gun club and you need sponsor's to be a member and if don't have a boat you have no access. The bike path is nice and tidy but all roads into town are full of road side trash & weed's are the sidewalks are a mess a lot totally impassable with weeds, trees and junk, us homeowner have to take care of ours but the town doesn't. Nice welcome to Turners Falls, I've seen cleaner streets in the North End of Springfield. You need to crack down on residents who have yards full of junk & trash. Because I know I'm sick of looking at. I'm disgusted and I've been here for 40 yrs. Thank you. Nancy L. Krig.

Redevelopment of Strathmore Mill: who owns it?. Industrial Park Development: isn't that on boulevard. Railroad Salvage bldg: tear it down. Main library: move it to Level. New public swimming area: we have 14 miles of shore. Please let us use it! Improve river access.

Voc Ed/Adult Ed, literacy programs and training, GED, ABE: one program. Youth Violence/bullying, Domestic Violence Prevention: one program. Homeownership counseling: teach how to budget manage. Elder Self-sufficiency: very important. I don't want to see my taxes go out of site! I never use library because of stairs. What are we keeping Railroad Salvage Bldg for? Tear it down. How much are our taxes going up? For home ownership. Let the people figure how much they can spend. The banks take every penny & nothing left for extra essential. We should figure out how much these projects are going to cost. I want a lot of things done but can we afford it? Respondent additionally attached a complete, two-sided typed commentary on each item listed on the survey. Recorder has shortened survey items wording while assuring meaning of each item remains clear to readers: GENERAL COMMUNITY NEEDS: roads/sidewalks: how bad are they?. Improve sewer, water and drainage: what problems do they have. Public parks/rec areas: what do they need??. Business development: how. Downtown Revitalization: what are they thinking of doing? Energy Improvement: homeowners could use some of that! Airport improvements: what do they need? Social Service programs: to benefit whom? SPECIFIC COMMUNITY PROJECTS: Strathmore Mill: who owns it? That place is a bottleneck of problems!. Landfill remediation: are they running out of space? What's the problem? Cultural Heritage ctr: don't we have one Ave A & 2<sup>nd</sup> St. Can't we combined them? Commercial façade/accessibility: Like what? Industrial Park: Isn't that on Boulevard Ave near the Tec School? Housing for artists: shouldn't that be included with the homeless in town? Community Center: why not combine that with the senior center? We really need a new building for the seniors. All these separate projects could really cost us dearly in extra Taxes! New public works facility: How bad is it? How much is it going to cost? Demolish abandoned bldgs: Like Railroad Salvage. What are we keeping it for? It's an eyesore! Housing Rehab: How many do we have? Will they be saleable? It's hard for loans. Replace street signs: just the ones that are bad or can't be read and make them bigger. Improve river access with our new swimming area: 14 miles o f shore and no pool to swim. Worth \$. Wayfinding signage: most people know the town and where everything is. Preservation of Historic resources: what is the Discovery building for? Increase commercial development: How?. Trail restoration: How much is this used? How much will it cost? Reuse of Montague Center school: do they have a urgent need for it? How bad a shape is it in. Parking & Green spaces: Turners seems to have sufficient parking but Millers Main Street is cramp. Renovate elementary schools: how many and how much will it cost? Main library: Move it so that we don't have so many stairs, very bad location. Pre-employment skills/job training: are there other programs available? Financial literacy/budgeting: they should learn to figure out how much they want to spend on what they need and not let the banks do it, because they use every cent you have and nothing for what you really need. It would cut off Mortgage Foreclosure. People need to tell the banks what they will pay for houses and other necessities. They have been telling the realtors what they think you can afford which is way over your head. Ben there, one that and they dropped me like a hot potatoe. Job related childcare & transportation assistance: Isn't there programs out there already for this? Literacy & training, GED, ABE: Doesn't the state pay for these services? Youth Violence/bullying & domestic Violence: Doesn't the state have programs for this? Food Assistance/food pantry: Everybody need to eat. I would like to see a place that has fresh food. GENERAL COMMUNITY NEEDS: cheaper. Parenting Education/support: very important for the new mothers. Support for Persons with disabilities: Very important.

Elder Self-sufficiency: Very important. Local Transportation: How would the town deal with that? Individual Development Accounts: **What are these????**. Other Projects/Program and/or Areas of Concern: I don't want to see my Taxes go sky high. Additional Comments: I never use the library because of the stairs, it's a very bad location, especially by the lights. No parking spaces near where you can walk in. Have we figured out how much these projects are going to cost the town?

