

| 1. How Long have you lived in Hamilton? | Total | Under 5 | 5-10 yrs | 11-25 yrs | 26-50 yrs | 51+ yrs | Under 5 | 5-10 yrs | 11-25 yrs | 26-50 yrs | 51+ yrs |
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| Time lived in town | 802 | 16.0% | 17.8% | 34.8% | 24.7% | 6.7% | | | 8.7% | -7.7% | |
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| 2. How old are you? | | 20-24 yrs | 25-34 yrs | 35-54 yrs | 55-64 yrs | 65+ yrs | 20-24 yrs | 25-34 yrs | 35-54 yrs | 55-64 yrs | 65+ yrs |
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| Age | 792 | 1.0% | 4.7% | 55.6% | 19.8% | 18.9% | | | 8.1% | | -9.7% |
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3. Does your household include (check all that apply):

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| Children under 18 yrs | 486 |
| Elderly Parent | 27 |
| Person with Disability | 50 |

5. Do you (check all that apply):

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| Own Home | 757 |
| Rent Home | 23 |
| Work in Hamilton | 74 |
| Own Business in Hamilton | 47 |

| 7. For each statement, check the answer that most closely reflects your opinion. | Total | Strongly Disagree | Disagree | Neutral | Agree | Strongly Agree | No Opinion |
|--|--------------|--------------------------|-----------------|----------------|--------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| I am satisfied with the level of town services in Hamilton. | 758 | 2.8% | 15.4% | 19.5% | 48.0% | 13.2% | 1.1% |
| Hamilton has experienced too much residential growth. | 740 | 5.8% | 25.9% | 36.1% | 17.8% | 11.4% | 3.0% |
| My property taxes are too high. | 740 | 1.9% | 4.7% | 20.0% | 32.2% | 39.5% | 1.8% |
| Hamilton has enough recreation space. | 738 | 6.6% | 22.9% | 18.0% | 34.1% | 17.5% | 0.8% |
| Hamilton's roads are adequately maintained. | 738 | 5.0% | 21.4% | 19.4% | 47.7% | 5.8% | 0.7% |
| Hamilton has done enough to address the supply of our drinking water | 739 | 6.5% | 21.9% | 26.9% | 29.8% | 4.7% | 10.1% |
| Hamilton provides adequate facilities and services for teens. | 731 | 7.0% | 26.1% | 26.1% | 16.1% | 4.4% | 20.2% |
| I am satisfied with Hamilton's public safety services. | 736 | 1.1% | 3.9% | 11.0% | 51.9% | 30.3% | 1.8% |
| Hamilton provides adequate facilities and services for seniors. | 734 | 0.8% | 8.2% | 26.3% | 29.0% | 10.9% | 24.8% |
| I am satisfied with the quality of our public schools. | 733 | 3.8% | 10.6% | 14.6% | 43.2% | 22.8% | 4.9% |
| Hamilton (excluding land preservation organizations and private citizens) is taking adequate steps to prevent the development of important open space. | 730 | 12.5% | 21.6% | 19.9% | 31.1% | 8.6% | 6.3% |
| Cell phone coverage is adequate in Hamilton. | 733 | 28.2% | 28.2% | 9.8% | 26.9% | 5.3% | 1.5% |
| You can find needed town information on the town website and through the town's social media outlets. | 730 | 5.1% | 13.6% | 23.3% | 46.6% | 7.8% | 3.7% |
| I am satisfied with the communication Hamilton Provides on issues that affect me. | 730 | 9.7% | 21.4% | 23.6% | 39.2% | 5.3% | 0.8% |

| 7. For each statement, check the answer that most closely reflects your opinion. | <i>Strongly Disagree</i> | <i>Disagree</i> | <i>Neutral</i> | <i>Agree</i> | <i>Strongly Agree</i> | <i>No Opinion</i> |
|--|--------------------------|-----------------|----------------|--------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| I am satisfied with the level of town services in Hamilton. | | | | | | |
| Hamilton has experienced too much residential growth. | | 14.2% | 11.0% | -10.4% | -17.7% | |
| My property taxes are too high. | | | | 10.0% | -6.3% | |
| Hamilton has enough recreation space. | | | | -8.4% | | |
| Hamilton's roads are adequately maintained. | | | | | | |
| Hamilton has done enough to address the supply of our drinking water | -8.1% | -9.1% | 7.0% | | | 6.5% |
| Hamilton provides adequate facilities and services for teens. | | | | | | |
| I am satisfied with Hamilton's public safety services. | | | | -6.7% | 6.6% | |
| Hamilton provides adequate facilities and services for seniors. | -6.2% | -10.9% | | 10.9% | 6.2% | |
| I am satisfied with the quality of our public schools. | | | | | -5.6% | |
| Hamilton (excluding land preservation organizations and private citizens) is taking adequate steps to prevent the development of important open space. | | | | | | |
| Cell phone coverage is adequate in Hamilton. | | | | | | |
| You can find needed town information on the town website and through the town's social media outlets. | | | | | | |
| I am satisfied with the communication Hamilton Provides on issues that affect me. | | | | | | |

| 8. Should the Town of Hamilton | Total | Yes | No | No Opinion | Yes | No | No Opinion |
|--|--------------|------------|-----------|-------------------|------------|-----------|-------------------|
| Put More effort into protecting open space? | 733 | 64.0% | 24.6% | 11.5% | -10.2% | 9.6% | |
| Use taxes or other local revenue to buy land or development rights in order to preserve open space? | 727 | 53.2% | 35.9% | 10.9% | | | |
| Use taxes or other local revenue to buy acquire more recreation land? | 720 | 45.4% | 44.0% | 10.6% | 9.0% | -6.4% | |
| Seek grants or work with existing land preservation organizations to buy land or development rights in order to preserve open space? | 723 | 78.8% | 13.8% | 7.3% | | | |
| Put more effort into protecting the historic district and historically significant properties? | 720 | 56.1% | 25.6% | 18.3% | | | |
| Require that large new developments include a percentage of permanent open space? | 716 | 83.7% | 8.7% | 7.7% | -6.0% | | |
| Develop more bicycle paths and/or bicycle lanes? | 721 | 73.9% | 17.3% | 8.7% | 6.8% | | |
| Develop more trails for uses such as horseback riding, walking, mountain biking, and cross country skiing? | 719 | 61.8% | 27.0% | 11.3% | | | |
| Increase the number of scenic roads which have restrictions on tree cutting, changing stone walls and fence building? | 722 | 44.7% | 34.8% | 20.5% | -11.6% | 7.2% | |
| Are you satisfied how CPC funds approved at Town Meeting have been spent over last 10 years? | 715 | 33.3% | 28.5% | 38.2% | | | |
| Should the town support increasing the CPC surcharge from 2% to 3% to increase (almost double) the state match and increase our ability to fund community preservation projects? | 710 | 38.0% | 41.1% | 20.8% | | | |

| 9. Check up to 10 recreational facilities that you think are important to the community. | % of total responses |
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| Bike trails or bike lanes | 68.5% |
| Local neighborhood parks | 67.9% |
| Fields for soccer, softball, baseball, and football, and Lacrosse | 65.4% |
| Conservation areas | 62.9% |
| Hiking and skiing trails | 60.6% |
| Children's play areas | 58.6% |
| Patton Park improvements | 55.6% |
| Swimming pool | 42.4% |
| Public access to water bodies for swimming | 39.4% |
| Cultural, arts, and craft facilities | 39.3% |
| Family picnic areas | 30.1% |
| Public access to water bodies for boating | 28.3% |
| Horse trails | 19.9% |
| Other - Write In | 11.4% |

| 10. Of the 10 recreational facilities which two are most important to you? | | |
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| 189 | | 26.8% |
| 142 | | 20.1% |
| 219 | | 31.1% |
| 178 | | 25.3% |
| 155 | | 22.0% |
| 85 | | 12.1% |
| 86 | | 12.2% |
| 83 | | 11.8% |
| 44 | | 6.2% |
| 48 | | 6.8% |
| 25 | | 3.6% |
| 23 | | 3.3% |
| 50 | | 7.1% |
| 39 | | 5.5% |

| 11. Should the Town of Hamilton: | Total | Yes | No | No Opinion | Yes | No | No Opinion |
|---|--------------|------------|-----------|-------------------|------------|-----------|-------------------|
| Restrict new development through zoning? | 704 | 65.3% | 22.6% | 12.1% | -15.1% | 10.9% | |
| Use tax revenue or bonds to buy land for the purpose of reducing Hamilton's future growth potential? | 704 | 36.6% | 44.7% | 18.6% | -15.2% | 10.2% | |
| Adopt zoning to encourage market-rate housing for the elderly? | 702 | 53.6% | 25.2% | 21.2% | | 5.7% | |
| Adopt zoning to encourage townhouse or multi-family units in order to accommodate one-person and small households? | 699 | 44.6% | 41.2% | 14.2% | | | |
| Increase the minimum lot size required for new homes to reduce the potential number of lots in town? | 701 | 45.9% | 39.7% | 14.4% | -21.6% | 15.0% | 6.5% |
| Adopt special zoning that allows planned, residential and commercial development in exchange for open space preservation on large estates? | 688 | 54.8% | 26.0% | 19.2% | -10.4% | 8.8% | |
| Allow cottage style zoning? Cottage housing provides an option that preserves the privacy and personal space of a detached house in a smaller and less costly unit. Cottages are usually built in clusters around a common open space and can introduce a sense of community. In the marketplace they are offer an alternative to the two choices most often available: single family houses and condominiums. Cottages allow empty-nesters, seniors, the newly single to remain near friends and family. | 704 | 66.2% | 18.5% | 15.3% | | | |
| Be more proactive about developing a sewer system for downtown businesses? | 700 | 59.3% | 17.7% | 23.0% | | | |

| 12. Should the Town of Hamilton: | Total | Yes | No | No Opinion | Yes | No | No Opinion |
|---|--------------|------------|-----------|-------------------|------------|-----------|-------------------|
| Sponsor or encourage housing affordable to senior citizens living on fixed incomes? | 687 | 68.4% | 20.2% | 11.4% | | | |
| Sponsor or encourage housing affordable housing to low- or moderate-income people of all ages? | 683 | 45.4% | 42.5% | 12.2% | | 5.2% | |
| Sponsor or encourage housing affordable to town and school employees? | 676 | 48.2% | 38.5% | 13.3% | | -5.0% | |
| Buy land for the purpose of developing affordable housing? | 670 | 31.0% | 58.1% | 10.9% | | | -6.4% |
| Sponsor the development of elderly housing exclusively for seniors already living in Hamilton or whose adult children live in Hamilton? | 673 | 55.7% | 30.0% | 14.3% | | | |
| Adopt zoning that requires the inclusion of some affordable housing units in new residential developments? | 676 | 53.1% | 36.2% | 10.7% | | | |
| Apply for grants to buy existing homes and sell or rent them as affordable housing? | 673 | 50.2% | 39.7% | 10.1% | | | |
| Adopt zoning providing for a mix of housing by allowing two-unit or multi-family homes, subject to site plan review? | 663 | 44.0% | 42.5% | 13.4% | 5.0% | | |
| Allow more rental property options? | 668 | 52.1% | 33.7% | 14.2% | | -6.4% | |
| Should town relax existing zoning so as to permit a rental unit in a single family home? | 670 | 47.8% | 41.8% | 10.4% | | | |

| 13. Should the Town of Hamilton: | Total | Yes | No | No Opinion | Yes | No | No Opinion |
|--|--------------|------------|-----------|-------------------|------------|-----------|-------------------|
| Sponsor or develop bicycle lanes on key connector roads? | 678 | 71.4% | 19.3% | 9.3% | 5.7% | -6.0% | |
| Provide more services and programs for youth? | 676 | 54.7% | 25.9% | 19.4% | 9.9% | | -9.0% |
| Provide more services and programs for senior citizens? | 670 | 43.1% | 26.9% | 30.0% | -6.9% | 5.7% | |
| Provide services and facilities for cultural activities (art, theatre, music, crafts, etc.)? | 668 | 54.2% | 25.0% | 20.8% | 5.0% | | |
| Be more proactive about investigating and securing additional water supplies to serve Hamilton residents and businesses? | 674 | 66.0% | 11.0% | 23.0% | -14.3% | | 11.1% |
| Be more pro-active about encouraging or enforcing more water conservation? | 673 | 57.4% | 27.2% | 15.5% | -16.9% | 12.0% | 5.0% |
| Increase annual spending on road maintenance and drainage? | 667 | 39.0% | 37.9% | 23.1% | 8.5% | -8.3% | |

| 14. Improve access for persons with disabilities in public and commercial buildings, parks or other public places? | Total | Yes | No | No Opinion | Yes | No | No Opinion |
|--|-------|-----|-----|------------|--------|--------|------------|
| Improve Access for Disabled | 614 | 20% | 17% | 55% | | -14.7% | 5.4% |
| 15. Build more sidewalks in residential neighborhoods? | Total | Yes | No | No Opinion | Yes | No | No Opinion |
| More Sidewalks in Residential Neighborhoods | 534 | 21% | 35% | 24% | -5.7% | -11.1% | |
| 16. Should town more aggressively enforce regulations to protect surrounding residents from home-based businesses? | Total | Yes | No | No Opinion | Yes | No | No Opinion |
| Enforcement Regulations re Home Business | 607 | 13% | 45% | 34% | -41.2% | 17.5% | 15.3% |

| 18. Should the Town of Hamilton: | Total | Yes | No | No Opinion |
|---|-------|-------|-------|------------|
| Work to facilitate more commercial development in Hamilton to expand the town's tax base? | 671 | 71.2% | 20.1% | 8.6% |
| Provide more short term parking spaces in the downtown area? | 672 | 34.5% | 45.8% | 19.6% |
| Provide more parking for commuters? | 668 | 18.7% | 53.4% | 27.8% |
| Do more to enforce parking regulations in downtown residential areas? | 664 | 17.6% | 51.4% | 31.0% |
| Spend tax or other local revenue to bury public utilities in the downtown area? | 662 | 29.5% | 46.4% | 24.2% |
| Improve pedestrian and bicycle access in the downtown area? | 665 | 62.1% | 23.5% | 14.4% |
| Sponsor or encourage shared wastewater disposal facilities or a sewer district to serve downtown businesses to enable more restaurants and other food related businesses? | 665 | 67.8% | 17.0% | 15.2% |

| Yes | No | No Opinion |
|--------|--------|------------|
| 19.5% | -21.3% | |
| -12.0% | 7.3% | |
| -33.6% | 23.6% | 9.9% |
| -17.0% | 17.0% | |
| | | |
| 6.4% | | |
| 23.4% | -20.8% | |

| 19. What kind of business would you like to see more of in downtown Hamilton? (check all that apply) | % of total responses |
|---|----------------------|
| bakery/deli | 81.2% |
| more restaurants | 52.6% |
| retail stores | 45.2% |
| bed and breakfast/inns | 30.1% |
| offices | 29.2% |
| recreation | 29.2% |
| grocery/food | 26.2% |
| service business | 22.6% |
| home business | 13.3% |
| Other - Write In | 12.7% |
| tourism | 8.5% |

| 20. How important is it to you, even if it may involve public spending, to: | Total | Very important | Important | No Opinion | Not Important | Very Unimportant |
|---|--------------|-----------------------|------------------|-------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|
| Preserve buildings of historical or architectural interest | 667 | 22.8% | 41.1% | 21.6% | 10.5% | 4.0% |
| Preserve farmlands | 668 | 39.1% | 38.5% | 15.0% | 5.4% | 2.1% |
| Preserve open space to protect drinking water | 664 | 52.0% | 38.7% | 7.7% | 1.4% | 0.3% |
| Preserve open space to protect natural resources | 662 | 46.1% | 38.4% | 11.2% | 3.2% | 1.2% |
| Maintain current recreational areas and facilities | 669 | 42.2% | 46.8% | 7.9% | 2.1% | 1.0% |
| Improve High School field facilities with an artificial turf field to lengthen the playing season and lesson the burden on other town fields? | 669 | 25.4% | 21.5% | 23.5% | 15.8% | 13.8% |
| Acquire land for recreational purposes | 666 | 17.6% | 28.7% | 26.3% | 19.4% | 8.1% |
| Increase the supply of parking in downtown Hamilton | 663 | 3.3% | 17.0% | 37.1% | 31.7% | 10.9% |
| Increase the level of communication of town business through the town's website, email and social media | 657 | 22.2% | 37.0% | 31.1% | 7.0% | 2.7% |

| 20. How important is it to you, even if it may involve public spending, to: | <i>Very important</i> | <i>Important</i> | <i>No Opinion</i> | <i>Not Important</i> | <i>Very Unimportant</i> |
|---|-----------------------|------------------|-------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|
| Preserve buildings of historical or architectural interest | | 7.9% | -6.2% | | |
| Preserve farmlands | | | | | |
| Preserve open space to protect drinking water | | 9.2% | | | |
| Preserve open space to protect natural resources | | 7.2% | | | |
| Maintain current recreational areas and facilities | | | | | |
| Improve High School field facilities with an artificial turf field to lengthen the playing season and lessen the burden on other town fields? | 25.4% | 21.5% | 23.5% | 15.8% | 13.8% |
| Acquire land for recreational purposes | | | | | |
| Increase the supply of parking in downtown Hamilton | -6.7% | -8.9% | 5.2% | 6.4% | |
| Increase the level of communication of town business through the town's website, email and social media | 22.2% | 37.0% | 31.1% | 7.0% | 2.7% |

| 21. If you could determine how your tax dollars were spent, would you allocate more, or less or the same amount to the following areas? | Total | More | Same | Less | No Opinion | More | Same | Less | No Opinion |
|---|-------|-------|-------|-------|------------|--------|--------|-------|------------|
| Active recreation facilities, e.g., athletic fields, tennis courts | 658 | 30.5% | 48.6% | 15.3% | 5.5% | 7.6% | -13.0% | | |
| Maintenance of streets, sidewalks, and parks | 658 | 36.3% | 58.5% | 2.3% | 2.9% | 7.0% | -6.7% | | |
| Build more bicycle and walking paths | 653 | 48.7% | 28.6% | 17.6% | 5.1% | | | | |
| Drinking water supply and quality | 659 | 49.3% | 43.2% | 2.3% | 5.2% | -16.1% | 11.7% | | |
| Senior services | 647 | 17.8% | 55.2% | 13.8% | 13.3% | -15.2% | 11.0% | | |
| Public Schools: Staff and Facilities | 660 | 39.8% | 41.8% | 13.5% | 4.8% | 21.5% | -25.3% | | |
| Public relations/Communication | 652 | 16.9% | 55.4% | 16.1% | 11.7% | 16.9% | 55.4% | 16.1% | 11.7% |