

IMAGINE SHARON Public Mtg 1: Question 1: You are talking to a visitor about what makes Sharon a great place to live or work. What would you tell him/her?													
	Table 1	Table 2	Table 3	Table 4	Table 5	Table 6	Table 7	Table 8	Table 9	Table 10	Table 11	Table 12	
Comments:	Convenient, quiet atmosphere, bit of everything	Location - between Providence + Boston	Open spaces, Lake, commuter rail, highway access	Easy commute to Boston/Train	Open Spaces/Conservation	Green Space	Memory Café Increase in retail opportunities (Cobb's corner, Legacy, etc.)	It's safe	Crescent Ridge	Diversity	Open space	Location - close to Boston	
	Lake	Schools	Idyllic location + situation	School system	Location: Halfway between Providence and Boston	Safety	Great schools	Ward's Berry Farm	Know your neighbors	Schools	Commuter rail		
	School	Involved	Schools	Lake	Diversity	Green space	Proximity to Boston/PVD	Easy access to highways & commuter rail	Commuter rail	Educated population	Audubon, Borderland State Parks	Lake Massapoag	
	Diversity	Farms	Halfway between Boston + Providence	Land value	Affordable/good investment	High academic scores	Nice tennis club	Multiple faiths & cultures	Access to natural resources	Train	Train station	Friendly people	
	Values	Natural open space	Lake	More affordable than towns closer to Boston	Walkable to train	Lake Massapoag	Diversity	Many Opportunities to get involved in town	95 Access	Borderland + Moose Hill	Family oriented community	Great green space - Borderland, Moose Hill, Ward's Berry Farm	
	Green Space	Dairy	Community-friendly + supportive	Educated community	Well-educated/friendly people	Pretty	Nature/Lake/Borderland park	Town is receptive to change + new ideas	Support services	Walkability	Lake Massapoag	Schools	
	Library	Unexpectedly rural	Diversity - religious + cultural	Socially conscious	Schools	Small Town	Recreational/open spaces	Friendly town with unique areas w/in town (great neighborhoods, Borderland, lake, etc.)	Schools	Community/neighbors	Location - Easy access to Cape Cod, Boston, Providence, Gillette	July 4th fireworks, Square Jam	
	Safe	Train	Religious community	Diversity - religious and ethnic	Inviting for citizen involvement (open town mtgs, etc.)	Forest next to Train	Children		Socially/ethnically diverse	Plot/lot sizes	Schools	Safety	
	Small town but good accessibility to neighboring towns	Lake	Diversity in schools	Region access to both Providence and Boston	Idea of "paying it forward"	Safety-security	Sense of community		Ethnic + religious diversity	Open space	Infrastructure	Culturally diverse	
	Great school system	Playground/Ward's	Attracts likeminded people + values	Accessibility to highway	Non-transient	Ecumenical	Temple		Environmentally beautiful	Low crime/safe	Local Government open door public meetings, senior staff	Location between PVD/Boston	
	Growing and changing	Organic farms	Education --> lifelong - Library + Public Schools	Open space			Adult center		Excellent schools	Library		Lots of restaurants	
	Use/leverage technology	Diversity of religions	Volunteerism	Rec fields are wonderful			School system		Commuting easy to Boston on public transit	Bikable		Library	
	Schools			Wards/Crescent Ridge			Schools		Schools	Accessibility to Boston (commuter rail)		Nature	
				Parks/Moose Hill			Friendly Fire Department		Commuter rail	Low crime/safe		Stores	
				Walkability of center			Town-wide activities		Diversity	Small town atmosphere		7-11 store	
				4th of July fireworks			People - "everyone I meet I love"		Natural beauty	Access to Boston/Providence		Town center/Post Office Square	
				Family-oriented					Quality of life	Neighorly		Wildlife	
				Cooperation among diverse groups					Close to MBTA rail	Green space + walking trails		Crescent Ridge	
				Friendly and cooperative					Geographic location	Family oriented		Schools	
				Adult Center					Close to very good medical facilities	Access to Rt. 1 and I-95		Welcoming community	
				Rec programs and town camp						Big plots of land for houses		Lake Massapoag	
				Library staff and programming						Lake Massapoag		Laid back/unpretentious atmosphere	
										Ames St playground		Less traffic	
										Community/Volunteerism		Safety - kids can roam Town	
										Schools		Location - highway accessible	
										Hana Jenner		Cheaper houses, with big yards	
										Always trying to improve			
										Walkability/Bikeability			
										Schools			
										Commuter rail			
										Lake Massapoag			
										Neighbors			
Topics	Historic + Cultural Resources	Economic Vitality	Open Space + Recreation	Housing	Transportation + Mobility	Public Facilities, Infrastructure, & Schools	Environmental Sustainability	Fiscal Sustainability	Community Health	What did we Forget?			
	Library	Land value	Green space	Plot/lot sizes	Small town but good accessibility to neighboring towns	School			Safe	Laid back/unpretentious atmosphere			
	Diversity of religions	More affordable than towns closer to Boston	Farms	Big plots of land for houses	Location - between Providence + Boston	Great school system			Community-friendly + supportive	Welcoming community			
	Diversity - religious + cultural	Affordable/good investment	Natural open space	Cheaper houses, with big yards	Train	Schools			Safety	Town Center/Post Office Square			
	Religious community	Memory Café	Dairy		Halfway between Boston + Providence	School system			Safety-security	July 4th fireworks, Square Jam			
	Diversity - religious and ethnic	Increase in retail opportunities (Cobb's corner, Legacy, etc.)	Unexpectedly rural		Easy commute tto Boston/train	Adult center			It's safe	Friendly people			
	Diversity	Lots of restaurants	Lake		Region access to both Providence and Boston	Library staff and programming			Support services	Family oriented community			
	Ecumenical	Stores	Idyllic location + situation		Accessibility to highway	Schools			Quality of life	Local government open door public meetings, senior staff			
	Temple	7-11 store	Lake		Walkability of center	Adult center			Low crime/safe	Neighbors			
	Multiple faiths & cultures		Lake		Location: Halfway between Providence and Boston	School system			Low crime/safe	Hana Jenner			
	Socially/ethnically diverse		Open space		Walkable to train	Schools			Safety	Always trying to improve			
	Ethnic + religious diversity		Rec fields are wonderful		Commuter rail	Friendly Fire Department			Safety - kids can roam Town	Community/volunteerism			
	Diversity		Ward's/Crescent Ridge		95 Access	Great schools				Family oriented			
	Educated population		Parks/Moose Hill		Commuting easy to Boston on public transit	Easy access to highways & commuter rail				Neighorly			
	Culturally diverse		Rec programs and town camp		Commuter rail	Schools				Small town atmosphere			
			Green space		Close to MBTA rail	Excellent schools				Community/neighbors			
			Lake Massapoag		Geographic location	Schools				Know your neighbors			
			Pretty		Train	Close to very good medical facilities				Many opportunities to get involved in town			
			Forest next to train		Walkability	Library				Town is receptive to change + new ideas			
			Nature/Lake/Borderland Park		Bikable	Ames St Playground				Friendly town with unique areas w/in town (great neighborhoods, Borderland, lake, etc.)			
			Recreational/open spaces		Accessibility to Boston (commuter rail)	Schools				Town-wide activities			
			Ward's Berry Farm		Access to Boston/Providence	Schools				People - "everyone I meet I love"			
			Access to natural resources		Access to Rt. 1 and I-95	Schools				Children			
			Environmentally beautiful		Walkability/bikeability	Library				Sense of community			
			Natural beauty		Commuter rail	Schools				Diversity			
			Borderland + Moose Hill		Train station					Small Town			
			Open space		Location - Easy access to Cape Cod, Boston, Providence, Gillette					Inviting for citizen involvement (open town mtgs, etc.)			
			Green space + walking trails		Location - close to Boston					Idea of "paying it forward"			
			Lake Massapoag		Commuter rail					non-transient			
			Lake Massapoag		Location between PVD/Boston					Well-educated/friendly people			
			Lake Massapoag		Less traffic					Educated community			
			Great green space - Borderland, Moose Hill, Ward's Berry Farm		Location - highway accessible					Socially conscious			
			Nature							4th of July fireworks			
			Wildlife							Family-oriented			
			Crescent Ridge							Cooperation among diverse groups			
			Lake Massapoag							Friendly and cooperative			
			Lake							Volunteerism			
			Organic farms							Attracts like minded people + values			
										Involved			
										Diversity			
										Values			
										Growing and changing			
										Use/leverage technology			

IMAGINE SHARON Public Mtg 1: Question 2: In 10 years, I will be _____ years old. What do I hope Sharon will be for me, my family, friends, and neighbors?

Age+10	Table 1	#	Table 2	#	Table 3	#	Table 4		Table 5	#	Table 6	#	Table 7	Table 8	#	Table 9	#	Table 10	#	Table 11	#	Table 12	#	
<28													Just like it is today							1				
													Fun places											
													Lots of nature											
													Side roads to roam											
29-34																								
35-44		1	Retain green space				Affordability						Keep neighborhoods quiet + safe					More commercial real estate		1				
			Open land				More diverse businesses shops, and restaurants						Traffic on roads away from kids					More restaurants						
			Town-wide composting										Walkability					More kids activities						
																		Helicopter rides						
45-54			Lower tax rate				Dynamic + welcoming for all						Utilize small amount of green space for commercial purposes	Affordable				Same/better Lake quality			Good schools			
													Sustainable tax base	Safe				More to do in center of Town			Affordable			
													Fun hangouts for older teens/ adults	Same population				Public bathrooms			Maintain open space			
													Invest in schools to support growing population	Outdoor space - self contained							More businesses that serve the community			
55-64													More commercial taxes versus personal taxes	Two traffic lights (maintain size?)							Restaurants			
			Excellent schools - not just good test scores										Affordable housing	Bike path/trail connection							Social spaces for families			
		3	New beautiful state-of-the-art high school		Model green/sustainable town...				Lake accessibility + recreation	3	Small town feel	1	Safe	Every building FULLY accessible	Clean			Integrations of neighborhoods - "a town flow"		2	Environmental sustainability			
			Hope to still be able to afford to live in Sharon		...with great library				Young people friendly		Green space			Renewable energy on all public bldgs	Prepared						Bike lanes throughout town			
65-74			More businesses in town/ destination shopping						Affordability		Public transportation			Selective smart growth	Green (solar, conservation, recycling)						Bike lanes around the lake			
			Reliable internet						Diversity of housing stock					Conservation/green space	Master Plan						Restaurants			
									Usability of train station					Safer biking/walking Hope it will continue to be an affordable place to live, where I can enjoy environmental + cultural										
		Commercially viable		Affordable housing for people who want to age in place		Well-rounded town...			Sustainability	1	Affordable	3		Hope to meet other same age people	Reliable public transportation				Keep small town feeling		2	Affordable		
75+		More tech viable		Avoid overcrowding/too much traffic		...with good schools			Walkable streets		Accessibility across the life cycle								Property tax more affordable			House values stay strong		
		More vibrant town center		Concerns about water supply		...diverse population...													Train parking under control			Make NEW friends (opportunities for adults to connect)		
						...better library...													No more brown drinking water			Sharon Galleria with good stores		
						... continued open space...																		
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IMAGINE SHARON Public Mtg 1: Question 3: What are your top 3 issues or challenges that we need to address in Sharon?

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IMAGINE SHARON Public Mtg 1: Question 4: If this planning process highlights one thing guaranteed to be improved, what would you recommend?										
	Historic + Cultural Resources	Economic Vitality	Open Space + Recreation	Housing	Transportation + Mobility	Public Facilities, Infrastructure, & Schools	Environmental Sustainability	Fiscal Sustainability	Community Health	What did we Forget?
		Commercial density / financial sustainability	Make more places that animals can cross busy roads/make more overpasses	Diversity of housing stock for seniors (P.Y., 55+ active communities)	Accessibility of public buildings and services for seniors (i.e. transportation)	A library that will have programs to help retain the older population with classes and space for all people in the town	Global warming	Fiscal sustainability	Inclusivity: including finding ways to keep old citizens in the town	Educating town residents to responsibility and information of being a town resident and participating in policies and change
		More commercial development: helps tax base, more to do, places to work	A connected trail system so kids and families can bike, walk to different neighborhoods and schools	More over 55 communities	Better accessibility to get around Sharon	Technology infrastructure: cell towers, alternative internet provider: FIOS?	Preservation of natural resources - WATER supply	Financial health of the town so we can afford the public buildings improvements and have more balanced tax base and vibrant economy	Everyone be safe! Less pollution, not a lot of traffic, more crosswalks	Rational basis for finance committee decisions
		Maintain character while expanding tax base	Maintain open spaces	Affordable and diversified housing options		School system: continued high quality	Sustainability for stopping climate change!	More non-residential tax income	Accessibility across the life cycle	Change town meeting to include electronic voting from home
		Affordability in retirement	Manage growth so that current quality of life doesn't suffer due to overcrowding, traffic, lots of greenspace	Affordable housing for seniors (and public transportation for all)		Accessibility	Natural resource protection/ conservation (water, energy, reduce waste, support local farms, teach in schools)	Sustainable tax base	Life course perspective: support/ quality of life for all ages	How to feel part of a community/not just a commuter to Boston
		More diverse businesses, shops, restaurants. Utilize the work-at-home crowd and create a co-working space! Make this area a retreat for the telecommuting crowd	Maintain and take care of open spaces			New library	Decrease low carbon footprint, increase high volume green space	Economic sustainability, business development		Community involvement and coordination: connecting people!
		More commercial business opportunities	Remove invasive weeds within these spaces, especially around lake. Get rid of chainlink fence, Japanese knotweed, bittersweet, buckthorn and poison ivy			Accessibility of all public buildings (including schools)		Fiscal sustainability		Top priority: beautification of town features to achieve "quaintness, curb appeal, lake upkeep (beach/sand), playgrounds, restaurants, shops, athletics, center of town
		More different and financially stable businesses	Enhance these areas with good management			Beautification projects		Economic vitality		
		Commercial density / financial sustainability				New library		Improve financial base so we can continue great services		
		Taxes: development of business in town				School safety		Fiscal sustainability		
		Economic sustainability				Improve infrastructure: water streets, public transportation		More density in town center to create wealth and fiscal responsibility		
		Town center: a place to be/ go				School quality: not just test scores		Money and willingness to invest in community		
						Better use of resources when building: combine 2 projects in 1 (library AND high school) - better for the environment		Continued economic viability: support all topics		
						Keep schools strong (quality) to be welcoming to a younger growing population		Solving sewer/septic problem downtown to facilitate more restaurants/ commercial real estate		
						Top priority: build new Sharon public library to have our library meet all of the building safety codes to our growing population and meet state library standards and regulations to remain open and keep daily/evening hours		Increased sources of revenue while improving town's curb appeal		
						New library that can better serve Sharon		Keeping property values up		
						Infrastructure		Reduction of real estate taxes to provide affordable living for retirees		
								Sustainable tax rate		
								Fiscal: develop commercial zone along Rte. 1. Land swap or buy a narrow strip of land from Moose Hill.		
								Need commercial zones NOT on Main Street		
								Improve tax base: less reliance on property tax		
								Sustainable sources of revenue		
								Fiscal management so that families, businesses and community enhancements can co-exist		
								Open up to commercial tax base to supplement town budget (reduce burden of property taxes), ideally with fun places, e.g. bars, live music		