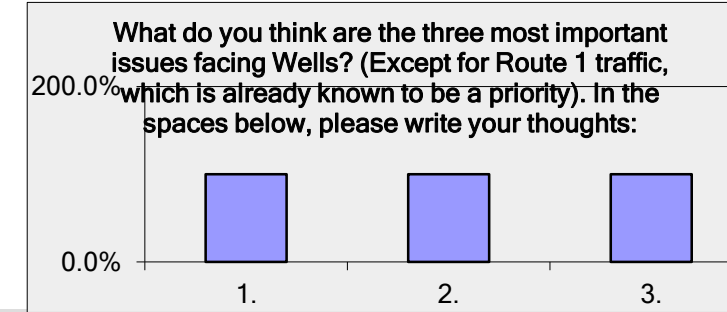


Town of Wells Strategic/Comprehensive Plan Survey - March 2016

What do you think are the three most important issues facing Wells? (Except for Route 1 traffic, which is already known to be a priority). In the spaces below, please write your thoughts:

| Answer Options | Response Percent | Response Count |
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| 1. | 100.0% | 856 |
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| Number | Response Date | 1. | Categories | 2. | Categories | 3. | Categories |
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| 1 | Jun 29, 2016 4:32 AM | support education | | preserve land areas | | Encourage appropriate (full time jobs) with small businesses | |
| 2 | Jun 29, 2016 4:30 AM | Stop building 3 season homes and allowing them to be built so close together as well as so close to property lines. It's unattractive. | | Stop putting so many signs on the roads (Route 1 particularly) Again, very unattractive. | | no answer | |
| 3 | Jun 29, 2016 4:27 AM | new construction primarily the seasonal condos/homes, being built on every inch of open land | | land not being used what it is zoned for - Chris Chase using a residential property on Littlefield Rd for his business, poluting the neighborhood w/ noise/smells | | Signs at businesses that make it look like Vegas with lights and flashing writing | |
| 4 | Jun 29, 2016 4:23 AM | Improve snow clean up during winter - hinders traffic | | no answer | | no answer | |
| 5 | Jun 29, 2016 4:21 AM | Control development of second home/rental communities that have proliferated in the past several years | | Prevent Wells from becoming like Old Orchard Beach | | no answer | |
| 6 | Jun 29, 2016 4:18 AM | Clean and safe beaches/water/harbor | | damage to natural resources | | over commercialization | |
| 7 | Jun 29, 2016 4:15 AM | Where would the town center be established? What type of "village" would be constructed? | | Zoning on building/development/redevelopment that would prevent us from looking like the rest of the "commercial" USA | | Establish a Wells Community newspaper that includes all news ie - town bulletin boards and library news and school events, rather than each calendar we isolated | |
| 8 | Jun 29, 2016 4:12 AM | Continue expansion of York C.C. | | Seek and promote industries | | no answer | |
| 9 | Jun 29, 2016 4:10 AM | Easy access to the beach especially the small beach behind the jetty's public bathrooms. It is so very difficult to carry chairs, carriages, children, coolers, etc. and you are paying over \$15 to park there | | Lack of sidewalks by beaches | | Conditions of streets east of Route 1. | |
| 10 | Jun 29, 2016 4:07 AM | Put parking meters on sidewalk in front of Forbes restaurant along the beach front | | Make the beach non-smoking and the patio in front of Forbes | | Fix all the pot holes | |
| 11 | Jun 29, 2016 4:04 AM | Too many condominiums in Wells | | no answer | | no answer | |
| 12 | Jun 29, 2016 4:02 AM | beach maintenance and upkeep | | no answer | | no answer | |
| 13 | Jun 29, 2016 4:00 AM | no answer | | no answer | | no answer | |
| 14 | Jun 29, 2016 3:58 AM | Over popluation | | Miss (non) management of Wells Harbor | | Lack of town leadership (department heads answer to no-one) Need a town (common sense) leader | |
| 15 | Jun 29, 2016 3:56 AM | I have lived in Wells for five years now and have found it to be a great community. Keep up the good work! | | no answer | | no answer | |
| 16 | Jun 29, 2016 3:54 AM | Housing for low-middle income families. Family homes - 3 bedrooms for people to rent-own in the 200,000-250,000 range. | | no answer | | no answer | |
| 17 | Jun 29, 2016 3:50 AM | no answer | | no answer | | no answer | |
| 18 | Jun 29, 2016 3:49 AM | Wells does not have a town center, not enough small town charm. | | Need benches and lights to offer a setting for people to enjoy and want to spend time at | | We need more attractiveness so we can pull more tourists to our great coastal town so we should put signs across Route 1 that signify upcoming attractions | |
| 19 | Jun 29, 2016 3:44 AM | Acquire land bounded by rte 109 and 1, Jr. High, and town hall for "village type" development, with shops, eateries, etc. Restricted to foot traffic with parking adjacent to schools and town hall | | no answer | | no answer | |
| 20 | Jun 29, 2016 3:40 AM | Need to stop building clusters of vacation homes. Beaches are becoming too crowded with insufficient room | | Thank you to all the work done by the committee. Well done! | | no answer | |
| 21 | Jun 29, 2016 3:36 AM | keeping beaches public and accessible | | Maintaining and enhancing the harbor | | Limit or restrict dogs from beaches (only on leash, only in winter, only nov-feb) | |
| 22 | Jun 29, 2016 2:55 AM | Climate change with the impacts of rising sea levels and more severe storms | | Development especially along coast where non-point-source pollution contributes to the degradation of fresh salt water | | Lack of a town center that has a "village center" feel, where people can meet, eat, and play to promote more social interaction | |
| 23 | Jun 29, 2016 2:53 AM | lack of parking at beaches for town residents. Free and close parking spaces at Wells beach are up by out of town/state/country visitors while residents have to walk from parking lot across from arcade. | | STOP building multistory condos in crowded areas of Route 1. They are NOT in keeping the rural character you perpetrate in many of your questions and add to crowded beaches and streets in commercial areas. | | Need another exit ramp between 7 and 19 | |
| 24 | Jun 29, 2016 2:45 AM | We would love a local newspaper and a dog park. | | no answer | | no answer | |
| 25 | Jun 29, 2016 2:43 AM | Self image. Who are we? Who and what do we want to be? Businesses losing (like Radio Shack and Antique shops). Is Town's Comprehensive Plan helping? | | Too much development of seasonal cottage communities, too fast. | | no answer | |
| 26 | Jun 29, 2016 2:38 AM | The growth permits didn't work last time, we end up with an exaggerated waiting list with people applying with no intention of building. | | They just want to sell the building lot for more money because it has a permit. Last time we had a growth ordinance 2 lots in the same subdivision one with a permit one with out. | | no answer | |
| 27 | Jun 29, 2016 2:32 AM | Over building of seasonal cottages | | The one with the permit would sell for about 30k more because they didn't have to wait. It drove up the cost of new construction. | | Attracting a younger population | |
| 28 | Jun 29, 2016 12:26 AM | Ocean rising to climate change. Changes to beach and marsh. | | Lack of affordable year round SF homes and rentals | | no answer | |
| 29 | Jun 29, 2016 12:22 AM | The vacation home proliferation that squeezes many units into tight quarters. How has the been allowed?!!! Allowing commercial developers way too much leniency on what and where they build. | | no answer | | Encouraging "non tourist" businesses to come to Wells - maybe our children will actually find work here, rather than having to leave the area. | |

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| 30 | Jun 29, 2016 12:17 AM | Controlling how many buildings are allowed in a small area, like what was allowed to surround the Rite Aid Pharmacy. An absolute, sorry mess, which has done nothing for the well being of Wells. | Same as above! Off the cuff- Years ago I said I never wanted to live in Wells but I think Wells is a really, really good place, to live, good Turnpike availability, medical facility, good schools and programs, educational community (community college) library, banks, Transportation center, food from farms, beach enjoyment, between Kennebunkport and Ogunquit (we get the tourist travelers) etc. We have so much in location and living opportunities. Satisfied in Wells. | Same as above! How and why was this allowed ??? UGLY!! |
| 31 | Jun 29, 2016 12:12 AM | I would like to see a larger Reny's or Department store. | | No answer |
| 32 | Jun 29, 2016 12:12 AM | Keeping the public safe - due to increased transients traveling by train and easy access off the turnpike. | Keeping the property taxes affordable. | Treating small business owners better. |
| 33 | Jun 29, 2016 12:07 AM | no answer | no answer | no answer |
| 34 | Jun 29, 2016 12:06 AM | Route 1 - continued development of Condo communities. Although sch development brings tax dollars to the town, it has totally destroyed the Natural beauty of our surroundings. | Safety of the towns citizens. With increase in population comes increased danger from crime, drugs, alcohol especially for our young people. | Continued improvement in quality of education for our young people. Stop distorting the land in our town for the benefit of vacationers. DO SOMETHING FOR US!! |
| 35 | Jun 29, 2016 12:04 AM | Dis-continue developing wet lands. This has to be stopped. | Dis-continue construction of seasonal homes, tight developments -etc- | no answer |
| 36 | Jun 28, 2016 11:59 PM | no answer | no answer | no answer |
| 37 | Jun 28, 2016 11:58 PM | Cost of operating a business- taxes, regulation- inhibitive of profitable business, %- age of taxes going to school system when resident no longer has school- age children. | High impact of new construction on previously wooded areas- loss of vegetation vital to wildlife, air quality, privacy hear populated areas, effect on aquifer. | Increase in crime rate- drug related crimes. |
| 38 | Jun 28, 2016 11:55 PM | no answer | no answer | no answer |
| 39 | Jun 28, 2016 11:50 PM | Too much retirement benefits for Town employees | Protecting waterways (merriland River) | Building over vernal pools and wetlands! I personally don't believe in global warming. 4.) Too much dependence on the government and we don't need to support lazy people who want all the ammenities without working for it, STOP THIS! 5.) Do not raise excessively the minimum rate. acquiring conservation land for public uses. |
| 40 | Jun 28, 2016 11:36 PM | Education in all grades. Teaching the true early history of U.S. and the U.S Constitution- Declaration of Independence | Following God's laws he set in the Bible and caring for people- except people need to finish + graduate from school+ get a job. | no answer |
| 41 | Jun 28, 2016 11:14 PM | Keep property taxes low. | Preserve public access to our beaches | no answer |
| 42 | Jun 28, 2016 11:10 PM | Real estate taxes east of rt.1 are too high | no answer | no answer |
| 43 | Jun 28, 2016 11:05 PM | Pedestrian safety on rural roads. (speed limits, road width) | no answer | no answer |
| 44 | Jun 28, 2016 11:00 PM | no answer | no answer | no answer |
| 45 | Jun 28, 2016 10:54 PM | Stopping the building of the small tourist houses on rt.1 (barefoot,etc.) Its killing the value of existing homes in that area. Also causing the traffic problems! | This is based on a very poor planning who are more concerned with individuals economic gains vs. the town's people best interest. | It has been very painful watching this happen over the past 15 years. They should be ashamed of themselves. |
| 46 | Jun 28, 2016 10:38 PM | no answer | no answer | no answer |
| 47 | Jun 28, 2016 9:51 PM | Growth ordinance was a disaster last time and will be again if reestablished. | no answer | no answer |
| 48 | Jun 28, 2016 8:38 PM | no answer | no answer | no answer |
| 49 | Jun 28, 2016 8:29 PM | Limit overbuilding of buildings: subdivisions throughout Wells I strongly believe that the police, constantly stoping drivers for whatever reasons is over doing it. They seem to prey on seniors. I have been stoped on two occasions for "exceeding the speed limit by 2 miles" I have been driving for 60 years and never been cited. | Maintain tracks of conservation trees | Protect natural resources. |
| 50 | Jun 28, 2016 8:21 PM | Strongly restrict continuing, out of control, expansion of seasonal dwellings! You don't see this happening in Ogunquit, Kennebunk or Kennebunkport! Only Wells. Our selectmen need to do a much better job. These seasonal dwellings degenerate the appeal of Wells as a community. | The police are over doing it! | no answer |
| 51 | Jun 28, 2016 8:14 PM | no answer | Eliminate the neon and LED business signs on rt.1. Notice that these do not appear in Ogunquit! | no answer |
| 52 | Jun 28, 2016 7:43 PM | Control or prohibit development of seasonal property development such as 3 story condos on rt.1 etc!! | no answer | no answer |
| 53 | Jun 28, 2016 7:41 PM | Encouraging and stimulating the creative/cultural economy in Wells as a draw for new growth and tourism. | Item #6 is very important | Items 9+10 very important |
| 54 | Jun 28, 2016 7:34 PM | Remodel Wells library/ learning center | Creating a town center as a focal point of Wells. | Maintaining the quality of life in Wells as a small Maine seaside community. |
| 55 | Jun 28, 2016 7:19 PM | Town possesses "no character" - what is there to maintain? | maintain tax base by encouraging local business and tourism | no answer School; are over funded, Synergy savings are possible- especially amongst themselves and municipality. |
| 56 | Jun 28, 2016 7:09 PM | Dont buy more land for conservation. Restore old abandoned roads so people can get to their land and use for fishing, hiking, etc. If you arent getting water from Branch Brook but pass wells other places why restrict people from farming their land. If you need to dredge the harbor every 3 years or so and government might not fund, look at feasibility of moving to old fishing cove. | Selectmen self interests/state representatives are priority over others | On Comprehensive Plan 1963 it said build east-west road between Route 1 and Marsh. We didnt. The biggest problem this town has is roads and until fixed we need to hold growth. In this survey you didnt address the 3 biggest problems: small cottages, in 21/2 acre section you have changed to allow clustered and forgot the 21/2 acre bit and need for roads. If zoning was given back to the people instead of the planning board and selectmen we wouldnt have the mess that we are now confronted with. |
| 57 | Jun 27, 2016 1:21 PM | No more condo's like the ones around Rite-Aid, and down to Route 1 like they are. | Dont put restrictions on peoples land without compensating for damages of loss of use. Stop building these small cottages we have enough over 2,000 already. If the Planning Board hadnt changed rules we would not have this eyesore. | no answer |
| 58 | Jun 24, 2016 6:17 AM | Stop buying unusable land for "recreational" use like the land off Bragdon Road - has anybody even used it?? | Some resident parking only at beach. | no answer |
| 59 | Jun 24, 2016 6:15 AM | no answer | Stop allowing housing on postage size parcel of land - for part time tenants | no answer |
| 60 | Jun 24, 2016 6:11 AM | Maintaining open space | no answer | no answer |
| 61 | Jun 24, 2016 6:08 AM | Tax rates should be going down because of all the new developments | Recreational activity during off season months | no answer |
| 62 | Jun 24, 2016 6:06 AM | presentation, protect, and maintain the quality of Wells | Too many seasonal homes near Route 1 | Too much development throughout town |
| 63 | Jun 24, 2016 6:04 AM | Need more police security watch at Stephen Eaton Apt. and new condos at farther end of Stephen Eaton. | Education of town citizens and visitors | Manage rate of residency - Non-residential growth |
| 64 | Jun 24, 2016 6:00 AM | | Need some wild life control of turkeys! Need more protection for those crossing Route 1 to get to their housing developments. | no answer |

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| 65 | Jun 24, 2016 5:55 AM | Reliance on fossil fuels with no long range plan for replacing them with renewable energy. | no answer | no answer |
| 66 | Jun 24, 2016 5:52 AM | High rate of speed of traffic on Route 9 | High speed of construction vehicles on 9B | no answer |
| 67 | Jun 24, 2016 5:50 AM | no answer | no answer | no answer |
| 68 | Jun 24, 2016 5:47 AM | Keeping the growth of Wells in a manner of small-town character. | Encourage small businesses and more local job growth | Protect our beaches from erosion |
| 69 | Jun 24, 2016 5:44 AM | Just take a look at the monstrosity buildings beside Rite Aid. Now even worse beside Ogunquit River Plantation. Never should have been allowed. | All the new buildings (including the monstrosities) and no change in the tax bills to town people. Need to be more business friendly and code enforcement the same for all parties. ie. enforced the same way all the time. Not different for different parties. | Way to much frivolous spending by the town. Needs to be reined in! |
| 70 | Jun 24, 2016 5:39 AM | Control the number of residential developments that do not fill up | | Stop Hourand Hall and all of his grand ideas. |
| 71 | Jun 24, 2016 5:34 AM | no answer | no answer | no answer |
| 72 | Jun 24, 2016 5:32 AM | no answer | no answer | no answer |
| 73 | Jun 24, 2016 5:32 AM | Lack of true village center- to strengthen community- provide an "anchor" to the town. | With conservation in mind of adjust areas- increase pkg @ Wells beaches. | Create more "green space" along rt.1- be it a mandate for businesses to maintain a net % of green area around their businesses, and necessarily, add town park areas with any trees+green for walking/picnicking for the community. Also, do we have a town "blight law"? |
| 74 | Jun 24, 2016 5:30 AM | The commercial establishments up on Route 1. Reference restrictions on signage and bad parking at these facilities. Also, too much black top, not enough trees. | Too many NEON - flashing signs! (Mikes, Litchfields, Dunkin Donuts, etc.) Could be more tastefully done! | no answer |
| 75 | Jun 24, 2016 5:24 AM | Over development of rural land and forest, especially along the rivers. | Deforestation and loss of habitation for wild life, birds | quality of life vs. commercial interests |
| 76 | Jun 24, 2016 5:22 AM | School budget way to high- school board easily persuaded by school administration. Shrinking enrollment should mean smaller budget- not higher. | Better control of cable company prices-increase in yearly prices and lower channels do not make for happy customers- only happy shareholders. | More publicity about transportation center, to a great town. |
| 77 | Jun 24, 2016 5:21 AM | I am very unhappy about the new condominium developments (next to Route 1 and the Wells Ogunquit Line) | They are too closely cramped together and look terrible! I feel going like this cheap and the appearance of the town. This kind of development should not be allowed! | No answer |
| 78 | Jun 24, 2016 5:16 AM | no answer | no answer | no answer |
| 79 | Jun 24, 2016 5:14 AM | Builders that take down every tree unnecessarily changing the feel and appearance of our town and too much new construction. | Dogs on the beach- many instances of unleashed dogs attacking other dogs and knocking over me and my child. Town (and county and state) seem determined to buy or seize control of more and more property thus taking it out of the tax base and incurring additional costs for acquirement maintenance. | Trash on the roads and at the beach. |
| 80 | Jun 24, 2016 5:14 AM | Education spending rising dis-proportionally - school population is not growing but capital and optional expenditures are rising rapidly. | Wells has no longer any character- it has become a generic building free for all with no style and character. | Town is buying in to the "global warming" heap. |
| 81 | Jun 24, 2016 5:10 AM | #9?? Consistent with the horrendous ugly packed in seasonal rentals? Then why not an amusement park and some tacky t-shirt stores along rt.1? | | no answer |
| 82 | Jun 24, 2016 5:09 AM | More new restaurants please. A Friendly ice cream restaurant | Traffic lights please by the Steak House | A bus that takes you to the Maine Mall in Portland or Fox Run Mall please and back to Wells |
| 83 | Jun 24, 2016 5:05 AM | Limit and restrict or ban business lighting signs (like Mike's restaurant) etc. | Restrict growth of new homes and condos Support the library- this is for me the heart of Wells' community. They no provide many wonderful programs for all. | Maintain "small town" feeling |
| 84 | Jun 24, 2016 5:04 AM | A plan for growth consistent with the town's sense of self. The extension of the Mile Rd for emergency evacuation of the beach. The extension of College Rd. to connect to Route 1 intersection for evacuation of college, compounds (propane storage) and residential development. All people are trapped at a dead end. If project is completed another access for Route 1 traffic in case of emergency. If the town has a civil defense coordinated they should be willing to pay for Route 1 emergency access. | | water quality; alternate energy (solar, wave). (This will be there the gross will be.) |
| 85 | Jun 24, 2016 5:03 AM | no answer | no answer | no answer |
| 86 | Jun 24, 2016 4:56 AM | Do not expand building near Route 1. | Do not helped our taxes to go down, why not? Thousands more people pay more taxes. | Don't get that. No burden on schools?!! |
| 87 | Jun 24, 2016 4:56 AM | Stop developments such as, Barefoot Cottages (mean lights tap on Mile Rd) and the development on Wells/Oqunquit line. They change the look of the Town!!! | No answer | No answer |
| 88 | Jun 24, 2016 4:52 AM | no answer | no answer | no answer |
| 89 | Jun 24, 2016 4:50 AM | no answer | no answer | no answer |
| 90 | Jun 24, 2016 4:48 AM | Stop homes that are being built that look tenement houses | no answer | no answer |
| 91 | Jun 24, 2016 4:44 AM | no answer | no answer | no answer |
| 92 | Jun 24, 2016 4:44 AM | There are too many condominium projects and summer cottages south on rt.1 lanes next to Rite Aid and the newer ones on the Ogunquit line are horrible and should have been approved. It seems the town has been given over to developers, for example the field on 9 just past the tracks will have 8 houses on it 1/4 acres lots what about pollution from Wells and septic systems and the horrible condos behind Rite Aids they are an eye sore. | No town center- Wells is a place between two beautiful towns- Ogunquit and the Kennebunks, we need to have pride and continue to make a town center with everything in it. | no answer |
| 93 | Jun 24, 2016 4:36 AM | no answer | no answer | no answer |
| 94 | Jun 24, 2016 4:31 AM | Keeping the Charm + closeness of the community | keep the beaches clean + Harbor available to us | Allow fleetwood drive to become a public street for town snow removal + trash pickup. |
| 95 | Jun 24, 2016 4:27 AM | Lack of a downtown walking around area and high quality shops. | no answer | no answer |
| 96 | Jun 24, 2016 4:26 AM | Finish the Eastern Trail | Traffic congestion | Good schools |
| 97 | Jun 24, 2016 4:25 AM | No more Summer developments and trailer parks on Route 1 | no answer | no answer |
| 98 | Jun 24, 2016 4:23 AM | no answer | no answer | no answer |
| 99 | Jun 24, 2016 4:21 AM | New residential development is destroying the character of Wells by eliminating open spaces with old growth trees ex. Rt.109 by Plantation Drive. All this development makes our town look like a town in MA. | Public access to beaches for year round residents. Asking residents to pay for parking access seems unfair. | Not sure if it is still an issue but continuing to keep big business like Poland Springs away from our water supply. |
| 100 | Jun 24, 2016 4:20 AM | no answer | no answer | no answer |
| 101 | Jun 24, 2016 4:16 AM | Expansion of the library - use as a "town center" and community resource | no answer | no answer |

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| 102 | Jun 24, 2016 4:14 AM | Preserve the rural character of the town | Residential + condo growth control | Upgrade to WELL maintained bathroom facilities at public beach access point. 4.) |
| 103 | Jun 24, 2016 4:12 AM | Establish stringent limits on high density housing. | Obtain State legislature approval and funding for Route 1 bypass studies. | Support the local college + promote it. |
| 104 | Jun 24, 2016 4:08 AM | More job opportunities for our young adults - less outside help. When people leaving Ogunquit look to the right and see a cluster of buildings, like someone was trying to stuff 20 lbs of shit in a 5 lb bag. and say "I must be in Wells," and it doesn't get much better than this. | Less buildings of properties to house those from other states. | Bring transparency to Harbormasters waiting list for dock space and slips. Make Wells affordable for our business owners (small) to open their businesses and stay here |
| 105 | Jun 24, 2016 4:08 AM | Too much over development- allowing large cottage/ condo seemingly everywhere. | no answer | no answer |
| 106 | Jun 23, 2016 9:32 PM | Complete the "bridge" that will connect the harbor to end of atlantic ave | Keeping beach access available | no answer |
| 107 | Jun 23, 2016 9:27 PM | | Develop a plan that improves bicycling on Webhannet and Atlantic We need apartments for the common walking person so we don't have to have walk outside of Wells. | Enforce bicycling and parking ordinances. |
| 108 | Jun 23, 2016 9:09 PM | The town needs more low income senior housing | | People that bike and walk in town spend money in town. |
| 109 | Jun 23, 2016 8:58 PM | I do not support the fire and police department new building with tax funds. | I do not approve of merchants of so- call antique dealers junk out on the road. | no answer |
| 110 | Jun 23, 2016 8:54 PM | You have lost the small town feel of Wells. | We are the laughing stock of Wells, rt.1 is a honkietonk look. | no answer |
| 111 | Jun 23, 2016 8:50 PM | I do not support a new building for the library with tax funds. | I do not approve of Gallagher's house projects. | no answer |
| 112 | Jun 23, 2016 8:47 PM | Traffic lights by the Steak House | Year round restaurants a Friendlys, Pizza Hut, Apple Bees | Year round bus service that goes to Maine Mall or Fox Run Mall |
| 113 | Jun 23, 2016 8:45 PM | Increase the Town's use of solar power | Protect agricultural land of open space | Strengthen building codes to promote energy efficiency |
| 114 | Jun 23, 2016 8:40 PM | summer traffic, then drug problem | affordable housing low wages | activity for elders to improve health opportunities for seniors to find jobs. |
| 115 | Jun 23, 2016 8:37 PM | job creations | Wells looks different, too much developed | services for elders |
| 116 | Jun 23, 2016 8:33 PM | Family members can not afford to live in community- NOT RIGHT | Jobs that are better than low wage. | Cultural activities. |
| 117 | Jun 23, 2016 8:30 PM | Drug problems | Housing | Programs for older children, transportation issues. |
| 118 | Jun 23, 2016 8:27 PM | Keeping the community informed about town intention/goals. | NO MORE LATE NIGHT ONE-SIDED VOTES! | no answer |
| 119 | Jun 23, 2016 8:21 PM | Payoff current bonds before acquiring new ones. | the absence of police/fire development on this survey is a concern. | no answer |
| 120 | Jun 23, 2016 8:16 PM | Put a moratorium on expansion of high density trailer parks and campgrounds to slow already overcrowded roads, beaches, and other public facilities. We are killing the goose the lays the golden egg by driving tourists away because of a bad experience. Lrt's not let Wells become "Honkey Tonk". | Clean up properties along rt.1 post road. The horrible condition of 1509 Post Road, adjacent to a school, is a disgrace to the Town of Wells. The once beautiful home has been trashed and the property turned into a junk yard of old abandoned cars. | What happened to preventing this kind of thing? Make the owner pay to clean it up- no the tax payers. |
| 121 | Jun 23, 2016 7:57 PM | Over development | school system | taxes |
| 122 | Jun 23, 2016 7:55 PM | It seems the horse is already out of the barn! We are already inundated with tenement style cottage complexes! Where is the turning back? The roads, the beaches, the stores already can not handle the influx of transients. Yes we have expanded the tax base but at what cost? We are fast becoming Old Orchard or Hampton Beach only leading to the issues those towns have faced. | no answer | no answer |
| 123 | Jun 23, 2016 7:44 PM | Polices and programs that measure the identification aka "Town Center" | Restricting the growth of "ticy tacky" "summer dwellings" | no answer |
| 124 | Jun 23, 2016 7:39 PM | Stop the proliferation of crowded, view blocking summer housing. Restrict the proliferation of seasonal rental properties jammed in along rt1. | no answer Provide sidewalks for all the additional people we have built units for. Enhance the hiking area. | no answer |
| 125 | Jun 23, 2016 7:33 PM | Enhance parking and access to beach. | no answer | no answer |
| 126 | Jun 23, 2016 7:25 PM | Enjoy living in Wells. A well managed town. | support land use for hiking, fishing etc. | attention to maintaining and improving water quality. |
| 127 | Jun 23, 2016 7:23 PM | Attention to land use policies | no answer | no answer |
| 128 | Jun 23, 2016 7:21 PM | no answer | | |
| 129 | Jun 23, 2016 7:19 PM | Preserving the environment and natural resources, maintaining the beaches and harbor. | High quality education, maintaining this. | Obtaining appropriate new businesses, especially along US 1. |
| 130 | Jun 23, 2016 7:15 PM | Renewable energy for public buildings? wind, solar? | I see more development throughout the town, what's being done to compensate for the growth? | How old are the water pipes? What are they made of? Can Flint Mich. happen here? If no, why not? If yes/maybe ... whoops! |
| 131 | Jun 23, 2016 7:04 PM | adapt to climate change, sea level rise- educate about it. | Protect land and forest Developing a walking (pedestrian friendly) town center/village that has qualities similar to Kennebunk Port, Kennebunk, Ogunquit Town Villages. | alternative energy use- let's make solar + wind known! Continue to promote alternative energy sources and using available open space as possible sites for alternative energy (solar panel farms) If you wish to revitalize the blue print for the future of Wells, you should look into changing or enforcing laws so that there are no longer "junk yards" in private residences. ie. Mildram Rd. Thank you for the traffic lights at the junction of 109 and Chapel Rd. |
| 132 | Jun 23, 2016 5:49 PM | Controlling and limiting the development of seasonal condo units | | Expansion of water/sewer |
| 133 | Jun 23, 2016 5:43 PM | Develop a "down town" area on Route 1 much like Kennebunk | Bridge over Merriland River on Coles Hill Rd. - "Temporary Bridge" was installed years ago after the original bridge was washed out due to a storm | |
| 134 | Jun 23, 2016 5:35 PM | These are thoughts not most important issues | Clean up the harbor, by the Pavilion. Many cigarette butts. Enforcement of illegal firecracker use and shooting (hear both frequently - dangerous for everyone) Neighborhood cats should not be allowed to roam free. Some rules should apply to them as apply to dogs! | |
| 135 | Jun 23, 2016 5:30 PM | Route 1 traffic | | |
| 136 | Jun 23, 2016 5:25 PM | Consistency in services to private roads and designation thereof! | | no answer |
| 137 | Jun 23, 2016 5:20 PM | Encourage uniform signage along Route 1. Neon and interior lit signs look tacky. Developing some sort of town center. It would be nice if wells were more, "walkable," but that may be difficult to accomplish. | Encourage businesses to raise the standard of cleanliness around their establishments. | Encourage businesses to "green up," parking lots - less tar, more trees. |
| 138 | Jun 23, 2016 5:13 PM | Overpopulation and expansion without a longer term plan. I have seen over expansion throughout town (both commercial & residential) without knowing the longer term goal or aesthetic value of town. | no answer | no answer |
| 139 | Jun 23, 2016 5:09 PM | I know my property tax's just keep going up and up the older I get | Speed control; as a resident who both runs and bikes on many of the streets in Wells, I do not see a traffic control plan, especially for Summer months | No longer term foresight how changes in town impact historical nature of town (ie. building developments right on Route 1 - which makes Wells look like inner city. The plan does not exist - which I know - which considers this factor. |
| 140 | Jun 23, 2016 5:02 PM | no answer | no answer | no answer |
| 141 | Jun 23, 2016 4:59 PM | no answer | no answer | no answer |
| 142 | Jun 23, 2016 4:57 PM | More new year round restaurants | Traffic lights by the Steak House | Bus service on Branch Rd. in Wells and a hotel on Branch Rd. |
| 143 | Jun 23, 2016 4:54 PM | no answer | no answer | no answer |

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| 144 | Jun 23, 2016 4:51 PM | Building ordinance to make buildings comply to structures that aren't ugly on Route 1 like those next to McDonalds! | Allow competition from outside in food industry, the locals have control of it all!! | Maine is becoming a harem for older adults - inquire into grocery deliveries from Hannafords - other companies have it!! Also, transportation for older adults for getting around. Your older non-drivers are isolated. |
| 145 | Jun 23, 2016 4:12 PM | Reduce proliferation of seasonal condos | Access to natural gas to RTE 1 corridor Outer staters came in and took over, probably half of the town government is MassAssholes came in built their condos, turned the place into a shithole. Other towns use this place as what not to do. | no answer |
| 146 | Jun 23, 2016 4:06 PM | Who you people kidding Wells hasn't been a rural town for 30 years or more. It's nothing but a suburb of Boston. | | Lived here ALL my life 65 years, don't think everybody's morons as this town government. Enjoy cause I'm sure the meth labs and crime from Boston will just keep growing. Discourage "honkey tonk" businesses- we don't want for another Old Orchard Beach- one is enough in Maine! Trolleys are great too! Trying to have incentives for people to use these- get some cars off rt.1!!! |
| 147 | Jun 23, 2016 4:10 AM | Discourage commercial and high density residential development that will create more congestion along rt.1 | Try to do some long range planning to bring about pedestrian only areas. (You did a great job on creating sidewalks.) | |
| 148 | Jun 23, 2016 3:58 AM | To protest the beaches and harbor to enable us to reap the economic rewards from the tourists. | Maintain a low tax rate to encourage new businesses to locate in Wells and to encourage residential growth. | no answer |
| 149 | Jun 23, 2016 3:53 AM | Building of seasonal cottages- too many! too fast I am concerned about over development especially with seasonal cottages. We need to preserve more open spaces especially close to the water; ocean, streams, rivers, wetlands. | lack of a community center with a pool, skating rink, indoor track so residents can have a place to exercise, kids can have more to do during winter months. I live in the forest subdivision and I am concerned about the expansion of Moody RV Campground. They are developing multiple RV sites very close to a stream "Bragdon Brook" | no answer |
| 150 | Jun 23, 2016 3:49 AM | Improve sidewalks + bicycle lanes encouraging walking and biking to improve overall health of Wells citizens. | | no answer |
| 151 | Jun 23, 2016 3:43 AM | no answer | Install cross walk blinking lights for safety. | Support police with pay + benefits- enforce speed limits on all roadways- hire police as needed. |
| 152 | Jun 23, 2016 3:39 AM | check at Kennebunk and Oqunquit then look at Wells "center" - it's very sad indeed- no flowers-no stores. | no answer | no answer |
| 153 | Jun 23, 2016 3:35 AM | Wells needs a defined town center away from rt.1 | We need to brighten our roads for people driving through there are no "stores" no gift shops nothing like Kennebunk or Oqunquit. | Pretty up our town. Let people enjoy rt.1 between Oqunquit and Kennebunk they need something pretty to look at. |
| 154 | Jun 23, 2016 3:26 AM | Keep property taxes within reason (doing a good job) | no answer | no answer |
| 155 | Jun 23, 2016 3:23 AM | | no answer | no answer |
| 156 | Jun 13, 2016 5:38 PM | plan for conservation areas in all neighborhoods in town | avoid residential build-out throughout the town | encourage renewable farming and lumbering. Discourage mineral extraction. Concentrate on renewable resources |
| 157 | Jun 13, 2016 5:35 PM | Continue to create large undeveloped areas for future parks and join them with hike/bike trails keeping wells from becoming a strip mall, especially route 1. we are well on our way. | Encourage farmer, gardening, wood harvesting and other renewable resources. Growth for residential homes and small businesses | Make town draw on solar, wind and tidal energy sources for town and school government, and for residences and businesses, make wells energy independent |
| 158 | Jun 13, 2016 5:30 PM | Unsightly new housing going up uncontrolled. | control the building! | control the apparent favoritism! |
| 159 | Jun 12, 2016 10:25 PM | Over crowded seasonal houses. | Laws not made for locals. | Out of staters influencing building. |
| 160 | Jun 12, 2016 10:22 PM | stop the building of stupid seasonal houses | Over building on the beach. | Huge seasonal beach houses. |
| 161 | Jun 12, 2016 10:22 PM | Over building in the town. | read #1 | read #1 and 2!! |
| 162 | Jun 12, 2016 10:19 PM | Maintain safe and clean public water system. | Bad influence by out of state interests. | Clean the beach litter. |
| 163 | Jun 12, 2016 10:18 PM | no answer | Maintain side roads. | Assure best educational system town can afford. |
| 164 | Jun 12, 2016 10:16 PM | Over building. | no answer | no answer |
| 165 | Jun 12, 2016 10:16 PM | strengthen building codes and business property use especially on rt1. | Outsiders taking over town politics. | Keeping beach areas litter free. |
| 166 | Jun 12, 2016 10:13 PM | Hate those clusters of new houses. | Road repair | Demand clean up of unsightly properties |
| 167 | Jun 12, 2016 10:11 PM | | Hate Rt 1 starting to look like "Funtown". | Hate outstaters using loopholes to build. |
| 168 | Jun 12, 2016 10:09 PM | over building along the coast | no more seasonal building or condos! around rt1. This is the cause of the horrible seasonal traffic in the area. | Wells tax payers should have access to moody beaches. Only Oguiquit gets beach passes there- its ridiculous. We live here please do something!!! Thank you. |
| 169 | Jun 12, 2016 10:04 PM | I think Rt 1 should be developed for retail and tourism not for contractors offices. | no answer | no answer |
| 170 | Jun 12, 2016 10:02 PM | We need public transportation. | more sidewalks in moody. Compatible and appropriate private development should pay for its own impact on the community eg use fees. | no answer |
| 171 | Jun 12, 2016 10:00 PM | Actively maintaining the rural character of Wells. The high density building in small areas (aka. around Rite Aid) is the best example of what not to do along rt1. | | It's already better to protect the assets of Wells that we already have than acquiring new ones by expending town funds. |
| 172 | Jun 12, 2016 9:59 PM | no answer | #19. What flooding protection measures have been done and are planned. | #21. I support alternate energy except windmills. |
| 173 | Jun 12, 2016 9:56 PM | Over building of ugly crowded "vacation on ghetto" on Rt 1. Who ever permitted the over crowded complex that has infringed on the plantation! | no answer | no answer |
| 174 | Jun 12, 2016 9:53 PM | Side walks on rt1. Town required side walks as businesses renovated and built new facilities we now need to connect them from Kennebunk/Wells line to Wells/Ogunquit line. This decreases traffic and improves safety of pedestrians | The same builder allowed to cram in home behind the Mobile Gas Station on 9B will cause traffic jams at the Rt 1 intersection. | Remove sea weed and debris daily pre-season to post season to keep the pristine coastline an attractive destination to keep tourism a reason to visit. |
| 175 | Jun 12, 2016 9:53 PM | Education. Control the growth of non-resident part time homes due to concern about the town infrastructure (water, sewer, etc.). | We need to finish instaling sewer lines on east of rt1 then extend water+sewer test of rt.1 Candlewood lane | Create good year round businesses+jobs. Think about year round homes that bring in a good tax based revenue. No more mobile homes. No more campsites or summer homes! Taxes, also Senior Center should accept money from Wells Rec. Budget. Some seniors find the dues and constant pressure to buy chances, pay for meals that are donated force them to not join! |
| 176 | Jun 12, 2016 9:46 PM | Cluster houses | Quality of drinking water. | |
| 177 | Jun 12, 2016 9:41 PM | Over development of seasonal living units, crowded in small land areas. | Need to develop a town center. | Maintaining small town "feel" by limiting and controlling commercial growth on Rt. 1 area. overtime- there's too much! Tax payers cannot afford it! Poor scheduling! |
| 178 | Jun 12, 2016 9:40 PM | Multiple building residential development like the one at the border of Wells and Ogunquit. Looks like a project! | Beach maintenance | Establish more things for the kids instead of building hotels and seasonal living. |
| 179 | Jun 12, 2016 9:38 PM | overcrowding dumb houses | Housing access areas to get to the beach areas. | |
| 180 | Jun 12, 2016 9:37 PM | no answer | no answer | no answer |
| 181 | Jun 12, 2016 9:34 PM | Please stop developers who are building the enormous seasonal cottage "communities" and the three story cluster ghettos along Rt 1. They are completely out of character for southern Maine. | overbuilding dumb houses | rt1 looking like a carnival |
| 182 | Jun 12, 2016 9:33 PM | no answer | no answer | no answer |
| 183 | Jun 12, 2016 9:30 PM | no answer | no answer | no answer |
| 184 | Jun 12, 2016 9:21 PM | | no answer | no answer |

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| 185 | Jun 12, 2016 9:19 PM | The expansion of these summer communities are becoming an eye sore. It's out of control. Rt 1 is starting to look more like Hampton Beach. | Look and feel of Wells is very important. Make controls on Commercial Building. | Road maintain plus long term capital improvement plan. Wells voted for a moratorium on future building. Abide by it! Consult w/ Kennebunk beautification committee to mirror changes along Rt 1 in Wells reflective of those done along Rt 1 in Kennebunk. A new building for police + fire. Our first responders deserve better accommodations. Too close together. no answer Keep taxes for residents under control. no answer public transportation Proliferation of seasonal cottages |
| 186 | Jun 12, 2016 9:14 PM | Stop! construction of/expansion of amusement park atmosphere along Route 1. | Stop! construction of/expansion of eye sore housing units directly along/on Rt 1. | |
| 187 | Jun 12, 2016 9:08 PM | Stop building "matchbox" houses everywhere! | Too much construction of seasonal communities. | |
| 188 | Jun 12, 2016 9:03 PM | no answer | no answer | |
| 189 | Jun 12, 2016 8:59 PM | keep rt1 for dining, shopping, vacation seasonal homes etc. | no more traffic lights! | |
| 190 | Jun 12, 2016 8:57 PM | no answer | no answer | |
| 191 | Jun 12, 2016 8:56 PM | illegal drugs | expensive childcare | |
| 192 | Jun 12, 2016 8:53 PM | Rt1 traffic already a priority Eliminating projects such as those behind Rite Aid and those opposite Tatnic Road. They are blight | Establishment of a town center | |
| 193 | Jun 12, 2016 8:51 PM | Stopping the electronic signage along rt1. It looks tacky. They certainly don't reflect a rule character. | Too many seasonal cottages. Limiting those seasonal homes along rt1. Some look awful and they take business away from local motels and BnBs. | no answer |
| 194 | Jun 12, 2016 8:48 PM | no answer | no answer | Protecting our water quality. Wells well water tastes great. Lets keep it that way. |
| 195 | Jun 12, 2016 8:45 PM | Stop building "multiplies" like those beside Rite Aid and on the southern end of town near Ogunquit River Suites. Ugly!!! | | no answer |
| 196 | Jun 12, 2016 8:44 PM | | Continue to evaluate and hot top secondary roads when needed. | Keep up the good work that is be done in our town. <3 |
| 197 | Jun 10, 2016 4:23 AM | Tourists use free parking spaces on wall and gold ribbon rd while residents buy parking permits = give residents free parking permits + charge tourists. | Use of indoor high school track by community (on previous plans) for wellness walking. need houses posted + signage. | Wells Harbor area word free by out-of-states - toilets, trash, parking, beach. Revenue should be allowed by town. (collected) |
| 198 | Jun 10, 2016 4:03 AM | no answer | no answer | no answer |
| 199 | Jun 10, 2016 3:59 AM | Fear of becoming "Mass-North" | no answer | no answer |
| 200 | Jun 10, 2016 3:54 AM | Keep taxes down To have a plan in place for the possibility of a once in 50/or 100 year storm that destroys the barrier beaches and homes; and the resulting loss of tax revenue and tourists. | Promote more taxpaying, good job providing, clean industries/businesses. | Do what is best for Wells' people & businesses and become more independent from state + FED control & funding. |
| 201 | Jun 10, 2016 3:47 AM | Excessive disparity in assessed values E/W of rt.1 | no answer | no answer |
| 202 | Jun 10, 2016 3:35 AM | absolutely no more seasonal home/condominium construction. | Tax increase of 38% in one year due to reassessment? | Something is crooked! |
| 203 | Jun 10, 2016 3:29 AM | I live on a dirt lane off a dirt lane. no snowplowing no town water, no town sewer, nothing yet. | sidewalks | no answer |
| 204 | Jun 10, 2016 3:27 AM | Saving the integrity of the small town, supporting growth of small, locally owned businesses and recreational areas | I live close to rt.1 with its known traffic problem! continue to promote conservation as we progress with growth of industry, education and infrastructure. | no answer |
| 205 | Jun 10, 2016 3:23 AM | Keep taxes low | no answer | no answer |
| 206 | Jun 10, 2016 3:18 AM | | | On one hand committee encourages rural character then on the other hand we build big fancy fire/police/public safety building- and across the street a mega Cumbies- so much for the rural village plan. We need no more beehive type cluster housing they are areal eyesore on route 1. |
| 207 | Jun 10, 2016 3:15 AM | We need to resist becoming a large metropolis full of big government and restrictions. Encouraging buildings and signage that accent the age and history of our town- having it look as though this a historic place. | We now learn that fire station is outdated and does not meet OSHA codes its not that old and the bond to pay for it barely paid off now we need to tear it all down and spend more money seems poorly thought out to me. Cutting down on building (like those around Rite Aid and near stuckup which make Wells look like Revere. | Having a local government that appear interested in the two listed above. |
| 208 | Jun 10, 2016 3:03 AM | See #10 | See #9 | no answer |
| 209 | Jun 10, 2016 2:56 AM | Taking better care of the beach | less multi-unit housing | no answer |
| 210 | Jun 7, 2016 12:29 AM | See question 1 strongly agree especially in regards to developers abuse limitation to cluster zoning increases frontage and acreage per dwelling 500ft and 5acres | | |
| 211 | Jun 7, 2016 12:27 AM | | Keeping property taxes low | Keeping spending under control Change some rds speed limits - 109 - 30mph (35mph) Lindsey rd (35mph) not 25mph and High Pine 30mph - should be (40mph) all new road, - (Burnt Mill is 35mph) because the state was using it for rt1 work they changed it so the trucks will keep moving. Property owner clean up Junk especially the ones that are caving in and abandoned properties (keep Wells beautiful) |
| 212 | Jun 7, 2016 12:20 AM | Too many seasonal condo's- developments, house development- too many on a small piece of property. (Farm land is disappearing) Through zoning, be able to minimize the creation of housing developments keeping control of too large a population increase thus putting a brake on need of services. | To have other options other than Time Warner Cable for internet services, we live on a rd where DSL is not available so we are at the mercy of TWC (very expensive) | |
| 213 | Jun 7, 2016 12:10 AM | Preservation of significant "historic" buildings as determined by previous preservation committee | Protect the character of Wells. Excluding heavy industry while allowing low-impact business development to aid in revenue generation. Discontinue approval of "stack buildings" that lack privacy as well lack of promotion of rural, historic sea cost community | Maintain a reasonable tax rate consistent with the needs of the town. Limit the conversion of historic buildings architecturally to a different style or a hideous color. |
| 214 | Jun 7, 2016 12:04 AM | | | Beach access for students paying taxes and supporting town businesses all year. Pretty sad when these residents can't park at the beaches. They support in most summer weeks. |
| 215 | Jun 6, 2016 11:59 PM | Building- Too much! no growth plan. Traffic all over town- all main routers- rt 9B, 9 + 109 | Allowing buildings (condo) to be built so close to one another is destroying the beauty of our Town! | Something needs to be done with traffic + parking from may 15th thru October, so the people who are here with homes and pay taxes can enjoy the beach. |
| 216 | Jun 6, 2016 11:50 PM | Handicapped Parking on Drakes Island | Desperate parking lot for people who have campers - so residents can park at beach too! | no answer |
| 217 | Jun 6, 2016 11:42 PM | no answer | no answer | managing tax rate for seniors while still providing enhancements to education facilities and town buildings |
| 218 | Jun 6, 2016 11:38 PM | Protection of natural resoures | Managing residential and commercial growth | Proposed new library too expensive |
| 219 | Jun 6, 2016 11:34 PM | School budget is too much Development- put a permanent, lawful end/ stop to whatever loopholes that allowed construction of multi-dwelling/duplex clustered seasonal housing that have put a blight on this town- specifically barefoot cottages+ the "project" presently being built looming over the Oqunquit river inn- what an introduction to Wells!!! | New fire & police station cost too high | |
| 220 | Jun 6, 2016 11:29 PM | no answer | No town center. Clean up rt1/ NO blinking colorful advertising signs!!! | Beach renourishment- no beaches=no tourism= no tourist \$\$ |
| 221 | Jun 6, 2016 11:13 PM | | no answer | no answer |

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| 222 | Jun 6, 2016 11:10 PM | No more unattractive developments along rt.1 keep with the character of the town. Need to develop a small downtown area on rt1 with public parking. For ideal area for development, clean and restore depot brook in this area & more attractive | Keep the beaches cleaner up to the seawalls | Stick to the rules - they are made for everyone |
| 223 | Jun 6, 2016 10:59 PM | bridge over depot brook rt1 | Make sure the police dept. keeps a watchful eye out for illegal drug activity | Better access to harbor from rt1 (walking/bike path) |
| 224 | Jun 6, 2016 10:46 PM | Build/Identify a Town Center- make it clear this is Wells - The 109/RT1 and along 109 is top choice. | Establish architect standards for business to show charter, fewer signs more colonial flavor | Build out area between 109+R9 on Post Road maybe make it a individual highway move of a parkway. |
| 225 | Jun 2, 2016 9:03 PM | Decent year round housing (not 2 story ugly condos on rt.1!) to maintain year round population | More small business friendly. | no answer |
| 226 | Jun 2, 2016 8:57 PM | Affordable senior housing in Wells. | Controlled growth with the infrastructure to support the growth. | Keeping a reasonable tax rate. I like both the new high school project and the proposed new fire/police department - keep up the good work!!! |
| 227 | Jun 2, 2016 8:52 PM | Making the town better now and for the future. | Keeping the town running efficient and keeping taxes as low as possible. | |
| 228 | Jun 2, 2016 8:49 PM | Overcrowding and building is number 1 issue! Stop building of multiple units on postage stamp sized lots; it is making Wells look honkytonk not charming. Poor planning re: building of seasonal condo complexes- Way too many and very unattractive - Ruins the character of the town's apperance | Connect the Harbor to Wells Beach by a foot bridge. This would increase foot travel vice car travel to Harbor activities. | Stop favoring short term financial gains at cost of character of town. Pennywise pound foolish operating paradigm is stupid. |
| 229 | Jun 2, 2016 8:43 PM | Resident Access to beaches during tourist season. Needs Improvement | Quality affordable housing availability | Develop town center/village - as economic development tool |
| 230 | Jun 2, 2016 8:29 PM | Preserve the town beaches | no answer | no answer |
| 231 | Jun 2, 2016 8:26 PM | Stop the carnage and excessive crowded building on rt.1- This is what helped to create your traffic problem!!! | Preserve the Harbor | Conservation land for hiking, fishing, picknicking and recreational use |
| 232 | Jun 2, 2016 8:22 PM | It would be nice to have a town center with commons and stores, restaurants, etc., all within walking distance of one another- and public parking! Limits on signs that can be displayed - signs that are trashing appearance in town. | We need a traffic light red, yellow green at the intersection of rt. 9A and 109!!! What are you waiting for??? A Fatality??? | Why do you allow cheap, tawdry electronic signs especially on rt.1?? Mikes started it! |
| 233 | Jun 2, 2016 8:15 PM | The Compass Point Condominium project on the Wells/Ogunquit line is the ugliest, most over built project on the Maine coast. It puts the stamp of stupidity squarely on the Town of Wells. | Would like more businesses to stay open more than just the summer. Perhaps an ordnance could be passed that requires seasonal businesses to stay open at least from April 15 thur October 15. | no answer |
| 234 | Jun 2, 2016 8:08 PM | no answer | no answer | no answer |
| 235 | Jun 2, 2016 8:03 PM | At this time Wells in compounding in tr.1 traffic problems by increasing the number of living units especuallly one which boarder directly on rt.1. | These projects on the Ogunquit line, 9B and the top of Mile Road are complete sell outs. Comprehensive planning- What planning?! It looks like inside trading, just to get more tax revenue. | Did you even consider not everyone in the town owns a restaurant, hotel or gift shop. If the goal was to make rt.1 wells look like Old Orchard south you succeeded. Put a gold star on your forehead! |
| 236 | Jun 2, 2016 7:54 PM | | no answer | no answer |
| 237 | Jun 2, 2016 7:52 PM | Traffic light needed at intersection of crediford rd + branch rd + 9A N+S @ Chase store | Wells needs to IMPROVE the emergency access from the Wells Beach/Ocean Ave area to higher ground. Currently that area (Furbish Road) floods at the times of storm high waters. | no answer |
| 238 | Jun 2, 2016 7:41 PM | Develop a Town Center | 9B needs to be widened - TOO DANGEROUS for dump trucks and like. Speed and crossing over the line will cause a terrible accident. So Dangerous!! | I have two high school drivers, its always deter them from using 9B, its a lethal road w/ speed the dump trucks use. They can't control their full load and always cross the medians. I live on Kimberly Circle right off 9B, seen this first hand - daily! *STOP* building condos that sit on rt.1 and buildings close together. (This was a bad move tacky impression.) |
| 239 | Jun 2, 2016 7:29 PM | It seems to me that Wells has become Saugus MA, North. Electonic signs, crampgrounds, strip malls and condas that are more appropriate to OOB. | Restrict Lighted (neon-type) signs along rt.1 | If the plan is to make another money grab by adding more short term, poorly planned development, then best of luck with that. We will continue to spend out time + money in Oqunquit, Kennebunk and Kennebunkport and enjoy the character + charm of southern Maine there. |
| 240 | Jun 2, 2016 7:25 PM | The development on rt.1 south at the end of Tatnic Road is awful, how and why was that approved. The buildings are too close, a fire trap and ugly. | The Projects around Rite Aid and across from Statseys are an abomination. If that is the kind of character to which you are referring, then NO THANKS. Ogunquit, Kennebunk + Kennebunkport have charming downtown areas. Wells has strip malls, traffic, huge condo developments, electronic signs worthy of Vegas+campgrounds, but no charming town. | no answer |
| 241 | Jun 2, 2016 7:18 PM | I am shocked to see the height and how close the building are on re 1 south on Oqunquit boarder and around Rite Aid. What was the town planners thinking to allow that developer to build so closely. Such an eye sore for Wells. | no answer | no answer |
| 242 | Jun 2, 2016 7:13 PM | Too many commercial developers on the wells planning board. Wells should not be a route 1 of just mainstream commercial. | Invest in schools and raising commercial taxes if needed. Promote more individual small business. Keep Maine character. | Focus on less short term taxes and invest in long term for attracting good tourists and a stable tax base and good real estate for owners. Too many seasonal/ houses in wells, Still a great town but needs sophisticated long term thinking. Also neon advertng signs should not be allowed. They are distracting and not in character for town. |
| 243 | Jun 2, 2016 7:07 PM | Get rid of common core in our schools | cluster zoning/ crowding buildings (ex. behind rite aid !!!! ruined rt. 1) | need a new police station! |
| 244 | Jun 2, 2016 6:59 PM | Send police, fire and highway depts. to get annual physicals! | Cut the police and fire depts. budgets in half! | Stop spending money, your taxing us right out of the town! |
| 245 | Jun 2, 2016 6:52 PM | limit to housing development | ban box stores national chainstores and chain restaurants and hotels | keep all development to the character of wells. |
| 246 | Jun 2, 2016 6:38 PM | no answer | no answer | no answer |
| 247 | Jun 2, 2016 6:30 PM | control development- no national chains or buy stores | no answer | no answer |
| 248 | Jun 2, 2016 6:25 PM | Uncontrolled, unrestricted building of temp. residences | No zoning rules. Look at Hampton Inn on Rte. 1 Terrible. | no answer |
| 249 | May 27, 2016 7:04 PM | Re-establish growth permit cap now. Too many units now. Now have overflow at beaches and this affects traffic of course. | Development of Town Center/Village. Kennebunk has lovely Town Center with restaurants and shops. A sense of community missing. | Protecting the natural spaces and habitats, harbors. |
| 250 | May 27, 2016 6:43 PM | Make seasonal homes from April to December would help business and help the economy of Wells | Put less restrictions on seasonal owners - we pay taxes!!! | Examine the floride in our water. Research the health effects on our citizens. |
| 251 | May 27, 2016 6:37 PM | no answer | no answer | Retrict the growth of "Chain" stores - keep it more mom and pop stores |
| 252 | May 27, 2016 6:34 PM | Town Center | Educational Issues | no answer |
| 253 | May 27, 2016 6:31 PM | no answer | no answer | Building growth/ Existing condos on Route 1 look horrible |
| 254 | May 27, 2016 6:29 PM | Rite Aid light south traffic all the way to Kenn north | no answer | no answer |
| 255 | May 27, 2016 6:26 PM | no answer | no answer | no answer |
| 256 | May 24, 2016 7:38 PM | Creating safe ways to connect throughout Route 1 and Mile Road for walking everywhere and biking safely - connect via sidewalks to Ogunquit | no answer | no answer |
| 257 | May 20, 2016 7:30 PM | | Protect land and limit development expansion | Provide heating alternatives such as natural gas ability throughout ALL roads |

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| 258 | May 17, 2016 3:55 PM | urban sprawl | We need an improvement plan for commercial growth, a worth while vision. this should not just be an expand tax base of "tacky." | impact fees should be a priority! Existing residents are subsidizing development! One of the problems of the Rt 1 traffic issue is parking and walking "here and there" is not possible. There is no easy solution but can this style be controlled or contained? |
| 259 | May 17, 2016 3:51 PM | Too many seasonal units that all want to go to our beaches and year round wells residents cant get in the parking lots after 9:00 am! Easier access to beach (as in ogunquit) RAMPS etc so older residents can enter onto the beach with little effort. Especially at Crescent Beach and at end of Atlantic Beach (small inlet behind restrooms) | School budget which effects our taxes. | Extend Town Water and Sewer to more neighborhoods, also bring more natural gas. |
| 260 | May 16, 2016 3:30 PM | controlling population growth | no answer | no answer |
| 261 | May 16, 2016 3:27 PM | | no answer | no answer |
| 262 | May 16, 2016 1:36 PM | keeping RE taxes down Maintaining Wells as a small town in actuality not just character. Capping growth while providing well-paying employment in industries that protect our environment | Attracting appropriate businesses to broaden tax base. Develop PR effort with appropriate agencies. spoke to Mike Livingston on SDME ideas | Promote assets of the area to potential users of recreation, medical, business, transportation etc facilities to bring outside money in the community. |
| 263 | May 16, 2016 1:20 PM | Sea Level Rise - learn to live/adapt with this outcome of climate change, rather than dumping \$1 million of contaminated sands from Portsmouth Harbor on Wells Beach! | Affordable housing for young families and the elderly | Maintaining and improving our natural resources for quality of life, environment and sustaining of tourist industry |
| 264 | May 15, 2016 9:35 PM | Property taxes too high | No more cottage communities; too much density, fire danger and negative impacts on roads, sewer and other town services! beach erosion | No more tacky neon signs, and get the Rt. 1 stop lights in sync in summer to avoid all the backups such as going south on Sundays. expand tax base so that property taxes will go down |
| 265 | May 15, 2016 9:29 PM | | Not building any new police or fire station we are just fine as is, put a park at the old Cumberland Farms Intersection of 109 and rte-9 by Chase gas station ; blinking light should be traffic light during some hrs of day | Stop allowing businesses in Wells hat nobody runs or needs (Post Road House) too much crowding on rt 1 and THE TRAFFIC |
| 266 | May 15, 2016 4:54 PM | Continue with upgrade and improvement at Wells Harbor | | |
| 267 | May 15, 2016 1:06 AM | Keep property tax low too many cottage/condo development sites that overcrowd the town and has ruined the ambiance of Wells | taxes getting ridiculously high, especially with all the housing units in the town | Dog park? we do not need a new fire/police station. |
| 268 | May 13, 2016 1:07 PM | Keeping tax rates affordable for property owners whether full time residents or not | Protecting and maintaining beaches | Protecting private property owner's rights |
| 269 | May 13, 2016 12:10 PM | Would like to see a bakery closer to Route 9 intersection. | x | x |
| 270 | May 12, 2016 3:26 AM | The number of seasonal units on Route 1. And, why do the taxes go up - these should be good for something (tax money)? | The number of seasonal units on Route 1. If they pay taxes, how come ours go up? Retain public access to beaches - #16 | The number of seasonal units on Route 1 Forbid attractions described in #10 |
| 271 | May 12, 2016 3:21 AM | A village center would give character to our area - #11 | | |
| 272 | May 12, 2016 3:17 AM | More beach parking! Selling passes for residents at \$35 is ridiculous when there is no place to park unless you get up at the crack of dawn! | Stopping the growth of seasonal units / homes. | Reconfigure Chapel Road at Route 1. Very dangerous, especially left turn onto Route 1! |
| 273 | May 12, 2016 3:13 AM | Rate of new construction (especially along Route 1) too many seasonal properties. | Ordinances to control / monitor seasonal rentals including private residences. Control the new housing starts and cluster housing to ease the burden on schools. | Infrastructure needs improvements -- small roads and town streets Bringing in businesses for the Route 1 corridor to fill numerous vacancies. |
| 274 | May 12, 2016 3:07 AM | Controlling the growth of seasonal clustering in the town. | | |
| 275 | May 12, 2016 3:01 AM | Way too much compact, seasonal residential community "village" type house / cottage/condo units on west side of Route 1 (i.e. not in the beach / water area). | Maintaining excellent community and educational programs and facilities - schools, library, organization centers / buildings, health care, etc. Unnecessary new homes being built in previously forested areas | Developing, establishing, maintaining and / or improving affordable public transportation, especially during seasonal / summer times |
| 276 | May 12, 2016 2:55 AM | No designated "downtown" area | x | x |
| 277 | May 12, 2016 2:46 AM | Need more parking!! For restaurants, hotels, etc. | x | x |
| 278 | May 12, 2016 2:40 AM | | Lack of attractive "downtown" area that would serve as a focal point for locally-owned businesses (like Kennebunk). | They should take a 2nd look at the "home business" rules, esp. as they relate to those that use heavy equipment. |
| 279 | May 12, 2016 2:37 AM | x | | |
| 280 | May 12, 2016 2:33 AM | More affordable year round housing Some kind of traffic control at intersection of transfer station and N. Berwick Rd. With new construction and more industry going in and high traffic area, this is a place where more accidents are just waiting to happen, especially when summer residents get ehre. Reduce speed limit in that area. | x | x |
| 281 | May 12, 2016 2:27 AM | The inability to walk our dogs (April 1st) off season on the north beach access point to Moody Beach. There should be mutual access (Ogunquit and Moody) down the path onto Moody Beach. | The town facilities seen to be overstaffed. Perhaps consolidation of some of the offices should be examined. Also recommend cross training. | |
| 282 | May 12, 2016 2:21 AM | With the added businesses moving into Willey Rd (Transfer Station Rd), and summer traffic using transfer station, it is very dangerous getting into and out of the transfer station. | Could the speed limit on Rt 9, near the transfer station road be reduced? Traffic goes 60 mph through there! | |
| 283 | May 12, 2016 2:16 AM | The continued growth of summer only condos, mobile parks, and campgrounds. It has gotten to the point where it is counterproductive. When there are more people trying to use the beaches and stores and restaurants than we can accommodate, then what is the justification for building more? | x | x |
| 284 | May 12, 2016 2:02 AM | x | x | x |
| 285 | May 12, 2016 1:54 AM | Stop development of seasonal condos, units, etc! | Protecting our natural resources and transitioning to alternative energy sources. Speeding cars on 109, even though speed limit drops to 35 mph - cars still fly down 109, especially after dark. | Keeping our schools, fire police, EMT, and recycling programs strong. |
| 286 | May 12, 2016 1:52 AM | | Continue efforts to improve our infrastructure. Still many roads that need repair. Include retaining walls at section of Wells Beach. They need to expand the Wells Harbor. There is a huge potential there, with mooring fees, commercial potential. improving drainage in the beach area for roads/buildings - such as Atlantic Avenue, Webhannet Rd etc | Trash and ATV use at the trail and lot (until gas line) at 109 and Podi Drive area. We need to improve the look of our town center. Lamp posts, plantings, trees, flowers - maybe get an architect to provide swome expertise to upgrade our look. |
| 287 | May 12, 2016 1:44 AM | Sidewalks around 109 - needs to be consistent towards Sanford. The town is growing too fast! Limit te amount of building permits per year for homes. Builders should be required to complete the projects started. | | |
| 288 | May 12, 2016 1:35 AM | Too many summer cottages | | |
| 289 | May 12, 2016 1:27 AM | promoting safe, alternate modes of transportation - biking, walking | x | x |
| 290 | May 11, 2016 5:01 PM | No town center! | Family focus for tourists | supporting Wells' schools |
| 291 | May 11, 2016 3:42 AM | Low impact commercial businesses | | x |
| 292 | May 11, 2016 3:40 AM | | | Education and YCCC |

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| 293 | May 11, 2016 3:34 AM | The horrible neon lights / signs tat have covered Route 1 and made it look like the Las Vegas Strip. | Overdevelopment of properties in the beach areas. | Overdevelopment of properties along Route 1. |
| 294 | May 11, 2016 3:27 AM | Lack of town center | Property taxes (increases and rate) | x |
| 295 | May 11, 2016 3:21 AM | A town center | x | x |
| 296 | May 11, 2016 3:18 AM | Litter and syringes on Route 109. Please the drug users at the trailer park near exit 19. Wells PD be more aware. | Tourists using cell phones to make bogus reports without knowing the facts. Hold them accountable. | Recent break-ins and robberies of homes and businesses on 109 corridor. |
| 297 | May 11, 2016 3:11 AM | Need local transportation | x | x |
| 298 | May 11, 2016 3:08 AM | x | x | x |
| 299 | May 11, 2016 3:06 AM | Speed of 50 mph on Rte 109 in the area of Lindsey Rd...they go 60 to 70 mpy. Good Luck. | x | x |
| 300 | May 11, 2016 3:02 AM | Overly and unnecessarily aggressive policing of senior citizen population by Wells police officers. | Tick infestation in all wooded areas. | Too many businesses geared entirely towards tourists and charging inflated prices as a result. |
| 301 | May 11, 2016 2:54 AM | Orderly population growth, especially seasonal residences. The type of development that surrounds Rite-Aid is a blight on our town. | Conflict of interest of elected or appointed town officials | Effects of climate change / sea level rise, especially along the beaches. Though these effects may be 20+ years in the future, planning for them cannot begin too soon. |
| 302 | May 11, 2016 2:47 AM | Keep rural character | Reduce school tax | Restrict new homes - need growth cap |
| 303 | May 11, 2016 2:39 AM | Overdevelopment of rental housing | Maintaining affordability to live here unlike Kennebunkport and Ogunquit and York | Maintaining beaches / erosion |
| 304 | May 11, 2016 2:32 AM | Stop building condos that become permanent or rented to families with children that go to school. | Stop selling commercial property to people who build six station gas pumps in town and destroy old buildings in center. | Have more rentals for older people who can't survive on social security. |
| 305 | May 11, 2016 2:24 AM | x | x | x |
| 306 | May 11, 2016 2:22 AM | We need jobs and clean businesses | North / South highway bypass | Smart land management - not just conservation. |
| 307 | May 11, 2016 2:10 AM | x | x | x |
| 308 | May 11, 2016 2:08 AM | Too many dump trucks tearing up our roads (Swamp John / Bragdon Roads). | x | x |
| 309 | May 11, 2016 2:05 AM | Set up residential drop off at transfer station is dangeous. | Transportation Cnter needs to have a numbe of overnight paking spaces (with a maximum number of nights). The overnight spaces need to have adequate lighting. | Employment opportunities for our graduates and semi-retired need to be expanded. We can't overly restrict commercial development. |
| 310 | May 11, 2016 1:42 AM | Decrease size of library expansion | Control school budget - no control now. | x |
| 311 | May 11, 2016 1:36 AM | Creating a Wells "down-town" - quaint + charming, like Ogunquit and Kennebunk and Kennebunkport. | When new structures are built - have them be QUALITY structures (like Anthony Catalfano, WES, Coastal House). Not like condos nest to Rite Aid or new homes on Branch Road near 109 or duplexes on Branch Road. | Make Wells Beach respectable and less honky-tonk - clean it up! The playground is a dump |
| 312 | May 11, 2016 12:58 AM | Stop cheap building. No more seasonals. We are starting to look like Old Orchard Beach usde to. It's bringing in bad tourists. | Stop letting certain people (selectmen) get away with doing what they want. The property on 9B is a dump. He's not the only one. | Stop driving the residents out with high taxes. How many bonds are there? Why are taxes going up with all the building? Better management. |
| 313 | May 11, 2016 12:48 AM | x | x | x |
| 314 | May 11, 2016 12:46 AM | I would like to see Wells keep its charm and character. Please don't cut down trees, unless it's needed. Keep beaches clean as they are. | Restrict the amount of Chain restaurants and stores in the town. | Promote small family owned unique business and shops. I would LOVE to see "The Viking" ice cream parlor come back! Please don't take away rest, etc. that have been here for years! There is no place like Wells / Ogunquit area. |
| 315 | May 11, 2016 12:38 AM | Sorry; but, Route 1 traffic is the most important issue and needs to be the 1st priority. It, alone, will be the factor that impacts Wells' popularity in the future. | Uncontrolled seasonal housing growth on Rt 1 - particularly since the season is a lot longer that it used to be | Appearance of development on Rt 1 - seasonal unit clusters are not consistent with the towns "rural and small town character" |
| 316 | May 10, 2016 7:26 PM | overdevelopment | road maintenance | x |
| 317 | May 10, 2016 7:24 PM | Commercial expansion | Water supply | x |
| 318 | May 10, 2016 7:20 PM | breach sand erosion (loss). | Widen route 1 | Remove pensions from town officials. Their pension is much too high. |
| 319 | May 10, 2016 7:15 PM | Building better roads (like 9B) which do not constantly go to rubble. | Mobile home / abandoned property blight ~ really! Some people have tres growing out of their homes! | A perminant controlled light at the intersections of 9/100 (near turnpike) and 9A/109 (by convenience store)! |
| 320 | May 10, 2016 7:03 PM | Keeping Wells quaint and non-commercial looking attracts better residents and visitors - more family oriented - fewer roudy, destructive people. | There should be more 65+ "communities": areas more accessible to stores...and social activities. | Transportation for a town with so many retirees is very lacking (*see enclosed letter) |
| 321 | May 10, 2016 6:55 PM | Protect resources | Continue supporting education | support small business |
| 322 | May 10, 2016 6:52 PM | Making it attractive for young people and families to stay here. | x | x |
| 323 | May 10, 2016 6:50 PM | Honeymoon agreements of developers and planning board | Truck travel on 2nd class roads | Development of wetlands |
| 324 | May 10, 2016 6:40 PM | Reduce the amount of seasonal residences and enforce rules and regulations (turn off water and light, and time of residence). | x | x |
| 325 | May 10, 2016 6:35 PM | x | x | x |
| 326 | May 10, 2016 6:31 PM | Cluster subdivision expansion | North end development | x |
| 327 | May 10, 2016 6:28 PM | Minimum 3 acre house lots | No more clusters | Do not try to reroute Route 1 traffic |
| 328 | May 10, 2016 6:20 PM | The size and cost of our local government is out of control! It appears that the selectmen's priorities are everything! Does anyone know the difference between needs and wants? It appears that there is a contest between department heads on who can build the biggest and most expensive building for their department. It started with the Town Garage, where money was wasted on unneeded luxuries. Now, the library, fire department and police department. The selectmen should look out for the tax payers! We can have excellent town services without spending the town farm! Stop and think how to save money rather than spend more and more! | Affordable housing. There isn't much and will not occur because of high cost to develop in Wells. What we need is two or three mobile home parks - not old homes - new modulars, east of the Maine Turnpike, on sewer and water - higher density - "Like Riverbrook in Ogunquit" - These must be open year round! Not campgrounds - People own home - pay monthly land rent. This is affordable, we need it now!! | x |
| 329 | May 10, 2016 5:53 PM | Conserving woodlands - too many new subdivisions - concern with water quality issues | Keeping small town character | Keeping up excellent educaton / schools |
| 330 | May 10, 2016 4:14 PM | a Town Center would be great! | having standards for buildings to look more "Maine" traditional would be more appealing on the main roads | more sidewalks and beautification along the roads would be attractive |
| 331 | May 10, 2016 4:03 PM | Create a Town Center | Create an atmosphere appealing for younger families/ generations. Not just the aging population. | Affordable housing/apartments/townhouses attractive to younger adults. Wells population is too old. |
| 332 | May 10, 2016 3:57 PM | Need more "permanent" residences, condos, over 55 etc. | maintain beaches from erosion | year round sound jobs with small businesses |

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| 333 | May 10, 2016 3:54 PM | more detail in the calendar emails | no answer | no answer |
| 334 | May 10, 2016 3:52 PM | preserving the integrity of Wells. | encouraging and/or assisting some property owners to keep their property from being unkempt, especially along the roads that tourists travel | no answer |
| 335 | May 10, 2016 3:48 PM | forget the town center - you lost it years ago. | you are going to tax us out of our homes! | no answer |
| 336 | May 10, 2016 12:41 PM | Property taxes are too high | Beaches are too crowded | Oceans rising is of great concern |
| 337 | May 10, 2016 3:15 AM | x | x | x |
| 338 | May 10, 2016 3:12 AM | Re-establish growth cap! We will not feel like a small town soon! | Loss of open space | Overcrowding at YCCC |
| 339 | May 10, 2016 3:05 AM | excess vacation home growth | lack of affordable housing | x |
| 340 | May 10, 2016 3:01 AM | x | x | x |
| 341 | May 10, 2016 2:59 AM | x | x | x |
| 342 | May 10, 2016 2:53 AM | Developing too fast! Housing is out of control. | x | x |
| 343 | May 10, 2016 2:50 AM | x | x | x |
| 344 | May 10, 2016 2:46 AM | Providing adequate services without excessive taxation of residents. Tourism indreases demand on PD, Fire, EMS + highway - how to cover costs through tourist "tax"? Stop any further building such as those surrounding Rite Aid and just south of the traffic light at Borne Avenue. | Maintain high quality education for K-12 + encourage appropriate local higher education. If a study has not been made, one should be begun to assess the impact on fire, water, police and schoold of the continued building such as in Question 1. | Striking a balance between development + open space - There is a lot of land in town that developers consider - Town needs to consider potential for overdevelopment (empty store fronts) vs under-development (need for realistic housing). |
| 345 | May 10, 2016 2:37 AM | Equalize residential property valuations. | Increase commercial tax rate | x |
| 346 | May 10, 2016 2:36 AM | Limiting amount of new homes / condos so can preserve wonderful character of Wells. | Decrease tax base for residents, especially senior citizens | Increase room and meals taxes |
| 347 | May 10, 2016 2:27 AM | To protect the environment of the coastal areas | Provide strong support for local small businesses | Fix walkway onto Drake's Island (Bayside Restrooms). There is no walkway - just an incline with rocks and sand. There used to be steps - People pay to use it. |
| 348 | May 10, 2016 2:21 AM | preserving the beaches and harbor for public access | maintaining the rural character of the town | Too much commercial development with no design or impact studies, looking solely for the potential tax revenue dollars. |
| 349 | May 9, 2016 5:28 PM | Vulnerability of Wells to effects of climate change: Extreme storms, erosion of beaches, rising sea level, flooding, property damage, etc | Loss of farmland and farmers. Everyone needs to eat and food supply lines are becoming increasingly stressed. | obtaining low-impact businesses nearer to the turnpike |
| 350 | May 9, 2016 2:46 AM | Coordinate services for seniors, help people age in place - Meals on Wheels, heating assistance, transportation, home repairs, gardening / yard work. Use the resources of the Senior Center, Rotary, churches, Scouts, high school students doing community service, etc. | x | Lack of diversity of our residents. Wells is out of step with the rest of the nation and would benefit by attracting different (and younger) people. |
| 351 | May 9, 2016 2:41 AM | Excessive building (usually ugly) in every available spot, particularly on Route 1. | Preservation of marshland, forest, open grassland /tree areas. | x |
| 352 | May 9, 2016 2:37 AM | Friendly to new business | Beach erosion | Maintaining the high educational standards of our excellent school system. |
| 353 | May 9, 2016 2:32 AM | Cleaning up abandoned properties | Limit growth of subdivisions or we will have to build more new schools. | Reduction of property taxes |
| 354 | May 9, 2016 2:24 AM | x | x | Allow parking permits for the beaches for the tax payers without a huge cost that prohibits year round residents from using the beaches in the summer time. |
| 355 | May 9, 2016 2:19 AM | x | x | x |
| 356 | May 9, 2016 2:14 AM | x | x | x |
| 357 | May 9, 2016 2:12 AM | Need to protect wildlife in our area | Adequate housing for senior citizens | Upkeep of our schools, including York County Community College |
| 358 | May 9, 2016 2:08 AM | Careful development of Route 1 -> LED signs are not consistent with town character. | Controlling property tax rate without cutting school, fire and police | Supervision and management of lifeguard investment. Lifeguard management is clearly ineffective as tey spend most of time on their phones and chatting with each other versus partolling beach or watching water. |
| 359 | May 9, 2016 1:58 AM | More shops to attract tourist walking | x | x |
| 360 | May 9, 2016 1:55 AM | x | x | x |
| 361 | May 9, 2016 1:51 AM | Overbuilding residential neighborhoods | The littering of our town's roads and neighborhoods with plastic orange bags with a useless newspaper. | The condition of Atlantic Ave |
| 362 | May 9, 2016 1:46 AM | Trying to fund (potentially) new police, fire department and library. | Getting more business or creating business in Wells to attract younger people to move here via jobs. | x |
| 363 | May 9, 2016 1:39 AM | x | x | x |
| 364 | May 9, 2016 1:36 AM | Keeping growth of buildings (homes, businesses) in check. Too many are being built. Thus, in the future we will have a problem with utilities (water, sewer) plus FIRE, POLICE, EMS SERVICES. | Keep access to our beahes. Sometimes hard to get to the beach itself, due to a big drop off and ROCKS. | Provide transportation to the HARBOR, especially during large events. Have a bus transport people from the library, middle school parking areas (less congestion). |
| 365 | May 9, 2016 1:27 AM | Lack of a town center | Residents purchase beach stickers, yet often cannot get into the lots because they fill up so early. There should be some spaces reserved for town residents in each lot. | Emergency management during the summer months |
| 366 | May 9, 2016 1:21 AM | Sidewalks through entire town on Rt 1 (Kennebunk line to Ogunquit line) Rt 1 | Stop the town from letting every "Tom, Dick, and Harry" build chicken coop style houses in our town (Wells is getting very greedy). | Town road crew is less than satisfactory. Especially in the winter. Lazy dump employees (some). |
| 367 | May 9, 2016 1:21 AM | Lack of control of development in entire town | Unsightliness of Route one | Condition of roads |
| 368 | May 9, 2016 1:15 AM | Promote growth consistent with the different areas of town, light commercial 109 & Rt 1, recreational, tourist, residential | Alternate North - South route | Encourage use of cimmunity as a professional 'bedroom' community with our Amtrak connection to Boston. |
| 369 | May 9, 2016 1:10 AM | x | x | x |
| 370 | May 9, 2016 1:05 AM | Since we are new to the area, we cannot comment on anything yet. | x | x |
| 371 | May 9, 2016 1:03 AM | Would hope to never see a condo housing project like the one at the Wells / Ogunquit town line again (It is so ugly). | We meed strocter budgeting. Tax revenue for Wells is immense. Where dies it all go? | Seniors need meaningful benefits. Inflation is killing us. |
| 372 | May 9, 2016 12:58 AM | Too many building permits being issued | Parking at all beach areas should be free for full time residents over 65 years of age. | Minimum of 2 acres for home building |
| 373 | May 9, 2016 12:51 AM | Reduce energy and water costs | Lower restrictions on "Dwelling" issues, so residents cn benefit from tourist's by having an apartment or room to rent. | Persue more grants for various town projects |
| 374 | May 9, 2016 12:45 AM | Viability of small businesses (need more support) | Wells Ogunquit Senior Center - town funds needed | x |

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| 375 | May 8, 2016 2:27 PM | Protection of the character of the town as a rural seaside community. Not turning Wells into another honky tonk Old Orchard Beach or the Jersey Shore. | Emphasize sustainable economic development benefiting year-round residents. | Protecting and preserving natural spaces and resources. 4) Route 1 summer traffic is out of control, perhaps one of the biggest challenges needing to be addressed. 5) Please consider promoting installation of electric vehicle charging stations in town. |
| 376 | May 8, 2016 7:28 AM | x | x | x |
| 377 | May 8, 2016 7:26 AM | Harbor | Wells Beach -Making sure the harbor and beaches are kept up current for out visitors and locals alike. These resources help the towns taxes. | x |
| 378 | May 8, 2016 7:22 AM | x | x | x |
| 379 | May 8, 2016 7:19 AM | Controlling the growth of summer cottage developments. These developments are too dense. | The increase in people using the beach - The parking lots are limited and access to beach is a problem - not good for tourism. | x |
| 380 | May 8, 2016 7:13 AM | x | x | x |
| 381 | May 8, 2016 7:10 AM | Many roads need to be repaved / resurfaced. | x | x |
| 382 | May 8, 2016 7:06 AM | Develop a longer tourist season? Increase the work force in Wells. More jobs. Decrease the amount of residential (especially 6 month housing) building in Wells, Particularly along Rt 1. | Remain a small town environment | Encourage the younger classes to settle & develop roots. |
| 383 | May 8, 2016 6:58 AM | Need to attract industry. We have the turnpike exit and railroad at the same place, in extreme Southern ME. Also a natural gas pipe line, all this should attract industry, if we advertise this. | x | x |
| 384 | May 8, 2016 6:54 AM | x | x | x |
| 385 | May 8, 2016 6:49 AM | x | x | x |
| 386 | May 8, 2016 6:47 AM | x | x | x |
| 387 | May 8, 2016 6:44 AM | conserve water | expand our commercial and industrial base | more summer activities with surrounding towns - i.e. festivals |
| 388 | May 8, 2016 6:40 AM | Keep natural resources | Keep and insure water supply | x |
| 389 | May 8, 2016 6:35 AM | More needs to be done to provide full time (year round) residence individuals access to Wells shore and beaches during the tourist months, especially seniors that are literally squeezed out during the summer months. | There are and continue to be too many new developments along the Rt 1 corridor from town line to town line. | Need more bike lanes (specifically marked as such). Too many cars encroach on bikes traveling in the breakdown lanes throughout this town. |
| 390 | May 8, 2016 6:26 AM | Lack of clear cut ordinances governing grandfathering of properties that are for commercial use but are now based in largely residential areas. | Lack of clear cut ordinances governing permitting of land for business use. Often time you will receive several different answers regarding a land use situation at the Town Hall. | A local government that often makes decisions based on "who you know" as opposed to just following the existing guidelines. |
| 391 | May 8, 2016 6:20 AM | Maintaining the rural character of the town by not allowing housing developments in the rural zone | Would like to see more school opportunities for young people who want to go into the trades - plumbing, welding, construction, etc. | Maintaining clean water access to the beaches, + protect wildlife habitat |
| 392 | May 8, 2016 6:12 AM | Stop growth of cluster living. | Cluster living above Rt 1 and on Rt 1 are starting to create overgrowth for beach area (can cause contamination in water areas for lack of bathroom facilities and road signs are needed on both sides of roads in all side roads - "Parking not allowed". Those that have been parking on side of roads create hardship for those living in the area, from backing out of driveways and making it unsafe for children playing around these. | All corner of roads off Atlantic Ave - Parking should not be allowed in front of homes on these corners - Unable to see other cars coming down or up on Atlantic Ave - Creates accident. As I tried once to enter Atlantic Ave and was hit by oncoming traffic - creating \$3000 damage to my car. |
| 393 | May 8, 2016 6:03 AM | As noted - Rt 1 is a nightmare I feel that Wells is becoming a new Rt 1 (Revere)(Mass). It has or has maintained a very commercial feel. Look at York, Ogunquit, Kennebunk. Wells is ugly in comparison. | If possible, move toll booth up 1 Exit as this would cut down on Rt 1 traffic dramatically | x |
| 394 | May 8, 2016 5:50 AM | Continue to support the community college as a significant part of the town's identity. | x | x |
| 395 | May 8, 2016 5:46 AM | Limit ugly growth along Rt 1 (Signs, elimination of trees, etc). Limit tasteless electronic signage. | More regulation and zoning restrictions on trailer homes; and, excessive "junk piles" on Route 109, etc. | Continued support of activities at Harbor Park Limit growth of manufactured structures. If Ogunquit and Kennebunk can make their community attractive, why can't Wells? Tight control over liquor in town. Licenses only when food is served. We need a town center |
| 396 | May 8, 2016 5:39 AM | Development of industry near I-95 and transportation center. | Secondary roads in deplorable condition | x |
| 397 | May 8, 2016 5:33 AM | Control liquor licenses very strictly - only for restaurants | Creation of larger businesses in town, not just part time vacation shops. | More parking for the Wells residents for the beaches. We live here; but, have to pay to park or get a pass for the summer. VERY WRONG! |
| 398 | May 8, 2016 5:27 AM | x | More development around the railroad station | Reduce the cost of the proposed Safety Facilities |
| 399 | May 8, 2016 5:23 AM | The turnpike two lanes going towards Sanford is completely ridiculous. People race other people when the light turns green - cut people off. | x | #15 - support natural resources based businesses |
| 400 | May 8, 2016 5:20 AM | Preventing anymore development like we have seen in recent years along rt. 1. (next to Rite Aid, across from Tatnic Rd., Beach Dreams etc.) | Better enforcement of speed limits | Reduce police force - too many cops |
| 401 | May 7, 2016 5:08 PM | #1 - retain Rural character of Wells | Addition for the library | |
| 402 | May 7, 2016 3:44 AM | Stop development of rural areas | #10 - restrict development of tourist attractions | |
| 403 | May 7, 2016 3:40 AM | Stop giving WEMS money and have the ambulances that the town purchases run by the town Fire Department. Ambulance billing money should be reimbursed to the town. Wells should have a Fire-based EMS service like the majority of the country. | Strong regulations to protect our water | |
| 404 | May 7, 2016 3:37 AM | Beaches - clean and accessible | x | x |
| 405 | May 7, 2016 3:33 AM | Town is doing nothing to improve Rt 1 traffic. Need to plan "now" for Rt 1 by-pass roads before land is built up. | New police, fire, safety center | Revamped / enlarged town office area |
| 406 | May 7, 2016 3:29 AM | Increase speed limit on rt 109 in High Pine to 45 | Need to change speed limits. Too high -> Horace Mill "S" curve @ 35mph; Crediford Rd too high @ 45mph. Too Slow - 109 in High Pine @325 mph; Rt 109 (I95 to Rt 1) too slow @ 30 mph. Merriland Ridge too slow @25 mph | Extend college drive to Rt 1 @ Mile Rd |
| 407 | May 7, 2016 3:24 AM | Growth: Town is growing way too fast - slow it down. Branch Road number of homes is scheduled to grow by 250 units. Traffic will be like route 1. This will turn Wells into a "Massachusetts" type nightmare - Enough! | Enact an ordinance to limit building new houses and campgrounds | Encourage property owners to clean up trashy yards |
| 408 | May 7, 2016 3:20 AM | Developing a town center. Example great location would be Rt 109, south of Rt 95. That area redeveloped with restaurants, stores and apartments above. | x | x |
| 409 | May 7, 2016 3:16 AM | | Roads - some roads need repairing | water and sewer expansion plan - prior to any federal regulations changing |

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| 410 | May 7, 2016 3:12 AM | Revert to the uniqueness of Wells | Expand businesses to include different types | Stop this condo-building |
| 411 | May 7, 2016 3:09 AM | #9 - encourage tourist related activities | #16 - preserve public access to beaches and harbor | #17 - ensure viable Wells harbor |
| 412 | May 7, 2016 3:05 AM | Stop ugly buildings being built | Keep tax base even | Fire hydrants all over town |
| 413 | May 7, 2016 3:01 AM | Clean up the beaches - trash, seaweed (back into the ocean). We're going to lose the tourist business unless the town steps up! | Build a better non-seasonal business base. | Protect the natural resources. |
| 414 | May 7, 2016 2:58 AM | Restrict commercail tourists attractons = #10 | Manage rate of non-residential and / or "seasonal" growth activities and building permits. | Continue to preserve Town beaches, managing and maintaining in the best interests of the community and all landowners. |
| 415 | May 7, 2016 2:53 AM | Retain small town appeal! Liked it better 30 years ago! Don't urbanize! Don't ruin the rest of the town unsuccessfully dealing with rt 1 traffic. | The Town Hall should help people who are trying to live and be part of town, not the guy who's taking all he can get and running. Some of our supposed rules hurt the local little guy more than a guy from away. | Affordable - not so fancy we can't maintain or afford it. Take good care of what we already have that will keep everyone busy! Don't turn into what people from Massachusetts require. This survey is very vague! I'm not impressed with how the comprehansive plan has worked (or not worked) (look at Rite Aid area) and how you're doing it now. |
| 416 | May 7, 2016 2:43 AM | Efforts should continue to keep beach stickers at a price for residents to be able to enjoy the beaches. | x | x |
| 417 | May 7, 2016 2:37 AM | Maintain low tax rate | Return to the town meeting budget vote | Bring wells EMS into the Fire Department or stop subsidizing them. |
| 418 | May 7, 2016 2:34 AM | Road / Highway maintenance | Addition of sidewalk/ paths on Rt 1 | Attition of traffic lights at heavily used intersections (i.e. Rt 1 and Rt 9, adj. to Bypass Road |
| 419 | May 7, 2016 2:28 AM | Keep tight restrictions on seasonal housing communities of which we already have too many. | Is there any way to stop companies like "Making It At Home" from throwing their free newspapers all over town - in the street, driveways, etc. It is really a major eyesore which I would consider littering. If we don't have an ordinance for something like this now, I think it's something to consider. Thank you. | x |
| 420 | May 7, 2016 2:23 AM | Encourage the development of tourism without giving a honky-tonk look to the area...NO BUG UGLY NEON SIGNS | x | x |
| 421 | May 7, 2016 2:21 AM | x | x | x |
| 422 | May 7, 2016 2:18 AM | Spending spree on schools when enrollment is declining. Ouch! | Potential spending spree on buying sand for beaches, and dumping it off shore (I went to the informational meeting this winer at the town hall). | Concern code enforcement on new construction (mostly commercial = rentals) is inconsistent (and in many instances approval, against code, gets granted, I've heard). |
| 423 | May 7, 2016 2:02 AM | Improvement of Rt 1 - as a continuationn north to match the work done in Ogunquit. | Either a bike path, or city puts out instructions for tourists as to the Maine laws - or Rt 1 improvement could show or help bikes and drivers | Keeping crosswalks and the "pushbuttons" on all telephone poles clearly show in the winter - not well done. |
| 424 | May 7, 2016 1:48 AM | Support the Wells Library and cultural activity and recreation. | Promote small business - enterprenerial incentive. | Plan in conjunction with Ogunquit and Kennebunk. building a tri-state community - share resources |
| 425 | May 7, 2016 1:39 AM | Keep the area vital + growing in an appropriate and sensible manner | Pay closer attention to the quality of developments; especially,low cost condominium developments on Rt 1. | Too many cheap looking condos. |
| 426 | May 7, 2016 1:24 AM | x | x | x |
| 427 | May 6, 2016 5:22 PM | Intelligently develop a Town Center with shops, restaurants, small business to encourage a community gathering place | Protect beaches from: mis-management of sand flow, and over-use and abuse by the public. Requires additional bicycle police coverage especially on the beach. | no answer |
| 428 | May 6, 2016 5:18 PM | Needs for competition for our cable, internet and phone services | Affordable senior housing | no answer |
| 429 | May 6, 2016 5:15 PM | Develop a Wells Town Center such as York & Ogunquit. The Town should purchase the Hannaford Plaza and develop into an arts center like Ogunquit with pathway to the beach | Maintain the beach facilities such as the parking lots and restrooms and expand these facilities if possible | Redo the Rt 1 road in Wells, It is in terrible condition. |
| 430 | May 6, 2016 5:11 PM | Not having enough parking available at the beach | Run a shuttle from the beach to the middle school on weekends | no answer |
| 431 | May 6, 2016 2:40 PM | Over commercialization | Beach access for ALL | Taxes |
| 432 | May 6, 2016 1:48 AM | x | x | x |
| 433 | May 6, 2016 1:45 AM | Maintain and protect our beaches | Continue to dredge Wells Harbor. | Keep / Improve current education programs & facilities (kindergarten - grade 12) |
| 434 | May 6, 2016 1:41 AM | Control of tree houses. Stop "seasonal" building! Image of community - Not Traylor or Condo. | Better control of traffic. | Better signage - Looks like Spanky and Our Gang! Take a look at Ogunquit, Kennebunk, Port (they are class) |
| 435 | May 6, 2016 1:35 AM | road maintenance (paving) - Burnt Mill Road and Lindsey Road need to be paved. | Supporting restaurants and other tourist-firendly businesses to keep residents employed. | Quality schools |
| 436 | May 6, 2016 1:31 AM | Absolutely stop construction of any more seasonal cottages! Revisit he concepts of planning and zoning. | Please fully explain what you think the "character of Wells" is | Construct a major bypas to alleviate the disaster that is Route 1 |
| 437 | May 6, 2016 1:26 AM | Maintaining excellent schools | Preserving recreational land | striving for lowering property taxes |
| 438 | May 6, 2016 1:17 AM | Snow plowing is lacking compared to neighboring towns. | x | x |
| 439 | May 6, 2016 1:14 AM | Maintaining the integrity of the roads | Cut down dead trees along roadside | Finish the dump upgrades |
| 440 | May 6, 2016 1:09 AM | x | x | x |
| 441 | May 6, 2016 1:04 AM | Actively seek/recruit non polluting, clean commercial entities that are large number empoloyers | Be more aggressive with protection at all naturally flowing freshwater and adjoining natural habitat. | Support all town run buildings and business buildings to be at least partly wolar powered. |
| 442 | May 6, 2016 12:55 AM | The building of seasonal, jammed in Condos on Route 1 are not in character of Wells. | Need Beach grooming | x |
| 443 | May 6, 2016 12:40 AM | Stop the planning board from approving the building of more and more seasonal condos. The Town is no longer the beautiful, open spaced area we came to live in. 3 decker Bee-hives are cropping up everywhere, on on top of another, most of them vacant. What if there was a fire? The whole town would evidently burn down. That's how close they are side-by-side. What are the powers that be thinking? No one knows if the disaster on the Rt 1 Wells/Ogunquit line pas the 10,000 gifts is the result of greed,, greed, greed; and whose town line is it on - Wells or Ogunquit? No wonder young folks from Wells are moving to northern Maine for more land and peace and quiet. It's too late to save our town now. | x | x |
| 444 | May 6, 2016 12:33 AM | Sadly, we lost our chance. | x | x |
| | | No more three story highrise building. I was born and always lived here. From Mile Road to Congdon's, it is so horrible. Look at those condos. We are vacationland; but, we don't need those buildings. | | |

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| 445 | May 6, 2016 12:27 AM | Excessive school budget | Proposed library expansion - too big - needs to be cut down | Zoning codes |
| 446 | May 6, 2016 12:24 AM | There is an explosion of, and proliferation of, non-confirming houses and housing units not in keeping with the character of the town and most are downright ugly. Is there no control of this? | Let's clean up Route 1 and the town center at the intersection of Rt 1 and Rt 109. Owners should not be allowed to continually junk up their yards, i.e. Robert Brown's gas station and other so called "antique" shops who store half their wares outside! | #21 Energy sources but NOT wind turbines off our beaches! - #31 Support programs for K-12. However, I am tired of paying for new facilities. Also why does the town have no control of the school committee's seemingly runaway budget? |
| 447 | May 6, 2016 12:17 AM | Preserving natural coastal and land-based resources while leaving room for economic growth in areas of Wells that are not so sensitive | protecting our water supply | long-range planning for climate change i.e. sea level rise, coastal flooding, temporary housing, etc. |
| 448 | May 6, 2016 12:06 AM | Keeping the small town image | Keeping out too much commercial building | Protecting the land and beaches |
| 449 | May 6, 2016 12:04 AM | growth and managed growth | education/Recreation for kids | Preservation of land for recreational use and habitat |
| 450 | May 6, 2016 12:00 AM | development | small industry to help with taxes | more encouragement to children about the trades - home economics - lobstering - keeping them local |
| 451 | May 5, 2016 11:57 PM | water/sewer + traffic impact of new double and triple decker (by the way, ugly) buildings in Wells. | x | x |
| 452 | May 5, 2016 11:54 PM | x | x | x |
| 453 | May 5, 2016 11:50 PM | Wells is losing its small town feel. Rt 1 near Rite Aide is a disgrace. Condo's are unsightly. Should have been limited years ago. As a person dealing with the general public, I have seen a great increase of people on the influence of opium, heroin, crack or whatever is effecting our town! These people will steal to get a fix! | Too much new development of woodland. ie Branch Rd, Wells is not the same town I moved to 10 years ago. I'm a Mainer. | Town caters to out of staters year round. Massachusetts is slowly taking Maine back. |
| 454 | May 5, 2016 11:46 PM | x | Trash on the roadsides is unsightly. Littering ordinances should be better enforced. Maybe those sentenced to community service should do a clean-up in the meantime. | Our school system is spending more on expansion and less on student's education! Pay for better educators and less on pretty buildings, please! |
| 455 | May 5, 2016 11:41 PM | x | x | x |
| 456 | May 5, 2016 11:38 PM | x | x | x |
| 457 | May 5, 2016 11:29 PM | Stopping the taking down of trees and putting up cottages piled on top of each other. | Having a Cumberland farms and empty shopping center stores be our "center of town". | The allowing of more and more child care facilities with no regards to existing businesses. |
| 458 | May 5, 2016 3:05 AM | x | x | x |
| 459 | May 5, 2016 3:03 AM | Tearing down old historical buildings and letting businesses/hotels build 'out of context' buildings | No 'town area', too many building of condos/homes on Rt 1 | Are you proud of the way Wells looks? |
| 460 | May 5, 2016 2:59 AM | Overexpansion of seasonal homes with exit + egress onto Rt 1 | Poor traffic control on Rt 1 - (crowding and turning traffic) | Increasing taxes for real estate with lack of town services into developments that are inland off of Rt 1 is reprehensible (no plowing - H2O) |
| 461 | May 5, 2016 2:55 AM | Parking at the beach, in my opinion, there aren't enough spaces to handle the volume in the summer. | Offering help plowing private roads in the winter. | Creating some safety regulations about pan-handling on the median on Rt 109. I'm always nervous about the lack of space, especially when your heading toward Sanford. |
| 462 | May 5, 2016 2:49 AM | Free beach parking for residents | Back roads improvements | more solar power and wind turbine for public buildings |
| 463 | May 5, 2016 2:47 AM | x | x | x |
| 464 | May 5, 2016 2:44 AM | year round jobs | Continue the great educational program we already have in Wells | Maintain the level of law enforcement in Wells that makes it a safe place to live. |
| 465 | May 5, 2016 2:41 AM | Developing a town center that has a classy, New Englishish appearance and less of the disjointed, tacky lok that now dominates. More kennebunk/Ogunquit; less Old Orchard Beach. | Maintaining natural resources of the area. | Encouraging small start-up companies to anchor their businesses in Wells. |
| 466 | May 5, 2016 2:37 AM | The sand washing up against residential seawalls is prohibiting property owners from protecting their homes. Work with gov't agencies to allow putting sand back into ocean, working around piping plover breeding periods. | x | x |
| 467 | May 5, 2016 2:34 AM | More services for seniors | The town employees are doing a great job and deserve recognition. | x |
| 468 | May 5, 2016 2:29 AM | x | x | x |
| 469 | May 5, 2016 2:27 AM | Intersection of 109 + 9A needs a traffic light (it now has blinking red + yellow lights). This intersection is very, very dangerous! | x | x |
| 470 | May 5, 2016 2:23 AM | Pave 9B - been a mess for years! | Get rid of begging on Exit 19 | Fire the rude Post Office staff |
| 471 | May 5, 2016 2:20 AM | Promotion of more off-season activities which would bring people back (at least on weekends) to provide more income for business. Stop any more seasonal cottages or campgrounds. Beaches, infrastructure, and quality of year round living are being negatively affected.- i.e. traffic, overcrowded beaches. | Overabundance of trailer park | x |
| 472 | May 5, 2016 2:15 AM | Water - most endangered if outside sources can extract - e.g. Nestle +/- or poland springs | x | x |
| 473 | May 5, 2016 2:03 AM | x | Sewer utilities east Rte 1 | Free beach parking for full time Wells Residents |
| 474 | May 5, 2016 1:58 AM | x | x | x |
| 475 | May 5, 2016 1:56 AM | Road repair | x | x |
| 476 | May 5, 2016 1:54 AM | managing growth | developing year-round economic opportunities | preserving the beaches that are the foundation of the tourist economy |
| 477 | May 5, 2016 1:50 AM | Maintain quality of education | Keeping beach areas clean from seaweed, stones, etc. Full time Wells residents should receive beach passes at a much lower rate than \$30. Motorcycles shouldn't pay. | x |
| 478 | May 5, 2016 1:46 AM | Library plans too much | zoning codes too complicated | School budget is excessive |
| 479 | May 5, 2016 1:42 AM | Do away with the 28-day rule for condo owners. We own a year round condo. This is our only residence. We observe the 28 day rule, leaving to visit family and friends and stay over. However, this rule discourages retirees from buying condo units here. Cape Cod invites retirees! Year round, they support restaurants, shopping centers, supermarkets, etc (= loss of revenue for Maine - (Wells). With more revenue, Wells could do more? | x | x |
| 480 | May 5, 2016 1:28 AM | x | x | x |
| 481 | May 5, 2016 1:21 AM | x | x | x |
| 482 | May 4, 2016 4:44 PM | Confusing access to police department building | Lack of a downtown area | Beach parking for residents |
| 483 | May 4, 2016 2:38 PM | consistency of zoning | fairness of taxation | limiting beach access |
| 484 | May 4, 2016 6:17 AM | x | x | x |

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| 485 | May 4, 2016 6:14 AM | More affordable housing for seniors | Natural gas | x |
| 486 | May 4, 2016 6:11 AM | need a "downtown" area similar to kennebunk and Ogunquit | Need to brighten up Casino Square area with new wrought iron fencing - remove ugly chain-link. Replace center parking areas with gardens. Widen and improve sitting area and add awning | Stop haphazard zoning - too many seasonal cottages springing up everywhere. Move P.O. back to Wells Corner - New Cumberland Farms plan too obtrusive. |
| 487 | May 4, 2016 6:05 AM | No more ugly housing for summer residences along Rte 1. Need to work on limiting the amount of housing developments that can be built in town. Especially cluster housing. | Community Center for year round use - other than school Work on installing another Exit off the turnpike into Wells to decrease traffic jams on Route 109 and Route 1 (obviously) | x |
| 488 | May 4, 2016 6:02 AM | | x | x |
| 489 | May 4, 2016 5:58 AM | x | x | x |
| 490 | May 4, 2016 5:55 AM | Encourage broader tax base beyond tourism and residential property tax Please no more trailer parks - brings down area. Homes lose value and make town look awful. | Finish sidewalks along Route 1 - to meet with upper area - very hard to walk across highway. private beach for year round residents! | Give residents free beach access - no charge for car sticker. |
| 491 | May 4, 2016 5:51 AM | over development | x | x |
| 492 | May 4, 2016 5:46 AM | Condition of secondary roads west of the turnpike | x | x |
| 493 | May 4, 2016 5:41 AM | loss of quality of life due to rampant residential building | escalating taxes due to rampant residential building. | loss of safe drinking well water due to rampant residential building. |
| 494 | May 3, 2016 11:11 PM | Potential flooding | Environmental preservation & education | Encouraging tourism while limiting it's impact |
| 495 | May 3, 2016 10:41 PM | lack of jobs in the town | fixing up the center of town to be more welcoming | development |
| 496 | May 3, 2016 3:15 PM | Developing architectural standards that promote sensible development but maintains the character of the Town | Creating a town center | Work on attracting young families to the Town of Wells |
| 497 | May 3, 2016 2:10 PM | I have lived in Wells since 2007 - I find it a wonderful community to reside in. | As for Rt 1 - "Plan ahead" - I used to live in Hampton Beach, NH | x |
| 498 | May 3, 2016 5:46 AM | Beach erosion | road maintenance | sewer capacity |
| 499 | May 3, 2016 5:42 AM | x | x | x |
| 500 | May 3, 2016 5:37 AM | | | |
| 501 | May 3, 2016 5:34 AM | development pressure | difficulty of communication between town and voters/residents + town hall in regard to issues facing the town - one must attend meeting frequently to be informed. | x |
| 502 | May 3, 2016 12:53 AM | limit growth Use our resources to the max: includes beach, harbor, route 1, 109 & 9 w/MTA access/rail | preserve community Generate new roads to establish growth; ensure natural areas for nature next to clusters of residences | protect environment Protect only worthy land: rich in fields, forest, swamps, farm lands, capable of a continuous use |
| 503 | May 2, 2016 8:26 AM | Infrastructure - roads, bridges, water, sewer, trees and branches by rural roads and ensuring water supplies for our schools is safe and clean. | Affordable housing for young families | Public access to our beaches |
| 504 | May 2, 2016 8:13 AM | Police need help. They not the best. Low keyed. | Water not for sale to Nestle. | Permits for local senior citizens should be free. Parking, shell fish, fishing, etc. |
| 505 | May 2, 2016 8:09 AM | x | x | x |
| 506 | May 2, 2016 8:01 AM | | | High property taxes, especially since the majority of property owners aren't year round residents and don't use services and public schools |
| 507 | May 2, 2016 7:57 AM | expense of harbor dredges Keeping beaches we have for public use and expanding them and increasing parking | disruption of sand movement due to jetties | |
| 508 | May 2, 2016 7:48 AM | Rising taxes is a concern | creating a town center Rt 109 needs business development of small business | Preventing any more fast food and ugly businesses and buildings Business development in harbor (Hotels, shops) |
| 509 | May 2, 2016 12:26 AM | | Charge an infrastructure (water, sewer, electric, road, school, police and fire) impact fee for all new construction. impact | provide incentives to those not stressing the local infrastructure. Mostly those that live in and around route 1. |
| 510 | May 1, 2016 10:25 PM | Poorly constructed three season properties | | Providing a place for kids through teen years to spend their time without being out on the streets |
| 511 | May 1, 2016 6:48 PM | Maintaining the character of the town | Be business friendly | Aquiring and maintaining open space |
| 512 | May 1, 2016 5:26 PM | Developing a Town Center/Village | Wise economic development consistent with small character of community Upgrade our library. Other towns have or are doing this and we are falling behind. It will only get more costly with delay. | |
| 513 | May 1, 2016 5:21 PM | We need a center of town | x | x |
| 514 | May 1, 2016 5:12 PM | Too much building! | x | x |
| 515 | May 1, 2016 5:08 PM | Needs to be more family friendly! Better bike paths, skating rinks, state parks, walking paths, developed parks (The park at mile & 1 never got finished!) | We are sandwiched between beautiful towns and do nothing to improve the appearance of this town, especially at Christmas time! | Traffic light at gas station on 109. Certain roads need to be repaired! Remove outdated business signs and request that business signs be uniform in size and color on Rte 109. |
| 516 | May 1, 2016 4:59 PM | Stop Cluster housing (A "Real" Eyesore) | Should have an actual Town Center (Never Have) | Lack of vision from town officials as to what the town should look like. Need good designs with help from the (Towns people) |
| 517 | May 1, 2016 4:39 PM | (against) cluster housing | (against) so called summer cottages (look by Rite-Aid, Moody, & town line. What a mess! | Town municipalities spend a lot more money than needed |
| 518 | May 1, 2016 4:32 PM | Keeping low property taxes | Filling vacant business with quality business | Keeping town alive in the winter, not just summer attracting for people |
| 519 | May 1, 2016 4:25 PM | x | x | x |
| 520 | May 1, 2016 4:21 PM | x | x | x |
| 521 | May 1, 2016 4:16 PM | Maintain the family atmosphere of Wells Beach | Retain the rural character of Wells | Development of a town center |
| 522 | May 1, 2016 4:34 AM | I agreed to a lot of the questions on this survey because of the way they were worded. It would be nice to see them included in the updating of the Comprehensive Plan as worded in this survey. Maybe we wouldn't see the ridiculous looking construction or whatever you call it like the project across from the Mile Road. The buildings are too close together - not at all attractive and do nothing complementary for the Town of Wells. We should be controlling this type of construction that just puts money in the pockets of out of state contractors who apparently don't give a damn. The same contractor is building the same type of construction on Route 1 across from Tatnic Road, apparently because our rules allowed him to and has enough money to do it; and, probably not like it was proposed. What a shame! Most of us know that that property was supposed to be left to Rachael Carson. Update the Comprehensive Plan in a positive way and us it to make future construction like this come to a halt. | x | x |

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| 523 | May 1, 2016 4:25 AM | Having just moved here, last August, I really don't have a handle on town problems or concerns. We have vacationed here the past 10 years; and, have grown to love the town. | x | x |
| 524 | May 1, 2016 4:21 AM | open space | Controlled growth | Education |
| 525 | May 1, 2016 4:17 AM | Limit high number of seasonal buildings -yes along route 1 - out of control | Accessibility of beaches for people with disabilities - we must be able to do a better job. | Protect rural character while balancing tourism, needed for income. |
| 526 | May 1, 2016 4:12 AM | Fixing the back roads - Hilton's Lane is a mess! | Attract businesses - Fill empty stores at both plazas - Looks like crap to have them empty. | x |
| 527 | May 1, 2016 4:08 AM | x | x | x |
| 528 | May 1, 2016 4:03 AM | I don't understand your exception (except for Route 1 traffic). That is the priority. | x | x |
| 529 | May 1, 2016 3:57 AM | Too many houses being built too quickly The Wells police need to be more understanding and sensitive to the needs of our residents regardless of how many times/issues they are called by that resident. We don't always help with protection. | x | x |
| 530 | May 1, 2016 3:53 AM | Maintaining or developing roads/bridges in the surrounding/outlying portions of Wells Where new housing properties are being built | I'm strongly opposed to Nestle buying our water. The creation of a community center that provides recreation/fitness opportunities to the residents, such as a swimming pool (High School could use it, have a swim team, and as a training resource for beach life guards. | Free permits for our seniors The development of a Web site for residents to use for beach tides, recycling at the land transfer (dump), coming events, a forum for residents to request help or volunteer, etc. If one exists - promote it! |
| 531 | May 1, 2016 3:42 AM | Spending control | Debt control | Continue to suppress non premium property taxes |
| 532 | Apr 30, 2016 5:47 PM | Attention should be taken to the traffic pattern where Rte 9 meets 109. | x | x |
| 533 | Apr 30, 2016 5:20 AM | Overbuilding - need to put a halt to the ugly, overly crowded, units going up all over town (especially Rte 1) It's an embarrassment to the town - makes Rte 1 very unappealing looking. Has ruined the small rural character that you ask about in the survey. | x | x |
| 534 | Apr 30, 2016 5:16 AM | x | x | x |
| 535 | Apr 30, 2016 5:08 AM | x | x | x |
| 536 | Apr 30, 2016 5:05 AM | Helping the less fortunate in our community, both economically and politically. | Environmental concerns = alternate energy sources | Do not sacrifice Wells' beauty and serenity to the all-Mighty dollar |
| 537 | Apr 30, 2016 4:59 AM | x | x | x |
| 538 | Apr 30, 2016 4:55 AM | Promoting development of business in the area, appropriate to the area. Too many high-rise "summer cottages" being built, taxing our fire and police departments. Also our schools. | Providing the best education for kindergarten to grade 12 | Protecting and promoting our natural resources |
| 539 | Apr 30, 2016 4:48 AM | We wish that beach parking was more affordable for residents that live/work here year round. | x | x |
| 540 | Apr 30, 2016 4:43 AM | Do not bring the sewer past the turnpike. We do not need development in the rural parts of the town. | x | x |
| 541 | Apr 30, 2016 4:37 AM | collaborating with other towns/agencies to fight the opioid epidemic | Control development everywhere. We have enough ugly condo units/houses already. | Listen to the people that have lived here a long time, not just the people that want to develop for profit. |
| 542 | Apr 30, 2016 4:29 AM | multi family homes in the rural zone--they don't belong there | Be less restrictive in terms of allowing businesses to be established in Wells. | Continue to improve our school and fully support the growth/development of YCCC motorcycle noise --can't even talk when a pack of them rides by our house |
| 543 | Apr 30, 2016 12:27 AM | | lights at route 109 and route 9a--real lights, not flashing | More conservative approach needed for residential and commercial development -- too much, too fast as of late |
| 544 | Apr 29, 2016 7:21 PM | Maintaining "small town" feel for year-round residents | Protecting natural resources -- development along Merriland is disconcerting | N/A |
| 545 | Apr 29, 2016 5:48 PM | Maintenance of Roads | Providing access to Natural gas lines rather than Propane | make rte 1 more visually appealing/sidewalks |
| 546 | Apr 29, 2016 5:30 PM | Over crowding/building of resort type condos/cottages FIGHT, to once again, make Moody Beach a public beach! Even if Public funds need to be spent. | vacant businesses/buildings on route 1 - encourage new | |
| 547 | Apr 29, 2016 1:00 PM | enviroment | FIGHT, to once again, make Moody Beach a public beach! | FIGHT, to once again, make Moody Beach a public beach! |
| 548 | Apr 29, 2016 8:43 AM | | control of pets {dogs} | access to beaches [greater] |
| 549 | Apr 29, 2016 6:03 AM | Uncontrolled school costs rising faster than inflation and consuming an ever larger percentage of the Town's property tax revenues | Uncontrolled development sprawl | Little regard by the Board of Selectmen for preserving Wells' historically small town New England character. Board appears to worship growth at all cost, rather than sustainable growth. |
| 550 | Apr 28, 2016 8:14 PM | Protection of open space | Potential impact of sea level rise on Wells | Planning a focused town center |
| 551 | Apr 28, 2016 8:02 PM | no answer | no answer | no answer |
| 552 | Apr 28, 2016 8:00 PM | have shoreline/beaches more appealing by clearing rocks and addressing jetty problem at Drakes Island | no answer | no answer |
| 553 | Apr 28, 2016 7:56 PM | Protecting our natural resources - beaches and woodlands, water supply | wetlands protection | stricter code enforcement laws - signs. reduce the fees homeowners at the transfer station, do we not sell chipped brush? |
| 554 | Apr 28, 2016 4:38 PM | Reduce commercialization | Reduce development | Continue to provide quality services |
| 555 | Apr 28, 2016 1:39 PM | Over development | need sidewalks | better and contiguous bus/transit connections (between towns) |
| 556 | Apr 27, 2016 11:01 PM | We have more than enough hotels and cottages! | Encourage more businesses in the industrial park. | Sorry, but fix whatever allowed Rte 1 to become such a mess. |
| 557 | Apr 27, 2016 3:14 PM | Escalating costs of school system | Small tax base to carry increasing costs | Attracting commercial businesses to help support tax base |
| 558 | Apr 27, 2016 12:40 PM | excess condominium developement | excess condominium development | excess condominium development |
| 559 | Apr 27, 2016 1:10 AM | Design review for building | Beach nourishment | Improving summer trolley service |
| 560 | Apr 26, 2016 11:33 PM | Over Development | Vocation Schooling | Cellular phone coverage |
| 561 | Apr 26, 2016 9:59 PM | Publish reduced operational costs Fire/Police project | Community involvement projects | Stop dense population housing |
| 562 | Apr 26, 2016 2:37 PM | Leave Rt 1 alone. Its busy 2 months out of the year. Hasn't changed much and it shouldnt | Town Center would be awesome | no answer |
| 563 | Apr 26, 2016 2:32 PM | Preserving our comparatively low tax base | Preserving open space, forests, fields, their beautiful and appreciated | no answer |
| 564 | Apr 26, 2016 12:15 PM | Zoning | Trashy tourists | Road maintenance |
| 565 | Apr 26, 2016 12:41 AM | Over building/sprawling | No beautification re: no downtown | Maintaining the harbor dredging more frequently |
| 566 | Apr 25, 2016 9:37 PM | Availability of affordable year round housing for locals | Developments with too many houses on one parcel of land | Seasonal cottages....enough already! |
| 567 | Apr 25, 2016 3:24 PM | Control spending!!! | Stop prioritizing tourists over residents... | Maintaining public playgrounds. (Liability of lawsuits) |
| 568 | Apr 25, 2016 2:43 PM | Town Office Staff are not friendly or helpful | Town Office does not respond to me as a citizen | Traffic Issues on Post Road go unresolved |
| 569 | Apr 25, 2016 1:38 PM | too many small cottages | no town center | no reason for YCCC question to be in this survey- bad choice. |
| 570 | Apr 25, 2016 1:02 PM | Seacoast Town/Rural Character | Traffic on Routes 1, 9 and 109 | Stop building - need a moratorium on building |

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| 571 | Apr 24, 2016 6:40 PM | not enough parking for beaches | traffic | traffic no alternate routes |
| 572 | Apr 23, 2016 1:45 AM | Preserving beach quality and access | Developing a central destination area (town center) | Preserving open space |
| 573 | Apr 22, 2016 10:36 PM | over inflated school budgets | loss of rural areas | climate change |
| 574 | Apr 22, 2016 6:17 PM | Protecting the rights of beachfront owners | Using parking funds to benefit beach beautification | Using parking funds to improve roads in beach communities |
| 575 | Apr 22, 2016 6:10 PM | Water issues on Drakes Island | Maintaining a fair tax structure for summer resident | Creating a town feeling |
| 576 | Apr 22, 2016 3:14 PM | too much residential property being built | preservation of historical places | Route 1 traffic (sorry couldn't think of a third and can't leave this blank) |
| 577 | Apr 22, 2016 12:19 PM | Beach access | Protection of private property | Beach preservation |
| 578 | Apr 21, 2016 7:38 PM | Over used/crowded Drakes Island beach during summer | Public not being respectful of beaches i.e. coolers, loud music, tents etc.... | Development of every inch of open land from either side of Route 1 down towards |
| 579 | Apr 21, 2016 5:20 PM | Beach Maintenance | Road Maintenance | beaches especially |
| 580 | Apr 21, 2016 2:57 PM | new exit off 95. | Maintain character of Wells. | Assure medical facilities remain in town |
| 581 | Apr 21, 2016 2:47 PM | Beach preservation and cleaning | Increased appreciation and services for coastline property taxpayers | More recreation opportunities for adults. |
| 582 | Apr 21, 2016 2:36 PM | Beaches | Harbor | Property tax fairness and affordability |
| 583 | Apr 21, 2016 2:18 PM | Continued beach access for all | Encouraging appropriate small business development | Small businesses |
| 584 | Apr 21, 2016 1:49 PM | Agree with Route 1... | The town is looking tacky since 3 decker condo's have been built. | Preservation of land and green space for recreation |
| 585 | Apr 21, 2016 1:30 PM | ensuring that summer beach tourism is managed and continues to grow | clearing beaches so that the tourists will continue to visit as this provides needed | Over crowding on the beaches. |
| 586 | Apr 21, 2016 12:40 PM | Traffic (have to list it) | finances for the town | maintaining a "maine-like" beach community feel all year round |
| 587 | Apr 21, 2016 12:39 PM | Conservation land | Healthy living activities and restaurants | Grocery store |
| 588 | Apr 21, 2016 12:38 PM | Over development of seasonal residences along Rt 1 | Encourage local business over big box stores on RT 1 | Make town more bicycle friendly |
| 589 | Apr 21, 2016 12:33 PM | Conservation of land | Resiliency planning (coastline/wetlands) | walkable/bike friendly town center village akin to Ogunquit or Kennebunkport |
| 590 | Apr 21, 2016 12:13 PM | Too many people on the beaches-too crowded. | Commercial tax base | Ocean / beach rights |
| 591 | Apr 21, 2016 12:02 PM | maintain favorable property tax rates | Animal conservation-don't let the State kill animals as in past | Fair taxes for all -regardless of which side of Rte 1 they live on |
| 592 | Apr 20, 2016 2:08 PM | Keeping/acquiring rte 1 businesses | public safety facilities improvements | tick and mosquito abatement |
| 593 | Apr 20, 2016 5:48 AM | Ruining the charm of the town with too much building. | Protecting marine environment | Maintenance of stone walls along ocean edge |
| 594 | Apr 20, 2016 12:15 AM | Control growth | Work around the Hobbs Memorial Gazebo . | Respect Historic Property, to much being torn down and not saved. |
| 595 | Apr 19, 2016 7:28 PM | tax rate should be lower, with all the new development | Preserve the character of the town | Maintain the community spirit |
| 596 | Apr 19, 2016 3:22 PM | Would like to see more programs/classes offered through Wells Rec Dept., especially for younger children and adults. | too many seasonal homes off of route 1 | too much development throughout the town |
| 597 | Apr 19, 2016 11:55 AM | Synchronize the traffic lights | Encourage a town center type area and/or develop community park | Add more sidewalks, especially along Post Rd towards Ogunquit; right now pedestrians |
| 598 | Apr 18, 2016 7:37 PM | Roads that need repair | When no cars are waiting for the light to change from east to west, they should change | have to walk on the side of the street |
| 599 | Apr 18, 2016 5:22 PM | Train town employees/officials on customer service, particularly in responding to | Natural gas available to residents | Fix RT 9B, to many pot holes |
| 600 | Apr 18, 2016 3:41 PM | citizen inquiries | Fully enforce zoning laws - Town is lacksadaisical in this approach | More police patrol during off season |
| 601 | Apr 18, 2016 3:02 PM | retain good town employees and make sure they are adequately paid | increase recycling less costly for certain items | See number 1 above - emphasize good customer service |
| 602 | Apr 18, 2016 1:36 AM | moratorium on non essential building | removal/demolition of derelict/non maintained property | quality of roads inland are poor. |
| 603 | Apr 17, 2016 2:15 PM | Beach erosion/reduction of dunes | Limiting the continued permit approvals for multi-home developers | increased parking control/patrol in the beach area |
| 604 | Apr 17, 2016 1:56 PM | stopping condo development | stopping vertical housing | Number of abandoned and unkept buildings/yards |
| 605 | Apr 17, 2016 1:38 PM | Beach and Harbor preservation | Too many Seasonal Units | re-designing jetty at the harbor to stop continuous dredging cost |
| 606 | Apr 17, 2016 10:32 AM | Promoting and Maintaining biker safety and paths | Minimizing Property Tax increases | residential and commercial growth with Rules that preserve the Town Atmosphere on Rte |
| 607 | Apr 17, 2016 2:41 AM | commercial growth | environmental protection | 1 and elsewhere |
| 608 | Apr 17, 2016 2:41 AM | too much demand for elaborate services from people moving here from | the need to preserve natural coastal and forest land in wells | Getting the best value for Cable TV and Internet |
| 609 | Apr 16, 2016 3:28 PM | Massachusetts | Stop building motels | over population |
| 610 | Apr 16, 2016 3:27 PM | Stop promoting tourism | thanks to derelict work of planning board, rte 1 makes us look like a trashy honky tonk | many roads need to be resurfaced |
| 611 | Apr 16, 2016 2:14 PM | need to enact a growth permit cap | town that | Stop building units for tourism |
| 612 | Apr 15, 2016 12:58 AM | too many ugly housing developments along route 1 | developments too crowded on small land area | transparency in government |
| 613 | Apr 14, 2016 5:52 PM | Allowing certain developers to continue to build crowded communities especially | Need to place a moratorium on building seasonal cottages | new alignment at transfer station is unsafe and poorly laidout |
| 614 | Apr 14, 2016 1:41 PM | along Rte 1 | crumbling infrastructure | Conserving the natural beauty of Wells |
| 615 | Apr 14, 2016 9:42 AM | urban sprawl | attracting year round business | overall tacky appearance of route 1 |
| 616 | Apr 13, 2016 10:17 PM | too much growth of seasonal properties | better library | no transparency |
| 617 | Apr 13, 2016 8:04 PM | A town center | Provide quality education | prepare for rising sea level |
| 618 | Apr 13, 2016 7:11 PM | Protect natural resources | A more centralized downtown rather than a strip. | Expand recreational facilities |
| 619 | Apr 13, 2016 5:53 PM | The need for more bike paths and sidewalks. | Do not spend funds on town center project as there is no natural location along Rt. 1 to | Another or bigger grocery store. |
| 620 | Apr 12, 2016 9:07 PM | Restricting town and season condo,s | accommodate such a development. A town center requires parking, retail, and | |
| 621 | Apr 12, 2016 5:08 PM | Restore Moody Beach to full public use. Not just being able to sit in public | entertainment in an accessible area. Rt. 9 and 109 are to far off Rt 1 to attract visitors | |
| 622 | Apr 11, 2016 8:20 PM | walkways | and tourist. | |
| 623 | Apr 11, 2016 4:22 PM | a new library | rising taxes | |
| 624 | Apr 11, 2016 3:08 PM | High property taxes east of Route 1. | Promote our excellent educational oppertunities and major highschool to college | |
| 625 | Apr 10, 2016 11:43 PM | No opinion | coopreation. | |
| 626 | Apr 10, 2016 10:34 PM | Maintain small town feel | Make route one more attravtive | |
| 627 | Apr 10, 2016 8:36 PM | traffic problems because of poor signage up Rte 1 | Double the taxes on those who restrict use of Moody Beach by the public. I spite of court | |
| | | to many summer cottages are being built | rulings Has hurt ability to rent. On properties that are not direct water front | |

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| 628 | Apr 10, 2016 4:49 PM | No more beach cottages please | Nothing else | Nothing else |
| 629 | Apr 10, 2016 2:13 PM | finding logn term solutions to beach nourishment, costs for harbor dredging | getting control of spending for school budget, need to give more control to BOS | lowering property taxes |
| 630 | Apr 10, 2016 12:37 PM | Lack of proper control over excessive seasonal rental cottage expansion | Lack of a business center (i.e. downtown York or Kennebunkport) | Lack of seasoned professionals on planning board |
| 631 | Apr 9, 2016 11:32 PM | no | specific | concerns |
| 632 | Apr 9, 2016 9:29 PM | . | . | . |
| 633 | Apr 9, 2016 8:14 PM | Overdevelopment of vacation condo properties! Looks dumpy and makes for overcrowding Not enough beach parking. Year round residents should have priority. Beach passes should be limited and include multi-level pricing. Lowest price for year round residents, higher prices for non-year round residents. | The lack of a town center and community area | We lack character and I seem to have to travel to York or Kennebunk to access cultural activities |
| 634 | Apr 9, 2016 2:36 PM | Need better residential access to the beaches, including 1 parking pass per family, not per vehicle | Growth of seasonal dwellings needs to be controlled. | Road repair |
| 635 | Apr 9, 2016 1:37 PM | | Safer street-side areas for biking, walking, and running My second concern is the large amount of garbage that is being tossed out onto the side of the road. Fines for littering need to be greatly increased. More needs to be spent on cleaning it up. | Provide incentives to encourage small business development |
| 636 | Apr 9, 2016 2:24 AM | My primary concern is the increase in drug related activity here in town. This includes the panhandlers at the exit 19 intersection. | Beach Erosion | My third concern is at the new track and athletic field. Significant damage has already been done to the fence and gates and the trash is not getting cleaned up. |
| 637 | Apr 8, 2016 11:36 PM | Privatization of Moody Beach | Land protection | Noise/motorcycles during summer evening hours (e.g. Mile Road) |
| 638 | Apr 8, 2016 6:36 PM | Business development | We are located in the middle of three other tourist towns, Ogunquite, Kport and Kennebunk. I don't think that we do enough to make this town attractive to tourist. It's as if we really just want to be a drive through location instead of a destination although our only industry is tourism | Road repair |
| 639 | Apr 8, 2016 6:22 PM | Somewhere in town there needs to be a town center At the present time everything is scattered. | | I am surprised that the Town of Wells continues to grant building permits for these cottages. It is an eyesore in some cases and a traffic nuisance at best |
| 640 | Apr 8, 2016 2:51 PM | Improving the looks of Wells Center. I've lived here for 69 years and i have watched it deteriorate. If you look at the cuteness of Ogunquit and Kennebunk, our town looks like a hick town. If I were a tourist on vacation I wouldn't stop here. | Stop the building of these ugly condos. They're not improving the looks of the town. I know they draw in money, but let's take a look at what they look like. | Find a way to help the senior citizens of the town with the rising property tax rate. i think any resident over 65 should no longer have the taxes raised from where they are now. With all the bulding going on, I would think that would help lower our taxes or at least keep them the same without going up. When I first paid the taxes on my house 43 years ago, they were \$156.30. Now they are just over \$4000. Most seniors are on a fixed income and can't afford the hikes. We, meaning the seniors, no longer have children in school and we have been paying for them ever since we've been paying taxes. Let's give the seniors a break! Please don't drive us out of our homes. |
| 641 | Apr 8, 2016 8:11 AM | Make the center cute again! | Tick control | Harbor needs dredging |
| 642 | Apr 8, 2016 2:06 AM | Lack of competitive options for internet access | | |
| 643 | Apr 7, 2016 6:48 PM | Allowing construction of slum like apartment complexes like the one at RiteAid and the Ogunquit line | Make the route 1 corridor more attractive - measure up to Ogunquit and Kennebunk | Maintaining good police/fire departments |
| 644 | Apr 7, 2016 4:44 PM | town center with parking available | clean energy and water | retaining local population to remain in wells |
| 645 | Apr 7, 2016 1:58 PM | the town does not clean wells besch | high taxes | ppm |
| 646 | Apr 7, 2016 12:28 PM | Stop building 3 season developments | Taxes | Spending |
| 647 | Apr 6, 2016 11:20 PM | Waterfront- harbor, marshes and beaches | College and business freindly | alternative energy support from town |
| 648 | Apr 6, 2016 8:11 PM | Overdevelopment of seasonal attractions | Maintaining quality school system | Conservation land |
| 649 | Apr 6, 2016 7:39 PM | Beach access | Harbor access | Stopping the summer villages of the world |
| 650 | Apr 6, 2016 7:20 PM | Employment opportunities. Lower real estate taxes. | Higher education - need for private schools in the | Wells area; rather than Portland and Portsmouth. |
| 651 | Apr 6, 2016 7:02 PM | Lack of winter activities for example ice rink | Appealing affordable housing, not large derelict apartment buildings | Need new updated police station, in town center which is inviting to the public |
| 652 | Apr 6, 2016 6:50 PM | Cluster housing should only be allowed if wooded areas are maintained. Not for golf courses | Need a "real" downtown. Wells currently doesn't have a downtown feel. | Need town water throughout Wells, not just along route 1 |
| 653 | Apr 6, 2016 6:05 PM | overdevelopment of cottage units | protection of our natural setting | education |
| 654 | Apr 6, 2016 6:01 PM | Need a traffic Light at Chapel road and Route 1 | x | x |
| 655 | Apr 6, 2016 5:59 PM | No center of town (i.e. downtown) | Drug problem | Liveable jobs for are youth |
| 656 | Apr 6, 2016 2:16 PM | maintaining a family-friendly low-key beach town | protecting beach/beach erosion and other natural resources | limiting traffic on Atlantic and Webhannet |
| 657 | Apr 6, 2016 2:14 PM | Maintaining beaches | Maintaining the towns rural charecter | Responsible fiscal management |
| 658 | Apr 6, 2016 2:09 PM | Environmental/climate change-pesticide use; need IPM | Flouride in public water supply | Building too many condominiums- building too close to shore |
| 659 | Apr 6, 2016 2:01 PM | | | |
| 660 | Apr 6, 2016 1:20 AM | Getting rid of building ordinances that allow tenement-looking rows of trailers on Route One, rows of so-called "condos"; these are unsightly, create sewer and water management difficulties, as well as being unsustainable. The planning ordinances do not support the beauty nor growth structure of a coastal, New England community. Wells is looking like a mish-mash of "what ever goes". This town needs strong ordinances and planning that move us into the next generation...Businesses are attracted to attractive looking communities... over populated route one with too many residential developments | Land use needs careful regulation with authority being given to Codes Enforcement...Route One Service Station has discarded heaps of refuse close to moving water, messes next to 109 fire station, and so forth. It is time to put some teeth in Codes Enforcement and get the town attorney to file suite. Wells needs to look and act the part of a well-educated community that looks and acts forward thinking. It is time for eminent domain to clean up the small town political machine that allows abuse of codes just because of someone's surname. The conceptual thinking that says "my land, my way" is so 19th century...yes, I mean 19th century...equating "gravel pits" with farming, agriculture...once again an example of political surliness. Welcoming people to Wells by tearing down historic-looking buildings to make way for "a gas station"....>(moody beach being a private beach | It should be particularly self-evident that a highly educated workforce will be essential for the financial, social, needs of the 21st century citizens... I find it ironic that the survey would ask about education while mis-spelling "Kindergarten"...So, what is a "kinder garden" for children ??? extending the seasonal year limit big box buildings from town Developing trails, ped, and bike access in the harbor area conserving water resources Expand the police, fire and EMT services.....they are the best! maintaining a reasonable tax assessment C Keeping that small town feel water conservation minimal lot size identifying flooding concerns |
| 661 | Apr 5, 2016 10:55 PM | stop building cookie cutter cottages! | improve roads & sidewalks | |
| 662 | Apr 5, 2016 10:38 PM | Developing a town center | Developing the eastern trail, better bike access around town | |
| 663 | Apr 5, 2016 9:37 PM | conserving wildlife habitat | conserving farmlands | |
| 664 | Apr 5, 2016 8:58 PM | Stop the unsightly cottage growth, enough is enough | Let a resident parking permit reign supreme over a tourist. | |
| 665 | Apr 5, 2016 8:06 PM | Harbor dredging | sand preservation on the beaches | |
| 666 | Apr 5, 2016 7:29 PM | Harbor dredging | B | |
| 667 | Apr 5, 2016 4:22 PM | A | Town officials wanting to spend too much money | |
| 668 | Apr 5, 2016 4:22 PM | Real Estate Taxes | commercial dev | |
| 669 | Apr 5, 2016 3:09 PM | land use | environmental | |
| | | growth rate | developing town village | |
| | | maintaining beach access and parking | | |

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| 670 | Apr 5, 2016 1:26 PM | A walkable town center | Larger library | Route one |
| 671 | Apr 5, 2016 1:06 PM | Public beach access | too much seasonal housing | road conditions; overall repairs needed |
| 672 | Apr 5, 2016 12:47 PM | Limiting Commercial Development | Increasing the amount of "resident only " beach parking spaces | Controlling property taxes |
| 673 | Apr 5, 2016 11:47 AM | Deteriorating infrastructre, principally roads | Potential to turn into an Old Orchard Beach, become too honky tonk and resort focused | Excessive growth. Too much new residential construction, while the market has many homes off sale |
| 674 | Apr 5, 2016 11:40 AM | Beach Acess from Harbor Rd via Pedestrian Bridge | Walking Paths/walkways through Rachel Carlson | Reduce Price of Parking for Property Owners! |
| 675 | Apr 5, 2016 5:28 AM | Rising property taxes | Maintaining family beach concept | Finding an attractive town center--too spread out |
| 676 | Apr 5, 2016 3:53 AM | Better planning of land use for vacation rentals - some "rental developments" are too crowded. | To keep property taxes from rising substantially year to year. The tax rate is one reason we chose to live here. | To keep the small town environment. |
| 677 | Apr 4, 2016 11:40 PM | too many summer condo's (out of control) | too many house developments , farm land is going | speed limit in high pine should be 45 mph 30 mph is a joke |
| 678 | Apr 4, 2016 7:54 PM | Potential overdevelopment and reduction of open space | High taxes | Fossil fuel use by the town departments |
| 679 | Apr 4, 2016 7:51 PM | Enforcing appropriate residential land use (e.g., residential properties are not to be used as personal landfills) | Discontinue the issue of private versus public roads - provide services to all Town residents | Be responsive to Town Residents when they contact Town of Wells Staff |
| 680 | Apr 4, 2016 7:23 PM | Infrastructure maintenance/improvment | Roads & highways | Cultural events |
| 681 | Apr 4, 2016 7:19 PM | maintain Wells "small town" appeal | support and promote all conservation: natural/energy, etc. | require responsible future construction - restrict small building "farms" |
| 682 | Apr 4, 2016 7:05 PM | The amount of cottage/rental units continuing to be built in town. | Access to the beach during "season" for year round residents. | Lack of affordable year-round dining options for year round residents. |
| 683 | Apr 4, 2016 6:46 PM | Overdevelopment of seasonal summer cottages | Real Estate Tax burden on the elderly population | Having a defined place for a small gathering of shops, restaurant, like a Common that defines the Town Center where people gather.ie. the Wells Plaza transformed into a place with beautiful landscaping, benches and upscale atmosphere like Kennebunkport where people can spend an afternoon enjoying the meeting place. |
| 684 | Apr 4, 2016 6:00 PM | property tax rates | beach parking areas | emergency services |
| 685 | Apr 4, 2016 5:52 PM | The need for a New Police Station | Keeping Taxes as low as possible | Maintaining, not increasing, current services |
| 686 | Apr 4, 2016 5:26 PM | Property tax increases. +4.7% vs 0 inflation | >40% of thsesngoals/actions=higher property tax | Income, sales, vehicle taxes, cost of living |
| 687 | Apr 4, 2016 5:09 PM | Drakes I is a CROWN jewel for Wells yet it is not managed | like one. It is the biggest attraction for tourists to come here | which results in many local taxable businesses. |
| 688 | Apr 4, 2016 4:48 PM | Install sidewalks on Route 1. | Develop a town center. | Question Number 15, Exactly what is meaning of "Mineral Extraction"? Does that mean water? |
| 689 | Apr 4, 2016 4:37 PM | Needs to create a Town Center instead of having it as a pass-through to other towns | n/a | n/a |
| 690 | Apr 4, 2016 4:17 PM | Road repairs through out the whole town. | Better snow removal, some parts of the town don't see a plow until storms are almost over. | Response times for emergency vehicles in some areas are a joke. |
| 691 | Apr 4, 2016 4:14 PM | creating a special college zone to promote that resource | developing a town center | promote tourism and tourist based businesses and zones |
| 692 | Apr 4, 2016 4:08 PM | Affordable year round housing | Quality year round employment | Lack of planning stop taking a reactionary action. Plan for the future and implement it! |
| 693 | Apr 4, 2016 4:01 PM | Ugliness of route one | Over building of seasonal units | Small lots size and dense development on little land |
| 694 | Apr 4, 2016 1:21 PM | Allowing more seasonal cottage style homes, condo growth is rapidly destroying the small town look and feel that we have always had. The town is looking more and more like Old Orchard Beach or Hampton and it must stop. People will stop coming here if the quaint small town feel keeps being destroyed! Enough is enough. | NA | NA |
| 695 | Apr 4, 2016 1:08 PM | high density (ugly) condos | handicap beach access | use of chain link fences at harbor and beach areas |
| 696 | Apr 4, 2016 11:49 AM | Atlantic ave maintenance and sewer | beach erosion | beach erosion |
| 697 | Apr 3, 2016 9:37 PM | Stop allowing seasonal cottages and condos Built on Route 1. | Stop all related construction of seasonal homes in Wells. | Build up Harbor area with shops and business, to bring more use of a beautiful area. |
| 698 | Apr 3, 2016 7:45 PM | We need a new Police Station at Wells Corner and find a new location for the FD on Route 1 in addition to the land on Rte 109 near Meetinghouse Road. Maybe the old LaValley Lumber prpoety would be available for a new FD. | The condition of Rte 1 fron Wells Corner to Ogunquit is deplorable. We need to re-surface the road similar to what was done to Route 1 from Weels Corner North to to Route 9. | Put a moratorium on : Summer Home Condos and RV Parks.....enough already. |
| 699 | Apr 3, 2016 7:43 PM | Too many seasonal dwellings being built | "Making it Home" is trashing the streets | Need Wendy's fast food (free drinks for seniors) (no joke) |
| 700 | Apr 3, 2016 6:52 PM | Lack of architectural design standards for new construction | need for a 10 year implementation of a new signage standard - lower heights, noninternally illiuminated | Need for a downtown area |
| 701 | Apr 3, 2016 6:51 PM | over building vacation homes | lack of senior housing | lack of low income housing |
| 702 | Apr 3, 2016 6:28 PM | Access to Moody beach parking for free, they use our roads | constant growth and construction on Rt 1 | I am home owner and should be able to vote. |
| 703 | Apr 3, 2016 5:29 PM | Beach erosion due to jetties | Rising property taxes that force long-time property owners to sell or rent seasonally to strangers who care nothing for Wells. | Them vs. Us culture clash between inland and beach property owners. |
| 704 | Apr 3, 2016 5:01 PM | Reduce length of jetties to restore sand to beaches- impact has been devastging look at north end of Drakes- compare it to 1960. This is not sea level rise- Cresent Surf is not loosing sand! | Continue harbor dredging and restoring sand to beaches- without beaches Wells will loose businesses and tax base. | Stop any more rinky dink "summer" only developments on Route 1. |
| 705 | Apr 3, 2016 4:25 PM | Preservation of Wells beaches by limiting seasonal overcrowding . | Better policing of beaches in summer - parking , drinking , dog walking out of approved hours leaving trash . | Better communications with shoreline residents and property owners |
| 706 | Apr 3, 2016 4:25 PM | Police tough attitude doesn't match "friendly" town image i.e speed/stop sign traps and "high traffic enforcement zones" on roads leading to beaches | Proliferation of commercial/retail signs | General road maintenance |
| 707 | Apr 3, 2016 4:10 PM | beach erosion | keeping Wells family friendly | preserving natural habitat |
| 708 | Apr 3, 2016 3:16 PM | Too many condo units | Too much land natural land being lost to commercial interest | Property taxes rising too much every year |
| 709 | Apr 3, 2016 1:17 AM | Road maintenance | X | X |
| 710 | Apr 3, 2016 1:01 AM | Keeping beaches clean of sea weed-not attractive for visitors to return | beach parkingCurrent lack of parking not encouraging return vacationers if no parking to go to beach | xx |
| 711 | Apr 3, 2016 12:31 AM | overdevelopment/ open space preservation | lack of a cohesive town center (too much sprawl) | preservation of light commercial use to help the tax base |
| 712 | Apr 2, 2016 9:36 PM | over development of2- 3 decker homes / apartments along route 1 | beach maintenance with cleaning, removal garbage, and erosion | attractive building that does look like a housing project |
| 713 | Apr 2, 2016 6:18 PM | not sure | not sure | not sure |
| 714 | Apr 2, 2016 5:57 PM | control future building of cottages and other residences | encourage affordable housing, especially for seniors | encourage year round public transportation especially for seniors |

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| 715 | Apr 2, 2016 5:18 PM | maintain beaches, please, this the towns #1 attraction, rake the weeds every couple of days. | police need to enforce speed limits on rt 1 and secondary roads, speed limits and stop signs are ignored | encourage new restaurants I feel a college in the area would be great for the community. Maintaining our existing infrastructure, i.e. schools and municipal structures |
| 716 | Apr 2, 2016 4:55 PM | Maintaining home values The seasonal cottages built and in process make wells look commercial and does not suit our town. Sad that these unpleasant looking 3 story housing was approved by our town board. A shame and has changed the 'quaint' character of our community. | encouraging new business | |
| 717 | Apr 2, 2016 4:48 PM | our community. | Cost of beach stickers is to costly. We pay taxes already | Not enough beach parking |
| 718 | Apr 2, 2016 1:49 PM | excessive residential growth | commercialism of rt one | beach access and parking |
| 719 | Apr 2, 2016 7:15 AM | lower taxes | more restaurants | more night life activities |
| 720 | Apr 1, 2016 7:57 PM | growing to fast | limit commercial growth on rt 1 | build marsh walk |
| 721 | Apr 1, 2016 5:42 PM | huge increase in summer condo units | vacant/boarded up businesses | lack of sufficient parking for summer beach access |
| 722 | Apr 1, 2016 1:35 PM | Maintaining beaches | Coastal storms and flooding | Business environment |
| 723 | Apr 1, 2016 1:07 PM | overbuilding of seasonal condos | overabundance of campgrounds | preserving the natural landscape |
| 724 | Apr 1, 2016 12:47 PM | Keeping taxes reasonable - Does the proposed police/fire building need to be so fancy to be functional? | Keep town small business friendly - encourage young folks to stay. It's not our town's job to promote businesses, CoC can do that, mind your own business and get smaller if necessary. | Stop ugly developments which make the town visually unappealing. |
| 725 | Apr 1, 2016 12:06 PM | Sick of taxes going up ea cycle, I'll work to end this practice. | Education | Paying 1m for sand is the most asinine idea yet to come from Rte. 9. |
| 726 | Mar 31, 2016 2:19 PM | Too many new houses/condos | Beach parking for residents. | Keeping taxes low |
| 727 | Mar 31, 2016 10:51 AM | Need for a plan to develop small business. | keep out big box businesses | No other. |
| 728 | Mar 30, 2016 6:10 PM | maintain small town character | Small business development | keep our town clean |
| 729 | Mar 30, 2016 3:38 PM | Maintaining it's charm | property taxes | Education |
| 730 | Mar 30, 2016 12:15 PM | increases in price of homes, too expensive | STOP ALLOWING UGLY STRUCTURES ON RT 1 | no tax relief for retire people |
| 731 | Mar 30, 2016 11:58 AM | NEED A TOWN / VILLAGE CENTER | Rid the town of abandoned and run down homes, such as in High Pine area | RT 9B TRUCK TRAFFIC - IMPROVE ROAD |
| 732 | Mar 30, 2016 10:41 AM | Discourage low income, low priced housing | high density development along Route 1 | Restrict new home permits to avoid large scale development |
| 733 | Mar 29, 2016 10:15 PM | the teardown mentality regarding older real estate toward the beach | clean up beach---ROCKS | the lack of year-round occupancy east of Route 1 |
| 734 | Mar 29, 2016 3:25 PM | create a real down town | | keeping tax rate low |
| 735 | Mar 29, 2016 2:00 PM | Proper economic development for year round tax revenue and use by residents | Even balance of conservation with economic and residential development - do not over placate to conservation - need revenue to support those efforts | Don't be afraid to grow - need to compete with Ogunquit and Kennebunk for tourism and Wells can sometimes be overlooked, what will differentiate Wells from the rest? Year round industry? Better access to beaches and recreation? Fine dining? Lodging? Street appeal? etc... |
| 736 | Mar 28, 2016 10:30 PM | affordable housing (condo/apartment) for senior citizens Concerned that Rte 9 will become over-commercialized, causing traffic problems. For instance, when a car slows down to take a left onto Willy Hill or Littlefield, cars zip over to the bike lane. The Eastern Trail is an asset, lots of people jog and walk, lets keep it safe. | Ugly seasonal housing on route 2 | Increasing library hours for Tuesday & Thursday mornings |
| 737 | Mar 28, 2016 8:16 PM | stop more condo's, we are over run with them | Keep doing what you are doing with the beaches, park and harbor! | New house construction effect on water supply for the existing homes. |
| 738 | Mar 28, 2016 7:46 PM | Roadside and beachside cleanliness | Making rt1 more of a main street, like a real town | make our beaches not so expensive for town people |
| 739 | Mar 28, 2016 6:41 PM | Over Development | Lodging tax rates too high | Increase in drug-related incidents |
| 740 | Mar 28, 2016 4:40 PM | lack of a "downtown" | Beach Erosion | Lack of clams |
| 741 | Mar 28, 2016 3:29 PM | Limited amount of recreational/open space. The town has only a few small hiking trails. Mountain biking and additional hiking trails would add tremendous value to the town | too many trailer parks / summer bungalows | too many antique stores, to detriment of other businesses |
| 742 | Mar 28, 2016 3:25 PM | overpopulation of part time residences | Sprawl. Open space has greatly been diminished over the years as un-clustered homes have popped up all over. | School system. I very much appreciate the low tax rate in Wells but I also understand how valuable a good school system is. |
| 743 | Mar 28, 2016 1:53 PM | Helping small businesses flourish - keeping the town a destination spot | more restaurants and grocery stores | create nature recreational areas other than trying to send everyone to the beach; picnic areas, parks, ponds, day recreation |
| 744 | Mar 28, 2016 1:34 AM | Too many new residential structures being built | Managing water resources | Keeping government small and reducing the tax burden |
| 745 | Mar 28, 2016 1:24 AM | | Inadequate road maintenance, including snow removal | - |
| 746 | Mar 27, 2016 10:15 PM | Conserve and preserve natural beauty and geographical areas of Wells | Limit growth (we have 6 new housing starts on my road it is awful!!) to preserve rural lifestyle of Wells Branch. | Support alternative energy resources |
| 747 | Mar 27, 2016 9:25 PM | Lacking a town center. ie. Kennebunk/Ogunquit | Too many cluster developments! Too many too fast. | Town hall hours. At least one Saturday or late week night per month would be very helpful to those who work full time. |
| 748 | Mar 27, 2016 4:29 PM | Defining a town center, a hub to engage the community | Develop industrial/manufacturing business growth along 95 corridor | How about an I95 exit in Ogunquit? Mitigate most traffic issues |
| 749 | Mar 27, 2016 1:01 PM | restricting development that would change character of town | maintain access to open space and beaches for residents and visitors | ban dogs on the beach in summer |
| 750 | Mar 27, 2016 1:03 AM | Lack of competition in the broadband internet space is very concerning. Time Warner Cable is the only provider that can offer acceptable internet and most of their offerings don't qualify under the FCCs new definition of broadband. I would love to see Wells partner with Sanford on its municipal fiber project. Infusing competition will provide better services and prices to the people of the town. Furthermore it's been shown that communities with fiber internet become the economic engines of the area (e.g. Chattanooga, TN). | We believe there is a lack of year-round full-time employment opportunities in town. | None |
| 751 | Mar 26, 2016 11:23 PM | Needs more variety of business mix | Needs more flexibility in code enforcement to encourage new business opportunities | Needs a center that can be thought of a a destination |
| 752 | Mar 26, 2016 9:20 PM | No established "downtown" area | No parking to support foot traffic in #1 | Identity besides the town between Ogunquit and Kennebunk |
| 753 | Mar 26, 2016 6:30 PM | maintain excellent tax rate | encourage seasonal housing units/developments | Restrain excessively gregarious/bright electric signage |
| 754 | Mar 26, 2016 6:18 PM | no comment | no comment | no comment |
| 755 | Mar 26, 2016 6:05 PM | making sure the beach stays available to the public | limit building permits for new homes/condos | affordable housing for seniors |
| 756 | Mar 26, 2016 5:58 PM | Road paving and Maintenance | Programs to keep younger people in Wells versus moving away | Business growth through incentives, etc |
| 757 | Mar 26, 2016 4:36 PM | Scarcity of workers - plumbers,electricians etc. | aging population | Lack of diverse population |
| 758 | Mar 26, 2016 3:48 PM | NA | NA | NA |

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| 759 | Mar 26, 2016 3:29 PM | Above average maintenance of plentiful and safe drinking water and sewage treatment services. | Maintaining a healthy and equitable balance of fulltime and seasonal residential and commercial properties. | Continuing maintenance and management of superior educational levels consistent with town population growth and mix. |
| 760 | Mar 26, 2016 3:14 PM | traffic beyond rt 1 (such as rte 109) | we should reduce development of vacation home properties | we should promote the college (YCCC) as a local resource |
| 761 | Mar 26, 2016 2:39 PM | Maintaining infrastructure -roads, water, sewer and power | Structured growth with focus on expanding tax base while managing infrastructure | Balancing growth in residential, commercial and tourism |
| 762 | Mar 26, 2016 1:44 PM | install natural gas along Rt. 9 | maintain rural feel west of Rt. 1 | road repaving |
| 763 | Mar 26, 2016 12:12 PM | protect surrounding land and marshes/seashore | continue to keep property taxes fair and balanced | keep working toward creating wells town center |
| 764 | Mar 26, 2016 11:30 AM | over building of single family homes/condos | not the friendliest town in Maine anymore. too commercialized. | drugs and crime |
| 765 | Mar 26, 2016 11:11 AM | Maintain the small town feel | Keep out big box stores, amusement parks, etc | Make over of concrete Wells beach sitting area / beach entrance. Current is old,unappealing and dangerous in gaining access to beach!. |
| 766 | Mar 26, 2016 12:09 AM | Control the traffic and crowds heading to beaches so as not to force beachfront owners to take action | Our town is not attractive such as Kennebunk Get rid of ugly signs and broken down buildings. Does not look like a going concern | Charge WAY MORE for beach passes for non residents. We need the revenue and we keep turning people away. Basic economics |
| 767 | Mar 25, 2016 10:00 PM | Growth and over building | Too much funding for schools, too much of the budget | Managing tax rates |
| 768 | Mar 25, 2016 7:10 PM | Beach erosion and conservation. | Motorcycle noise from Kennebunk town line to RT9 intersection and need for traffic light at this intersection. | Need for road surface upgrade on Bypass Road. |
| 769 | Mar 25, 2016 6:28 PM | Preserving and protecting the natural environment | Severely limiting any more seasonal cottage growth | Greater regulation of business/neon signs |
| 770 | Mar 25, 2016 3:52 PM | support for education | road & bridge maintenance | encourage small businesses |
| 771 | Mar 25, 2016 2:51 PM | Property taxes | Maintaining character of town | Road maintenance |
| 772 | Mar 25, 2016 2:34 PM | Stop developing wetlands for any reason! | Improve the quality of the town roads | End the seasonal construction of homes and condos. The current serviceees cannot handle the increasing impact . |
| 773 | Mar 25, 2016 12:18 PM | Lack of housing | Lack of business development | Need better utilization of our resources |
| 774 | Mar 25, 2016 11:53 AM | too much expansion | allowing a honky tonk look to the town businesses | protecting a residential way of life |
| 775 | Mar 25, 2016 10:54 AM | over development | year round business & employment, rely too heavily on seasonal businesses | affordable housing |
| 776 | Mar 24, 2016 11:12 PM | Maintain our amazing school system | Attracting tourist to promote the economy while maintaining the small town quaint feel of Wells | Keeping property taxes low |
| 777 | Mar 24, 2016 9:41 PM | Creating more of a "downtown" | Conservation land | N/a |
| 778 | Mar 24, 2016 8:02 PM | Limit building of seasonal accommodations | Require homeowners to remove debris for their properties, i.e. water heaters, tires old cars and trailers | Ensure that the last step at Wells Beach can be used by seniors.The bottom step is often too high for seniors |
| 779 | Mar 24, 2016 7:13 PM | Safer water (contamination levels of lead) | Variety of Restaurants other than seafood | Teaching trades in high school to keep our youth in Maine. |
| 780 | Mar 24, 2016 6:47 PM | Too many developments going in. | Lack of "downtown". | Access to beaches (limited parking, "private" beaches, etc) |
| 781 | Mar 24, 2016 6:31 PM | Continue effective use of resources to keep taxes low. | n/a | n/a |
| 782 | Mar 24, 2016 5:21 PM | residential expansion | over population | encroachment into wildlife preserves |
| 783 | Mar 24, 2016 4:54 PM | Conditions of rural roads | Beach erosion | Conditions of buildings of some Route 1 businesses |
| 784 | Mar 24, 2016 4:42 PM | Strict control over new condo and Trailer developments. | Work to improve residents' concern for the public's perception of Wells, hopefully more like Kennebunk. | Work on the elimination of unsightly businesses and residences (occupied and unoccupied). |
| 785 | Mar 24, 2016 4:19 PM | Proliferation of sugar shacks being build all over town | Too much traffic/litter/pollution/people at the harbor | Ugliness of Wells, especially route 1 |
| 786 | Mar 24, 2016 4:00 PM | Maintaining a high-quality school system | Keeping the tax rate reasonable | Controlling the rate of growth in the town (both business and homeowner) |
| 787 | Mar 24, 2016 3:27 PM | Maintenance of beach public ways | Too much RT 1 condo growth | Speeders on RT 9 |
| 788 | Mar 24, 2016 3:25 PM | Need to build a indoor activity center the kids that includes basketball courts, pool,gym | Do more for families that live here year round and support the part time residents | Take better care of the roads that are not near "tourist" area |
| 789 | Mar 24, 2016 3:25 PM | Urban sprawl | maintaining k-12 education | conservation of natural areas |
| 790 | Mar 24, 2016 3:03 PM | Concerned about overdevelopment. | Keeping rural environment. | Preserving rural areas. |
| 791 | Mar 24, 2016 2:33 PM | Over building is destroying what natural beauty is left | Seasonal cottage complexes,vacation condos, and campground sprawl | Route 1 corridor is beginning to look like route 1 Boston with almost no green natural scenery left |
| 792 | Mar 24, 2016 2:31 PM | Too much development in rural areas | Lack of a town center | Long-term plan needed for ocean level rise |
| 793 | Mar 24, 2016 1:10 PM | install a traffic round about at the end of the beach road by the Irving station | traffic speed is way to fast--needs to be enforced | bright lights are everywhere--tone them down on route 1 especially |
| 794 | Mar 24, 2016 11:53 AM | Noise from I95 polluting our neighborhoods | Old marsh country club and others like it (condos, etc.) leading to lower quality of life for the rest of us | Stop the building of hundreds of condos |
| 795 | Mar 24, 2016 10:51 AM | Deteriated rural roads in need of repair (bald hill road) | not enough promotion of recreational trails (atv, biking, snowmobile as many residents own them and have to go elsewhere to ride) | Traffic/speed enforcement on rural roads |
| 796 | Mar 24, 2016 1:44 AM | This survey is horribly biased. It's all about "small town character." There are no answers or questions to promote large business, light manufacturing, and technology firms. These are companies that could offer good paying jobs and contribute to the tax base. People in this town have to commute to work elsewhere to be able to afford to live here. | How about attempting to take care of what we currently have before venturing off to buy up and reclassify land that is pretty to look at? Take a drive down Route 9B if you dare! Road has long stretches of pot holes just waiting to destroy your vehicle. They are not new, they have been increasing for years as they only get a little cold-patch, which gives way with the rain. There are areas where there is more cold-patch that has been cascaded off into the ditch then there is pavement on the road. How about fixing the road correctly by getting into the substrate? | Why do we need to build two new fire facilities and a police station in phases? Couldn't we acquire some property off Chapel Road somewhere to build "one" combined facility that is centrally located? How is it we trust town planners to get any new fire facility right? The existing Route 1 fire station is not that old and is said to not meet standards, OSHA, how can that be? Seems like another big fleecing of the Wells taxpayers. This should be given another look at. |
| 797 | Mar 24, 2016 12:54 AM | Prohibit commercial exploitation, such as casinos, and water and mineral extraction. | Prevent overcrowding by limiting new building permits. | Develop a property tax relief program so elderly cannot be forced out of their home by an ever-increasing tax burden. |
| 798 | Mar 23, 2016 11:27 PM | Reduce / Control Residential Growth | Reduce / Control New Building Of Chain Business | Route 1 Traffic Causing EXCESSIVE Traffic On Other Roads |
| 799 | Mar 23, 2016 10:24 PM | Over building of hotels / motels | No other issues | No other issues |
| 800 | Mar 23, 2016 9:54 PM | Litter! The amount of litter on the roads has seemed to have increased in recent years, even worse lately with publications in orange bags being thrown all over. Maybe an ordinance to limit or ban such activities is in order. First impressions are huge! Roads are the first things people see in Wells when visiting. | Litter! | Litter! |
| 801 | Mar 23, 2016 8:25 PM | Those ugly summer cottages | Those ugly summer cottages | Those ugly summer cottages |
| 802 | Mar 23, 2016 8:02 PM | eliminate the approval of cluster housing. Too many houses on too small lots. | Quit spending money to make schools "pretty". They need to be functional. | Enforce traffic laws on route 1 in the summer. |
| 803 | Mar 23, 2016 7:31 PM | Too much residential growth | Residential growth | Residential growth |

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| 804 | Mar 23, 2016 5:21 PM | protecting our land from over development | keeping Wells a town for families | supporting schools, library, parks |
| 805 | Mar 23, 2016 1:06 PM | do not want Rt 1 to look like Saugus! | slow down building! | not every business is ok just because we want taxes |
| 806 | Mar 21, 2016 2:42 AM | Maintaining the environment | Planning for growth over the next 20 years | Supporting the long-time family-owned farming and fishing economy |
| 807 | Mar 18, 2016 8:29 PM | Limiting ugly tenement like seasonal homes | Improving and expanding the library | Improving beach access at the main beach |
| 808 | Mar 18, 2016 4:42 PM | conservation of historic Wells | controlling overgrowth of developments | keeping Wells from packed in like sardines developments |
| 809 | Mar 18, 2016 3:52 PM | There is no form of entertrament for the kids other then the beach or movie therter | To many people from out of town running the town | tax on busniss is to high that's why nothing new is comming in |
| 810 | Mar 17, 2016 10:47 PM | Preserving small town New England feel | Protecting natural resources and green spaces all around town, not just west of Rt 95 | No more large developments, limit developers and institute design standards for building. |
| 811 | Mar 17, 2016 8:24 PM | Pedestrian bridge from Wells Harbor to beaches | Encourage additional tourist related business | Encourage additional non-tourist related business |
| 812 | Mar 17, 2016 6:37 PM | Overbuilding of seasonal units | Lack of a town center | Can't think of anything else at the moment |
| 813 | Mar 17, 2016 4:41 AM | Too many "condo" type residences | Lot sizes too small | Not enough green space |
| 814 | Mar 16, 2016 12:19 PM | Stop spending on the "downtown" area | No more sidewalks to no where | Public beach access to all beaches |
| 815 | Mar 14, 2016 7:36 PM | We are fast moving from a rural community to a mish mash of cottages tackey year round complexes like the ones beside Rite Aid | Overbuilt and did not stick to the previous Comp. Plan | Very little forward planning to avoid what we have now |
| 816 | Mar 14, 2016 4:07 PM | Remove the self proclaimed elite status of Drake's Is. property owners. | Wells town center destination of shopping/dining attractions. | Remove traffic lights. They cause problems, not solutions. |
| 817 | Mar 14, 2016 2:25 PM | Too much development | Increasing taxes due to too much development | Loss of open space, farms and forests |
| 818 | Mar 12, 2016 7:44 PM | Conservation and Protection of our most valuable resources--Water (for drinking and recreation), Land (for open space, buffers, wildlife, and recreation), and Renewable Energy Sources (such as solar, wind, bio-mass, and wave energy). | Creating and Maintaining an environment that supports agriculture, animal husbandry, eco-tourism, and small local businesses. | Affordable Housing that does not diminish the value of surrounding property but establishes year round rental property (may be designed as mixed use with businesses above, below, or beside the rental units and built close to existing infrastructure and services). |
| 819 | Mar 12, 2016 3:33 PM | Controlling/limiting tourist-driven development | Preventing Rt. 1 from looking like Saugus, MA | Prioritizing funding for services for locals, e.g. Library addition |
| 820 | Mar 11, 2016 11:47 PM | encouraging economic growth including "adult only" establishments. | preserving the rural feel west of 95. | upgrade wells athletic fields, equipment, facilities. |
| 821 | Mar 11, 2016 10:12 PM | no more cluster housing in wells | reduce town staff | new police station |
| 822 | Mar 8, 2016 7:55 PM | Appearance of Route 1 : No more "3-deckers" that look like the slums of Boston | Increase commerce in the town | Continue to monitor growth in the town |
| 823 | Mar 8, 2016 2:21 PM | More new restaurants | Traffic lights | Buses year round |
| 824 | Mar 8, 2016 2:05 AM | Regulations to guide appropriate growth | Spending of Tax funds that also benefit non-resident/seasonal resident property owners | Seasonal beach clean-up and renourishing |
| 825 | Mar 6, 2016 7:39 PM | STOP. THE. COTTAGES. NO. MORE. PLEASE. | Continue to protect and conserve land for public use | Reinstate growth permit - stop the overbuilding |
| 826 | Mar 4, 2016 10:54 PM | Lack of good affordable restaurants. | Cars speeding on Rt 109 heading east after turnpike. | Litter at Gazebo area. |
| 827 | Mar 3, 2016 10:27 PM | Manage the tourist season traffic | Insuring public access to beach and harbor | Provide handycap facilities in beach and tourist areas |
| 828 | Mar 3, 2016 5:02 PM | flood mapping | property taxes | preservation of beaches |
| 829 | Mar 2, 2016 11:07 PM | Continued support of schools | Preserving town character | Preserving access to the water/beach |
| 830 | Mar 2, 2016 6:29 PM | Too many tourist beds for the amount of beach | Traffic | Traffic |
| 831 | Mar 2, 2016 2:37 PM | quality controlled beautification of the Wells main corridor - Wells seems to be a "rough" looking area stuck between Kennebunk and Ogunquit. Lots of strip type buildings on either side of Rt 1 - just a lack of a cohesiveness - the two other towns appear to take more pride and sense of ownership of making property attractive looking to the masses who use this corridor (Rt 1) - Wells does not seem to present itself as having a 'collective soul.' | Enforcing the no drop off zone at the Drakes Is. Public beach at DRakes Is. Rd intersection with Beach Rd - beach visitors use private driveways to turn around endangering small children in their haste to drop off and return to parking lot to park- it is DANGEROUS as well as unlawful. Welcome to visit but have respect for rules. | This is a very specific irritant that may seem overly picky. However, everyone is very bothered by the loudness of the ice cream truck that works Drakes a Island. The drivers have to be asked to reduce the volume of the noise level by all the owners of the homes adjacent to the roads - one comes to enjoy the ambiance of the island and the constant loud decibel of the trucks (it is a small island) all day long is irritating and annoying. Many owners in the area feel helpless and besieged - and ordinances to enhance iocean experiences should be encouraged. This is not a resident saying ice cream trucks should be banned but constant high noise seems to not be consistent with the visitor experience on an island where relaxation and ocean noises should prevail - not be drowned out with commercialism. |
| 832 | Mar 2, 2016 1:07 PM | Protect critical resource zones w/ ordanances | Limit residential building permits west of turnpike | Recruit low impact businesses to Wells |
| 833 | Mar 2, 2016 1:54 AM | Maintaining pristine and privacy of waterfrint | Maintaining beaches | Keeping private beaches private |
| 834 | Mar 1, 2016 10:51 PM | Enhancing the tax base by encouraging commercial development | Maintaining the beach systems and replenishing sand to eroded areas | Maintaining and fostering a learning culture and appreciation of the natural & historic landmarks and beautiful areas and marketing such to visitors, businesses and residentstifful areas |
| 835 | Mar 1, 2016 10:17 PM | Emergency preparedness especially in summer | Making the town center more of center instead of just a beach managment | Crossroads |
| 836 | Mar 1, 2016 8:51 PM | wells harbour | Beach replenishment | recreational activity |
| 837 | Mar 1, 2016 8:25 PM | Tourist congestion | Develop , and ENFORCE, sineage regulations along Rte. 1. Existing signs to have 12 months to confirm to new regulations.....NO interior lit signs (i.e., Mikes Clam Shack ...which looks like an arcade sign. McDonalds adheres to rules in towns that have them - Dunkin Donuts does too. Sandwiched between Ogunquit and Kennebunk, Wells Rte 1 looks like Appalachian west Tennessee only with snow! Only allow exterior illuminated signs. | Business success |
| 838 | Mar 1, 2016 8:09 PM | Clean up properties on Rte. 1...it is an embarrassing mess. Buildings / houses are unkempt, yards overgrown and it makes Wells look dirty and poverty-stricken! | | Enforce intelligent building regs that will not allow hideous developments like ones on Rte 1 between Rite Aid and CVS |

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| | | Identity / Economic Base: From survey it seems town is questioning what it wants to be going forward. Maintaining its rural character is the starting point. Questioning the need for additional commercial development is one means. Developing a 'downtown' area or destination point is another. The town has an untapped asset in its seasonal residents. By allowing seasonal residents to spend a little more time there (upwards of 3 months) would benefit the small businesses (future district?) & restaurant / services base you are looking to develop. Kennebunkport and Ogunquit go out of their way to bring people into their town for events / weekends to spend money. Can't the town balance its desire to maintain its rural roots, yet study and promote means for creating economic value to its current and prospective services and retail base? | Beach erosion - The beach is a resource which creates economic value for the town. This resource can't be lost. | Untapped potential areas - Harbor; Transportation area; Route 1 / Route 109 intersection |
| 839 | Mar 1, 2016 7:33 PM | Property taxes | Beach management & parking | Excess signage |
| 840 | Mar 1, 2016 7:02 PM | Speeding on Drakes Island Road | Beach erosion | Uncontrolled growth |
| 841 | Mar 1, 2016 7:01 PM | Maintaining beaches for residents of Wells | Too many seasonal cottages have been built | Speed and traffic |
| 842 | Mar 1, 2016 4:06 PM | Putting a cap on the amount of building on route 1 that makes the town look as if it is shelter skelter. | Change zoning requirements to require properties to look cohesive like Kennebunk Center | |
| 843 | Mar 1, 2016 5:29 AM | | | Encourage upscale restaurants and shops |
| 844 | Mar 1, 2016 2:40 AM | Keeping the current character of the town of Wells | Charging impact fees to developers to raise taxes for Town projects | Finding a fairer solution to the property taxes that the town charges homeowners who happen to live near the coast and are not year round residents who have no voting rights in the town of Wells |
| 845 | Feb 29, 2016 7:48 PM | The future problems that will arise from too many private Rd that will not be maintained properly. | Lack of year round apartments in Wells we need heavier density around Rt. 109 and Rt. 1. | It's a big mistake to re introduce the growth ordinance the developers make a fortune making sure they have permits. |
| 846 | Feb 29, 2016 6:42 PM | The harbor needs to be moved. the jettys are causing havoc on the beaches. | There are too many campground and seasonal cottages. no one seems to care about the impact or the "look" of them. for example barefoot cottages | |
| 847 | Feb 28, 2016 1:13 PM | Protecting the land, water and resources that Wells has. | Keep our Town from becoming developed too much. | public transportation |
| 848 | Feb 27, 2016 6:11 PM | x | x | Save our open space, protect our rivers, streams and beaches. Prepare thoughtfully for the future. |
| 849 | Feb 27, 2016 1:23 AM | Stop the building of single family houses | Better road accesses | x |
| | | Available resources/activities for special needs individuals. Possibly joining with other towns to make it happen through recreation department as the school refuses to do so at this point (don't get me started) | | More beach sub parking with trolley to provide drop off |
| 850 | Feb 26, 2016 8:58 PM | Green space | Bus transportation to surrounding towns YEAR ROUND | A realization by townspeople that not everyone in Wells is a business owner and it's not "strange" or "odd" for a mother to work full time. It's time for the people of Wells to catch up with the rest of the world in how they see the world. |
| 851 | Feb 26, 2016 8:42 PM | Low taxes | Non fossil fuel sources i.e solar and wind | Recreation |
| 852 | Feb 26, 2016 8:29 PM | | Keeping business' in Wells | Increase activities for residences |
| 853 | Feb 26, 2016 6:25 PM | stop building summer cottages | Too many condos allowed on small parcels of land | cleaning up route 1 Kennebunk center is a wonderful example we don't want to be old orchard or Hampton beach |
| 854 | Feb 26, 2016 6:22 PM | architectural, landscaping standards are lacking along the Route 1/109, etc | need more affordable housing/ apartments/ townhouse type developments for younger families | need to improve turnpike exit with hotel, gas station, attraction, restaurants, appearance |
| 855 | Feb 26, 2016 4:42 PM | Infrastructure | CIP Building Needs | needs to be more welcoming for tourists |
| 856 | Feb 25, 2016 9:36 PM | Keep taxes low | Minimize and eliminate regulations | Center Development |
| | | | | Promote land owner rights |