

# YOUR VOICE MATTERS

**Coming to Northfield!**  
**\$1.9M** in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds.

How should Northfield spend our money?

## COME! Community Meetings:

- The Woods Lodge (Tue, May 31, 5:00-6:00pm)
- Falls General Store (Sat, June 4, 11:30am-12:30pm)
- American Legion (Tue, June 7, 5:30-6:30pm)
- United Church (Sun, Sept. 11, 11:30am-12:30pm)
- Senior Center (Wed, Sept. 14, 6:30-7:30pm)

AND/OR

- Fill out a SURVEY

AND/OR

- Look for info in your utility bill

AND/OR

- Visit ARPA kiosks about town

Fill out SURVEY here →

Paper Surveys at  
Town Offices and Brown Library



<https://www.vlct.org/arpa>

## Appendix 1B

### How can I share my opinions?

Attend a Community Forum

In person:

1. **Tuesday, May 31st** from 5-6 pm at the Woods Lodge
2. **Saturday, June 4th** from 11:30-12:30 pm at Falls General Store
3. **Tuesday, June 7th** from 5:30-6:30 at the American Legion
4. **Sunday, September 11th** from 11:30-12:30 at the United Church
5. **Wednesday, September 14th** from 6:30-7:30 at the Senior Center

Or Virtually:

1. **Thursday, June 9th** 6:30-7:30
2. **Friday, September 9th** 6:30-7:30

**AND** Take this Important Survey!



You can follow this QR code or pick one up at the town office or library

### Thank you for sharing your opinions!

For more information about ARPA in Vermont visit the Vermont League of Cities & Towns ARPA page:

<https://www.vlct.org/arpa>



**Did you know Northfield will receive nearly \$2 Million in ARPA funds?**



**Your Voice Matter**

**Let the Select Board know how you think our community should use the money.**

### What is ARPA money?

- ARPA Stands for the American Rescue Plan Act.
- Signed into law on March 11, 2021, the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) awarded millions of dollars directly to cities and towns for response to and recovery from the Covid-19 Pandemic.
- Town governing bodies have discretion over how to spend their local ARPA funds

### What kinds of projects have other towns funded with ARPA money?

**Investments in making the community a better place to live:**

- Childcare, recreation, improvements to community gathering spaces, bike and walking trails, acquiring abandoned properties, land-banking for public housing

**Investments in business/municipal operations:**

- Improving technology, such as software, cyber security, digitization of land records, better websites, better broadband
- Capital improvements to municipal infrastructure, extending sewer, replacing old water mains, back-up power for emergency operations center, Emergency Services equipment, facility upgrades & updates.

## Appendix 2

Northfield is receiving \$1.9million inAmerican Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds. This is an advisory survey to assist the Select Board in making decisions on how to spend that money. Please come and participate at any one of the (5) public meetings to discuss your ideas in more detail.

1. What factors are most important to you when considering allocation (spending of our ARPA funds?

Please rank (1=most important, 6=least important)

- Overall Cost
- Lasting impact
- Readiness to implement/begin
- Widest benefit to the community
- Alignment with Town Plan and vision for the future
- Other (please specify)

2. Would you rather spend ARPA funds on: (Choose one)

- In smaller amounts on several projects
- In larger amounts on one or two projects
- Other (please specify)

3. What could the Town of Northfield do to help our community grow and thrive?

Please rank (1=most important, 7=least important)

- Expand sewer/water service
- Expand cell reception/broadband
- Expand accessibility via roads, sidewalks, etc. via improvements
- Expand recreation opportunities
- Expand job opportunities
- Improve Citizen Safety
- Other (please specify)

4. Discuss your vision for your #1 pick from the previous question (#3)?

5. In your opinion what is Northfield's best feature?

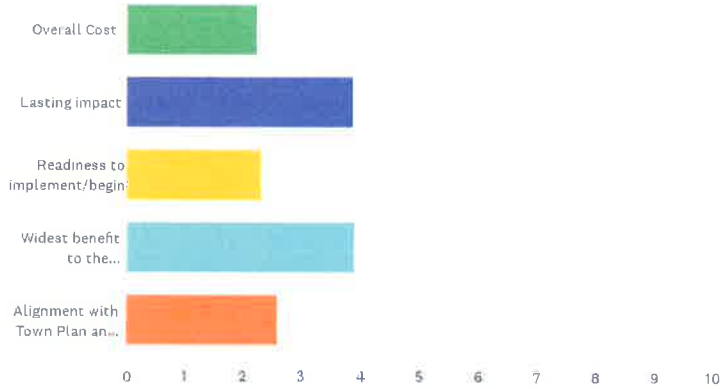
6. What Northfield feature(s) could improve and how?

7. If you have other thoughts about spending Northfield's \$1.9 million in ARPA funds please what would they be?

Thank you very much for taking the time to complete this survey. Please add a few closing words about why it is important to you!

APPENDIX 3 Automatic analysis (by Survey Monkey) of Questions 1-3

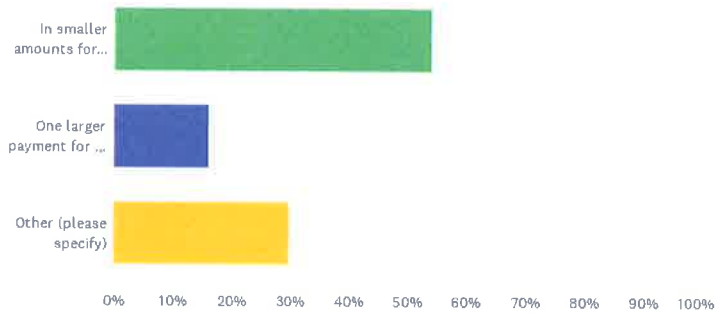
Q1 What factors are most important to you when considering spending of our ARPA funds? Please rank (1=most important, 6=least important)



	1	2	3	4	5	TOTAL	SCORE
Overall Cost	10.02 % 45	8.02 % 36	17.59 % 79	26.73 % 120	37.64 % 169	449	2.26
Lasting impact	35.32 % 160	34.44 % 156	17.22 % 78	8.17 % 37	4.86 % 22	453	3.87
Readiness to implement/begin	4.26 % 19	12.11 % 54	24.89 % 111	32.06 % 143	26.68 % 119	446	2.35
Widest benefit to the community	40.09 % 184	30.28 % 139	15.25 % 70	9.37 % 43	5.01 % 23	459	3.91

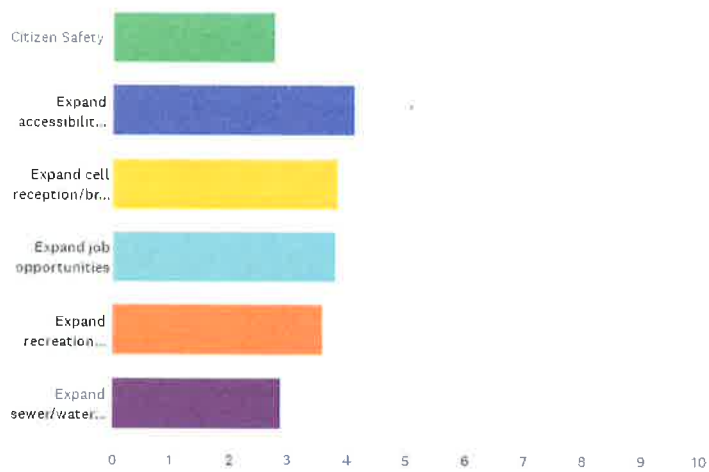
-	12.04	14.44	24.51	22.54	26.48		
Alignment with Town Plan and vision for the future	%	%	%	%	%	457	2.63
	55	66	112	103	121		

Q2 How would you rather spend ARPA funds? (Choose one)



	RESPONSES
-	-
-	54.06%
In smaller amounts for more things/uses	253
-	16.03%
One larger payment for one use	75
-	29.91%
Responses	140
Other (please specify)	
TOTAL	468

Q3 What could the Town of Northfield do to help our community grow and thrive? Please rank (1=most important, 6=least important)



	1	2	3	4	5	6	TOTAL	SCORE
Citizen Safety	10.28 %	9.63 %	10.9 4%	18.3 8%	19.2 6%	31.5 1%	457	2.79
Expand accessibility via roads, sidewalks, etc. - via improvements	23.09 %	21.1 3%	22.4 4%	18.5 2%	9.37 %	5.45 %	459	4.14
Expand cell reception/broadband	21.44 %	22.7 6%	16.4 1%	11.8 2%	15.3 2%	12.2 5%	457	3.86
Expand job opportunities	20.79 %	16.1 9%	20.3 5%	17.9 4%	15.7 5%	8.97 %	457	3.81

- Expand recreation opportunities	17.69	17.0	17.2	18.3	15.5	14.1	458	3.60
	%	3%	5%	4%	0%	9%		
	81	78	79	84	71	65		
- Expand sewer/water service	9.31%	13.7	12.4	13.9	24.1	26.3	451	2.91
	42	5%	2%	7%	7%	9%		
		62	56	63	109	119		



## Q5 In your opinion what is Northfield's best feature?

Answered: 427 Skipped: 49

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	opportunities for individuals to be involved in community and make a difference	10/23/2022 10:25 AM
2	Norwich University	10/23/2022 10:13 AM
3	Town Common	10/23/2022 10:11 AM
4	we have a great town center that offers a focal point for community with post office, library, town offices, green and small business all closely located	10/23/2022 10:07 AM
5	very friendly community	10/1/2022 9:22 AM
6	Small town atmosphere	10/1/2022 9:13 AM
7	The Common	10/1/2022 1:39 AM
8	Fernandez Hardware Store, the best hardware store. The best socks, the best bread, the worst newspaper and a decrepit fountain at the heart of it all. We don't like to flaunt our bestness; Must be our modesty.	9/30/2022 11:11 PM
9	Small size, community minded feel and neighborly attitude.	9/30/2022 10:05 PM
10	The community!!!	9/30/2022 9:02 PM
11	Paine Mt. trails	9/30/2022 7:40 PM
12	Open active community	9/30/2022 6:51 PM
13	My backyard, nature, trees, bears and birds.	9/30/2022 6:36 PM
14	Norwich	9/30/2022 6:14 PM
15	Its mountains, hills, waterways and valleys. Such a wonderful combination of natural features in one town.	9/30/2022 6:07 PM
16	The community	9/30/2022 5:49 PM
17	The covered bridges are beautiful and Depot Square is nice- the Dog River Park is a nice new addition.	9/30/2022 5:35 PM
18	nothing	9/29/2022 2:39 PM
19	The pool or the library.	9/29/2022 1:23 PM
20	Then water fountain in the middle of the town	9/29/2022 12:01 PM
21	the covered bridges	9/29/2022 9:40 AM
22	The parks	9/28/2022 9:12 PM
23	It's old school style :D	9/28/2022 7:31 PM
24	I would say that Norwich is not necessarily the best feature, but it's a feature that makes Northfield look good. It's a nice college in a smaller town, and it's a good college, that is also a military college. Which I think makes it more esteemed. Other than that, it's really pretty here, the trees and the natural aspect of the town are very pretty. (I apologize if that didn't make much sense, I've only lived here for about 3 and a half months at most, I attempted to think of something.)	9/28/2022 1:16 PM
25	Everything	9/28/2022 1:13 PM
26	There are many a people in this community that are very passionite about helping everyone they can.	9/28/2022 1:05 PM

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27	I don't know.	9/28/2022 1:01 PM
28	PE	9/28/2022 1:01 PM
29	Pool	9/28/2022 1:01 PM
30	The safety.	9/28/2022 1:00 PM
31	The safety.	9/28/2022 12:59 PM
32	i think northfield is an amazing small town filled with lots of beauty and places to explore but i think the town and the common is probably one of the best places along with the covered bridges and the falls.	9/28/2022 12:59 PM
33	Quietness and comfortable	9/28/2022 12:59 PM
34	quick response of the first responders	9/28/2022 12:59 PM
35	Norwich university	9/28/2022 12:59 PM
36	how close the people are and the simple connections between everybody	9/28/2022 12:59 PM
37	The Christmas tree lighting	9/28/2022 12:58 PM
38	The Common	9/28/2022 12:58 PM
39	Subway	9/28/2022 12:57 PM
40	the water fountain in the common	9/28/2022 12:57 PM
41	Norwich	9/28/2022 12:57 PM
42	Good Measure Pub and brewery	9/28/2022 12:57 PM
43	I want to buy a thing	9/28/2022 12:57 PM
44	community	9/28/2022 12:57 PM
45	I don't know	9/28/2022 12:57 PM
46	The common	9/28/2022 12:57 PM
47	there isnt one	9/28/2022 12:57 PM
48	im not sure	9/28/2022 12:57 PM
49	Norwich	9/28/2022 12:56 PM
50	i dont know	9/28/2022 12:56 PM
51	The pool and recreation options for young kids	9/28/2022 12:56 PM
52	subway	9/28/2022 12:56 PM
53	The common	9/28/2022 12:56 PM
54	The commons are a nice way to hang out, and community events like the labor day celebration and farmers market	9/28/2022 12:56 PM
55	Fall.	9/28/2022 12:56 PM
56	norwich	9/28/2022 12:56 PM
57	The teachers.	9/28/2022 12:56 PM
58	subway	9/28/2022 12:56 PM
59	The scenery	9/28/2022 12:55 PM
60	The hiking trails and scenic views	9/28/2022 12:55 PM
61	Halloween	9/28/2022 12:55 PM
62	the comen	9/28/2022 12:55 PM
63	The common area and parks, the farmers market and celebrations	9/28/2022 12:55 PM

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64	The swimming holes	9/28/2022 12:55 PM
65	nothing	9/28/2022 12:55 PM
66	The teachers in the highschool.	9/28/2022 12:55 PM
67	community	9/28/2022 12:55 PM
68	idk	9/28/2022 12:54 PM
69	idk	9/28/2022 12:54 PM
70	the scenery	9/28/2022 12:53 PM
71	idk	9/28/2022 12:53 PM
72	It's history	9/28/2022 12:52 PM
73	The common.	9/28/2022 12:49 PM
74	the common	9/28/2022 12:49 PM
75	the comunity feel to the town	9/28/2022 12:48 PM
76	multiple choices for where to eat, and the dogpark as a place to hangout	9/28/2022 12:44 PM
77	keeping things local and NOT double the population of the town	9/28/2022 12:11 PM
78	the common	9/28/2022 12:11 PM
79	To be rich and to have like a better town pool also to have like a dunkin or starbucks.	9/28/2022 12:10 PM
80	In my opinion Northfields best feature is the common.	9/28/2022 12:10 PM
81	The pool and recreation Fields	9/28/2022 12:10 PM
82	depot square pizza	9/28/2022 12:08 PM
83	nature	9/28/2022 12:08 PM
84	I like the Commons with the restaurants and nice green space.	9/28/2022 12:08 PM
85	dwayne	9/28/2022 12:07 PM
86	One side of the town is a candy/ ball pit/ water park and on the other side could be just Normal.	9/28/2022 12:07 PM
87	The common	9/28/2022 12:07 PM
88	nothing	9/28/2022 12:07 PM
89	the common and all the things around it.	9/28/2022 12:07 PM
90	The woods/forest	9/28/2022 12:07 PM
91	The common is very pretty	9/28/2022 12:07 PM
92	farmers market	9/28/2022 12:07 PM
93	The bank in the common	9/28/2022 12:07 PM
94	the theater program	9/28/2022 12:06 PM
95	quietness?	9/28/2022 12:06 PM
96	The school	9/28/2022 12:06 PM
97	the peoples kindness	9/28/2022 12:06 PM
98	the common	9/28/2022 12:06 PM
99	The tiny fountain in the common	9/28/2022 12:05 PM
100	Common	9/28/2022 12:05 PM

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101	The auditorium for the NMHS	9/28/2022 12:05 PM
102	northfield pool	9/28/2022 12:05 PM
103	to have a Dunkin	9/28/2022 12:05 PM
104	Parks	9/28/2022 12:05 PM
105	northfield pool	9/28/2022 12:05 PM
106	The people who run the place.	9/28/2022 12:04 PM
107	No traffic and cross walk accessibility.	9/28/2022 12:04 PM
108	THE COMMINS, THE FOUNTAIN	9/28/2022 12:04 PM
109	The common.	9/28/2022 12:04 PM
110	The pool	9/28/2022 12:03 PM
111	comuite	9/28/2022 12:03 PM
112	Not much traffic so I can walk places easier	9/28/2022 12:03 PM
113	how every one knows every one and that people are frendly	9/28/2022 12:03 PM
114	dollar genral and no trafic	9/28/2022 12:03 PM
115	the pool	9/28/2022 12:03 PM
116	a dunkin donuts or a new	9/28/2022 12:03 PM
117	How Close things are together?	9/28/2022 12:02 PM
118	New restaurants	9/28/2022 12:02 PM
119	The take-out options	9/28/2022 12:02 PM
120	good	9/28/2022 12:02 PM
121	the common	9/28/2022 12:02 PM
122	The small town, "true" Vermont feel.	9/24/2022 12:11 PM
123	Location	9/19/2022 6:32 AM
124	Its beautiful setting, especially Paine Mountain and the Dog River, and the opportunities they afford us for enjoying activities out in nature.	9/18/2022 7:20 PM
125	Norichuniversity	9/18/2022 7:14 PM
126	Needs more attractions	9/18/2022 6:48 PM
127	Our community.	9/18/2022 5:14 PM
128	the college and the sock factory, equally	9/16/2022 6:02 PM
129	Helpful community	9/16/2022 8:20 AM
130	It's location in the heart of the Green Mountains, close enough to surrounding communities to provide access to resources and fun but far enough from tourist centers to avoid losing community spirit.	9/15/2022 10:40 AM
131	It's somewhat remote location that is easily accessible to other nearby dining and shopping areas.	9/15/2022 9:16 AM
132	Some what affordable housing, and access to the interstate.	9/15/2022 7:35 AM
133	It's people and small businesses.	9/14/2022 7:04 PM
134	small community feel	9/14/2022 6:16 PM
135	Better school system, improved police coverage in rural areas.	9/14/2022 5:34 PM
136	Brown Library and the Memorial Pool	9/13/2022 7:20 PM

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137	Historic Downtown Center (Depot Square to Norwich). This area is unique. Smaller than Montpelier, but more identifiable than anything along the way in Berlin or headed south to Roxbury. Lean into this area, make strategic improvements to encourage new businesses. Potential to expand northward with businesses near the mill	9/13/2022 4:07 PM
138	Depot Square and surrounding business district	9/13/2022 7:10 AM
139	Gossip	9/12/2022 9:44 PM
140	Its people	9/12/2022 9:24 PM
141	Affordable family friendly environment.	9/12/2022 8:33 PM
142	Norwich with jobs, education and sports.	9/12/2022 6:22 PM
143	Paine Mountain	9/12/2022 5:24 PM
144	The Norwich Campus.	9/12/2022 10:53 AM
145	Northfield Common.	9/12/2022 9:29 AM
146	The covered bridges.	9/11/2022 7:05 PM
147	The Paine Mountain trail system.	9/9/2022 9:08 PM
148	Quaint small Vermont town. People help each other in times of need.	9/9/2022 7:38 PM
149	Dog river	9/9/2022 6:26 PM
150	Community activities such as the Farmer's market, library programs, school events.	9/9/2022 1:18 PM
151	Its history. How about small plaques on selected buildings and bridges with historical info. I miss the old signs on the covered bridges that read 'horses at a walk'. Tourists are looking for bridges which we have in abundance, and interesting historical events. For increased business, we need to shrink the amount of acreage needed to build, not limited to just one industrial park. The Water St park could have a short dock to allow people to sit etc. Not sure there are fish there to catch. It could also have a canoe/kayak ramp although there isn't enough water nowadays. Obviously, the ramp could go elsewhere.	9/8/2022 9:28 AM
152	Norwich University	9/7/2022 11:05 PM
153	Cabot Hosiery	9/7/2022 10:24 PM
154	Ease of living with parks, pool, grocery, hardware all nearby	9/7/2022 12:35 PM
155	the university	9/7/2022 9:51 AM
156	small town feel, rural setting	9/7/2022 8:36 AM
157	The common	9/6/2022 11:09 PM
158	Small town and community support with one another	9/6/2022 10:29 PM
159	Community that cares about each other	9/6/2022 9:57 PM
160	Its people. So many so dedicated to helping others, especially our youth	9/6/2022 9:31 PM
161	The business that have survived and are thriving. Additionally the beautiful town area and the improved sidewalks. Please also don't forget about the Falls! That area should be a lot more walkable than it is.	9/6/2022 9:12 PM
162	It's historical features	9/6/2022 8:57 PM
163	There's a town center and it gets quieter as you go further out.	9/6/2022 8:38 PM
164	Norwich University	9/6/2022 8:23 PM
165	Strong community	9/6/2022 8:20 PM
166	Norwich University	9/6/2022 7:13 PM
167	Community spirit; willingness to assist those in need	9/6/2022 7:08 PM
168	Sports programs for youth, the public swimming pool, and the people who make these things	9/6/2022 6:36 PM

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happen. We are fortunate to have the Senior Center as well.

169	Community	9/6/2022 6:23 PM
170	Downtown	9/6/2022 6:22 PM
171	Staying with the small town vibe!!	9/6/2022 5:55 PM
172	The common, the relationship we have with Norwich (although the off-campus students can make quite a ruckus with their neighborhood parties), the brewery, the coffee shop, the walkability for school, library, post office and the common.	9/6/2022 5:47 PM
173	diversity, location	9/6/2022 5:39 PM
174	Small town feel	9/6/2022 5:37 PM
175	Its people.	9/6/2022 5:35 PM
176	Things are fairly close by	9/6/2022 5:20 PM
177	Norwich University	9/6/2022 2:10 PM
178	Housing and restaurants, things to bring people to town	9/6/2022 9:03 AM
179	People	9/5/2022 8:28 PM
180	Depot Square and NU	9/5/2022 7:52 PM
181	Recreation and college town.	9/5/2022 7:47 PM
182	The overall sense of community. The relationship the town has with Norwich University. The common as a place for all, are things that make Northfield great to me.	9/5/2022 7:38 PM
183	The bridges and the town center. We do get visitors as well as people that drive through town. Having those locations at optimum potential will help people to enjoy and appreciate the town more.	9/5/2022 7:33 PM
184	Rural	9/5/2022 7:32 PM
185	Norwich University	9/5/2022 7:20 PM
186	It is a quiet, friendly community.	9/5/2022 6:38 PM
187	All of it! Strong Community, forest woodlands, parks, the common, some restaurants (we could use more), the historic bridges, the university	9/5/2022 5:59 PM
188	Its small town atmosphere with a disproportionately large talent base.	9/5/2022 5:51 PM
189	The gray building	9/5/2022 5:48 PM
190	Recreation	9/5/2022 5:42 PM
191	Not sure at the point, Northfield is a town with a college in it not a college town	9/5/2022 5:33 PM
192	Paine Mountain trails & proximity to Montpelier, 89, & more.	9/5/2022 5:32 PM
193	Accessible, collegial Common businesses	9/5/2022 5:21 PM
194	Centrally located in Vermont and to an extent in the Northeast being somewhat close to Montreal, Boston, etc. Affordable as compared to the Mad River valley, Stowe/Waterbury, and especially Burlington. Good mix of political ideologies as well as older folks and younger families. Lots of room for improvements going forward. It seems like lots of new young, energetic folks are moving into town and it is an opportunity to keep making Northfield better.	9/5/2022 3:25 PM
195	No extremes, natural beauty, downtown businesses	9/5/2022 10:28 AM
196	Area around the common	9/5/2022 7:57 AM
197	Progressive and open minded. Utilizing what is here and making profit from it in a respectful and conscious way. Creating a downtown space that's actually appealing to everyone not just someone 60 or older. Maybe choosing to have less Internet companies in downtown space and more retail not owned by one family who doesn't have the ability to be a good landlord. I know I'm new here but a lot of things seem real backwards...	9/5/2022 7:42 AM

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198	Nice Common area	9/5/2022 5:02 AM
199	Small town feel; sense of continuity with past yet needs to have viable present and future	9/4/2022 11:13 PM
200	Town green and events there. Used to like the Rec Park when there were the Dragon feature, slide, climbing structures and Zip Line.	9/4/2022 9:51 PM
201	Parks, pool, trails.	9/4/2022 9:06 PM
202	The general feeling of small town.	9/4/2022 9:05 PM
203	The common	9/4/2022 8:42 PM
204	It's size	9/4/2022 8:05 PM
205	Community that supports each other.	9/4/2022 7:47 PM
206	A great blend of residents and students/teachers, and a good relationship between the town and Norwich.	9/4/2022 7:32 PM
207	The square	9/4/2022 5:32 PM
208	This is a small town with so much to offer. We need to encourage people to move to northfield, start a business and become a part of this fabulous town	9/4/2022 5:29 PM
209	The people!	9/4/2022 5:09 PM
210	That it leads to Montpelier.	9/4/2022 5:05 PM
211	The sense of community.	9/4/2022 4:46 PM
212	As of right now nothing	9/4/2022 11:41 AM
213	The gorgeous Buddhist center	9/4/2022 10:34 AM
214	The landscape and the college	9/4/2022 7:18 AM
215	Center of town and Norwich.	9/4/2022 7:18 AM
216	It's natural beauty	9/3/2022 6:28 PM
217	The common -- a place to gather as a town, to observe Labor Day, etc. and to shop and eat.	9/3/2022 10:22 AM
218	A well stocked village surrounded by beautiful working landscape.	9/3/2022 9:41 AM
219	The good measure compound, falls general, and the people	9/3/2022 7:54 AM
220	To me the Common IS Northfield. It's so wonderful to see people enjoying outdoor lunch, conversation and just saying hello to passerbys.	9/2/2022 10:42 PM
221	Small town feel.	9/2/2022 7:43 PM
222	Dog river and multiple beautiful swimming holes	9/2/2022 7:27 PM
223	Location	9/2/2022 6:05 PM
224	Location and Norwich University (they bring new people in and jobs)	9/2/2022 5:52 PM
225	NU as a stable employer.	9/2/2022 5:12 PM
226	That new people are moving to the area.	9/2/2022 5:08 PM
227	That it isn't tourism based.	9/2/2022 3:18 PM
228	The youth who are beginning to move here and/or are stepping into positions of decision making.	9/2/2022 1:59 PM
229	Usually, the people. And the mountains.	9/2/2022 7:57 AM
230	Small businesses run by good people	9/2/2022 7:16 AM
231	Location, population size, local businesses in town, network of trails on Paine Mountain	9/2/2022 7:02 AM
232	Norwich	9/2/2022 6:22 AM

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233	the Library	9/2/2022 4:19 AM
234	Citizens' willingness to step up when there is a need.	9/2/2022 12:06 AM
235	Paine mountain access trails	9/1/2022 9:09 PM
236	The people. It's a friendly & safe place to live.	9/1/2022 8:50 PM
237	The small town feel	9/1/2022 7:54 PM
238	It's small businesses	9/1/2022 7:46 PM
239	The Farmer's Market in the Common.	9/1/2022 7:31 PM
240	Norwich University.	9/1/2022 7:31 PM
241	River	9/1/2022 5:53 PM
242	Presence of Norwich University if the town could just figure out how to leverage that as other college towns have done. And no, I'm in no way affiliated with NU.	9/1/2022 5:51 PM
243	The people who care about the town and work so hard, on a voluntary basis, to protect and nourish the law-abiding citizens.	9/1/2022 5:48 PM
244	Location and town center	9/1/2022 5:46 PM
245	physical beauty	9/1/2022 5:36 PM
246	Covered bridges	9/1/2022 5:19 PM
247	The town center but it needs updates and more businesses. Quiet town life. Would be great to have more dog areas and safe walking opportunities, sidewalks etc in town. Roads need maintenance desperately	9/1/2022 12:15 PM
248	It's combination of location and affordability relative to nearby communities	9/1/2022 9:45 AM
249	Small town, with things to do. the new pub is great and new trails are great, but we moved here because there was low key recreational opportunities. we do NOT want to become the next "kingdom trail" destination. Our town is great because people actually live here.	9/1/2022 6:46 AM
250	Its residents	8/31/2022 9:34 PM
251	The depot	8/31/2022 8:35 PM
252	Gorgeous setting, unspoiled town forest, friendly people.	8/31/2022 6:35 PM
253	On the Common Community Events such as the Farmer's Market	8/31/2022 6:22 PM
254	Our small town. Like it as it is.	8/31/2022 6:01 PM
255	Small isolated	8/30/2022 6:17 PM
256	A viable, compact town center.	8/11/2022 7:54 PM
257	Walkability and proximity to nature.	8/3/2022 11:01 AM
258	Center	7/24/2022 8:14 PM
259	Norwich University	7/22/2022 3:48 PM
260	I have been impressed with the community's willingness to pitch in and get things done. I also like that it has a town square and want to see that flourish.	7/21/2022 7:08 PM
261	The people are lovely, active farmer's market, beautiful bridges, Norwich University and a variety of businesses.	7/21/2022 6:24 PM
262	Town square; swimming pool	7/21/2022 12:24 PM
263	Our people.	7/21/2022 11:38 AM
264	Community spirit	7/21/2022 11:18 AM
265	Norwich University	7/21/2022 10:09 AM
266	The university	7/21/2022 9:58 AM



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267	country living and Darn Tough socks	7/21/2022 8:39 AM
268	A hotel to help with Norwichs parents and add a descent restaurant	7/21/2022 5:38 AM
269	Offers more village services than most small villages in the county banks, restaurants, high speed internet, better cell coverage, recreational trails, easy i89 access, central location in the state.	7/20/2022 9:50 PM
270	Proximity to Barre/Montpelier area	7/20/2022 9:09 PM
271	Low crime rate	7/20/2022 8:58 PM
272	Small population	7/20/2022 8:01 PM
273	The common	7/20/2022 7:59 PM
274	we are a small but vital and friendly community and when needed many chip in and help.	7/20/2022 6:40 PM
275	Northfield MemorialPark, our schools and having Norwich University here	7/20/2022 6:13 PM
276	It has a beautiful setting. And Norwich University adds so very much	7/20/2022 6:08 PM
277	The activities available through the town and Norwich.	7/20/2022 5:50 PM
278	Its proximity to the interstate and moderately priced homes.	7/19/2022 8:46 PM
279	Hard to say	7/19/2022 5:43 PM
280	The town forest. More people should be able to utilize the trail system.	7/19/2022 1:41 PM
281	Beauty and kind people	7/14/2022 7:27 PM
282	Small central community with easy access to nearby woodlands	7/6/2022 7:42 PM
283	Central convenient downtown center with library, churches , Historical Soc, town offices, good restaurants, Farmer's Market, FD, PD, Sr Ctr., pharmacy and the flower gardens! Pharmacy	7/6/2022 6:52 PM
284	Shops in downtown area.	7/5/2022 2:21 PM
285	Proximity to central Vermont hubs, but still rural.	6/27/2022 7:42 AM
286	Rural community	6/25/2022 12:41 PM
287	I love being able to see the stars, I can almost see the Milky Way and I never got to see that growing up in southern NH. So any improvements to the town should be made with light pollution kept in mind	6/25/2022 2:57 AM
288	It's people	6/24/2022 3:27 PM
289	It's beauty and friendly town atmosphere along with Darn Tough, Good Measure/Carrier, and Norwich.	6/22/2022 12:10 PM
290	The people	6/19/2022 10:45 AM
291	Shaw outdoor center, dog river, commuter bus	6/19/2022 10:09 AM
292	Location - the rivers, bridges, and proximity to the highway and Montpelier so residents can travel for work, tourism, or other needs	6/19/2022 9:50 AM
293	It's history...	6/19/2022 9:29 AM
294	Norwich University as a community partner.	6/17/2022 12:49 PM
295	Folks who are passionate about continuing to increase diversity and equity	6/17/2022 11:55 AM
296	balance between development and nature	6/17/2022 11:53 AM
297	It's small town look & feel	6/17/2022 9:39 AM
298	Norwich	6/15/2022 8:00 PM
299	The outdoors! You just have to make the woods and river more accessible.	6/13/2022 1:53 PM
300	Family-friendly small town opportunities, in a town where a diverse range of incomes and	6/13/2022 11:11 AM

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	lifestyles coexist.	
301	Northfield's best feature is the town square including the variety of businesses operating in town.	6/13/2022 8:25 AM
302	There seems to be a good community mind for improvement. Underutilized resource is memorial park. I believe swim lessons should be discounted or free for community members	6/13/2022 7:33 AM
303	Community	6/12/2022 6:18 PM
304	The people that stand together and keep this place going.	6/12/2022 4:31 PM
305	Being a college town is a tremendous asset that enhances Northfield's small town character, and central geographical location in the State.	6/12/2022 11:29 AM
306	Downtown	6/12/2022 7:29 AM
307	Natural beauty	6/12/2022 5:26 AM
308	The community	6/11/2022 8:09 PM
309	The covered bridges.	6/11/2022 6:21 PM
310	Home	6/10/2022 5:49 AM
311	Dog river	6/9/2022 10:28 PM
312	The ridge lines to the east and west.	6/9/2022 8:49 PM
313	Its recreational areas. Falls General Store and yoga studio.	6/9/2022 5:36 PM
314	Outdoor activity opportunities - to be clear, I like them the way they are (or were prior to trail shutdowns) and would prefer to keep the woods like woods and not superhighway trails with investment.	6/9/2022 4:11 PM
315	The community connection the townspeople have.	6/9/2022 2:24 PM
316	Dog river park	6/9/2022 1:15 PM
317	Variety of public parks and the common	6/9/2022 12:35 PM
318	Downtown	6/9/2022 11:57 AM
319	Our people!	6/9/2022 11:23 AM
320	The solid feeling of community that those who have lived here for some time foster, as compared to newcomers bringing "new, better" ideas that have interfered with that feeling of community and discussed behind closed doors.	6/9/2022 11:21 AM
321	Rural - would not want to see much development. Utilize existing infrastructure keeping it well maintained. Some tourism would be beneficial but keep us a quiet town.	6/9/2022 10:46 AM
322	Small size	6/9/2022 10:30 AM
323	It is an active welcoming community.	6/9/2022 10:18 AM
324	Small town New England feel. The people who live in the town. Now we need to build the opportunities for them to stay	6/8/2022 1:22 PM
325	The common and the pool and the park on Water street are some. Norwich University brings lots of business and tourists (parents/family) of students.	6/8/2022 9:54 AM
326	Toss up between the Common being a community meeting spot that is used as such. And Norwich	6/8/2022 8:39 AM
327	Location- it's close to everything! And kind neighbors.	6/8/2022 8:36 AM
328	East street outdoor seating, coffee, food and beer	6/8/2022 8:04 AM
329	The community - through all the debates and namecalling that crop up on online fora about fountains, guineas, and gun control, Northfield is a close-knit community with a lot of shared values. I'm continually moved by the kindness of my neighbors all over town.	6/7/2022 9:36 AM
330	Friendliness, people working together, collaboration, determination	6/7/2022 8:18 AM

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331	Quiet town with not too much crime	6/6/2022 8:23 PM
332	Tightness of everything, able to get what we need without traveling too far (tools, gas, groceries, supplies, trash drop off, COVID testing etc)	6/6/2022 10:54 AM
333	Sense of community and dedication to improving the town for current and future generations. We all may have different opinions of what that means.. but most are able to discuss it openly and still come together as neighbors despite disagreements.	6/6/2022 10:26 AM
334	Paine Mountain, Shaw Outdoor Center and the Town Forest The people	6/6/2022 8:34 AM
335	The swim hole behind Dollar General. Also sub to FoxBitsGaming on YouTube	6/5/2022 7:00 PM
336	The focus on growth and improvement, the assets of Norwich University, the town forest, municipal pool and park, and the positive feeling of a small town with a community mindset evidenced by the improvements to the common and events like the farmers market.	6/3/2022 1:13 PM
337	Its people.	6/3/2022 5:38 AM
338	A vibrant common	6/3/2022 12:35 AM
339	Not relevant. But I suppose it would be Dave Packie who continues to draw ridicule from around the state.	6/2/2022 10:46 PM
340	The common area	6/2/2022 10:22 PM
341	Schools and young families.	6/2/2022 7:36 PM
342	It was ART, etc. but they moved because of issues within this town. Have any town gov/select board people spoken to her as to why she went to Randolph? Does anyone care?	6/2/2022 5:46 PM
343	Town forest	6/2/2022 5:43 PM
344	It's small businesses that are thriving (carrier, good measure) and it's a college town which opens so many doors for more opportunity.	6/2/2022 4:27 PM
345	A mostly centralized downtown	6/2/2022 3:02 PM
346	The common where people gather. It is a great area for many functions.	6/2/2022 2:23 PM
347	The people	6/2/2022 1:12 PM
348	The people	6/2/2022 12:26 PM
349	The people	6/2/2022 8:40 AM
350	Norwich university	6/2/2022 8:09 AM
351	The Common. It is the only real thing that comes to mind. Is there anywhere else to really gather in Northfield?	6/1/2022 9:51 PM
352	Small community with access to expertise from not only at Norwich but many others in the community.	6/1/2022 9:19 PM
353	Being a small community in a country setting	6/1/2022 4:53 PM
354	It's community	6/1/2022 2:41 PM
355	The people, Norwich University, the trails, the Dog River. We have so much to offer but it just looks so old and rundown unfortunately. Trash in yards causing rats in nearby homes, houses falling in on themselves and general lack of pride is not showing what we can be. Maybe we could get volunteers to clean up people's yards/trim bushes and power wash/paint their homes. It may also help to have some sort of community sanitation/standards oversight from the town.	6/1/2022 2:10 PM
356	It is proximal to Montpelier but much more affordable. It could be a gem with some vision, unity, and willingness to invest in infrastructure.	6/1/2022 1:37 PM
357	Cox Brook is lovely as is the library	6/1/2022 1:00 PM
358	We have all of the best aspects of a small town (feeling of community, access to nature, accessible government) but are also in close proximity to more developed areas that provide services/amenities (Montpelier, Burlington, WRJ/Lebanon/Hanover)	6/1/2022 12:42 PM

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359	Northfield's best physical feature is the walkable town center paired with the surrounding beautiful forests. It's other best feature is the strong sense of community and volunteer network.	6/1/2022 12:17 PM
360	The small town feel with a great community.	6/1/2022 10:45 AM
361	It used to be community	6/1/2022 10:45 AM
362	Tranquility, quaint, small town atmosphere.	6/1/2022 9:55 AM
363	Local hiking and waterfalls	6/1/2022 9:35 AM
364	It's best feature is also its worst. Small college town living. But, we are exploiting college students with high rents and not many options. Stop residents from buying up all the properties and renting them back at high costs. Put in a rental unit complex or apartments that students can afford. And release houses back so they can be sold to offer growth to the community.	6/1/2022 8:50 AM
365	Nice rural town. Good value.	6/1/2022 8:32 AM
366	Our forested areas	5/31/2022 9:34 PM
367	Undeveloped ridgelines and forests. Protect that.	5/31/2022 8:45 PM
368	Norwich as THE anchor to the economy and town.	5/31/2022 8:40 PM
369	Small town culture with easy access to the interstate	5/31/2022 7:29 PM
370	Covered bridges and the Depot Square fountain.	5/31/2022 7:27 PM
371	Norwich	5/31/2022 6:36 PM
372	The closeness of the community, and the willingness of the people to help each other in times of need.	5/31/2022 6:11 PM
373	The town forest trails: we should focus on improving access and maintenance and a dog park would be a great town gathering space	5/31/2022 1:09 PM
374	Small town feel	5/31/2022 12:16 PM
375	The United Church of Northfield with Howe's Hall (a community center). Psst- being the minister, what did you think I would say? The library & farmers market are a close 2nd place! Any kind of community based reason to gather that inspires the betterment of our society.	5/31/2022 12:15 PM
376	Compact villages with two Designated Downtowns	5/31/2022 12:01 PM
377	Resourcefulness given the right neighbors	5/30/2022 6:34 PM
378	To expand on the good things we have. More outdoor rec, and making our town center to be more approachable. It currently has a "old quard" feel.	5/30/2022 7:06 AM
379	The fountain and the common. It's a great gathering area for events, to eat lunch or read a book.	5/30/2022 5:14 AM
380	Location location location	5/29/2022 11:27 AM
381	Town history	5/29/2022 11:07 AM
382	It's town spirit and town plan vision. It's location near the capital.	5/29/2022 6:46 AM
383	Relationship with Norwich University and 1-2 major employers (e.g., Cabot hosiery)	5/28/2022 6:33 PM
384	Depot square	5/28/2022 5:52 PM
385	Location - close to interstate, central, near Montpelier,.	5/28/2022 10:08 AM
386	The recreational assets around Paine Mtn and the businesses on East Street	5/28/2022 10:03 AM
387	I love our hiking/biking trails. I also love the people and how they care about each other.	5/28/2022 9:33 AM
388	People first mentality	5/28/2022 7:11 AM
389	Paine Mountain trail system	5/27/2022 10:10 PM
390	Rural nature & special areas to recreate; Town Forest & Dog River Park. Also having NU in our	5/27/2022 7:22 PM

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	community.	
391	The library	5/27/2022 6:04 PM
392	Our community and our downtown has tons of unmet potential.	5/27/2022 4:38 PM
393	Norwich University	5/27/2022 3:47 PM
394	That the community comes together in hard times	5/27/2022 3:17 PM
395	Being a small town and its many volunteers	5/27/2022 2:10 PM
396	Active citizens, kindbess	5/27/2022 1:45 PM
397	Small town community	5/27/2022 12:31 PM
398	The people and the town square	5/26/2022 2:38 PM
399	Depot Square is walkable (and could be more intentionally connected to other parts of town)	5/25/2022 10:01 PM
400	The common	5/25/2022 10:38 AM
401	The common	5/24/2022 8:04 PM
402	Good schools (NES)	5/24/2022 7:33 PM
403	The beach at the falls	5/24/2022 5:34 PM
404	The pool and common	5/24/2022 5:11 PM
405	Personally, I think the Dog river is Northfield's best feature.	5/24/2022 4:11 PM
406	The pool at Memorial Park	5/24/2022 3:57 PM
407	The town center and the ability to have a town plan.	5/24/2022 1:58 PM
408	The people of Northfield are it's best feature. When I first came here I was struck by the open friendliness. And by the very lovely village atmosphere.	5/24/2022 11:13 AM
409	Paine Mountain and The Dog River. Carrier Coffee and Good Measure brewing Are places people in the community can go to of all demographics and feel welcome heard and respected. The art gallery was a huge draw for myself and my family. But due to the disinterest of the community we are losing that space. I can only hope that some thing of the same caliber could take its place.	5/24/2022 9:48 AM
410	The quite mountain vibe	5/24/2022 8:07 AM
411	Weather	5/24/2022 7:06 AM
412	The beauty, the schools, the variety of people.	5/24/2022 6:49 AM
413	Downtown area	5/24/2022 6:13 AM
414	Small town, close knit beautiful place.	5/23/2022 11:30 PM
415	Local feel, with access to larger communities	5/23/2022 8:41 PM
416	town square	5/23/2022 8:09 PM
417	Community	5/23/2022 7:30 PM
418	Dog River park	5/23/2022 7:25 PM
419	ART, etc!!!! But they are moving. Why? They were such an asset to our downtown. Where was the administration/select board support??	5/23/2022 7:16 PM
420	Access to uncrowned parks and recreation, and an outstanding group of successful small businesses.	5/23/2022 7:02 PM
421	This town is in a peaceful, beautiful setting with a depth of skilled, thoughtful people including young families providing leadership for the future. Let's continue to invest in people and quality of life for families.	5/23/2022 6:49 PM
422	The Common and labor day festivities	5/23/2022 3:56 PM

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423	Town Common and the Downtown businesses and the farmers market	5/23/2022 3:54 PM
424	Quiet and rural	5/23/2022 1:22 PM
425	Downtown common	5/23/2022 1:06 PM
426	The variety of options. Within walking distance, we have a nice downtown, comfortable neighborhoods, and access to nature and wilderness for recreation.	5/23/2022 12:53 PM
427	Norwich	5/23/2022 11:59 AM

APPENDIX 4B

(Q5 WORD CLOUD)

Q5 In your opinion what is Northfield's best feature?

best feature Farmer s market beauty small town atmosphere live young families bridges  
Community spirit Paine Mountain makes Northfield small businesses kind much variety new  
students Dog river quieter close university nice access Small town feel activities  
town center woods things Local Small subway trails nothing parks mountains  
businesses active Downtown gather Location keeping  
small town college area minded town town square  
people college town community make  
common look Norwich University lots  
Norwich proximity good Dog River Park S nature pool features feel say  
Northfield idk great around library forest rural need Center family  
opportunities care place relationship Depot Square moving farmers market central  
school love restaurants Good Measure covered bridges sense community town forest  
Quiet town also Paine Mountain trail many labor day events

# Q4 Discuss your vision for your #1 pick from the previous question (#3)?

Answered: 413 Skipped: 63

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Expand availability and affordability of downtown store fronts. More active & engaging businesses downtown will not only pull people from "outside" & the college to the downtown, it will also create jobs and better quality of life and town pride. Perhaps this looks like a limited rebate toward rent or town purchase of buildings.	10/23/2022 10:25 AM
2	without adequate broadband almost nothing else happens; it is key to success and community cohesiveness	10/23/2022 10:07 AM
3	Growth is not necessarily the priority. Although some business growth to help increase the grandlist would be good, I do not want to become a Barre or Montpelier. I live in a small town by choice.	10/1/2022 9:13 AM
4	Basketball Courts	10/1/2022 1:39 AM
5	CVF covers everybody who wants it. TDS is forced to compete in a market. Trans video does the same. The consumer wins.	9/30/2022 11:11 PM
6	I think with a gift like ARPA money we should do something for leisure that we normally wouldn't want to spend budget money on. We will always pay for must haves, this should be a wish item.	9/30/2022 10:05 PM
7	Dedicated side-lanes for pedestrians/bikers on more of the roads, expanding into the backroads. That way more folks can get into town without the danger of walking in the street. Also making it safer for car traffic.	9/30/2022 9:02 PM
8	Everyone has access to broadband and cellular services	9/30/2022 7:40 PM
9	Roads in Northfield are slowly being repaired but the back roads (where the bulk of tax payers live) need substantial work with quality materials.	9/30/2022 6:51 PM
10	FIX some of the aesthetics in the center of town. Create a true community center NOT that colds and depressing basement library room. Make it easy to connect with people.	9/30/2022 6:36 PM
11	I have very poor cell reception on Barrows rd.	9/30/2022 6:14 PM
12	Multi use connector paths/trails between falls, village, schools, recreation areas and points of interest. Citizens and families can safely travel around town using alternative forms of transportation.	9/30/2022 6:07 PM
13	Quality of life and all of the other items will be greatly enhanced by improved non-vehicle accessibility and other transportation options	9/30/2022 5:49 PM
14	Improved cell reception/broadband benefits everyone- students studying remotely- people who work remotely- and buyers are looking for homes with cell reception/broadband. Businesses require it as well- improving broadband may draw business.	9/30/2022 5:35 PM
15	there aren't many jobs in northfield for teens	9/29/2022 2:39 PM
16	Well citizen safety is important. Like safe sidewalks that are accessible to everyone and safe for everyone so that the people who are less agile can still walk for fun or if they have to	9/29/2022 1:23 PM
17	Because we need to have even more safety if People some places get attacked from other pepole.	9/29/2022 12:01 PM
18	Cars go so fast kills cats, can hit people ect.	9/29/2022 9:40 AM
19	i think there should be better roads	9/28/2022 9:12 PM
20	The water is good, I like water. Water Taste good, Water needs to stay clean :D	9/28/2022 7:31 PM
21	I'm not sure how exactly to explain it, cause I picked cell service. I just think the areas that	9/28/2022 1:16 PM



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don't have good service need better service lol nothing more to it honestly

22	With people with more jobs people can live and thrive	9/28/2022 1:13 PM
23	Maybe we could send the money towards bying some houses that are on sale or abandoned, do any neccassary repairs and use them as housing for the homeless and salary for staff and maybe if there are kids we could start a program for them to transfer them to our school and get them a fair education.	9/28/2022 1:05 PM
24	The town should focus on making things more safe and accessible. They should add more handicap accessibility to public buildings, and add more sidewalks and crosswalks so it's safer to walk around town.	9/28/2022 1:01 PM
25	i think the money for long lasting stuff	9/28/2022 1:01 PM
26	If we can get smaller less expensive stuff it can benefit more people	9/28/2022 1:01 PM
27	Service for better communication.	9/28/2022 1:00 PM
28	More jobs could lead to better overall lives for people. This is also good to decrease the number of low-income households.	9/28/2022 12:59 PM
29	our roads are very bad and they need to be fixed, there is also places where sidewalks could be in place but aren't which would also help with citizen safety	9/28/2022 12:59 PM
30	Everybody knows Vermont is a small and mountainous place with bad reception and no recreation opportunities so we should do something about that	9/28/2022 12:59 PM
31	idk	9/28/2022 12:59 PM
32	ldk	9/28/2022 12:59 PM
33	more businesses that will employ both younger and older people to get people into the work force and provide retirement jobs.	9/28/2022 12:59 PM
34	We should get more jobs near us so that way people can have more of a choice and it is closer to where we live.	9/28/2022 12:58 PM
35	More places to eat and more little shops in the town	9/28/2022 12:58 PM
36	More jobs for people to work at, that might be more interesting.	9/28/2022 12:57 PM
37	safer people safer future happier people	9/28/2022 12:57 PM
38	We should expand the jobs so more people work as well as more business to open up	9/28/2022 12:57 PM
39	more enjoyable jobs	9/28/2022 12:57 PM
40	I want to have a cock fighting ring	9/28/2022 12:57 PM
41	better service around town for all carriers	9/28/2022 12:57 PM
42	To help some of the kids. Out with reading	9/28/2022 12:57 PM
43	Sports help cope with many things and its very enjoyable for a lot of people	9/28/2022 12:57 PM
44	idc	9/28/2022 12:57 PM
45	More opportunity for younger people teens to get jobs in town, or for adults that need jobs in town.	9/28/2022 12:57 PM
46	citizen safety should become before all, because of population, stable community	9/28/2022 12:56 PM
47	i want more jobs in northfield	9/28/2022 12:56 PM
48	We need more Recreation for teens and older kids.	9/28/2022 12:56 PM
49	yes	9/28/2022 12:56 PM
50	ldk roads	9/28/2022 12:56 PM
51	I want a job	9/28/2022 12:56 PM
52	More places to hang out.	9/28/2022 12:56 PM

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53	just keeping people more safe around town	9/28/2022 12:56 PM
54	Because sports is a gateway with a lot of kids in this school	9/28/2022 12:56 PM
55	water park	9/28/2022 12:56 PM
56	More places for younger kids to work	9/28/2022 12:55 PM
57	Create a forestry service to manage the woods around the town.	9/28/2022 12:55 PM
58	So if someone needed help they can call for it	9/28/2022 12:55 PM
59	we need better signal	9/28/2022 12:55 PM
60	I would like to have more spots within walking distance to hangout with friends	9/28/2022 12:55 PM
61	no comment	9/28/2022 12:55 PM
62	As I get older I will need to be getting a job to start my life and we can only do that if we get more jobs.	9/28/2022 12:55 PM
63	fiber optic internet	9/28/2022 12:55 PM
64	idk	9/28/2022 12:54 PM
65	idk	9/28/2022 12:54 PM
66	more job opportunitys for minors	9/28/2022 12:53 PM
67	no	9/28/2022 12:53 PM
68	Build restaurant	9/28/2022 12:52 PM
69	better sports fields and sports equipment for the school	9/28/2022 12:49 PM
70	I think we could renovate the sports fields and work on better jerseys and equipment.	9/28/2022 12:49 PM
71	to make sure everyone is safe	9/28/2022 12:48 PM
72	A skate-park	9/28/2022 12:44 PM
73	to have playgrounds for older/bigger kids and putting more sidewalks in and bike lanes	9/28/2022 12:11 PM
74	my number one pick was to expand recreation activities and the reason I think this is because I know who have not even lived here very long who think that Northfield is a boring place with not much to do and want to move out as soon as possible	9/28/2022 12:11 PM
75	I think we should have a drive in things also i think the town should work together so we can have phones in middle school even if its in your pocket or on breaks.	9/28/2022 12:10 PM
76	I live 8 miles from town so my internet is 60 KB/s, it would be very helpful if all people in town borders had aces to internet at even 2 or 3 MB/s.	9/28/2022 12:10 PM
77	Maybe we could have some sort of sports complex.	9/28/2022 12:10 PM
78	there isnt a whole lot to do in this town its pretty boring	9/28/2022 12:08 PM
79	I would like better internet access	9/28/2022 12:08 PM
80	The reason I think we should focus on recreational activities is to draw people to our town and create a tourism based economy.	9/28/2022 12:08 PM
81	WE NEED TO BE A SAFE COMMUNITY	9/28/2022 12:07 PM
82	I don't have any question	9/28/2022 12:07 PM
83	Northfield definitely needs better recreation field improving that would be amazing and more basketball courts.	9/28/2022 12:07 PM
84	I want to have a candy shop on the common. and a truck mechanic shop at school.	9/28/2022 12:07 PM
85	recreation fields need to be improved, as a fellow soccer player for the northfield fields i would think the budget should go up	9/28/2022 12:07 PM

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86	The dog river dog park has a playground, but it is too small for most of the kids in town, only smaller kids can use it, i would like to expand how old kids need to be to use the playgrounds.	9/28/2022 12:07 PM
87	More sidewalks especially around the center of town and to and from the common. Bike lanes too, you can't really bike to tops or anywhere slightly further away. The only place to safely and easily bike at the moment is around norwich campus, and there are still kids and people there all the time. We should also have more trash cans around town, there and so many cigarette butts and trash all over the sides of the roads.	9/28/2022 12:07 PM
88	I feel like getting better internet will help with recreation and work (mainly helping work) and will help us for a long time because the world has been turning more virtual.	9/28/2022 12:07 PM
89	To help the world for more water and cleaner water.	9/28/2022 12:07 PM
90	More places for kids that aren't in elementary	9/28/2022 12:06 PM
91	demolish trans video because its actual dog and replace it with anything ANYTHING even a potato any thing is better than trans video.	9/28/2022 12:06 PM
92	I think that we need more jobs so that the people in this town can get jobs especially young people	9/28/2022 12:06 PM
93	the water doesn't taste the best	9/28/2022 12:06 PM
94	more stores or places to eat or upgrade things at the parks	9/28/2022 12:06 PM
95	I know many roads that do not have sidewalks or any safety on them.	9/28/2022 12:05 PM
96	I think we need better cell service for school and home(wifi expand longer)	9/28/2022 12:05 PM
97	I believe that safety is very important to a community.	9/28/2022 12:05 PM
98	more area to play sports	9/28/2022 12:05 PM
99	so people will be more safe walking around town	9/28/2022 12:05 PM
100	I think people need more things to do and see in northfield, and more things for kids to do.	9/28/2022 12:05 PM
101	hard to watch math videos when your internet is slow	9/28/2022 12:05 PM
102	We use some of the money to repair and buy new instruments. We can also use it for helping the auditorium. (Repairs, improvements)	9/28/2022 12:04 PM
103	When I'm the age to get a job I would like to have more access and other people should be able to find jobs easier that pay well.	9/28/2022 12:04 PM
104	PUBLIC SAFETY, MC DONALD'S	9/28/2022 12:04 PM
105	I think we need better cell service for school and just being at our house.	9/28/2022 12:04 PM
106	The wifi sucks	9/28/2022 12:03 PM
107	if we give funds tortes the theater program are shows can be better.	9/28/2022 12:03 PM
108	Because when I'm older I would like to have a job and other people need jobs too	9/28/2022 12:03 PM
109	we need to stop sewage going in to rivers and ponds	9/28/2022 12:03 PM
110	i wnat more things to do	9/28/2022 12:03 PM
111	i want more cool stuff	9/28/2022 12:03 PM
112	citizen saftey because every one should be safe	9/28/2022 12:03 PM
113	Broadband/Better wifi	9/28/2022 12:02 PM
114	Citizen safety because everyone should be safe	9/28/2022 12:02 PM
115	The people need to be safe	9/28/2022 12:02 PM
116	job opprtunties	9/28/2022 12:02 PM
117	we need a mcdonalds and then u get a job at mcdonald s	9/28/2022 12:02 PM

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118	What makes a lot of small towns "thrive" is access to recreation. Northfield has so many opportunities that I don't think get the attention they deserve -- all the hiking opportunities, skiing opportunities (there use to be a ski hill here), fishing or swimming in the rivers etc. Northfield IS amazing in the non-recreation areas (farmer's markets!, thriving town parades, etc) -- to me it is the recreation opportunities that are most underdeveloped.	9/24/2022 12:11 PM
119	There are many places in northfield where there is zero cell reception	9/19/2022 6:32 AM
120	It is not an issue for me, because I live in town; however, I know folks who live on roads like Bailey Rd., and their internet is really slow I hear. This is an issue in a rural community, and makes it difficult, especially for school children who rely on the internet for schoolwork, and for parents who work from home.	9/18/2022 7:20 PM
121	The world is all about computers	9/18/2022 7:14 PM
122	Maybe have enough people working the rd crew so things get done like grading. Mowing cutting back the brush fixing the bridges. Allowing atvs on town back roads or town forest	9/18/2022 6:48 PM
123	Having job growth will entice families to settle here.	9/18/2022 5:14 PM
124	100% good cell reception in every place in the town, literally all roads, sidewalks, homes	9/16/2022 6:02 PM
125	All roads, including side streets, not just Main Street need to be improved	9/16/2022 8:20 AM
126	We need a Parks and Recreation Dept. with at least one full-time year round staff position and a budget to hire three or more part-time employees in the summer. This department should maintain all Northfield recreation sites, including bathrooms at the Falls and Memorial Park, and plan and implement recreational programming for children and adults.	9/15/2022 10:40 AM
127	A highly trained, well equipped, thoroughly supported and responsive police, fire, and ambulance service that stands ready to provide protection to all members of the community.	9/15/2022 9:16 AM
128	Work with Central Vermont Economic Development to develop more job opportunities	9/15/2022 7:35 AM
129	I'd like to see more sidewalks in town for more walkable spaces and more paved roads for better accessibility. Better signage would also be great.	9/14/2022 7:04 PM
130	jobs are the engine for growth and the generation of resources.	9/14/2022 6:16 PM
131	We need better internet access for all	9/14/2022 5:34 PM
132	Fast internet for those in rural Northfield.	9/14/2022 5:34 PM
133	Would love more crosswalks closer to the library as well as adding sidewalks out to Tops plaza for easier access	9/13/2022 7:20 PM
134	Invest in roads and infrastructure to make employers want to locate businesses in Northfield. A lightrail system, connecting with Berlin, Montpelier, and Barre could be very useful. Perhaps work toward a commercial center near NU. Invest in sidewalks and infrastructure to make Northfield Falls an attractive business area along the main road.	9/13/2022 4:07 PM
135	We need more sewer/water infrastructure in town to support investments in new housing	9/13/2022 7:10 AM
136	I think the in town area is walkable but sidewalks/pathways arent developed or kept up.	9/12/2022 9:24 PM
137	Either expand green space at depot square. (ie parking to lawn) Or build bike path between Falls, Village, S.NF.	9/12/2022 8:33 PM
138	Good cell reception would help many folks with safety concerns with spotty service.	9/12/2022 6:22 PM
139	More job availability is always a big plus for any town and there are many buildings for them to move into.	9/12/2022 10:53 AM
140	More job opportunities keeps the town alive with residents	9/12/2022 9:29 AM
141	Vermonters are leaving Vermont as there is no work and our cost of living is outrageous. Northfield has nothing to offer except Norwich which does nothing but cost taxpayers money. Time to get some business to offset the taxes.	9/11/2022 7:05 PM
142	Bike path/recreation path	9/11/2022 11:33 AM
143	To be able to safely, easily, walk from Northfield falls to the village. Most of the current	9/9/2022 9:08 PM

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sidewalks have horrible pot holes in them. If I tried to walk on them in poor lighting I'd easily break an ankle.

144	Keeping people here, brings economic benefit to sustaining small businesses	9/9/2022 7:38 PM
145	Such improvements will make a better overall community	9/9/2022 6:26 PM
146	With more opportunities for local employment, income would stay in the community, there would be less damage to the environment, cost of commuting would decrease. The impacts of increased employment would have yo be long lasting not just short term. All the other things on the list are nice, but since this is all borrowed money which will have to be repaid with interest, having jobs here in Northfield is a need not a want.	9/9/2022 1:18 PM
147	Driving along RT 12 to Montpelier, there is no cell reception. It's a statewide challenge that needs to be addressed with better coverage. Towers can be installed and still have views.	9/8/2022 9:28 AM
148	Factory, hospital, public works, etc. job opportunities of any kind.	9/7/2022 11:05 PM
149	Support for whatever mechanism can make broadband available or more public comfortable indoor spaces where it could be available throughout day and evening	9/7/2022 12:35 PM
150	attract/keep more businesses to town	9/7/2022 9:51 AM
151	More/better connectivity can incentivize remote workers to make Northfield their home, thus driving the economy	9/7/2022 8:36 AM
152	Sounds good	9/6/2022 11:09 PM
153	Working from home is difficult when internet is so poor!	9/6/2022 10:29 PM
154	Covid learning and working from home exposed serious equity issues with internet access.	9/6/2022 9:57 PM
155	Expand VASA trails and hiking trails. Improve Garvey Field and add running track	9/6/2022 9:31 PM
156	Really the big thing wasn't covered. There isn't enough affordable housing to provide job opportunities. Second is we don't need to focus on broadband or fiber. We should be helping the rural residents by investing in cellular or satellite and assist with providing the equipment.	9/6/2022 9:12 PM
157	Our water is terrible, and there are many of us who would benefit from a larger town sewer system	9/6/2022 8:57 PM
158	We need better infrastructure and everyone working from home now highlights that. Being able to work remotely is a huge draw for people as is being able to have work/life balance and do outdoor activities easily. Northfield has the potential to meet this demand but we constantly lose cell reception and the internet is not fast enough for most people.	9/6/2022 8:38 PM
159	Walk signals in the Falls crosswalk. Paint the crosswalk more often. The walk signals in town and at Norwich were \$6K each, approximately. The Falls needs pedestrian safety.	9/6/2022 8:23 PM
160	More vibrant trails around Paine mountain and to better utilize the trails behind the schools. We could be a mountain biking hub like Randolph is becoming. They are expanding so many trails around the town in the last few years. We need to partner with their RASTA organization	9/6/2022 8:20 PM
161	stable housing will reduce overall crime	9/6/2022 7:13 PM
162	Free broadband available to downtown; reliable service available to all residents regardless of ability to pay, expanding education and job availability	9/6/2022 7:08 PM
163	We need reliable cell reception without having to stand outside of the house or sit on the kitchen sink to make a call! We need internet choices with good service and reasonable costs.	9/6/2022 6:36 PM
164	Trails with parking, readily available maps, better/more playgrounds (look at Brisbane Australia playgrounds for inspiration)	9/6/2022 6:23 PM
165	Bike and walking Trail to connect northfield to northfield falls and then to montpelier that is safe and comfortable to use	9/6/2022 6:22 PM
166	I believe cell/internet will be the one thing that leads to all others!!	9/6/2022 5:55 PM
167	Bring access to high speed internet at an affordable cost. The current tds offerings for the cost is an unfair trade.	9/6/2022 5:48 PM

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168	I would like speed bumps installed on Central Street. There are too many people that use Central St as a quick thru-way to wall and water street and disregard the 25mph speed limit.	9/6/2022 5:47 PM
169	getting the fiber network finalized	9/6/2022 5:39 PM
170	It is near impossible to get reliable cell service and internet	9/6/2022 5:37 PM
171	More trails for hiking, biking skiing that are linked into a network connecting our whole community.	9/6/2022 5:35 PM
172	The further water and sewer expands, the more options of land having it in place	9/6/2022 5:20 PM
173	Speed bumps on streets that have a lot of traffic and pedestrians (school kids) Vine St, Pearl St, Water St	9/6/2022 2:10 PM
174	High speed internet for everyone!	9/6/2022 9:03 AM
175	More to do in the town - could we coordinate with Norwich for ski hill? Hotel? More robust offerings for food? Splash pad?	9/5/2022 8:28 PM
176	Paving more of our dirt roads. Continuing the progress on our sidewalks	9/5/2022 7:52 PM
177	Burke is thriving. Time to publicize our trails and recreational opportunities so people will come here and spend money.	9/5/2022 7:47 PM
178	Having safe surfaces and well lit sidewalks and pathways to get to the different areas in town would increase the use-ability for everyone, including those with strollers or wheelchairs.	9/5/2022 7:38 PM
179	I think trying to improve some of the basic things that can improve social things (cell service, recreation, walking safety...) will help build the other parts as well. If people can walk and have recreation things, the job opportunities will grow and the drive for visiting will grow as well.	9/5/2022 7:33 PM
180	CVfiber or expand local opportunities for cable	9/5/2022 7:32 PM
181	Sewers to Dickinson Drive in Northfield Falls	9/5/2022 7:20 PM
182	In the 21st century, broadband Internet access and cell phone service is as much of a requirement/utility as running water and electricity.	9/5/2022 6:38 PM
183	Sidewalks in the Falls and to town	9/5/2022 5:59 PM
184	Find more smaller, diverse jobs that bring depth to the community rather than one large, focused job that limits future directions for growth.	9/5/2022 5:51 PM
185	Northfield needs more jobs and retail businesses would help tremendously.	9/5/2022 5:48 PM
186	Expanding high speed internet is important for current residents just as much as incoming residents.	9/5/2022 5:42 PM
187	Over the last 40 years Northfield has lost numerous businesses,woodworking, granite,car dealers,restaurants,banks,supermarkets etc. we must get more businesses in Northfield and create more opportunities	9/5/2022 5:33 PM
188	Embrace and build upon the reason younger Vermonters love and live here. The proximity to the surrounding Green Mountains are why i chose to throw down roots in VT/Northfield. Expand mountain bike and ski trails. Revitalize downtown to include more restaurants, bars, and shops to keep the folks playing on the mountain to spend time and money in Northfield afterwards/before.	9/5/2022 5:32 PM
189	Develop a bowling alley on previous Bean Auto Property	9/5/2022 5:21 PM
190	More bike paths, hopefully that connect Northfield to other communities. Perhaps getting the Amtrack stop back in town to all more travel. Continuing to expand hiking on Paine Mt.	9/5/2022 3:25 PM
191	Expect growth and consider environment, prepare for housing and business development	9/5/2022 10:28 AM
192	Sidewalks like prospect street need to be completely redone	9/5/2022 7:57 AM
193	The sidewalks need so much work and it's only on one side of the street that you can use sidewalks efficiently. And then it just stops and then anyone who needs to walk down the street like all of the college students from Norwich or anyone who walks to get groceries has to walk on the side of the road I don't see how that makes sense.	9/5/2022 7:42 AM

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194	Run sewer lines up Union Brook, at least to 1652.	9/5/2022 5:02 AM
195	Affordable Housing!!! Should be on the list	9/4/2022 11:13 PM
196	Sidewalks and roads created with winter and shoulder seasons in mind for easy navigation for young old and disabled persons.	9/4/2022 9:51 PM
197	Set up a fund so entrepreneurs could get seed money to start businesses. Example 1: help someone who wants to start up a small-engine repair shop buy a truck and some equipment. The town could retain ownership. After a few years, title could change and loans could be forgiven in exchange for a commitment to stay in Northfield. Example 2: create the same kind of opportunity for a veterinarian. Example 3: for a full-time position with The Northfield News—subsidized gradually less each year, with an eye to some day becoming editor.	9/4/2022 9:06 PM
198	I just figured public safety should be most important. I don't have anything specific in mind	9/4/2022 9:05 PM
199	Expand accessibility- Accessibility to include people of ALL abilities. Improved sidewalks, handicap ramps and wide entrances businesses, improved handicapped parking and access to the common and schools. Improve school parking and road safety around school buildings.	9/4/2022 8:42 PM
200	Pave the decrepit paved roads so they last!	9/4/2022 8:05 PM
201	Better broadband access means more business and educational opportunities.	9/4/2022 7:47 PM
202	Given that water supplies might even be threatened in our part of the country in the future, we should make sure our system is efficient and try to minimize waste and the possibility of leakage.	9/4/2022 7:32 PM
203	Our roads need some work	9/4/2022 5:32 PM
204	Help small businesses get started. We need a thriving town center	9/4/2022 5:29 PM
205	Can we please get better cell phone coverage	9/4/2022 5:09 PM
206	Create sidewalks to Tops/Dollar Tree	9/4/2022 5:05 PM
207	There needs to be equity for all residents in terms of sidewalks.	9/4/2022 4:46 PM
208	Infrastructure needs to be met as a basic plan before we as town can even start thinking of expanding. This means sewer and water upgrades even electric upgrades and not green energy because it's not reliable enough. Bridges, roads, and sidewalks need to be taken care of so those that walk around town feel safe during all seasons.	9/4/2022 11:41 AM
209	Identify and implement areas of need and improvement: lonely seniors with skills and youth who need to learn skills doing jobs (landscaping, technology, woodwork, auto, cooking, crafts, etc) and then producing items or services to sell. (If needed, I would organize & coordinate it to get started) Barbara 802-798-9069	9/4/2022 10:34 AM
210	The town stands to benefit from having more options than one internet provider and cell service is better but could be improved.	9/4/2022 7:18 AM
211	Roads and sidewalks need face-lift such as old mill hill rd. Which is getting alot of people and cyclists using it	9/4/2022 7:18 AM
212	Build more trails on public land. Work with landowners on Paine mountain to expand trail network north to Berlin Pond trails. Allow riders from vasa trailhead to use roads to visit local eating establishments. Host events in town common.	9/3/2022 6:28 PM
213	Our roads and bridges need help. The sidewalk project on Main Street made a huge difference. Let's keep improving these things we need and use every day.	9/3/2022 10:22 AM
214	There are few opportunities in town that would keep our youngest citizens here. Other than two banks and two restaurants, what can a young person do to earn some money. A busy teenager is much less likely to get into mischief.	9/2/2022 10:42 PM
215	Sidewalks need to be expanded beyond the immediate downtown area. My road was repaved 5 or 6 years ago and it is falling apart. Almost as bad now as before it was done. Either bad prep or inadequate hot mix.	9/2/2022 7:43 PM
216	Side walks and/or a path connecting northfield to northfield falls would be excellent	9/2/2022 7:27 PM

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217	Build out cell service and high speed internet so everyone in Northfield can access strong & reliable device at an affordable price.	9/2/2022 6:05 PM
218	More jobs means more businesses which means more people move here and/or come here to spend money. Practically speaking, that means the money should be used to incentivize small-medium business owners to open businesses and stay in Northfield.	9/2/2022 5:52 PM
219	A network of accessible sidewalks that connect the Falls to Depot then to south side of NU campus	9/2/2022 5:12 PM
220	Cell use is a huge issue	9/2/2022 5:08 PM
221	Need better biking paths. Route 12 is dangerous.	9/2/2022 3:18 PM
222	economic growth is the number one factor in making our community more vibrant and sustainable.	9/2/2022 1:59 PM
223	Prevent and Address Drug-Related addictions, suicide, domestic violence, burglary, etc.	9/2/2022 7:57 AM
224	More bike lanes through town and extending on 12 and 12a. Also some electric car charging stations downtown	9/2/2022 7:16 AM
225	safe potable water is vital to health and life. As Nfld grows, our need will also grow and while private wells and systems are fine, as neighborhoods grow, the demand can be met most safely with a town system that can serve everyone.	9/2/2022 4:19 AM
226	Citizen safety includes steps to mitigate the damaging effects of climate change (e.g., planning for potential severe weather events, installing ev charging stations, taking steps to conserve water, etc.); providing safe, energy efficient, affordable housing for our citizens; and improving pedestrian safety in the Falls.	9/2/2022 12:06 AM
227	A center for physical activity such as yoga and rock climbing.	9/1/2022 10:22 PM
228	More than DSL internet and internet calling for rural houses without cell service	9/1/2022 9:09 PM
229	I think having more employment opportunities in Northfield will help bring people to town. Especially for teens.	9/1/2022 8:50 PM
230	Northfield needs reliable turkey high speed internet. If the pandemic taught us nothing else we rely on the internet for work, school and communication.	9/1/2022 7:54 PM
231	I believe we need funding for smaller projects	9/1/2022 7:46 PM
232	People are often complaining about their Internet going down and it's only in the center of town where service is guaranteed.	9/1/2022 7:31 PM
233	Internet access is key to everything else!	9/1/2022 7:31 PM
234	Jobs are what bring people a town. Without people earning and spending money in that town, other choices are slim.	9/1/2022 5:53 PM
235	I don't have a vision for water/sewer, rather I recognize that it's essential.	9/1/2022 5:51 PM
236	As society, Northfield included. Spins out or control, I feel less and less safe.recently there has been gunfire in our neighborhood, armed robberies in town. Need improved policing.	9/1/2022 5:48 PM
237	Broad band would help stimulate the other options	9/1/2022 5:46 PM
238	Can't have economic growth without excellent cell service.	9/1/2022 5:36 PM
239	Broadband is absolutely necessary for everybody whether it's for teleworking or just day to day use. Right now Northfield is served by a patchwork of providers, with coverage ranging from nonexistent to merely adequate. There is no single project which can match the importance of making broadband accessible to everyone in Northfield, and I believe it should be our #1 priority.	9/1/2022 9:45 AM
240	As more people look to move to and visit northfield, everyones number 1 concern is the wifi connectivity. I host a popular rental and its the first question everyone asks. the world is only moving further online and we need to be able to help our kids in school and promote remote work life balance for the future of our community to thrive.	9/1/2022 6:46 AM
241	Sidewalks to intersection of Route 12/12A, bicycle lanes	8/31/2022 9:34 PM



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242	Job opportunities would bring more people into town, increase diversity and perhaps increase our tax base	8/31/2022 8:35 PM
243	It's dangerous to walk south of Crescent where the sidewalk ends, or on Rte 12 north to Tops. This makes it hard to access public transit and the town center without driving, which is a shame in such a small town. I frequently see people walking on the verge on Rte 12 south of Norwich and north to Tops. I would like to see sidewalks and crosswalks when necessary, all the way past Trombly's to Terrace Drive, and all the way north to Tops.	8/31/2022 6:35 PM
244	Roads paved properly rather than patched potholes and frost heave cracking. In town side streets off Main Street paved to be accessible for walking	8/31/2022 6:22 PM
245	Communication aides safety	8/30/2022 6:17 PM
246	Sewer expansion ensures minimum home owner security. In this it encompasses public safety. Sidewalks allow for a closer knit community, encourages local business use, slows traffic, eases parking requirements, and, again, encompasses public safety.	8/11/2022 7:54 PM
247	Northfield is a great little town but small businesses struggle here. I see many people who live here do all their business in Montpelier or Barre. I'd like to see more incentives for local business so we can support our community instead of going elsewhere for goods/ services.	8/3/2022 11:01 AM
248	We need cell service at most of the town	7/24/2022 8:14 PM
249	It would be great to see more organized community events and community spaces. It would be great to see the town square be updated and utilized regularly.	7/22/2022 3:48 PM
250	I think that we should aim to make Northfield the most accessible town in Vermont. People should be able to travel from, at the least, Depot Square to Tops to the Falls on a sidewalk that accommodates wheelchairs, walkers, etc. Connect the most important things first (walk to the food shelf!) and expand from there, keeping various capabilities in mind.	7/21/2022 7:08 PM
251	One way of protecting all of our citizens is to help local businesses install good quality cameras, continue to fund our police department and offer workshops for community members on maintaining safety in a changing world.	7/21/2022 6:24 PM
252	Sidewalks on all streets as far out as both Norwich and TOPS	7/21/2022 12:24 PM
253	Arts/theater/performance venue with gallery and concession, expanded retail (books?), Community resource center, expanded public transportation, gazebo.	7/21/2022 11:38 AM
254	Not sure but people won't come unless have a job or money coming in. Internships maybe? Help local business plus have on the job training.	7/21/2022 11:18 AM
255	Accessible lands and sidewalks are key to a vital community	7/21/2022 9:58 AM
256	12 flat tires in 3 years,,,someone should be held accountable,,,and yes, they were ALL brand new tires,,,all of em	7/21/2022 8:39 AM
257	W&s would allow for feature building of a much needed hotel.	7/21/2022 5:38 AM
258	People have had the same phone number for years and can transfer their landlines into cellular coverage. One can use cellphone as hot spot for internet rather than have to use internet for cellphone network extenders	7/20/2022 9:50 PM
259	Fiber internet is crucial to make Northfield more accessible and attractive to people looking to relocate (not to mention the opportunity to work from home)	7/20/2022 9:09 PM
260	Bring business to Northfield. More business, more jobs.	7/20/2022 8:58 PM
261	Safe road crossings outside of downtown and Norwich (golf course, central st, south village).	7/20/2022 8:01 PM
262	Makes the town more walkable. Allows for older citizens to get exercise. (Not all can use hiking/biking trails. Could led to less vehicle traffic	7/20/2022 7:59 PM
263	In these times it is vital for businesses, students and others to be able to do business with on line chats and meetings to communicate.	7/20/2022 6:40 PM
264	It's 2022. Cell phones are not a luxury and therefore cell phone service MUST be better in the more rural areas of town.	7/20/2022 6:24 PM

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265	We have seen water safety crises across the USA including communities such as Bennington, Vermont or Flint, Michigan. Extending /expanding our sewer line to protect our well field is critical.	7/20/2022 6:13 PM
266	Encourage small businesses to locate here. Encourage current employers to expand services where possible.	7/20/2022 5:50 PM
267	Extend the wastewater collection system southerly along Rt -2 and 12A to protect Northfields greatest resource, the Water Supply!	7/20/2022 5:21 PM
268	I imagine there are many people in our town who have to travel to Montpelier or elsewhere for work. We have a few empty, or soon to be empty buildings right here, that might be best used for businesses that would offer close-to-home work for our residents.	7/19/2022 8:46 PM
269	We need sidewalks and access (including bicycle paths), esp. to Northfield Falls	7/19/2022 5:43 PM
270	People outside of the village have usually one option for internet service, usually not even meeting the federal definition of "broadband". The Town should take advantage of the available CVFiber 100% state grant match immediately for an even greater impact on the amount of funds available to bring high speed internet to EVERY underserved household in the town.	7/19/2022 1:41 PM
271	Providing ample opportunities for outdoor recreation gets people outside moving their bodies in our gorgeous town.	7/14/2022 7:27 PM
272	Work with Norwich and their business alumni	7/6/2022 7:42 PM
273	new clean green industry	7/6/2022 6:52 PM
274	A dog park with fences is my number one request.	7/5/2022 2:21 PM
275	Cell service and internet are not great. Wider coverage and more options would be beneficial.	6/27/2022 7:42 AM
276	Provide direct support to raise wages for postal employees in Northfield, purchase rural delivery vehicles to ensure consistent delivery.	6/25/2022 12:41 PM
277	Fiber optic internet	6/25/2022 2:57 AM
278	More town trails and community spaces, playground downtown	6/24/2022 3:27 PM
279	I would love to see road repaving done on Route 12/Main St. through town, sidewalks in town and side roads repaved, and lastly but most importantly to me, safe access from downtown to Northfield Falls (a well maintained bike/walk/run lane, sidewalk, or trail would be AMAZING!) Right now, there is not a safe way to get from downtown to Northfield Falls, and I would love to run or ride my bike with my family to Falls General, swimming holes, or just enjoy the roads in the Falls without having to drive my car.	6/22/2022 12:10 PM
280	Xx	6/19/2022 10:45 AM
281	Focus on any previously deferred maintenance to infrastructure, including municipal wastewater treatment	6/19/2022 10:09 AM
282	Connect Northfield Falls to Downtown with bike paths and/or sidewalks; add an EV charging station in Depot Square	6/19/2022 9:50 AM
283	Cell/broadband service can always be improved	6/19/2022 9:29 AM
284	Recreation opportunities drive decisions about people who want to move to Northfield.	6/17/2022 12:49 PM
285	Reliable, affordable internet access is an important equity, accessibility, and educational issue and should be a top priority	6/17/2022 11:55 AM
286	With more remote work opportunities, let's make Northfield appealing to move to, with great broadband and cell service for remote workers.	6/17/2022 11:53 AM
287	Expand sidewalks along Rt 12 through Northfield Falls & out to old Red Kettle & Trombly's greenhouse. This improves citizen safety as well as providing more walking opportunities	6/17/2022 9:39 AM
288	More options for enhanced internet accessibility and reliability. More cell towers to increase cell service	6/15/2022 8:00 PM
289	More hiking trails, fenced in dog park, access to water, bike lane.	6/13/2022 1:53 PM

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290	Providing good cell service and broadband connections to all homes and businesses is a vital public service that all citizens need. In today's world, having this connectivity is a precondition for getting more people to move here, and to encourage growth and development of businesses. As good as Trans-Video is as a community ISP, we need faster and more reliable connection, and complete coverage for the whole Town of Northfield.	6/13/2022 11:11 AM
291	Bringing people to Northfield to live and work starts with connectivity. The new hybrid, work-from-home model means that internet and cell connectivity are more important than roads and traffic management.	6/13/2022 8:25 AM
292	The Falls needs sidewalks and or trails. The painted crosswalk does nothing to aid in safe crossing of rte 12. I walk a lot a noticed no difference in the percentage of cars who stopped. It not just the crossing though, there are no safe places to walk here.	6/13/2022 7:33 AM
293	Northfield needs more jobs and more housing to become a more complete and independent town	6/12/2022 6:18 PM
294	I am hopeful for more jobs for our younger and older citizens. I picture this being in the form of more restaurants, maybe a movie theater or other safe indoor recreational development like a bowling alley.	6/12/2022 4:31 PM
295	Essential for community cohesion is a central location to congregate, and accessibility to it, primarily through walkability. A central location for people to get together, to meet, to sit around, relax, have a cold or hot drink, read a book or a newspaper under a shade, watch children play, or dogs run around in an enclosure, with a wide paved walking path, would encompass many different proposals while giving the community renewed vitality. A couple of gazebos/kiosks with solar panel roofs would give local restaurants and the local brewery new outlets; the rental proceeds of which could help pay for the upkeep of the gathering center.	6/12/2022 11:29 AM
296	Fix roads, upgrade sidewalks, put in appropriate signage and please designate and upgrade crosswalks!	6/12/2022 7:29 AM
297	If walking and cycling were safer, it would improve many aspects of living in Northfield. A cycle/pedestrian network with dedicated, protected bike lanes/paths would be transformative.	6/12/2022 5:26 AM
298	It would be nice to have more recreation available closer to town so people could walk to it.	6/11/2022 8:09 PM
299	Improving the infrastructure for cell and broadband services will allow more people to choose to live and work in Northfield instead of other Vermont communities.	6/11/2022 6:21 PM
300	Clean up all the cemetery's in the town	6/10/2022 5:49 AM
301	Diversify trail systems open to public, trails along river, etc...	6/9/2022 8:49 PM
302	I would like to see better bike and pedestrian safety extended to the Falls. I would like to see more recreation opportunities for families. The next would be extending sewer to the Falls and then broadband.	6/9/2022 5:36 PM
303	I have friends just out of college up from UVM I try to lure to central VT and the service is a major reason they don't come down.	6/9/2022 4:11 PM
304	Able to access and have dependable wifi for business and home is critical if you want to attract new business and keep business in town. Dependable is the key word. One thing not mentioned at all is more housing availability. Shortage of housing seems to be an issue across the state.	6/9/2022 2:24 PM
305	Need more improvement for signs or blinking cross walks on some streets. Some streets have speeders breaking speed limit. Add speed bumps. Some corners with stop signs not obeyed.	6/9/2022 1:15 PM
306	Ability to walk safely from the falls to the village	6/9/2022 12:35 PM
307	Keep up with technology	6/9/2022 11:57 AM
308	Development of SAFE connector routes for bikes and pedestrians Falls to NU.	6/9/2022 11:23 AM
309	Without job opportunities in Northfield, we will have difficulty "attracting" anyone.	6/9/2022 11:21 AM
310	Policies that support businesses to use existing infrastructure, possibly needing improvements, and creating medium to high wage jobs.	6/9/2022 10:46 AM
311	CV Fiber! I think we should spend as much as possible on expanding broadband. Forget cell	6/9/2022 10:30 AM

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	service.	
312	We have seen the problems in several Vermont communities as well as in thousands of communities in the USA. Protecting our water, rivers, and lakes is a far easier tasks than dealing with pollution of these vital resources after contaminating them.	6/9/2022 10:18 AM
313	Northfield need economic development. We need to turn Northfield into a destination.	6/8/2022 1:22 PM
314	We need a safe way to get downtown from the falls if we want to bike, walk, rollerblade, etc. We also Need more sustainable businesses in town to employ folks. We've lost a number of businesses due to COVID.	6/8/2022 9:54 AM
315	Being THE location in central VT to get the best Architect/Design Engineer, Attorney, Accountant, Maybe even Contractors. Because of the computer speed. The other choice would be to go tourist/service industry.	6/8/2022 8:39 AM
316	Recreation, especially outdoor recreation, has been a growing economic driver for not only the state but the entire field nationally has been growing for years. Northfield has so much to offer, but fails to share it and let other folks know- this has the potential to be a huge economic driver for our town and act as a lure to get more young folks and families to move to the area as nearby localities become overpriced. This will expand our tax base, revitalize our schools and bring new business opportunities to town.	6/8/2022 8:36 AM
317	Help bring in more restaurants to town. Approach Darn tough about opening a factory seconds store. The old police station would be a great place for it	6/8/2022 8:04 AM
318	Bolstering our communications infrastructure is sorely needed and would address other items on this list as well. TDS isn't sufficient for remote work - the maximum bandwidth they advertise falls laughably short of the VT Community Broadband Board's modest target for the state. TransVideo's service area is extremely limited, leaving rural residents without options. Similarly, cellular service is sketchy at best once you stray a couple blocks from Main Street. A reliable communications network would increase the community's quality of life by helping us stay connected to our loved ones and increase safety in any situation where reaching someone is important. It would also help expand job opportunities in this new age of remote work without subjecting Northfield to the additional burdens (e.g., infrastructure, housing, civic engineering) that are inherent to a large influx of onsite employment opportunities in a community.	6/7/2022 9:36 AM
319	The town doesn't feel accessible and welcoming for citizens and visitors of all abilities. I'd love to see more ramp entrances, smoother sidewalks, handicap parking spots with ramp access, funds for businesses to be more welcoming- wider doorways, ramp access with railings. Hearing impaired crosswalk safety.	6/7/2022 8:18 AM
320	It would be nice to have sidewalks where you could walk side by side with another person and not have the crumbling and maybe if they were all uniform? Not some paved (cheap looking) and some that are concrete.	6/6/2022 8:23 PM
321	More trails/opportunities for recreation could be good; also accessibility for ways to get around with better environmental impact (bikes racks, a free charging station for electric cars) etc	6/6/2022 10:54 AM
322	I would love to see CV Fiber implemented throughout Northfield. I constantly see neighbors struggling with poor internet service. Fiber would not only help current residents but also be very attractive to people considering moving to town. I'd love to see Northfield take advantage of the Vermont Community Broadband Board's offer to match the town's use of ARPA funding for this endeavor. This would have a lasting impact on the town and supply VERY needed access to high-speed and reliable internet connections.	6/6/2022 10:26 AM
323	Bike lanes to Montpelier and Randolph on 12 Off and on-road paths connecting our two Village Centers Improvements to gaps in pedestrian network within the Village Many places cannot offer a walkable/bikeable downtown with easily accessed recreation. Connect the river and mountain to the downtown. Walkable neighborhoods have added value to property owners. Good for downtown businesses.	6/6/2022 8:34 AM
324	Skatepark	6/5/2022 7:00 PM
325	Jobs can result in a better tax base, new and affordable housing and more resources to improve the community overall.	6/3/2022 1:13 PM
326	Bring back skiing for towns people. Maybe there is a more self sustaining model that would	6/3/2022 5:38 AM

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offer recreation without tourism, income and jobs.

327	Build a multi-use retail/office/residential building on the lot next to dollar general	6/3/2022 12:35 AM
328	Recreational opportunities yield to better health of the community. The available opportunities can include group hikes, yoga for seniors, nature excursions for youth...anything to encourage activity.	6/2/2022 10:46 PM
329	Walk paths like in Montpelier and barre areas	6/2/2022 10:22 PM
330	Jobs bring people. More people will get more small businesses here like restaurants, stores, and social services.	6/2/2022 7:36 PM
331	Its time to connect everyone to the 21st century	6/2/2022 5:46 PM
332	Northfield Falls needs septic in order to grow.	6/2/2022 5:43 PM
333	I think it's mighty important to bring jobs to Northfield. More opportunities, more tax dollars, more residents to make Northfield an important hub of central Vermont.	6/2/2022 4:27 PM
334	Improve sidewalks, outdoor dining, connecting The Falls to downtown	6/2/2022 3:02 PM
335	I think resurfacing our roads is most important. Many are in terrible shape.	6/2/2022 2:23 PM
336	City safety can encompass all the other choices	6/2/2022 12:26 PM
337	I would love to see a park in downtown Northfield in the lot between Dollar General and the Gray Building. Splash pad, basketball, River access	6/2/2022 8:40 AM
338	We already have a growing number of visitors coming to Northfield for biking and hiking on Paine Mt and our town forest. Expanding access to this amazing resource will only help Northfield businesses. Continuing to improve opportunities to recreate within the town, such as sidewalks, bike path, etc and to do it safely, would also aid all of our residents live an active life.	6/2/2022 8:09 AM
339	Citizen safety can include many things, from repair to the other items on the list (water/sewer and street/sidewalk changes) to community programs on educating residents on anything from how to get rid of harmful chemicals to hunters safety courses.	6/1/2022 9:51 PM
340	Cellular and broadband service in the Northfield and surrounding areas is lacking. I would envision having higher speeds and better cellular coverage in Northfield and the surrounding community. 5G cellular should be a top priority	6/1/2022 9:19 PM
341	Road improvements for back roads.	6/1/2022 4:53 PM
342	Sewer to Northfield Falls please	6/1/2022 2:41 PM
343	Unfortunately, many people have been hit by vehicles recently. The street lighting and lack of appropriate sidewalks/bike paths make it dangerous for people get around town without a car. We have poor shared/public transportation. Is there any way we can get Amtrak train to stop here again? Our community looks rundown, unkempt and unappealing. Let's beautify and show that we are proud to be Northfield.	6/1/2022 2:10 PM
344	ADA accessible, (well maintained) sidewalks with no giant potholes and cracks in them that are easy and safe to use strollers and wheelchairs in from Norwich university to the falls ball fields.	6/1/2022 1:37 PM
345	I would love for there to be a way to access downtown Northfield from Northfield Falls on foot. Currently, there is not a way to safely walk from the falls all the way to downtown as there is sidewalk lacking—particularly scary to do if one is walking with a child. In a similar vein, expanded bus service to downtown Northfield and Montpelier would make it much easier to get by without a car for accessing employment and childcare as well as reducing isolation. Finally, public trails in the Northfield Falls area would be amazing!	6/1/2022 1:00 PM
346	Increasing accessibility in our community's core will allow for more development where we already have service/infrastructure without putting an additional burden on our roads or utilities. At the same time, it will make our community more attractive to families looking for places for their children to be safe, and better prepare us for a world where everyone driving everywhere is less of an option.	6/1/2022 12:42 PM
347	Expanding job opportunities locally helps build local business and reduce transportation	6/1/2022 12:17 PM

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pressures, but it relies on improved broadband, adequate water and sewerage, and safer roads for cars and pedestrians. All of the options contribute to citizen safety.

348	It would be great to have more trails that connect parts of Northfield. One that goes from Falls General Store area to the pool would be amazing! The sidewalks in the downtown area are already fantastic.	6/1/2022 10:45 AM
349	More industry	6/1/2022 10:45 AM
350	When repaving roads, fix the underlying issues that create cracks, frost heaves, and dips. Our main and side roads should last longer than they do. I have pictures to prove this exact issue right in front of my house after repaving in less than a year. And it will continue to get worse until whenever the next paving occurs. All caused by a storm drain installed several years ago and not back-filled properly with the proper material. In other words, why can't these issues be fixed the the proper way instead of spending money continuously on just resurfacing that just puts a band aid on the underlying condition? Use this money to target and fix these issues. There are several.	6/1/2022 9:55 AM
351	I support any ideas that will allow new businesses to thrive in our community and create job opportunities and bring in money	6/1/2022 9:35 AM
352	We need better cell phone/broadband offerings. People on back roads mainly have one choice. And, that company no longer cares. We have main roads that have no service. That is unacceptable.	6/1/2022 8:50 AM
353	the choices presented seem to be based around the village area since much of the town doesn't have access to sewer or water expansion. We already have great rec areas that can be used more. More sidewalks in village only doesn't help entire town. Of your choices, adding jobs would seem like best answer since more business would come to town to provide such jobs	6/1/2022 8:32 AM
354	Northfield has had better times than we currently do for job opportunities. We need more small businesses in town, there are plenty of spaces for them to go.	5/31/2022 9:34 PM
355	It's time we added nee infrastructure in the Falls. Really amazing it's not on wastewater yet.	5/31/2022 8:45 PM
356	Sidewalk along RT 12 from Cox Brook to Cumbies.	5/31/2022 8:40 PM
357	We need to increase our tax base, and job opportunities mean more businesses, but affordable housing needs to go with this.	5/31/2022 7:29 PM
358	Northfield Falls does not have sidewalks or bike paths and many vehicles are passing walkers and bicyclists at a high rate of speed. This is mostly an issue on Route 12 and Cox Brook Road. It is the most dangerous during the Winter when children need to walk to and from their school bus stops.	5/31/2022 7:27 PM
359	I believe it's important to look at multiple projects that could affect the most diverse group of folks. Also remembering these are 1 time funds and should be spent on items that won't cost taxpayers alot to upkeep	5/31/2022 6:36 PM
360	Improve upon our natural spaces: create access to the risk forest trails, make the dog park happen.	5/31/2022 1:09 PM
361	I'd love to see the town expand beyond just the common. How about the sidewalks from The Commons to cumby's? Those are horrible and an embarrassment to get all of our funding goes to update the common even more. The common does not need the attention. How about accessibility to the rest of the Town via foot traffic.	5/31/2022 1:07 PM
362	I would like to see Northfield to be a business friendly town, more businesses, more jobs , people.	5/31/2022 12:16 PM
363	Community building activities & orgs- let's teach the community the positive impact of when we come together to unite. We are stronger together. Let's make living in Northfield more meaningful- I'd love to see an arts collective for all ages to explore the fine arts (art, music, & theatre).	5/31/2022 12:15 PM
364	Extend sewer service to Northfield Falls to support development of housing and restaurants.	5/31/2022 12:01 PM
365	Improve roads and sidewalks where residents on the main road live where's there no sidewalk ow	5/30/2022 6:34 PM

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366	I feel my 1-3 picks will help our town grow and become a better place. This is VT and outdoor Rec is part of our well being.	5/30/2022 7:06 AM
367	Maybe offer free wifi as they have in other towns. That way everyone would have access to the internet/better cell phone reception	5/30/2022 5:14 AM
368	A sidewalk to South Northfield from NU to the access Rd or as far as we can.	5/29/2022 11:27 AM
369	Update and utilize existing recreational facilities. Expand programs and funding at the pool. Increase salaries to retain summer employees.	5/29/2022 11:07 AM
370	I would like to see the bridge near Nantana mills restored to provide the off road connection from Northfield Falls to the town center that once was.	5/29/2022 6:46 AM
371	Remote (nondowntown) housing becomes work-from-home housing with better internet. Currently, downtown housing with fast internet is overpriced relative to a similar house outside of Trans-Video's reach.	5/28/2022 6:33 PM
372	Dog park, playground at Dog River park	5/28/2022 5:52 PM
373	Stable well paying jobs in local businesses.	5/28/2022 10:08 AM
374	Improve connectivity of different areas of town and make it safer to walk/run/bike	5/28/2022 10:03 AM
375	I wish there were more reasons for others to visit our town or to get our community out in our town.	5/28/2022 9:33 AM
376	Power generation for public safety and town office buildings and upgrades to emergency communications to serve us in our time of need	5/28/2022 7:11 AM
377	More jobs bring more people into Northfield which will bring more money into our town.	5/27/2022 10:10 PM
378	If you look at a street like Wall St. the impression it gives is that the community does little for its residents. We need walkability & safety, sidewalks & clear crosswalks.	5/27/2022 7:22 PM
379	I don't live in town, so I'm not clear on anything that would be helpful outside of having sidewalk access to the Memorial Park	5/27/2022 6:04 PM
380	I would like to see our common revamped and reimagined. I would like to see maintenance on our existing park and more opportunities for children and families to have healthy fun together. I think this would attract more invested people to our town and expand our tax base.	5/27/2022 4:38 PM
381	I think sidewalks are very important. Back road improvement for the mail and mud season is important	5/27/2022 3:47 PM
382	Well the roads are bad and need to be fixed I'm sure people are sick of driving through potholes	5/27/2022 3:17 PM
383	Make sure every school student has broadband use	5/27/2022 2:10 PM
384	Expand housing options for workers - businesses have trouble hiring because of lack of housing	5/27/2022 1:45 PM
385	Improvement of roads guardrails greatly help public safety	5/27/2022 12:31 PM
386	Walking trails, bike path, hiking trails	5/26/2022 2:38 PM
387	Northfield needs a pedestrian/ bike path from Norwich to Northfield falls that also connects to TOPs. Safer pedestrian/ bike travel between major community points.	5/25/2022 10:01 PM
388	Sidewalks	5/25/2022 10:38 AM
389	We need a real rec field. One that has baseball, football & soccer fields. Along with a skateboard park, basketball courts. The rec fields we have now are all over the place and inadequate.	5/24/2022 8:04 PM
390	More opportunities for kids in the community, this could help business and bring families to area	5/24/2022 7:33 PM
391	Bring sidewalks and sewers to the falls	5/24/2022 5:34 PM
392	Ensuring that all citizens have access to high speed internet is essential in the 21st century.	5/24/2022 4:11 PM

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Any properties in Northfield that do not have access currently should be expanded to. This includes areas in the more rural parts of Northfield. This will make Northfield instantly more attractive to live and work in and in addition make it much more likely that development projects will be considered in the town. For most people, internet is a non negotiable and a lack of access severely hampers economic growth.

393	Ensure roads/bridges are in good shape leading in and out of town center/Norwich. Need sidewalks north of Crescent Ave. across from Norwich. Improve accessibility from Shaw Circle to Shaw Outdoor Center. A lot of residents use the creek to access Shaw Outdoor Center and the trails, but the slope is a bit treacherous especially in winter.	5/24/2022 3:57 PM
394	Better broadband and cell service would create jobs.	5/24/2022 2:20 PM
395	Figure out a way to make the gravel roads less of a disaster in the increasingly occurring muddy periods. Strategize how to make them more passable as climate change continues to affect new patterns of temperature. And, make sure that any work is done by competent road work companies: NOT the lowest bidder.	5/24/2022 1:58 PM
396	I believe every town should have a community space that represents the community but also represents the future of the community currently Northfield is lacking what is the representation of the future of the community nothing really feels welcoming to new residence where their children like a community playground open field for playing and shared spaces for events... There's multiple different locations where these elements could be found but they all are kind of subpar... The pool and the rec fields at the memorial park are awesome but the playground is totally subpar it's also not really in the downtown space so it's not easy for children and their family to access by walking or riding bikes. It seems like the open space next to the Dollar General on Main Street where there's three large pillars could be a really great location to have a community space where people could gather and there could be playground space and that whole empty dump lot could be turned into something really beautiful for the community to enjoy !! Having a vision of community rather than holding on tight to the past I think is the biggest thing that is missing from this town.	5/24/2022 9:48 AM
397	Infrastructure being quality road ways and being able to communicate with the outside world through phone and internet are crucial to strongly moving into the future	5/24/2022 8:07 AM
398	Minimize vehicular speeding into and out of the town	5/24/2022 7:06 AM
399	Help preserve our water supply by extending sewer lines.	5/24/2022 6:13 AM
400	I don't remember the question.	5/23/2022 11:30 PM
401	A large park with lots of options for kids and families. Maybe a dog area too	5/23/2022 8:41 PM
402	Increase access to high speed internet for all northfield citizens	5/23/2022 8:09 PM
403	If there is job opportunities then the young kids would stay	5/23/2022 7:30 PM
404	We need better streets	5/23/2022 7:25 PM
405	Lower all rates. \$100 for 2 people in 1 month ridiculous	5/23/2022 7:16 PM
406	Broadband services in particular (although cell reception as well to a lesser degree) has a large impact on accessibility to almost everything else on the list. From jobs, to utilities, to recreation. An investment into communication would help bolster all other investments, potentially making it the most efficient investment on the list.	5/23/2022 7:02 PM
407	I think that attention to the arts and arts opportunity would be a good use. What about and arts community center where people of all ages could learn skills that contribute to mental well-being and creative growth. This would be an asset to our town.	5/23/2022 6:49 PM
408	Improve sidewalks in some areas (North Main)	5/23/2022 3:56 PM
409	Connecting the Falls to the downtown district without taking your life in your hands on Rt12. Also connecting the Falls to Paine Mountain and the Town Forest trails.	5/23/2022 3:54 PM
410	It's not going to matter for most of this because we won't be able to draw people here until we change our attitude as a state towards business. In central Vermont we need more hotels right off the exits to help people stay near these areas and invest in them. Until then we just waste our time and money. We need to keep our roads and infrastructure up to date mostly	5/23/2022 1:22 PM



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411	Recreation opportunities help bring community together. Make Northfield more attractive to families looking to move here.	5/23/2022 1:06 PM
412	People need better paying jobs in order to support families, not just minimum wage jobs.	5/23/2022 12:53 PM
413	Better/broader cell reception	5/23/2022 11:59 AM

## Q6 What Northfield feature(s) could improve and how?

Answered: 424 Skipped: 52

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	The Common could be better designed to be used as a community space. Broadband would help the non-downtown community grow	10/23/2022 10:25 AM
2	Sidewalks Fountain on Common	10/23/2022 10:13 AM
3	Northfield Falls needs substantial redesign to show pride in the neighborhood and entrance to the center. Having pathways to connect for bikes, skis, walking.	10/23/2022 10:07 AM
4	more Restaurants	10/1/2022 9:22 AM
5	Reduced tax rate, fill empty business areas to expand grand list. Explore leveraging grant as match for other grants that would reduce current expenditures. Can we add storage so that we would save on bulk purchasing, being careful to not increase need for additional equipment, or increased electrical costs.	10/1/2022 9:13 AM
6	Better playground and activities for teens and young adults	10/1/2022 1:39 AM
7	I think it would be super if one of the common's premier storefronts was not occupied by a business that you can not enter. TDS should be supported and encouraged to locate elsewhere in our community so that our retail district can be vibrant.	9/30/2022 11:11 PM
8	Generate more business opportunities and connect with the university on a stronger connection and opportunities downtown.	9/30/2022 10:05 PM
9	Apartment housing developments within walking distance of norwich?	9/30/2022 9:02 PM
10	Fix the fountain on the common; get the electric car chargers installed on the common	9/30/2022 7:40 PM
11	Maintenance of areas outside of the village.	9/30/2022 6:51 PM
12	Remove those useless blockading granite benches from the town center "square) and build something user friendly. Move monument out of the way of Farmers Markets and Labor Day celebration.	9/30/2022 6:36 PM
13	Broadband access	9/30/2022 6:14 PM
14	Safe connectors throughout town, Employment opportunities, pedestrian infrastructure, internet/cell coverage	9/30/2022 6:07 PM
15	The community by making it easier for people to meet (transportation) and communicate (broadband).	9/30/2022 5:49 PM
16	Maybe the Memorial Park could be better? It looks rather sad now that the trees have been cut down and the playground seems rather small. I think the fountain in Depot Square is rather sad looking- hopefully it can be restored or replaced.	9/30/2022 5:35 PM
17	a popeyes	9/29/2022 2:39 PM
18	Fun things for teenagers and tweens to do so they don't do stuff that they'll get in trouble for if people are mad because they're doing things their not supposed to do it's because they have nothing better to do	9/29/2022 1:23 PM
19	Sometimes we need cleaner waters	9/29/2022 12:01 PM
20	The speed of cars and crazy drivers	9/29/2022 9:40 AM
21	i think the roads could be fixed a little	9/28/2022 9:12 PM
22	I'm not too sure, but maybe the health of the town, by supporting the people :D	9/28/2022 7:31 PM
23	Going off of what the third question said, Northfield does need more sidewalk space I would	9/28/2022 1:16 PM

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agree with that, even though I put it at #5. If I had to say a specific spot, I would say the area coming off of Crescent Ave. on the right side going towards town away from Norwich. There is eventually somewhat of a sidewalk, but it's not very large, and isn't in the greatest shape.

24	I can't think of any	9/28/2022 1:13 PM
25	Maybe improve the education system by having more concern for the individual needs and issues like disabilities of students and really focusing in on them and finding ways to help them in unique ways that really suits their needs.	9/28/2022 1:05 PM
26	There should be more sidewalks so people don't have to walk in the road as much.	9/28/2022 1:01 PM
27	making stuff fun	9/28/2022 1:01 PM
28	idk	9/28/2022 1:01 PM
29	I'm not sure.	9/28/2022 1:00 PM
30	I don't know.	9/28/2022 12:59 PM
31	the northfield roads could be alot better and also the job opportunities or housing.	9/28/2022 12:59 PM
32	Like i discussed in number 4 just that	9/28/2022 12:59 PM
33	idk	9/28/2022 12:59 PM
34	ldk	9/28/2022 12:59 PM
35	I think citizens should be safe, have availability to feel safe going to and from school, to have a bigger available job spectrum and more.	9/28/2022 12:59 PM
36	the work opportunities just more places that can employ people and a way to attract businesses here.	9/28/2022 12:59 PM
37	Cleaner fountain so that way dogs when drink out of the water don't get sick and or when little kids go into the water they do not get sick	9/28/2022 12:58 PM
38	If there were more things to do like, stores, or places for youth to hangout	9/28/2022 12:58 PM
39	Get rid of the dollar general and make the old china star into chic fil a so we could have the only chic fil a in Vermont	9/28/2022 12:57 PM
40	i don't really know	9/28/2022 12:57 PM
41	To create more for the people like more business and more stuff to do, threes nothing to do in northfield	9/28/2022 12:57 PM
42	more well paying jobs	9/28/2022 12:57 PM
43	community	9/28/2022 12:57 PM
44	Helping out by picking up trash and throwing it away and not leaving it on the ground	9/28/2022 12:57 PM
45	The roads could improve	9/28/2022 12:57 PM
46	everything, this place sucks	9/28/2022 12:57 PM
47	more jobs and places to go.	9/28/2022 12:57 PM
48	roads, side walks, putting more effort into stores	9/28/2022 12:56 PM
49	more jobs and restaurants	9/28/2022 12:56 PM
50	The sidewalks and accessibility and recreation for older kids	9/28/2022 12:56 PM
51	school size	9/28/2022 12:56 PM
52	Stuff to do	9/28/2022 12:56 PM
53	More transportation to outside of northfield, a bike path maybe	9/28/2022 12:56 PM
54	There isn't really anything to do. We should have more places to go with our friends/family.	9/28/2022 12:56 PM
55	i dont know	9/28/2022 12:56 PM

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56	Become a prep school.	9/28/2022 12:56 PM
57	water park	9/28/2022 12:56 PM
58	Funds for student athletes	9/28/2022 12:55 PM
59	none that comes to the top of my head	9/28/2022 12:55 PM
60	Labor day more rides for older kids	9/28/2022 12:55 PM
61	more places to eat	9/28/2022 12:55 PM
62	The parks could be improved in a few ways	9/28/2022 12:55 PM
63	no comment	9/28/2022 12:55 PM
64	Roads, job opportunities, food, the Northfield pool.	9/28/2022 12:55 PM
65	restaurants	9/28/2022 12:55 PM
66	idk	9/28/2022 12:54 PM
67	idk	9/28/2022 12:54 PM
68	more drug control	9/28/2022 12:53 PM
69	idk	9/28/2022 12:53 PM
70	More local eateries	9/28/2022 12:52 PM
71	fixing fields and making some areas of the town look nicer.	9/28/2022 12:49 PM
72	i think they could fix up the softball fields and renovate some areas of the town.	9/28/2022 12:49 PM
73	Littering, safe spaces,	9/28/2022 12:48 PM
74	more places to hangout like a skateboarding park and/or a playground.	9/28/2022 12:44 PM
75	crosswalks	9/28/2022 12:11 PM
76	i think a gym would be great and you could improve the common with maybe a gym near or something to do	9/28/2022 12:11 PM
77	To maybe have more food options and to be a better town also letting people drive at the age of 10 and to have a dealership and to allow a dirt bike track so we can race in Northfield. Also to be able to have more options for kids after school.	9/28/2022 12:10 PM
78	It would be nice if there were more food options near the common.	9/28/2022 12:10 PM
79	Sidewalks and public areas.	9/28/2022 12:10 PM
80	recreation very well could be improved	9/28/2022 12:08 PM
81	water	9/28/2022 12:08 PM
82	Roads, sidewalks, and the way people manage their properties. People have no regard for making what they have look nice and up-kept.	9/28/2022 12:08 PM
83	the roads, schools and	9/28/2022 12:07 PM
84	A water park at the Northfield pool and all the slides lead to the pool.	9/28/2022 12:07 PM
85	the basketball courts could be fixed by buying better hoops	9/28/2022 12:07 PM
86	more fun classes	9/28/2022 12:07 PM
87	the public pool has to be opened longer	9/28/2022 12:07 PM
88	The water fountain at the common has not worked for as long as i can remember, so if that can be fixed it would be nice.	9/28/2022 12:07 PM
89	more sidewalks, to get to the common you have to walk in the road. It's like this in a lot of places.	9/28/2022 12:07 PM
90	the internet for better working convenience and letting us do more	9/28/2022 12:07 PM

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91	the bridges even though you cant use the money on bridges i say that it would be helpful to repair bridges.	9/28/2022 12:07 PM
92	play grounds	9/28/2022 12:06 PM
93	trans video because its dog	9/28/2022 12:06 PM
94	More paths for walking biking and what ever would be nice.	9/28/2022 12:06 PM
95	attractions	9/28/2022 12:06 PM
96	more things to do	9/28/2022 12:06 PM
97	Sidewalks and road safety so people don't get hit by cars	9/28/2022 12:05 PM
98	More activities	9/28/2022 12:05 PM
99	I feel like adding a bike path would be useful.	9/28/2022 12:05 PM
100	more restaurant	9/28/2022 12:05 PM
101	more places for people to go	9/28/2022 12:05 PM
102	more shops and places to eat, and more things for kids to do after school or on our walks	9/28/2022 12:05 PM
103	bigger school	9/28/2022 12:05 PM
104	More recreation	9/28/2022 12:04 PM
105	More things to do and more eating places.	9/28/2022 12:04 PM
106	THE SIDEWALKS	9/28/2022 12:04 PM
107	Probably the amount of food places.	9/28/2022 12:04 PM
108	sports and equipment	9/28/2022 12:03 PM
109	suport of small town buiness	9/28/2022 12:03 PM
110	More stuff to do	9/28/2022 12:03 PM
111	sewage and water treatment	9/28/2022 12:03 PM
112	more stuff to do	9/28/2022 12:03 PM
113	idk	9/28/2022 12:03 PM
114	we could inprove by getting a new dunkin donuts	9/28/2022 12:03 PM
115	The wifi is really bad.	9/28/2022 12:02 PM
116	New restaurants	9/28/2022 12:02 PM
117	I don't know what could improve because I don't live in Northfield	9/28/2022 12:02 PM
118	i don't know	9/28/2022 12:02 PM
119	everythiunf	9/28/2022 12:02 PM
120	1.) Expand the hiking and trail network; 2.) Make use of the old ski hills -- we don't need lifts, but should prioritize and expand the "skin up" ski down opportunities that do exist. 3.) BIKE LANES connecting Northfield to Northfield Falls -- or at a minimum within Northfield. We should be able to safely bike to the grocery store, the post office, etc!	9/24/2022 12:11 PM
121	Should be a train stop	9/19/2022 6:32 AM
122	Sidewalks, especially the east side of South Main Street. More crosswalks for pedestrians on North and South Main Street. More sidewalks in town on streets like Water Street. Bike paths. Anything to encourage people to get outside and move!	9/18/2022 7:20 PM
123	Norwich could pay more property taxes on their properties	9/18/2022 7:14 PM
124	More business	9/18/2022 6:48 PM
125	Control the speeding through town. Money to the library for upgrades. Post Office needs a ton	9/18/2022 5:14 PM

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	of help.	
126	have excellent cell access literally everywhere	9/16/2022 6:02 PM
127	Housing opportunities need to increase, and taxes need to be lowered	9/16/2022 8:20 AM
128	Our shared community spaces, indoor and outdoor, do not appear to be adequately staffed or professionally maintained.	9/15/2022 10:40 AM
129	Design areas with a defined purpose. Depot square should be retail oriented. Recreational areas such as parks, pools, trails should be located in appropriate environments that are enhanced by natural surroundings. Attract people using a clear vision and purpose - not one built on a little of everything.	9/15/2022 9:16 AM
130	Working with Norwich to better integrate the town and college. It seems like other college towns have more connection between the groups. UVM, Middlebury, Dartmouth	9/15/2022 7:35 AM
131	I'd love to see even more businesses here. More activities, and things to do.	9/14/2022 7:04 PM
132	infrastructure, sidewalks are generally in bad shape or non-existent	9/14/2022 6:16 PM
133	Fast internet. Better police coverage on back roads.	9/14/2022 5:34 PM
134	More playgrounds that are easy to locate and utilize, a centrally located dog park would be amazing.	9/13/2022 7:20 PM
135	Access to Town Forest. The town should look into options for purchasing small parcels to improve legal access. Improve local mass transit. Train/light rail? Work with neighboring municipalities.	9/13/2022 4:07 PM
136	Access and recreational paths along the Dog River in town	9/13/2022 7:10 AM
137	Respect.....	9/12/2022 9:44 PM
138	A place for youth to hang out after school.	9/12/2022 9:24 PM
139	Downtown businesses (more dining and shopping options at depot square ie general store with produce and healthy local eats), quality of affordable housing (some of the apartment type buildings in town are in really rough shape upgrades would help town and residents), bike-ability between 3 hamlets (make rt12 bike friendly or build a bike/ walking path.)	9/12/2022 8:33 PM
140	Improve potholes/washboards on back roads.	9/12/2022 6:22 PM
141	Roads, food options, evening lighting	9/12/2022 5:24 PM
142	Restaurants--I've seen too many come and go.	9/12/2022 10:53 AM
143	Communication on what is available for resources for new community members. where is hiking? what is there for parks? as new resident finding these things out seems difficult.	9/12/2022 9:29 AM
144	Literally everything else. Too much to even know where to start. Abandoned houses, vacant storefronts, derelict Fernandez buildings, institutionalized racism, poor upkeep of town facilities, non usable sidewalks, huge polarization between long time locals and new arrivals.	9/9/2022 9:08 PM
145	Better elementary building with more opportunities for youth. Combine the the towns elementary schools and improve youth programming. They are the future.	9/9/2022 7:38 PM
146	Path from the Falls to the village	9/9/2022 6:26 PM
147	Get an agreement with the State of Vermont to maintain and upgrade the crosswalk at the Falls General Store so it is safer to walk. Train stop in Northfield?	9/9/2022 1:18 PM
148	Coming from Riverton and from the Exit 5 RT 64, there are houses that could use a fresh coat of paint. This would give the area a more appealing look. (I shouldn't talk, our house needs a fresh coat also.) I'm not sure if it's needed but a well advertised B&B and/or guest house might encourage people to stay a day or two. Hiking trails and parking access (I know this has been discussed) would be a draw if included in websites about VT.	9/8/2022 9:28 AM
149	other job opportunities outside the university	9/7/2022 11:05 PM
150	Let residents use town owned property on water st. for yard sales. Charge small fee for maintaining grounds payable at town clerk for a 25' x 25' space between markers.	9/7/2022 10:24 PM

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151	Roads improvements	9/7/2022 12:35 PM
152	improved sidewalks	9/7/2022 9:51 AM
153	connectivity, internet access/speed	9/7/2022 8:36 AM
154	Yes	9/6/2022 11:09 PM
155	Town could invest in extended water and sewer. If you want to live on the outskirts to remain in a country feel you don't have benefits of in town but yet pay more in taxes.	9/6/2022 10:29 PM
156	Recreation options for kids/teens/families Internet and cell phone service expanded exponentially	9/6/2022 9:57 PM
157	Affordable housing within reasonable walking distance to the major businesses. Sidewalks in the Falls. Encourage a little more business in the Falls. Affordable daycare.	9/6/2022 9:12 PM
158	Memorial Park	9/6/2022 8:57 PM
159	Cell reception, internet access/speed, power outages, mail delivery, food options in town, activities for kids, marked walking trails, grating dirt roads more often during mud season	9/6/2022 8:38 PM
160	Getting Amtrak to stop in Northfield.	9/6/2022 8:23 PM
161	More vibrant storefronts in depot square, more restaurants. Repave route 12 n towards Montpelier. Pave moretown mountain road to make waitsfield tourism accessible	9/6/2022 8:20 PM
162	Get Norwich to pay property taxes	9/6/2022 8:00 PM
163	The Brown Public Library. The new one in the town of Waterbury is amazing and is very widely used	9/6/2022 7:13 PM
164	Integrating the Falls and S Northfield more in town activities and services	9/6/2022 7:08 PM
165	Stop pretending the merge with Williamstown school was a good idea. It's an imposition on families in both towns to transport kids over the hill for sports/ activities. Did this ever save us money? Doubtful.	9/6/2022 6:36 PM
166	Better access to town public information, welcome packet for new residents, rec center!	9/6/2022 6:23 PM
167	A way to bike or walk between villages that isnt scary	9/6/2022 6:22 PM
168	Town manager not led by the nose to all decisions	9/6/2022 5:55 PM
169	Internet	9/6/2022 5:48 PM
170	Reducing thru-traffic on Central St, which is a residential street. There are also many cadets that use Central St for drills, many students that walk on Central to get to school (university, elementary and HS!) and I often feel people are driving too fast on that street. If speed bumps are not an option, then lowering the speed limit to 15 would be great also, to discourage the drivers that don't live on central street from speeding.	9/6/2022 5:47 PM
171	support of farms and the farmers market	9/6/2022 5:39 PM
172	Schools and Center of Town	9/6/2022 5:37 PM
173	Acceptance of newcomers to the community. There is still an "us and them" mentality.	9/6/2022 5:35 PM
174	cheaper property taxes	9/6/2022 5:20 PM
175	Town square park - fountain	9/6/2022 2:10 PM
176	The square needs help, as well as getting more business around it, bars and restaurants, etc!	9/6/2022 9:03 AM
177	Offerings as mentioned previous...	9/5/2022 8:28 PM
178	Encourage more business by offering tax incentives	9/5/2022 7:52 PM
179	More restaurants. A distillery? A publicized mountain bike trail system.	9/5/2022 7:47 PM
180	The sidewalks are pretty rough on a lot of the streets, and very well lit overall.	9/5/2022 7:38 PM
181	Little bit more walking opportunities (crosswalks upkeep), if possible filling in some of the open businesses (almost everything closes by 8pm), some sort of gym for basketball and volleyball	9/5/2022 7:33 PM

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	and sports (especially during the winter when everything is cold outside)	
182	Nothing come to mind	9/5/2022 7:32 PM
183	Better shopping, more variety especially apparel and shoes	9/5/2022 7:20 PM
184	Bring businesses to the community. How best to do that is a job for a specialist in such matters.	9/5/2022 6:38 PM
185	Sidewalks in the Falls(rt 12) for safety and recreation	9/5/2022 5:59 PM
186	housing on all levels	9/5/2022 5:51 PM
187	The common has empty storefronts, things to do in town are not advertised well.	9/5/2022 5:48 PM
188	Making it safer for residents to walk and bike around, more spaces for families to enjoy the outside.	9/5/2022 5:42 PM
189	If we are to bring businesses to Northfield we need a place to put them. We don't have that	9/5/2022 5:33 PM
190	Develop a town that is isn't so reliant on Norwich for direction. Northfield has the geographic positioning, downtown, & population to be one of the best small towns in Vermont.	9/5/2022 5:32 PM
191	Street improvements (ongoing)	9/5/2022 5:21 PM
192	I think the fountain is not in great shape and it should either be removed or overhauled to get it in better working order. But by no means do I think this is the most important issue at hand. I bring it up because it seems to represent the division here in town between folks that want to improve things and folks that want everything to stay the way it has been. We've been here for 4 years and I respect all of the folks opinions who have been here longer than me. And I'm not suggesting everyone who has lived here a long time wants everything to stay the same. But it seems we have an opportunity to improve things around here with the ARPA funds, and I believe we should spend that money in a way that attracts and retains the next generation to help keep the town growing and vibrant. If that means some things need to change, I don't necessarily think that is a bad thing. I also think those changes can be made in a way that preserves the character and history of the town.	9/5/2022 3:25 PM
193	More housing, keep storefronts filled, fix roads and maintain infrastructure	9/5/2022 10:28 AM
194	More money spent for infrastructure in the village	9/5/2022 7:57 AM
195	A park that the public can use on the river. Actual real access to Paine Mountain for the greater community that isn't confusing. Making a downtown space enjoyable instead of an empty buildings and storefronts that aren't even open to the public.	9/5/2022 7:42 AM
196	Cut red tape and truly bring more homes, businesses, taxpayers and employers to town	9/5/2022 5:02 AM
197	Economic development of storefronts around Depot Square—encourage businesses serving residents—small food market a high priority	9/4/2022 11:13 PM
198	As above- Rec Park for children, parents and community members. Continued work to encourage/incentivize businesses and restaurants downtown. Miss Our China Star.	9/4/2022 9:51 PM
199	Norwich should contribute more to the town.	9/4/2022 9:06 PM
200	Would like to see more shopping and dining options. Hate to have to travel for decent food	9/4/2022 9:05 PM
201	School parking, town pool parking lot and accessibility to people of all abilities	9/4/2022 8:42 PM
202	Roads, property taxes.	9/4/2022 8:05 PM
203	Business and restaurants available to the public. The Common needs some updating to support better businesses like Good Measure and Carrier that operate in and beyond Northfield.	9/4/2022 7:47 PM
204	The main streets could be better maintained, but I know that would be a costly endeavor. I would love to see a few more business thrive downtown, but that's a whole different challenge.	9/4/2022 7:32 PM
205	More businesses, bars, restaurants	9/4/2022 5:32 PM
206	There is not enough going on in town for younger people and not enough thriving businesses	9/4/2022 5:29 PM



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207	We need more places to dine out.	9/4/2022 5:09 PM
208	More public transportation, recreational things to do in town like Paint n Sip, a nail salon, etc	9/4/2022 5:05 PM
209	Having sidewalks north of the former village on Route 12.	9/4/2022 4:46 PM
210	Start with better infrastructure and ensuring that the job is done correctly the first time in a timely manner	9/4/2022 11:41 AM
211	A lot of wasted commercial building	9/4/2022 10:34 AM
212	The downtown needs more diverse businesses and to have rent be affordable and attractive.	9/4/2022 7:18 AM
213	Parking lot for tops store ,	9/4/2022 7:18 AM
214	Lure businesses here by making it a great place to live.	9/3/2022 6:28 PM
215	Roads need attention.	9/3/2022 10:22 AM
216	I sure wish bottle redemption at the Liquor Store was more...practical.	9/3/2022 9:41 AM
217	Other than good measure, we don't have anything that brings people into town. In fact, a lot of northfielders leave town for access to better restaurants, recreation, and groceries.	9/3/2022 7:54 AM
218	Perhaps this is wishful thinking, but it would be wonderful to see some more retail businesses around the Common. I know rents are high, but perhaps some funding could be used to help these small businesses get their feet on the ground.	9/2/2022 10:42 PM
219	Let the school taxes follow the student not the school.	9/2/2022 7:43 PM
220	Accessibility for foot and bike traffic	9/2/2022 7:27 PM
221	Improve the back roads - dirt roads are not well maintained and it's getting more difficult to live on them. Consider paving west hill or other major thru/connector roads.	9/2/2022 6:05 PM
222	Restaurants and shopping (use the money to incentivize small-medium business owners to start new businesses and stay here)	9/2/2022 5:52 PM
223	Sidewalks. Improvement projects.	9/2/2022 5:12 PM
224	Government. It continues to be a good ol club. Taxes. Way too high. Especially school. Down town does not represent a University town. It's frankly pathetic. Look to Middlebury as an example of a high functioning University town.	9/2/2022 5:08 PM
225	Being able to walk or bike from one end of town to the other safely. Wider road from TOPS to at least Falls General Store.	9/2/2022 3:18 PM
226	The governing boards still have a majority of backward thinking lifelong residents of Northfield. We need to elect and appoint people who are not stuck in the conservative 1950's. Modern concepts and creative thinking. And good positive energy!	9/2/2022 1:59 PM
227	More mindful practices involving nature. For example, thoughtful logging and land use that benefits the ecosystems.	9/2/2022 7:57 AM
228	Get rid of the fountain. Turn it into green space	9/2/2022 7:16 AM
229	Recreation. Town ordinance. We need to improve the look and feel of Northfield. Slum plates need to fix up their dump apartments, businesses shouldn't have junk cars everywhere, Northfield needs to get rid of the drugs and crime and be a safe lovely community again. We need recreational activities to keep kids out of trouble and to welcome new families.	9/2/2022 6:22 AM
230	enhancement of the riparian area around the Dog River, for fish and human needs.	9/2/2022 4:19 AM
231	The town swimming pool is a wonderful resource that seems to me to be under-utilized.	9/2/2022 12:06 AM
232	Maintenance road grating, downtown dining, weekday/weekend outdoor music	9/1/2022 9:09 PM
233	Recreational opportunities for all ages. We lost the dance studio and gymnastics at the elementary school. It's hard for parents to travel in the winter for these opportunities.	9/1/2022 8:50 PM
234	Local job opportunities	9/1/2022 7:54 PM
235	More small businesses	9/1/2022 7:46 PM

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236	I really would love for Amtrak to return to Northfield. I would love to have the option of taking the train to Montpelier or Burlington or anywhere else the train connects to instead of using my car as often as I do. Also, Knowing that students from Norwich will leave town to have a drink or two, I'd feel better knowing there was an option that would keep them from having to drive back. Another thing I think would improve the town is bike paths. Either along the road or routed some other way, giving people a designated route to bike could lead to more people choosing bikes over cars. I would ride a bike to work if I felt safe enough doing along the whole stretch of road.	9/1/2022 7:31 PM
237	More and better commerce and restaurants.	9/1/2022 7:31 PM
238	House conditions. Renovation.	9/1/2022 5:53 PM
239	Privately owned real estate in poor condition, little pride of ownership in homes and some businesses. I realize ARPA funds can't be used for non-public projects, but if the overall town looked more prosperous perhaps we would be.	9/1/2022 5:51 PM
240	Transportation, especially for seniors. Establish volunteer network to assist seniors struggling with isolation, inability to get out to appointments, shopping, companionship,etc. most volunteer activities seem designed for children and middle-angers, which is great, but there needs to be a better support system for seniors	9/1/2022 5:48 PM
241	Have more shops downtown instead of offices	9/1/2022 5:46 PM
242	Be able to change with the times while still protecting core features of the town.	9/1/2022 5:36 PM
243	Need more attractions such as biking, hiking and cross country ski..	9/1/2022 5:19 PM
244	Broadband connectivity, by working with cv fiber	9/1/2022 9:45 AM
245	we are on Union Brook and have excelent wifi but I have heard the wifi further down the line is not as strong. I think investing in this technology now will only benefit the towns kids and adults alike.	9/1/2022 6:46 AM
246	Unsure	8/31/2022 9:34 PM
247	Sidewalks and walkability is in serious attention	8/31/2022 8:35 PM
248	Main Street Bridge. Needs to be rebuilt. Currently has holes in pavement and presents dangerous situations for vehicles crossing as well as pedestrians	8/31/2022 6:22 PM
249	Control of Norwich off campus students.	8/31/2022 6:01 PM
250	Roads	8/30/2022 6:17 PM
251	Traffic speed, noise, and lack of safety consideration.	8/11/2022 7:54 PM
252	We need storefronts. Storefronts = people = jobs = housing. Expansion is coming to Northfield and we need to start now or be ready to be a Montpelier suburb.	8/3/2022 11:01 AM
253	Center, more retail and restaurants	7/24/2022 8:14 PM
254	Improvements in sidewalks and public transportation	7/22/2022 3:48 PM
255	1) This one is unpopular, but cybersecurity -- it probably requires a professional consultant and upgrades to government technology. This is going to become an increasing threat. 2) Accessibility, as above. Also convenient, consistent transportation to Montpelier, VT Tech, and any other places citizens commonly need to travel for work. 3) IMPLEMENT things that have been determined from previous planning processes. This is our best chance! Think big and follow through. 4) Invest in things now that will set us up to flourish for the next ten years. I don't know what those are off the top of my head, but the rest of the community probably does. What has been holding us back? Let's fix it!	7/21/2022 7:08 PM
256	We really need improved landscape entering our town under the beautiful handmade signs. The grounds at Norwich are lovely and we could take ideas from them to update the entrances to town. Our poor postal office is falling apart and in dire need of repair.	7/21/2022 6:24 PM
257	Swimming pool: greater advertising	7/21/2022 12:24 PM
258	Public transportation community center (physical), staffed to assist locals to access available resources, more arts and music. Walkability.	7/21/2022 11:38 AM

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259	Tendency to look at big changes that don't make sense given the town's resident demographics	7/21/2022 11:18 AM
260	Add businesses	7/21/2022 10:09 AM
261	Sidewalks. Bike paths. Charging stations. Parking	7/21/2022 9:58 AM
262	I hear there are a couple "shady characters" in nflds admin,,,,get rid of em	7/21/2022 8:39 AM
263	Offer a incentive to open a store	7/21/2022 5:38 AM
264	Offer low or no interest loans so homeowners of these historic 1800's homes can upgrade them in terms of energy efficiency and electrical service. But available to all, not just the people who can qualify for all of the other programs that are income sensitive... If you really want to reduce carbon footprint and help global warming	7/20/2022 9:50 PM
265	Downtown investment in depot square and the Falls area (less empty storefronts which are an eyesore and say this is not a good place to live) - economic development and small business friendly. More parks and trails. Coworking space, Electric car charging station, connecting the village and the falls via trail system (bike path?)	7/20/2022 9:09 PM
266	More shopping choices. Hate to have to travel to shop and eat. The supermarket is terrible.	7/20/2022 8:58 PM
267	Fiber optic internet service; cellphone coverage;	7/20/2022 8:01 PM
268	Landlords keeping up appearances on store fronts etc. Look how vibrant king street looks compared to the shops around the common.	7/20/2022 7:59 PM
269	Expand broadband and repair the roads.	7/20/2022 6:40 PM
270	Expand cell phone and internet services. Fix the sidewalks (just look at the one down by Champlain farms and dollar general). Support the Labor Day Committee more; they are a small committee trying to pull off a huge event. They need more support!!!	7/20/2022 6:24 PM
271	Increased grand list and employment opportunities.	7/20/2022 6:13 PM
272	More shops. Take out restaurants. UPS store	7/20/2022 6:08 PM
273	Keep our small town small and rural. Don't need more accessibility or entertainment provided by the town. Encourage families and organizations to enjoy how rural and wonderful we are!	7/20/2022 5:50 PM
274	Our sidewalks are still in great need of repair, although Main Street is so much better now. We could use a greater variety of restaurants and shops to draw people from Montpelier and out of town.	7/19/2022 8:46 PM
275	The accounting system at the Electric Department. It's decades old and very poor. Needs online access and monitoring of usage.	7/19/2022 5:43 PM
276	That embarrassing "fountain" in the common needs to be replaced. Northfield also needs more options for dining and more businesses.	7/19/2022 1:41 PM
277	Connect south Northfield to Northfield Falls with safe sidewalks or bike path.	7/14/2022 7:27 PM
278	Dirt roads in mud season. Pavement defects and sidewalks and reduce speed limit below 30 to 25,	7/6/2022 7:42 PM
279	Get the fountain working again with cycling water and a good spray.	7/6/2022 6:52 PM
280	Roads always need work.	7/5/2022 2:21 PM
281	Rural road maintenance used to be much better under Bill Lyon. Now we rarely get roads regraded or roadside brush cut.	6/27/2022 7:42 AM
282	Post office and rural mail delivery system!	6/25/2022 12:41 PM
283	I love that the town has a square, and it's something that could create a warm community atmosphere at during evenings with a restaurant or a cafe with outdoor seating	6/25/2022 2:57 AM
284	So many areas, bringing in more business, eateries and reasons for people to visit our town	6/24/2022 3:27 PM
285	The area by the dam - It's quite ragged. I also think improving access to the pool and fields as they are pretty tucked away. Can we add a trail to the pool? Maybe the pool is a stop on the	6/22/2022 12:10 PM

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	trail/road between Downtown and the Falls? Adding economic value by building off of Darn Tough. Can we support them to open a sock store to prompt visitors to Northfield other than just the once a year sock sale?	
286	Memorial park. More activity space. Frisbee golf. Volleyball	6/19/2022 10:45 AM
287	Make better use of river waterfront, install an electric vehicle charger	6/19/2022 10:09 AM
288	Accessibility for walk/bike infrastructure, EV charging capabilities	6/19/2022 9:50 AM
289	As with anywhere, childcare options — if we want young people to come, we need to make this available	6/19/2022 9:29 AM
290	Northfield needs better parks and options for families with kids. More restaurants.	6/17/2022 12:49 PM
291	Town common - would love it to be more family friendly and accessible to folks of all abilities	6/17/2022 11:55 AM
292	Utilities and reliability: includes power, broadband, cell service, etc.	6/17/2022 11:53 AM
293	Sidewalks to connect the town	6/17/2022 9:39 AM
294	Our roads go way too long and get way too bad before any action is taken. Also stop spreading sharp stones on back roads	6/15/2022 8:00 PM
295	Hiking trails! Bike lanes. More shops (what happens to the empty Chinese restaurant and the Rustic Restaurant? It's just standing there, empty and forgotten. Not a good look for a town).	6/13/2022 1:53 PM
296	We currently have too much reliance on cars and other fossil-fuel transportation means. I support improvements in trails/bike paths parallel to Rt. 12 and elsewhere/sidewalks, etc. We also need ways to bring more life to downtown Northfield, Northfield Falls and South Northfield, our putative Designated Downtown and Village Center districts. Traffic-calming measures such as those recently demo'ed by the Common are good examples, and I hope they will be implemented with infrastructure improvements. As I said in response to the AARP demo survey, I also support making the north side of the common a pedestrian area, to reduce traffic and make space for kids to play, families and individuals to hang out, and make an attractive center to bring people into that area. I support similar traffic-calming and feature improvement in the Falls area, where there is even less public space, and traffic is even faster. And we really need a safe route between the Falls area and Depot Square, with bike-lanes and sidewalks to allow non-motorized transportation for work and pleasure. We need more affordable housing for a variety of living situations, more access to the Dog River for recreation, more play opportunities for kids, more diverse employment opportunities with small businesses, and the broadband improvements I mentioned above, also.	6/13/2022 11:11 AM
297	Route 12 is the artery of Northfield and we could improve Northfield itself by making it easier to use Route 12. Expanding bicycle and pedestrian access on Route 12 would reduce traffic in-town and improve the experience of traveling to Northfield. Also, instead, perhaps there is a way to add rail access to Northfield with the existing rail and old station?	6/13/2022 8:25 AM
298	Walkability especially between falls and common	6/13/2022 7:33 AM
299	The empty businesses	6/12/2022 6:18 PM
300	I would like to see an increase in shops, and restaurants to continue to give life to our common. I would also like more bike and walking paths to help people commute safely and get to local jobs without cars when they can	6/12/2022 4:31 PM
301	Northfield needs a central gathering place--a parklike location for people in the community to get together, meet, get to know one another, and enjoy themselves. It also needs recreational facilities not only for children, but also for adults, e.g., a safe bike path (imagine one from Montpelier to Randolph, planned by Norwich University engineering students and built by volunteers!)	6/12/2022 11:29 AM
302	Roads, sidewalks, signage's and public safety in upgraded crosswalks	6/12/2022 7:29 AM
303	Broadband access, safe walking and cycling infrastructure on 12 and 12A, better integration with Norwich.	6/12/2022 5:26 AM
304	Having a stable electrical grid. We lost power too many times in the last year. If we're supposed to stop fossil fuel for heating, how can we use heat pumps if the electrical grid is so unpredictable.	6/11/2022 8:09 PM

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305	Recreation and accessibility. A path to link the Falls with downtown is desperately needed.	6/11/2022 6:21 PM
306	Clean up cemetery's make are town look like a place of honor and where you live	6/10/2022 5:49 AM
307	Riverfront clearing and property improvements downtown near river. It looks bad right now.	6/9/2022 10:28 PM
308	Access to river and mountains by building trails, documenting what's out there on the internet, and creating basic parking	6/9/2022 8:49 PM
309	Continue stormwater and environmental education and ethics that support the towns resources and recreational assets. Connector path from the Falls to town center. Safer roads and sidewalks for cyclists and pedestrians. A recreation director.	6/9/2022 5:36 PM
310	Connection to the falls for sure - a very hard problem, but with money maybe you can make a case.	6/9/2022 4:11 PM
311	Housing, more affordable apartments and single fa.ily homes.	6/9/2022 2:24 PM
312	Add dog park to the community. Too many dogs in the area but no outlet for them to roam.	6/9/2022 1:15 PM
313	Pedestrian access between falls and the village	6/9/2022 12:35 PM
314	Downtown	6/9/2022 11:57 AM
315	Safe connection routes as above; arts development, including a performance/gathering space and very low or no cost arts opportunities e.g. music/drawing lessons, theater; a bookstore; a gazebo.	6/9/2022 11:23 AM
316	People working together in a more respectful manner. Different ideas breed positive actions.	6/9/2022 10:46 AM
317	Roads and internet.	6/9/2022 10:30 AM
318	Broadband access to rural areas	6/9/2022 10:18 AM
319	Job and business opportunities to allow people to afford to live in VT and Northfield	6/8/2022 1:22 PM
320	The fountain on the common should be renovated. The playground at Memorial park should be revived.	6/8/2022 9:54 AM
321	Funding of town youth programs/sports and recreation facilities	6/8/2022 9:23 AM
322	Control traffic speed through parts of town through strategic placement of speed bumps. Not too high or too wide. Enough to remind us all to slow down.	6/8/2022 8:39 AM
323	I would like to see a more forward-thinking governance in town. I think the town's insistence on placing honoring the past above all else holds Northfield back, and ultimately has the potential to result in the stagnation, and potential decline, of the town. There are infinite examples of historic locations embracing the future while honoring their legacies. I think this is entirely possible for Northfield.	6/8/2022 8:36 AM
324	I would suggest putting the money towards a complete replaced of Main Street from the falls through to 12A	6/8/2022 8:04 AM
325	The Common could be improved to be more habitable to people and serve as a place where residents can regularly connect. The Open Streets placemaking demo was an excellent exploration of this notion. I think our community would love to see it grow into a more vibrant space and a destination in and of itself, not just a venue for other events. Clearer traffic patterns in Depot Square, inviting landscaping, and brightening up the dark, glum, uninviting storefronts would be a good start.	6/7/2022 9:36 AM
326	Inclusivity, diversity, accessibility.	6/7/2022 8:18 AM
327	Places to eat... we need more, things to do...maybe an axe throwing place , or something like this.	6/6/2022 8:23 PM
328	Controlling invasive species by waterways, some kind of way for electric cars to charge	6/6/2022 10:54 AM
329	The town common -- I LOVED the open streets demo and it really got me thinking about what would make the common a more attractive place to hang out. I shared most of this on my survey that day, but these are some of the highlights that I think would help: 1. Beautify existing store fronts. As I sat there looking around at dark, dirty store fronts, it became immediately clear one of the big reasons the common is unattractive. Do these businesses	6/6/2022 10:26 AM

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need help repainting, washing siding, or planting their empty flower boxes? Is there anything the town can do to support or encourage more attractive store fronts around the common? 2. Find alternative routes/parking for trucks (or, at the very least, make idling not allowed). As I sat on the common attempting to enjoy the beautiful day, a paper shredding truck came and parked right next to it, taking up several spaces. The truck sat loudly idling the entire time the employee unloaded a trash can and walked it across the square to the bank. It was difficult to carry on a conversation over the noise of the truck. This made me increasingly aware of how many loud trucks drive through or park on the common to support local businesses or simply to get to another part of town. Are there other routes or parking these trucks could use to keep the common more enjoyable for pedestrians? 3. More art. I loved seeing the flags the kids made hung everywhere. What other art installments can we get on the common or around town? I've loved seeing rotating public art installments in other towns. Encouraging musicians with a covered piano stationed outside somewhere could also be cool! 4. More landscaping. The cut grass and very manicured shrubs leave much to be desired on the common. If there was more landscaping with seasonal interest throughout the year, I could see looking forward to sitting on the common with a book or a journal to just enjoy the plants and the birds. 5. More things to do. This is really a culmination of everything. Right now, sitting on the common means looking at cut grass, dark storefronts, and loud trucks. I'd love to sit on the common some day and see store fronts with fresh paint, flowering window boxes, and outdoor seating. I'd love to sit on the common and see plaques explaining native plants and how they contribute to our local wildlife. I'd love to sit on the common and hear someone playing music. I'd love to walk through the common and look at locally created art. I'd love to come to the common and have more businesses or rotating food trucks to patron. I'd love to want to come to town FOR the common, even on days when there isn't a scheduled event.

330	Northfield could invigorate our downtown, be more welcoming and open to change, follow our planning documents, add more programming and activities that engage the community and connect people	6/6/2022 8:34 AM
331	.	6/5/2022 7:00 PM
332	More housing for multiple income groups, higher awareness of the tangible positive impacts of spending dollars locally, opportunities for small business to be founded and then grow in the community.	6/3/2022 1:13 PM
333	More business in town for shopping and dining.	6/3/2022 5:38 AM
334	Get rid of the common fountain, build a gazebo in its place to support events such as concerts, readings etc. to occur on the common	6/3/2022 12:35 AM
335	The school system is awful. How to improve???? Don't know!	6/2/2022 10:46 PM
336	The sidewalks could be fixed on all streets	6/2/2022 10:22 PM
337	The number of small businesses in town, specifically restaurants and shops.	6/2/2022 7:36 PM
338	Get rid of the dirty, ugly and dated aluminum siding on downtown buildings. Boring and unattractive.	6/2/2022 5:46 PM
339	Much too conservative	6/2/2022 5:43 PM
340	Improve depot square, help improve the empty store fronts, encourage more businesses to come here.	6/2/2022 4:27 PM
341	Replace the fountain with a new one or rehab it. Make it child friendly as well. Sidewalks and paths connecting parts of town	6/2/2022 3:02 PM
342	Restoring the fountain. The common is a peaceful place. It should continue as such.	6/2/2022 2:23 PM
343	Draw in more people and families with jobs and infrastructure	6/2/2022 1:12 PM
344	Downtown revitalization to draw more foot traffic and greater access to trails/more trails	6/2/2022 8:40 AM
345	Safety. Everyone drives way too fast on all of our roads and I never see police checking.	6/2/2022 8:09 AM
346	Community gathering spaces. Anything from large outdoor fields for a festival to dance floors in a local bar/pub. Where do people go "out"?	6/1/2022 9:51 PM
347	More affordable housing	6/1/2022 9:19 PM

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348	Back roads as previously stated. Community areas. No more dollar stores. More eateries.	6/1/2022 4:53 PM
349	Better recreation department and development	6/1/2022 2:41 PM
350	Local business, eateries, make walkable/well lit, places for visitors to spend money so that money get reinvested in the town. Hotels/B&B's, clean up the town and individual properties.	6/1/2022 2:10 PM
351	The common could be vastly improved with the installation of splashpad, the existing sidewalks that are potholed/cracked asphalt should be replaced with concrete and extended to the falls, abandoned houses should be bought by the town and turned into affordable housing, a community garden/bread oven should be installed on the lit with the big drainage infrastructure on water street, river access areas to launch canoes and kayaks and swim and fish in the dog river should be installed, the dog river should have a regular trout stocking program, the town should buy the grey building and restore it and put their municipal offices there, the Fernandez house and barn across from the PD should be bought and turned into affordable housing, the pit adjacent to that and the river across from the senior housing should be bought and turned into affordable housing, for starters.	6/1/2022 1:37 PM
352	Would like there to be some community agreements on loud noises—gun shots, fireworks, dirt bikes so that folks can do these activities while also respecting that some neighbors may prefer quite at times.	6/1/2022 1:00 PM
353	Better pedestrian connections to the Falls would make a huge improvement. Cultivating more access to the river, perhaps behind Dollar General would be a great asset. Building up a collection of youth oriented activities in our existing parks; things like a bike pump track, a skate park, etc.	6/1/2022 12:42 PM
354	Improvements for pedestrian crossing and accessibility are already making a difference, and I would like to see them continue and expand, along with the banners, garden spots and bus kiosk. Space for town business and community meetings could be improved so that all attending could hear and see speakers and presentations. The high school auditorium is very large and the community room is very small. It is difficult to hear speakers, especially in the community room. I, unfortunately don't have a suggestion to fix that.	6/1/2022 12:17 PM
355	A restaurant that is open for dinner more nights of the week.	6/1/2022 10:45 AM
356	Communication	6/1/2022 10:45 AM
357	Wash the outside of the Common Cafe and maybe a couple other buildings	6/1/2022 9:55 AM
358	Fencing and additional safety measures in public places (such as around the playground at memorial Park) and better place structures at dog River Park. Better infrastructure in public parks like water fountains and parking and maps at trailheads	6/1/2022 9:35 AM
359	We need our residents to stop being such a boys club and realize change is needed if we are to grow . There can be a mix of new and old but only if everyone listens.	6/1/2022 8:50 AM
360	Northfield is slightly out of any of the local VT main travel routes, yet needs to find a way to add the types of businesses that would make people want to travel to Northfield for work, eating out or to attend some form of activities that would make them come back again or decide to move into town. Many local businesses have closed or migrated away in the last 25 years	6/1/2022 8:32 AM
361	Park play equipment is minimal and costly, the common needs more business, our roads and the "patches" look horrible	5/31/2022 9:34 PM
362	The police department does not seem very responsive to the needs of the citizens. Traffic speeding and traffic noise, noisy students, etc. They don't take quality of life very seriously. Town needs to manage them better. Especially when they have \$1 million budget. Makes you wonder why we want more people here if we can't make the place more livable for the people that already live here.	5/31/2022 8:45 PM
363	Environmental protection of the Dog River and other natural resources.	5/31/2022 8:40 PM
364	Tax base and affordable housing	5/31/2022 7:29 PM
365	The front facades on the Depot Square buildings and many apartment buildings. They are eye sores.	5/31/2022 7:27 PM
366	Connecting the falls and center village via a ped and cycle route	5/31/2022 6:36 PM

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367	To rehabilitate the depot square area. The how would need community input.	5/31/2022 6:11 PM
368	Forest trails access	5/31/2022 1:09 PM
369	The sidewalks.	5/31/2022 1:07 PM
370	More places hang out, for all ages. We need a small hotel too.	5/31/2022 12:16 PM
371	More incentives for small business in town.	5/31/2022 12:15 PM
372	Municipal government needs to invest in infrastructure that supports housing development and pedestrian access between Northfield Falls and Depot Square. The Falls needs to be prioritized as the number one location for grant funding and infrastructure development. Comparatively, we are investing disproportionately on Depot Square quality of life improvements.	5/31/2022 12:01 PM
373	Roads, maybe a rec path public trany definitely	5/30/2022 6:34 PM
374	Access to our outdoor rec, cell service, and making our town green more appealing.	5/30/2022 7:06 AM
375	Pool area...at the play ground could have a splash pad.	5/30/2022 5:14 AM
376	Nfld needs better River access. We have a great little River but no great access without trespassing.	5/29/2022 11:27 AM
377	Sidewalks and roads safer for pedestrians and cyclists	5/29/2022 6:46 AM
378	Sidewalks running south to/past the 12/12A split and north past Tops to the Falls General store.	5/28/2022 6:33 PM
379	Could we make depot square pedestrian only?	5/28/2022 5:52 PM
380	Sidewalks and walkability; more activities in the evening, especially for young adults	5/28/2022 10:08 AM
381	Conduct a planning effort for the vacant lot next to Dollar General, acquire the property, utilize brownfield funds to assess and cleanup the site and market it to a developer that can better utilize the space.	5/28/2022 10:03 AM
382	We could expand ways to walk/bike around town. We could get more restaurants so people go out and see each other in our town.	5/28/2022 9:33 AM
383	Better or length if of sidewalks to south and falls	5/28/2022 7:11 AM
384	Memorial Park play ground- expand, Northfield Middle Highschool Auditorium- improve the sound system, find a place to put in tennis courts. Track and field for Northfield Middle High School	5/27/2022 10:10 PM
385	Poor pavement, crumbling sidewalks. Cars have priority & bikes & walkers don't.	5/27/2022 7:22 PM
386	Fountain on the common incorporating some kind of splash pad for children	5/27/2022 6:04 PM
387	Restore Memorial Park to allow for a nice safe place for our kids to play	5/27/2022 4:39 PM
388	The common is depressing and run down. Memorial park needs more attention. Certain landlords control much of downtown and allow buildings and businesses to become dilapidated.	5/27/2022 4:38 PM
389	Not sure	5/27/2022 3:47 PM
390	Keep the roads and sidewalks up don't let them get so bad	5/27/2022 3:17 PM
391	More places to eat!	5/27/2022 2:10 PM
392	Town manager-	5/27/2022 1:45 PM
393	Roads and activities in town. Quality of power lines mine are very old going to my house from the pole. Working on transformers in the falls area	5/27/2022 12:31 PM
394	More businesses downtown, more rec paths and hiking trails	5/26/2022 2:38 PM
395	Depot Square needs another community /economic point of interest (like a bakery) Having a bike trail/ walking path away from the road that connects Norwich to Northfield Falls.	5/25/2022 10:01 PM
396	Sidewalks and more river access	5/25/2022 10:38 AM



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397	More activities in the common to attract retail business and customers. Maybe some live music	5/24/2022 8:04 PM
398	Limited family activities. We live in Northfield but do not spend our money here because there is little to do here	5/24/2022 7:33 PM
399	Better accessibility down to the beach at the falls.	5/24/2022 5:34 PM
400	Improve pool and common	5/24/2022 5:11 PM
401	There is a large quantity of debris under the main Street Bridge in the dog river. Clearing this would help mitigate flood hazards during severe weather events.	5/24/2022 4:11 PM
402	Downtown area by expanding parking to allow closing the center to cars for pedestrians only during special events.	5/24/2022 3:57 PM
403	1. Enclose the town pool for year-round use/membership. 2. Gravel roads need constant, comprehensive care and Rte 12 needs major repaving (know that's a state problem, but needs doing!).	5/24/2022 1:58 PM
404	Sidewalks through the town proper would be nice. I realize the expense that would be so maybe these funds would go a long way towards some of that. Expanded water and sewer service would be a boon for potential home buyers.	5/24/2022 11:13 AM
405	Roads	5/24/2022 10:57 AM
406	Bike path access to Parks and downtown. Having a more welcoming community space.	5/24/2022 9:48 AM
407	Food and small business	5/24/2022 8:07 AM
408	More police presence for traffic patrol.... Strong police presence will deter nefarious activity	5/24/2022 7:06 AM
409	Allow for motorized access to the trails so everyone can enjoy them.	5/24/2022 6:49 AM
410	Recreation access	5/24/2022 6:13 AM
411	More dining options with better operating hours.	5/23/2022 11:30 PM
412	Places to visit in the city	5/23/2022 8:41 PM
413	renewable energy sources	5/23/2022 8:09 PM
414	Housing better housing and improvement of low income housing	5/23/2022 7:30 PM
415	Sidewalks are unsafe	5/23/2022 7:25 PM
416	Keep the FOUNTAIN and improve all historic features/buildings. No more Dollar General/Tree.	5/23/2022 7:16 PM
417	Early childhood education limited utilities access (sewer, broadband, garbage, etc.)	5/23/2022 7:02 PM
418	Landscaping at the playground at the Memorial Park. The trees that once provided shade and comfort should be replaced so the space can be more inviting and healthy. (Many were shocked when the beautiful, tall evergreens were removed.)	5/23/2022 6:49 PM
419	Park and recreation	5/23/2022 3:56 PM
420	Making the Downtown easier to get to from the Falls via bikes,pedestrian paths	5/23/2022 3:54 PM
421	Nothing	5/23/2022 1:22 PM
422	Some central place for families/kids to go for activities like YMCA	5/23/2022 1:06 PM
423	We need more housing	5/23/2022 12:53 PM
424	Sidewalks	5/23/2022 11:59 AM

## Q7 If you have other thoughts about spending Northfield's \$1.9 million in ARPA funds please share what would they be?

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#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Places & events for families to gather - some for young children, middle grades & teens (music? etc.) Northfield is home and could become a very attractive place to live with a focus on family - friendliness and downtown vibrancy.	10/23/2022 10:25 AM
2	We can enhance and improve infrastructure and community spaces. We can attract families and new housing, new creative development and entrepreneurs wanting close proximity to the interstate and capital. We are so centrally located!	10/23/2022 10:07 AM
3	more housing for everyone	10/1/2022 9:22 AM
4	Leveraging as match for other grants. It seems there is/will be many other ARPA grant opportunities for water/wastewater projects. Therefore, I think funds should be spent on the property tax based funds	10/1/2022 9:13 AM
5	Bike paths, better playground at Memorial Park	10/1/2022 1:39 AM
6	Maybe we should just pay for our portion of the main st bridge and not have to borrow money later. That, and fully fund the economic development position.	9/30/2022 11:11 PM
7	Bigger recreation opportunities; community center that could help give students places to go and maybe house needed services like the Clothing Shelf and the Food Shelf.	9/30/2022 10:05 PM
8	None!	9/30/2022 9:02 PM
9	Put solar panels on the fire station, police station, and the schools; have at least two fast chargers for electric cars; install more solar fields	9/30/2022 7:40 PM
10	Please be intelligent. Run RFPs within proper parameters and solicit bids from multiple companies. Understand the full extent of the project prior to starting it to save time and money.	9/30/2022 6:51 PM
11	Have a center that is central. Create nice shops and restaurants and do something about slumlands and empty buildings, etc. Grey Building but no arts center. Why not? Why should I need to go to Montpelier for a functioning vibrant Senior Center, classes etc.	9/30/2022 6:36 PM
12	Purchase easements along 12 and 12A to make a safe walking/cycle path.	9/30/2022 5:49 PM
13	I haven't checked out the trails yet- but improving our hiking trails- I wonder if Northfield could also have a bike path in town- maybe one that runs to Northfield Falls.	9/30/2022 5:35 PM
14	a house	9/29/2022 2:39 PM
15	Nope	9/29/2022 1:23 PM
16	Sidewalks	9/29/2022 12:01 PM
17	speed bumps and police on patrol to serve quickly	9/29/2022 9:40 AM
18	i think there should be more stores	9/28/2022 9:12 PM
19	Let's make northfield a great place for everyone :D	9/28/2022 7:31 PM
20	I heard a lot of other people say it, and I completely agree that we should give teachers a raise. And I wish I could say this for many other states and districts and teachers, because teachers do so much, and they don't get enough for all of the things that they do. They quite literally help shape our future generations. Teachers are actually so important, but they don't get enough rep for it. So like I had said, I wish this applied to many many other teachers than just the ones here, but even so, I hope the ones here get a raise. I apologize once again lol that was a lot. In conclusion, please give the teachers a raise.	9/28/2022 1:16 PM

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21	I can't think of this either	9/28/2022 1:13 PM
22	I don't have any other thoughts.	9/28/2022 1:05 PM
23	I don't know.	9/28/2022 1:01 PM
24	making school shorter	9/28/2022 1:01 PM
25	make pain mountain back into a ski resort	9/28/2022 1:01 PM
26	None	9/28/2022 1:00 PM
27	I don't have any.	9/28/2022 12:59 PM
28	i think some roads work by just taking care of the roads	9/28/2022 12:59 PM
29	Most things that were listed in question 3 it should be on that	9/28/2022 12:59 PM
30	cumunity service	9/28/2022 12:59 PM
31	Make the school and town bigger.	9/28/2022 12:59 PM
32	None	9/28/2022 12:59 PM
33	More job opportunities for younger people.	9/28/2022 12:58 PM
34	Add a chic fil a	9/28/2022 12:57 PM
35	Create stuff to do	9/28/2022 12:57 PM
36	i dont know	9/28/2022 12:57 PM
37	things to do	9/28/2022 12:57 PM
38	To help the world out by building more places for people to stay	9/28/2022 12:57 PM
39	i have no other ideas	9/28/2022 12:57 PM
40	idc	9/28/2022 12:57 PM
41	not sure	9/28/2022 12:57 PM
42	i have no other thoughts!	9/28/2022 12:56 PM
43	i dont	9/28/2022 12:56 PM
44	nope	9/28/2022 12:56 PM
45	waterpark	9/28/2022 12:56 PM
46	Chuck e cheese	9/28/2022 12:56 PM
47	no	9/28/2022 12:56 PM
48	I don't have any other ideas.	9/28/2022 12:56 PM
49	nope	9/28/2022 12:56 PM
50	Lights for the soccer field and a new baseball diamond	9/28/2022 12:56 PM
51	water park	9/28/2022 12:56 PM
52	Athletic stuff (more equipment)	9/28/2022 12:55 PM
53	I have none as the two mos important uses have been barred	9/28/2022 12:55 PM
54	I don't know	9/28/2022 12:55 PM
55	we need better books for the school	9/28/2022 12:55 PM
56	None	9/28/2022 12:55 PM
57	no comment	9/28/2022 12:55 PM
58	NONE	9/28/2022 12:55 PM

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59	restaurants	9/28/2022 12:55 PM
60	idk	9/28/2022 12:54 PM
61	idk	9/28/2022 12:54 PM
62	nothing	9/28/2022 12:53 PM
63	Restaurant, stores that could help Northfield locally	9/28/2022 12:52 PM
64	For the school.	9/28/2022 12:49 PM
65	add a skatepark so teens have things to do	9/28/2022 12:44 PM
66	KEEP NORTHFIELD LOCAL AND DON'T DO ANYTHING TO MAKE US A GINORMOUS TOURIST DESTINATION!!11	9/28/2022 12:11 PM
67	i can't think of anything right now	9/28/2022 12:11 PM
68	To have a dirt bike track so we can race. umm letting people at the age of 13 to work. And maybe coming up with things that kids can do to earn money.	9/28/2022 12:10 PM
69	An outdoor and sports store.	9/28/2022 12:10 PM
70	idk	9/28/2022 12:08 PM
71	Making the center of town nicer and increasing the activities that happen there.	9/28/2022 12:08 PM
72	Margret holland inn	9/28/2022 12:07 PM
73	A petco	9/28/2022 12:07 PM
74	i have no idea	9/28/2022 12:07 PM
75	make a fishing hunting class	9/28/2022 12:07 PM
76	i dont have any	9/28/2022 12:07 PM
77	I dont have anything els i can think of :)	9/28/2022 12:07 PM
78	I think I've covered them all.	9/28/2022 12:07 PM
79	I cant think of something off the top of my head that we should spend it on.	9/28/2022 12:07 PM
80	I cant think what you should do with the money.	9/28/2022 12:07 PM
81	better internet	9/28/2022 12:06 PM
82	I don't know	9/28/2022 12:06 PM
83	Ive got none	9/28/2022 12:06 PM
84	small amount of all of it go to each Northfield resadents	9/28/2022 12:06 PM
85	don't do this but I want an arcade	9/28/2022 12:05 PM
86	I don't have any other ideas most things were previously listed	9/28/2022 12:05 PM
87	gym or better stores	9/28/2022 12:05 PM
88	Dunkin and more stuff on the comin	9/28/2022 12:05 PM
89	Dunkin, starbucks, more activitie, more at common	9/28/2022 12:05 PM
90	dirtbike track	9/28/2022 12:05 PM
91	Help the school: Theatre, band, playground for NMHS, and put more money into the food.	9/28/2022 12:04 PM
92	Slushie store, thrift store.	9/28/2022 12:04 PM
93	ADD A CANDY SHOP DOWNTOWN	9/28/2022 12:04 PM
94	We should use some on equipment and sporting events	9/28/2022 12:03 PM
95	nope	9/28/2022 12:03 PM

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96	Clothing/thrift store	9/28/2022 12:03 PM
97	nothing	9/28/2022 12:03 PM
98	slushie store, thrift store, skate park, lake	9/28/2022 12:03 PM
99	idk	9/28/2022 12:03 PM
100	a starbucks	9/28/2022 12:03 PM
101	Put a new dunkin or fast food restaurant	9/28/2022 12:02 PM
102	I don't have any other thoughts	9/28/2022 12:02 PM
103	playground for middle and high school	9/28/2022 12:02 PM
104	get a mcdonalds in town	9/28/2022 12:02 PM
105	See above. Thank you for listening!	9/24/2022 12:11 PM
106	Improvements to the Northfield Falls village that would help to make it a more vibrant and welcoming destination for people to stop and visit the covered bridges, the Falls General Store, the recreational fields, etc. I feel that the Falls is an underutilized resource and needs some attention and beautification. Maybe a walking bridge over Route 12, or a fountain near the rec fields—something that could also serve as a monument to Village founders, Military Veterans, or something like that. We have the Gold Star Families monument now in the park where Northfield Center once thrived. Let's liven up the Falls! It is a gateway to Northfield and deserves a facelift!	9/18/2022 7:20 PM
107	School expenses and property, people with no one in school should be omitted from school portion on personal property taxes	9/18/2022 7:14 PM
108	Fix roads bridges creat trail system off the mountains for Mountian bikers. Atv. Snowmobile and hikers to grow the business	9/18/2022 6:48 PM
109	Buy up some of the old and run down houses. Fix up and rent NOT Section 8 rentals, just affordable	9/18/2022 5:14 PM
110	huge, rentable garden plots right in town for people to gather as a community	9/16/2022 6:02 PM
111	Town projects that serve & include everyone, not just select few	9/16/2022 8:20 AM
112	If at all possible, the money should be used fund permanent staff positions with competitive wages so we can hire and retain great public employees.	9/15/2022 10:40 AM
113	Perhaps creating other hubs besides Depot Square such as a more developed and expanded Grey Building and a more attractive shopping place in the area occupied by Tops. A country style restaurant would be a welcomed addition. No more 'Dollar'stores.	9/15/2022 9:16 AM
114	I hesitate to make suggestions since I do not know what the restrictions are on these funds. Some very informal suggestions 1.Open up better access to the Dog River, similar to what they have done with the Mad River. 2. Utilize the Gary Building and other empty buildings in town for a community resource. Study what has been done with the Grange in Montpelier 3. Support and grow the Farmers Market 4. Continue with the Development officer position	9/15/2022 7:35 AM
115	Perhaps better signage or advertising for what we already have here?	9/14/2022 7:04 PM
116	We need to be cognizant of the long-term cost of projects. Sustainability should be considered, we can't rely on one-time funding and expect it to be renewed.	9/14/2022 6:16 PM
117	Could some of it be used to liven up Depot Square? The buildings are looking a little shabby, a repair here and there and a fresh coat of paint could perk it right up to match the beautiful job on the flower beds. Maybe a mural or two on some of the larger swaths of white building siding.	9/13/2022 7:20 PM
118	Fix / alter fountain to make it more child play based. Localize energy production and incorporating renewables such as wind or solar into the town energy grid. Better access to fresh healthy food year round. Create a community garden on water street. Get darn tough / la panciata to have a retail store. Alcohol free hangout space for teens / young adults.	9/12/2022 8:33 PM
119	Pay back debts owed already.	9/12/2022 10:53 AM
120	cleanup the water fountain and have it used recycled water. dog park is a must. better	9/12/2022 9:29 AM

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	broadband. Encourage new businesses.	
121	affordable housing	9/11/2022 7:05 PM
122	Affordable housing, downtown revitalization, river access, functional sidewalks from the village to the falls, investment in ballparks and other public assets,	9/9/2022 9:08 PM
123	Improve schools in the Paine Mountain District. People moving to new locations look for opportunities for growth, quality schools, and community involvement	9/9/2022 7:38 PM
124	Improvements to the schools	9/9/2022 6:26 PM
125	Splash park at Memorial Park playground?	9/9/2022 1:18 PM
126	Aside from upgrading sewer and water lines, creating greater access for cell phones and the web, a solar field to provide power for as much of the town as possible would have a long lasting, positive economic effect. We can't change our location but the above suggestions could encourage investors to look at the town and tourists to visit. If we have any waterfalls, we could enhance access to them.	9/8/2022 9:28 AM
127	Buy any needed equipment for fire department, police department, road maintenance.. Repair or some of the horrible sidewalks and curbing (12north)	9/7/2022 10:24 PM
128	Ok	9/6/2022 11:09 PM
129	See #6	9/6/2022 9:57 PM
130	We also should highly think about adding more solar/wind energy to the Northfield grid. Take advantage of what the Rotary club might have to say. Another option is to invest in social support to help people improve their skills and learn financial education. If we can improve our community's finances then we can improve their lives a lot. We can polish Northfield all we want, but if we don't support young and growing families or the less fortunate than what is it all for?	9/6/2022 9:12 PM
131	We need to ease our zoning and allow business to move in. We should stop trying to pick and choose what can be here. We have some of the most restrictive zoning in our area. We could be an autonomous booming municipal economy if we would actually open for business.	9/6/2022 8:57 PM
132	Mark walking/running/hiking trails and paths and note (on a website probably) the associated distance, difficulty, and accessibility for each (and if dogs are allowed). Paving some areas would be nice too. Think Stowe bike path or mad river path.	9/6/2022 8:38 PM
133	?	9/6/2022 8:23 PM
134	We need to make northfield more attractive to young families. We need more outdoor recreation options, better restaurants, and need to capitalize on the tourism in waitsfield and Montpelier by paving roads (moretown mountain road) and replacing route 12 a n.	9/6/2022 8:20 PM
135	Housing units with AFFORDABLE rents	9/6/2022 7:13 PM
136	Improve sidewalks on Vine St and areas around the schools. Maintain those sidewalks all year and not just weed whack them once in August. Take a good look at the run down school properties and have a professional advise on how to give a real facelift rather than a janitor's view of "touch-ups." Be proactive in the long term in keeping road sides clear of weeds and brush.	9/6/2022 6:36 PM
137	Rec Center for kids & adults, more recreation options, more/better playgrounds	9/6/2022 6:23 PM
138	For now my only request is reducing the speed of the thru traffic on Central Street	9/6/2022 5:47 PM
139	support local businesses especially sustainable ones to thrive, support farmers market as not only economic developement but also as a social safety net and community building effort	9/6/2022 5:39 PM
140	See #4 above- more recreational opportunities for all ages and abilities.	9/6/2022 5:35 PM
141	Dog park	9/6/2022 2:10 PM
142	Not more than previously states	9/5/2022 8:28 PM
143	Clean out the Dog River among other things	9/5/2022 7:52 PM
144	N/A	9/5/2022 7:47 PM

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145	I trust you all will be able to find a way to help. Thanks!	9/5/2022 7:33 PM
146	Anything from the town water/sewer/electric utility related should not be included as that does not benefit everyone not in town.	9/5/2022 7:32 PM
147	Fix the potholes!!! New pavement on areas in Northfield Falls	9/5/2022 7:20 PM
148	Nothing else to add.	9/5/2022 6:38 PM
149	More restaurants would be great!	9/5/2022 5:59 PM
150	Could something be done with the slate quarries and the slate dump piles that are near the "real" end of Slate Avenue? Something like building mazes or camping shelters. Can the slate quarries be used for fishing? Other radical ideas like that.	9/5/2022 5:51 PM
151	Knotweed needs to be handled before we lose more native species and have roads washing out.	9/5/2022 5:48 PM
152	None	9/5/2022 5:42 PM
153	We need a proven and mapped out plan to increase opportunities in our town,we seem to be going backwards into the future	9/5/2022 5:33 PM
154	Build up recreation sustainably and make sure the full time residents of Northfield benefit from recreation access and the money it will bring in from folks out of town coming to play!	9/5/2022 5:32 PM
155	I didn't see any options to prioritize energy independence and adapting our town to climate change. I selected "Lasting Impact" as the highest priority for this reason. Long term, fuel prices are only going to increase, weather will become more erratic, and more folks are going to be looking to move places that are more comfortable to live. Those concerns and others like them might not be popular, sexy, or easy to address but they are here to stay and should be part of the conversation.	9/5/2022 3:25 PM
156	Infrastructure improvements in general	9/5/2022 7:57 AM
157	Concrete sidewalks on Main and Central streets; move telephone / power poles off all sidewalks in the entire town; expand sewer lines to many, many more homes that are uphill from the sewer plant (would less private sewer systems be better for the environment and waterways?)	9/5/2022 5:02 AM
158	If bridges need work or other infrastructure, this would be the time; also, affordable housing	9/4/2022 11:13 PM
159	Anything to encourage energy efficient changes and also assist folks with heating (weatherization assessment, heat pump and other efficiency incentives.	9/4/2022 9:51 PM
160	More recreational family things to do. Interact with Norwich more, we are a collage town. We can do better	9/4/2022 9:05 PM
161	Improving the school parking (both staff, parent/visitors, student), safety of buss drop off/pick up and parent drop off/pick up and walker safety.	9/4/2022 8:42 PM
162	Don't waste it and get the most bang for the buck.	9/4/2022 8:05 PM
163	Revitalizing the Common for better business opportunities.	9/4/2022 7:47 PM
164	Nope—just the integrity of the infrastructure; everything else is dependent on that.	9/4/2022 7:32 PM
165	Helping with rent for new businesses	9/4/2022 5:29 PM
166	Dog park	9/4/2022 5:05 PM
167	None	9/4/2022 4:46 PM
168	Please ensure that we really think these projects through and not just waste this money	9/4/2022 11:41 AM
169	Congratulations on receiving the funding!	9/4/2022 10:34 AM
170	Don't waste it on boondoggles.	9/4/2022 7:18 AM
171	Let's pick one or two things we need and maybe wouldn't have been able to afford otherwise.	9/3/2022 10:22 AM
172	A bike lane or path or sidewalk connecting northfield falls to town	9/2/2022 7:27 PM

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173	Increase vibrancy of downtown - ensure we keep Tops and don't get overrun by dollar stores.	9/2/2022 6:05 PM
174	We need to make Northfield a cool place people want to come to by bringing in more businesses and increase walkability between the areas that are nice (like the square and the Falls)	9/2/2022 5:52 PM
175	Sidewalks	9/2/2022 5:12 PM
176	Clean up the downtown area, expand it and attract businesses.	9/2/2022 5:08 PM
177	See six.	9/2/2022 3:18 PM
178	Food, housing and supportive counseling for those who need it. (survivors of abuse, addiction and other trauma)	9/2/2022 7:57 AM
179	making town buildings more energy efficient	9/2/2022 7:16 AM
180	Cell coverage, recreational opportunities and safety of the town.	9/2/2022 6:22 AM
181	no thoughts..	9/2/2022 4:19 AM
182	Adding a town employee whose job description is to encourage/assist citizens and town government to take steps toward energy efficiency, resilience, and sustainability. I think the town would be making a huge mistake not to use a large portion of ARPA funding to plan for and help mitigate the effects of climate change.	9/2/2022 12:06 AM
183	Grating roads!!!! What a rough mud season this year we could have prepared better for with more road maintenance	9/1/2022 9:09 PM
184	Helping those services that worked so hard throughout the pandemic	9/1/2022 7:54 PM
185	Expanding the library so they can take in more books and host more community events easily.	9/1/2022 7:31 PM
186	I hope spending of these funds is such that it facilitates an eventual increase in revenues.	9/1/2022 5:53 PM
187	Fencing around the junkyard. Road improvement both paved and gravel.more cultural activities.	9/1/2022 5:48 PM
188	A nice bike path along the river connecting with the falls and beyond and a really nice playground near the common	9/1/2022 5:46 PM
189	Bring waste water treatment to Northfield Falls. Make the Dog River a recreational and economic asset for the town.	9/1/2022 5:36 PM
190	More recreational activities to drive new businesses such as restaurants, shoppes, cannabis and health related farm driven attractions	9/1/2022 5:19 PM
191	Fiber is the most important priority, beyond that I would encourage the town to consider maintenance and upkeep on existing facilities/ infrastructure rather than looking only at new programs or projects	9/1/2022 9:45 AM
192	Prepare to be more resilient for future emergencies of all sorts	8/30/2022 6:17 PM
193	Basic utilities and services should be improved, expanded, and secured. Towns people will provide for their own culture, business opportunities, recreation, and civic pride and participation given a stable, secure, quiet community.	8/11/2022 7:54 PM
194	Public Transportation: a more extensive bus system Investment in Businesses to bring more to the town	7/22/2022 3:48 PM
195	I would like to see our students -- from both the local schools and the university -- leveraged as much as possible. I know the Norwich architecture program is pretty forward-thinking; might they have plans for green, affordable housing that we could try out? As a community experiment, even. Can we set up an internship program that gets local students the skills they need to flourish in local jobs? Or profitable outside jobs that can be done remotely?	7/21/2022 7:08 PM
196	Purchase the Gray Building and make it a community/art center.	7/21/2022 6:24 PM
197	An eye for the common good, sustainability, long range perspective.	7/21/2022 11:38 AM
198	Splashpad at the pool, plus upgrades to pool. The pool could pull people from all over if upgraded and advertised.	7/21/2022 11:18 AM



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199	Add to the playground, play equipment at Memorial Park. Need more businesses to locate to Northfield to add employment opportunities and lower taxes.	7/21/2022 10:09 AM
200	there's like 2500 tax properties in northfield right? Give us all a check for 700 bucks. let US figure out where WE want to spend it	7/21/2022 8:39 AM
201	New Town hall	7/21/2022 5:38 AM
202	See answer for #6. Make money available to landlords in low interest loans to improve the old "animal house"apartment complexes that had to struggle once Norwich brought student body into on campus housing	7/20/2022 9:50 PM
203	None	7/20/2022 9:09 PM
204	Lower local taxes?	7/20/2022 8:58 PM
205	Norwich engineering students have submitted numerous "senior projects" that are off the shelf community improvement projects. Spend money there instead of spending money to create new proposals	7/20/2022 8:01 PM
206	Best bang for the buck. Long lasting projects/improvements.	7/20/2022 7:59 PM
207	I would like to see that \$50,000 be designated to CVFiber to get broadband to the outlying areas.	7/20/2022 6:40 PM
208	Increase the number of paved roads.	7/20/2022 6:13 PM
209	Just so happy we live in such a beautiful place Continue with up keep. A bike path from the Falls to Town center b hate seeing the kids riding to the pool on the side of the road	7/20/2022 6:08 PM
210	Keep in mind these are one time funds and should not be used for projects that will need future funding to have benefit.	7/20/2022 5:50 PM
211	I would love for us to have our own community theater.	7/19/2022 8:46 PM
212	That's all for now	7/19/2022 5:43 PM
213	I think it would be a great idea to incentivize Darn Tough to open an outlet store in town and try to help make sure they don't move more operation to Waterbury. Maybe the vacant old police station building would be a good location.	7/19/2022 1:41 PM
214	Improved internet connectivity	7/14/2022 7:27 PM
215	Solar panel field	7/6/2022 7:42 PM
216	solar array for our power needs	7/6/2022 6:52 PM
217	Look to maximize the number of folks in town who will be positively impacted by the money spent.	7/5/2022 2:21 PM
218	Use the federal money to support the federal mail system that is in place to provide an essential service to the entire community.	6/25/2022 12:41 PM
219	Make sure whatever we use it on, we think about long term effects and sustainable growth	6/24/2022 3:27 PM
220	Xx	6/19/2022 10:45 AM
221	Spend to prevent future liability, invest in our hard infrastructure and municipal resiliency	6/19/2022 10:09 AM
222	Development should not include cutting down any more trees, like has been done extensively in the Falls area for an unknown purpose.	6/19/2022 9:50 AM
223	Childcare! Childcare! Childcare!	6/19/2022 9:29 AM
224	A refresh of the common or a great park.	6/17/2022 12:49 PM
225	Attract some restaurants!	6/17/2022 11:53 AM
226	I would like to see a bike path started	6/17/2022 9:39 AM
227	Spend it on projects that might reduce homeowner tax burden.	6/15/2022 8:00 PM
228	More childcare, to go along with the housing needs; I really like the idea of mixed-use	6/13/2022 11:11 AM

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development combining housing, small-scale retail and other businesses and childcare, as is being discussed for the Freightyard Way area. These developments encourage local connections and discourage driving, with its attendant dangers and costs imposed on the surrounding environment and public space. This is the sort of development that I think will really help Northfield move forward as an attractive and comfortable town.

229	Local asthetic improvement. The area near the dollar store with the big concrete pillars could be a space for kids to paint (paint the pillars), picnic table, etc	6/13/2022 7:33 AM
230	Housing	6/12/2022 6:18 PM
231	A community center/park that incorporates a shaded sitting area, biergarten, dog park, children's playground with simple sandwiches and soft drinks available, would be my number one recommendation. My second recommendation is installing solar panels on all covered bridges and on suitable public and private rooftops in Northfield. The electricity so generated will make Northfield a leader in "Green Energy" production and provide a revenue source for the town. The two could "lease" rooftop space from homeowners for solar panel installation (e.g. ten-year terms). The lease may be a credit line against which the monthly power usage will be charged.	6/12/2022 11:29 AM
232	Cell, water, sewerage and more businesses!	6/12/2022 7:29 AM
233	Youth development programs would benefit current residents and invest in the future. If the town could allocate some of the ARPA funds to match a grant or other state/national (public or private) funding opportunity it would be a smart, high-return project as well as a good way to collaborate with Norwich.	6/12/2022 5:26 AM
234	A sidewalk from town to the falls area	6/10/2022 5:49 AM
235	Not a kiddie pool;)	6/9/2022 8:49 PM
236	Connecting sewer to to the Falls.	6/9/2022 5:36 PM
237	Luring big business with tax abatement funded by this shouldn't be out of the question. Long term business investment would go farther than this 1.9M	6/9/2022 4:11 PM
238	Improve trail system and road safety for both citizens and travelers. Add additional parking.	6/9/2022 1:15 PM
239	Maybe a mix of one or two large ticket projects and several small (I know this conflicts with my earlier answer) Also capital acquisition/improvements	6/9/2022 12:35 PM
240	Spend with an eye toward improved equity of opportunity, resilience, livability. Take time to thoroughly research possibilities.	6/9/2022 11:23 AM
241	Maintaining/upgrading what we already have. For example, caring for the playground at Memorial Park. Town positions that ensure that current recreation spaces are well cared for and maintained. Perhaps reviving the recreation board positions, and allowing them to have a say in what happens where. For example: implementing ONE of the bike path plans that have for 25 years been born out of Norwich senior project plans.	6/9/2022 11:21 AM
242	Use on projects that do not have significant ongoing or maintenance costs. One time fund focus.	6/9/2022 10:46 AM
243	I recommend thorough approaches to extending water and sewer, and expanding broadband rather than inadequate starts that never get completed.	6/9/2022 10:18 AM
244	Implement proposals from the Ridge+River Routes Master Plan	6/9/2022 10:12 AM
245	We need to send the money on either one time projects or projects that will be self funding without raising long term costs.	6/8/2022 1:22 PM
246	Biking, hiking and walking paths in addition to Paine Mountain.	6/8/2022 9:54 AM
247	A small portion to be grant funds to all the local non profits	6/8/2022 9:23 AM
248	Offering more incentives for solar on private residences. Maybe a condition that it must stay a non rental for 10-15 years. Or more funds for better energy efficiency in the older homes. Same condition to stay owner occupied for at least 10-15 years. or All monies are returned to go to a different residence.	6/8/2022 8:39 AM
249	I would like to see the downtown revitalized- with a community centric green, surrounded by	6/8/2022 8:36 AM

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viable businesses. I would like to see more after school and summer activities for our youth, especially teenagers. I would like to see our natural places well mapped and labeled, with adequate parking, networked trails, and kept clean. I would like our roads to be maintained, especially with regards to stormwater run-off.

250	Repave Main Street	6/8/2022 8:04 AM
251	CVFiber is an organization that's well underway on a rollout of affordable high-speed fiber internet in our area. Until September 15th (or until \$1.5 million has been committed), the Vermont Community Broadband Board is matching town contributions to CVFiber for construction. Worcester, Cabot, Waterbury, and Middlesex have already committed ARPA funds to the initiative. I'd urge Northfield to join their ranks - a modest investment here could go a long way toward connecting and improving quality of life for our community, and the VCCB's matching offer provides an excellent return on our investment.	6/7/2022 9:36 AM
252	Town accessibility improvements. ALL abilities should feel welcome and included.	6/7/2022 8:18 AM
253	1.9 million is not as much a people think. Use it where it is visible like sidewalks or roads	6/6/2022 8:23 PM
254	Add a map by Northfield town forest (easier to find), way to access trails, new trails, charging station in town square for one electric vehicle (I am certain this would be useful!)	6/6/2022 10:54 AM
255	There are so many possibilities! -more options for kids/teens to play/do things - cultural/arts/multi-use venue space -work on developing Freightyard way into businesses/housing/arts hub, lots of potential in this area -parklet for river access near dollar general when the dam gets removed	6/6/2022 8:34 AM
256	Skatepark	6/5/2022 7:00 PM
257	The continuation of making the town more "walkable" and strong incentives for small businesses to open or expand here.	6/3/2022 1:13 PM
258	Focus on accelerating existing improvement/development plans.. not flash-in-the-pan ideas	6/3/2022 12:35 AM
259	Youth and family outreach.	6/2/2022 10:46 PM
260	I just feel it should benefit everyone not just one specific group	6/2/2022 10:22 PM
261	More family friendly public space within walking distance of the Common.	6/2/2022 7:36 PM
262	Please share with the community who is going to determine where is \$\$ goes. A committee? By vote? By these surveys??	6/2/2022 5:46 PM
263	I'd like to see what proposals the town is considering. This is an amazing town that's within 15 minutes of 89. We should be a destination that's attracts tourists and new residents.	6/2/2022 4:27 PM
264	A bandshell and /or a gazebo for the common	6/2/2022 3:02 PM
265	I am sure it would take all of it in order to resurface our worst main roads.	6/2/2022 2:23 PM
266	I would love to see the town buy up and improve some downtown properties	6/2/2022 8:40 AM
267	Just wondering if putting money into improving our roads is an option? Main Street could really use a smoother surface as well as several other local roads.	6/2/2022 8:09 AM
268	Need to invest in attracting AND maintaining younger residents. I believe Northfield is a town that saw a population decrease over the past decade.	6/1/2022 9:51 PM
269	Nothing right now.	6/1/2022 4:53 PM
270	Again, spend smartly. Pair with volunteers and other grants. Don't overpay for work to be done.	6/1/2022 2:10 PM
271	See above.	6/1/2022 1:37 PM
272	Would love to see some of this go towards reparations to the Abenaki as well as people of color in our community. Would also like some of it to go toward more outdoor education in the Northfield schools.	6/1/2022 1:00 PM
273	I'd really like to see this money spread around a bunch of small-medium projects that impact many segments of the community. I'd rather not see it spent digging us out of infrastructure messes created by deferring maintenance.	6/1/2022 12:42 PM

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274	I have read some comments from residents who distrust outside funding for fear that it will somehow change the nature of town and disrespect its history. I would wish that the town enthusiastically accept the funding and use it to build a community that can face an uncertain future with creativity and resilience, that builds on, but is not restricted by its past.	6/1/2022 12:17 PM
275	Repair the fountain on the common	6/1/2022 10:45 AM
276	Divert the river on the corner in front of the Nursing Home away from water street	6/1/2022 9:55 AM
277	We've got to do something to address the flow of information from our town to the community. Our website is a joke there is no official social media presence and the select board meetings are currently being posted to YouTube by volunteer. Our newspaper is failing. We've got to do something about public communication and use that as a platform for advertisement and marketing.	6/1/2022 9:35 AM
278	We need broadband , roads into and out of northfield fixed, we need a off campus housing unit for college students so we can free up our houses for new residents to buy, we need a hotel/ housing unit for parents coming to visit their students. Stop letting that money leave town. We need more choices for a sit down family restaurant. Again, if we are to be a college friendly town let's work towards showing it.	6/1/2022 8:50 AM
279	Road resurfacing, road striping center lines and side lines, bridge repair, installing guard rails, better town road signage... make the town easier to get around by car or school bus. Better roads everywhere in town is helping everyone for long periods of time	6/1/2022 8:32 AM
280	The knotweed needs to be handled, it is a huge culprit of displacing native species (animal and plants), erosion and making our river ways widen which makes them warmer and less healthy.	5/31/2022 9:34 PM
281	Spend it on improving public infrastructure and services. That is the responsibility of government. Don't hand money over to private businesses or economic development directors. Economic development (for everyone, not just business—trickle down is BS) happens when you make the place a desirable place to be.	5/31/2022 8:45 PM
282	Increase number of crosswalks on RT 12, add bike lanes, enforce speeding.	5/31/2022 8:40 PM
283	Repave all roads and make them safe for bicyclists. Add a solar water heater to the Memorial Park swimming pool.	5/31/2022 7:27 PM
284	None	5/31/2022 6:36 PM
285	Besides rehabbing Depot square, I think something should be done to help out the local schools and the local seniors.	5/31/2022 6:11 PM
286	Road paving, even sidewalks	5/31/2022 12:16 PM
287	I would love to see a community art, music, & theatre org. It doesn't need a building- please use Howe's Hall at the United Church of Northfield. We currently host the Dirt Road Theatre, but could you imagine a similar Dirt Road Arts or Music programming for all ages? Please reach out to me to put me on a committee to engage in this: Rev. Julie Lombard 603 724-0978. I would also love to see a Northfield winter carnival like the ones they have in Canada (ex: Ottawa's Winterlude). Put me on that committee!!!	5/31/2022 12:15 PM
288	1. Building a sewer pump station in the Falls, with new sewer pipe to homes and businesses. 2. Building safe pedestrian access from Moody Lane to Cumberland Farms.	5/31/2022 12:01 PM
289	It should take on projects to benefit the community that all would use (such as village wide wifi - Randolph has just set that up as well). This is a great amount of money to be able to do some great things for the community.	5/30/2022 5:14 AM
290	Wish I had some great ideas. I'm super open to hearing what others think.	5/29/2022 11:27 AM
291	Nothing that will require high long-term operations and maintenance costs. Moderate costs (e.g., sidewalk repaving) or private-borne costs (high speed internet cabling) okay.	5/28/2022 6:33 PM
292	I'd like our municipal pool to be free of charge to Northfield residents. The amount we collect from fees is minimal in comparison to overall cost, but the fees are high enough to make it unaffordable for many kids and families. It could be replaced with a voluntary donation and I bet the same total per year would be realized.	5/28/2022 10:08 AM
293	At one time, there was a downtown committee that worked with the state who made a drawing	5/28/2022 9:33 AM

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of what downtown could be. It included a hotel with a restaurant where China star currently is. That has always stuck out in my mind as a way to get people to stay here whether it is for Norwich parents or visiting hikers and bikers or those on a covered bridge tour as well as for the townspeople to gather and meet in the restaurant/bar area.

294	Use for long term improvements not for flash in the pan bonus moves like funding (temporarily a position at the town	5/28/2022 7:11 AM
295	A once a year theater in the park to utilize local talent and draw in people from other places.	5/27/2022 10:10 PM
296	Just look at the Northfield Ridge & Rivers Masterplan for what the community wants. There was extensive engagement with community so why not implement the recommendations?	5/27/2022 7:22 PM
297	None	5/27/2022 6:04 PM
298	Please do something that really changes Northfield for the better and attracts new people.	5/27/2022 4:38 PM
299	My number one is I would like to have a parking spot up next to the town forest so that I can access that easier and signs for people to know they are in the right area,.	5/27/2022 3:47 PM
300	NA	5/27/2022 3:17 PM
301	Save some in interest bearing acct for future issues	5/27/2022 2:10 PM
302	A promotional website for Northfield, fix municipal building	5/27/2022 1:45 PM
303	Don't waste it on things that won't have a lasting impact. Infrastructure is old in this town and could use some improvements.	5/27/2022 12:31 PM
304	Beautification. More flowers downtown. China star is ugly. Fix up the common cafe	5/26/2022 2:38 PM
305	Do something similar to the Dream-ovate program that the Livingston county (rural county in western NY where I'm from) economic development is doing: <a href="https://www.growlivco.com/dreamovate">https://www.growlivco.com/dreamovate</a>	5/25/2022 10:01 PM
306	Dog park	5/25/2022 10:38 AM
307	Creating better kids spaces, more recreational opportunities, better community opportunities	5/24/2022 7:33 PM
308	Bridges and roads and sidewalks	5/24/2022 5:11 PM
309	Whatever the money is spent on, it should be an investment in the long term economic growth and infrastructure of the town. It would be much more beneficial to spend it in a single impact area for a significant investment than to spend it on many smaller projects with less long term effect.	5/24/2022 4:11 PM
310	Ensure basic infrastructure is taken care of first. It's not fun or sexy, but necessary. Ensure our schools have everything they need and their playground equipment is safe and up to date.	5/24/2022 3:57 PM
311	Enclose the town pool and include changing/shower facilities, so it can be used year-round, and include memberships to help with ongoing costs.	5/24/2022 1:58 PM
312	A town pool for kids and families might be nice. Does Northfield want more business growth? Do we know what is holding it back? Is it something these funds could address?	5/24/2022 11:13 AM
313	As I said before in the survey I think if someone took a hard look at that empty lot next to the Dollar General with the three large pillars and developed that into a space for the community what a difference it could make. Maybe having property owners of the downtown buildings maintenance their buildings and make them appear to be cared for that could also improve what the town appears to be. Fixing up the mural when you come in to town on route 12 could really enhance the community vision. Just from an outsiders perspective and now a resident that mural is really sad and could really use some love there is plenty of artists in this community who I'm sure would love to re-create that space. Maybe taking a field trip around Vermont and looking at other towns that are retaining the history of the town and Vermont but also creating a community space of which the community can come and gather and the future generations who are growing up here can have a place to play and grow.	5/24/2022 9:48 AM
314	Get a new town manager	5/24/2022 7:06 AM
315	Make it safe to get from the Falls into town for pedestrians.	5/24/2022 6:49 AM
316	Update the fountain, I don't think adding a splash pad will keep kids out of it entirely, but if they	5/23/2022 11:30 PM

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do add a splash pad maybe in the same general area.

317	Bike paths	5/23/2022 7:30 PM
318	NOT a splash pad	5/23/2022 7:25 PM
319	Encourage more restaurants; and more affordable housing (NOT for students)	5/23/2022 7:16 PM
320	I would have to emphasize early childhood education, as well as assist in subsidizing sustainable utilities and building improvements.	5/23/2022 7:02 PM
321	I am nearing retirement. I support attention to what will contribute to making Northfield even more attractive to young talented families returning to make their homes here. It is inspiring to see this new generation bringing their voices and knowledge to the table. Let's be continue to be creative together.	5/23/2022 6:49 PM
322	Water quality might need extra funds in the future.	5/23/2022 3:56 PM
323	As someone who is recently disabled and I'm going to sound like a broken record but for me it is getting the Falls connected to the Downtown district safely , which Rt 12 isn't.	5/23/2022 3:54 PM
324	N/A	5/23/2022 1:22 PM
325	None	5/23/2022 11:59 AM

APPENDIX 5B  
WORD CLOUDS (by Survey Monkey)  
Q4,6&7

Q4 Discuss your vision for your #1 pick from the previous question (#3)?

including stay time village downtown smaller water bike path well bike lanes  
cell service around town things offer school able buildings really  
job opportunities restaurants Falls connect recreation space work kids  
area accessible walk citizens think increase safe high speed internet  
use citizen safety internet accessibility expand need better  
jobs see people much community options  
sidewalks want need without town everyone  
Northfield one better Norwich businesses great  
roads money access go Improve make Northfield help  
create make center opportunities safety service even also lot  
trails folks Northfield Falls add broadband amazing places believe will  
residents live bring housing need jobs S internet access way small businesses many easy  
keep safely important thrive issue infrastructure

Q6 What Northfield feature(s) could improve and how?

small Dollar General walk Dog River going fountain common Center recreational public  
stores great village Connect Add improvements broadband trails Northfield Falls  
pedestrian many support etc safe open also jobs bike seems areas  
internet Falls space activities Northfield need housing families  
community idk places even people expand make  
small businesses businesses Depot Square  
sidewalks see need work town keep better  
don't roads fountain common little access come park  
well Northfield options improve bike path things outside  
downtown looks restaurants much opportunities accessibility  
know shops recreation especially think route Way Memorial Park school  
taxes buildings Norwich USE water infrastructure allow pool s live walk bike  
maybe store fronts around help fixed really

Q7 If you have other thoughts about spending Northfield's \$1.9 million in ARPA funds please share what would they be?

expand taking something Please go Food bike path path keep love see great  
residents center growth housing broadband area included also small families idk  
Falls thoughts improvements nope Maybe young used make northfield  
help connecting place plans people sewer projects anything  
schools know building nice businesses park roads  
will make really community support town everyone  
need playground Northfield students better one funds  
Nothing think encourage improve maintained None bring see  
Northfield Falls new affordable housing restaurants run downtown stores  
money dont Spend kids local Fix infrastructure play things move space  
lines opportunities Dog park sidewalks many work recreation look fields attract d  
creating add coming access



APPENDIX 6  
NOTES from Community Meetings

#1 Community Engagement In-person Hearing #1—The Woods Lodge

May 31, 2022

5:00-6:00 pm

Present: John and Carolyn Stevens, Merry Kay Shernock, Clare O'Shaughnessy (note-taker), Deborah Zuaro, Shannon Doney, Julie Lombard,

Discussion began at 5:05 pm

Deborah: Make Nfld an attractive place to live and work; NRRR (ridge and river routes) plan (look at plan which includes ADA and safe sidewalks; RR crossing (although not town issue); town got big master planning grant which was to connect parks to town, village, center village and falls, parks to schools—made it into town plan. Some things “sitting on a shelf” which we should pay attention to

Norwich students were looking at implementing a off road path (mowed path from Wall Street to the campus) Natani's project; there is a grant already involved. A board walk;

A dam removal project (Cross Brother's dam) with the removal, have the opportunity to ask for a riverfront access, enhanced for amenities by the river...this is a state project; dam removal

Merry Kay: ARPA money to tag it onto other projects...; slaughterhouse bridge swimming there; other areas swimming holes (past 2<sup>nd</sup> bridge)

Shannon: gorgeous river where we don't have access to it (private property) ; it not accessible ; access after 1<sup>st</sup> bridge

Carolyn: a river walk or a path along the river; a trail or a park nearby

Example when they took out the dam at Cox Brook

Julie: example of Franklin NH trying to use the river flowing through town (making a white water park) as an attraction hub

Shannon: Use river to attract fisherman (how do you access it?); what happened to rentals; B & B's; the incursion of AirB&B?

Carolyn: If you attract people, where do they stay; shortage of lodging here in town.

Julie: people have visited via an airB&B and loved Northfield, moved here.

Shortage of homes to buy;

Businesses here—hard for start ups; hard for businesses to succeed now.

John: Alums want to build here; freightyard way; Chinese restaurant; what alums need is a commitment from the town (need sewer and water)

Carolyn--Freightyard way has been pointed out in studies as a site for mixed use development

Shannon: Loss of restaurants, a real need

John: Jeff wants to extend sewer out to protect the well field.....accident waiting to happen. Several houses along 12A....

Shortages of workers; raises for town employees

There is funding beyond ARPA

John: DeMasi says he can do water line, 50K; 6 in line now....depends on who does it; no money in water dept budget to do it this year. Spent some on economic dev position. Also spent to keep water rates down. How much is left? about 1.8million now.

Member discussion on various issues: [Splash Pad proposal to replace fountain on the common; 25 foot thing]

Deborah: Dog river park FEMA buyout; desire for play structures in Dog River Park; use town land across the street;

Merry Kay: take advantage of attractive spaces in our town; to make them attractive to people

Carolyn: Freightyard way needs to be developed for the economic vitality of the town.

Economic Development Position is being offered. We don't know anymore now.

Carolyn: Falls Connector to town: ridge and river routes idea for a path

Development grants (missed opportunities without the position);

Get a bike lane on 12 (widen it);

People have talked about a walking lane and an off road sidewalk; down route 12; there are right-of-way issues because already so close to houses already.

How to slow down traffic on route 12?

Plan for short-term and long-term to get some of these projects done.

What are we trying to grow into? Are there any towns we would like to emulate?

A little bit of Randolph? Rochester?

It is our natural resources (the mountains, the river, covered bridges); people come here for those things....

Don't forget the sense of community we have here in Northfield.....needs to be more official, from the town....not everyone gets welcomed (when groups try to sell the town)'

Businesses don't stay open on the common, not much of a draw in center of town....we don't have attractions down town to draw folks downtown. Support community so they don't have to leave town to get stuff.

Building up the schools, to attract families.....and keep families, especially around sports....schools as the heart of the communities....

Attractions: winter-lude; like Labor Day; entertainment; rec committee that went away (used to have a theater and bowling alley); things to do....endowment to provide the human capital to work a business

to attract folks.....family fun events/attractions. (Also came out of the NRRR suggestions)

Downtown area where people can walk....connecting the aspects of town for residents....

Using Labor Day as an example; aimed at residents or people from out of town;

Portable movie screens on the common; also need an indoor space for events...

Need public private partnership.....the Hall of the United Church being renovated.; baby group in a church....vaccines and 5 years olds...so important because of the need for care.

Discussion of child care and pandemic....

Vacant places....in town.

Public Private partnerships....endowments....that keep on going....(example of town of Milford, NH).

Arts and Music the bomb. Dirt Road Theater that meets in the church. Multi-age things so not to silo people...Concord Community Music School, example.

Bethel University as an example during summer (Susan Barnard used to do)

EV station at Norwich.

EV station and solar panels....

Camp Meade—Red Hen Bakery.

6:24 adjourned.

#2 See APPENDIX 6A

#3 Community Engagement Meeting #3 - American Legion

June 7, 2022

Present: Dave Maxwell, Select Bd + Anastasia Rhoades (note taker) Mark Fournier, Facilitator, Chris Bradley, Anne Donahue, Collin ?, Ted ?, Merry Shernock

Chris Bradley - sewer expansion

Anne Donoahue - prefer one large thing versus many little things

General discussion about leveraging ARPA\$ for grants and the desirability of bigger project

Collin - advocates livability and attractiveness

Chris Bradley - something to maximize use of the Train Station as an attraction

Dave Maxwell - discussed public/private collaborations that might involve a water line to Freightyard Way

Mark Fournier - discussed the need for safer RailRoad Crossing

Chris Bradley - described using ARPA\$ to make RV pads for visitors to the town

Ted - use ARPA\$ to create coworking space in town; also brought a map of significant improvements to The Common that would include entertainment space and 'green space"

Merry Shernock - noted that ARPA\$ could be used to fund new processes instead of physical changes.

#### **#4 Town of Northfield--ARPA funds discussion**

June 9, 2022, Brown Library Community Room, plus online access

Selectboard Facilitator: Julie Goodrich

ARPA committee resource person: Merry Kay Shernock

Note-taker: Tim Swartz

The meeting convened about 6:30 PM.

##### **In-person attendees:**

Jeff Schulz (town manager)

Sally Davidson

Joan Davidson

Lynn Doney

Bethany Drum

##### **Online attendees:**

Ray Pelletier

Lydia Petty

Britta Eberle

John Wall

Jeff Schulz gave a quick overview of the ARPA (American Relief Plan Act) spending situation. Note that this list includes ways that the funds can be spent, they are not required to be spent in these categories.

- Northfield will receive a total of about \$1,920,000; half has been received already.
- We have until Sept. 2024 to obligate the funds.
- The funds must be actually expended by Dec. 31, 2026.
- There are several broad categories in which funds can be spent:
  - Clean water, which includes water supply, sewer, stormwater areas.
  - Personnel costs—including first-responders and costs to retain existing staff.
  - Make-up for lost revenue due to COVID—since the Town lost substantial revenue, this could provide a substantial sum, and money received for this can then be spent with fewer restrictions.
  - Funds can be spent to reimburse non-profit or commercial businesses for lost revenue, or for start-up costs to encourage new services.

- Can be used for municipal activities and initiatives—for example, to make improvements to public spaces.
- Can support expansion of broadband internet connections.
- Northfield has used a small amount of the funds already for water/sewer improvements.

Merry Kay Shernock, lead organizer of the ARPA community input project, also added some information on the process and what is allowed:

- Some money has also been used to augment the salary offered for the new, full-time Economic Development Director who has been hired by the Town.
- ARPA funds could be used to provide “seed money” to get projects which could benefit the citizens of the Town started, and to stimulate economic growth.
- ARPA funds could be directed to infrastructure improvements that help private projects, if they will benefit the Town. One example is a existing proposal to develop a mixed-use project in the “Freightyard Way” area, including housing/possibly a day-care center/possibly a small grocery store and other amenities—the Town could use ARPA funds to pay for water and sewer lines to that area.
- The funds can be used as “grant match” funds, to meet the requirement for 1:1 matches for grants received, for example the grants we have gotten for trail improvements, bike paths, etc.

Joan Davidson asked for clarification on who makes the actual decision on spending the money: Jeff, Merry, Julie and Lydia confirmed that the Selectboard will make these decisions. They will be considering the input from the meetings like this one from the spring, plus more starting in September, plus responses from the online survey ([www.surveymonkey.com/KSDYYV5](http://www.surveymonkey.com/KSDYYV5)). The ARPA public input committee will submit a final report in October, 2022.

Ray Pelletier, who is Northfield representative for CV Fiber, requested that the Town contribute to CV Fiber's work to connect homes which have been previously unconnected to high-speed broadband. He reported that there are about 550 homes in Northfield not currently connected; the cost for CVF to connect them will be about \$800,000, since these are generally the ones which are the most difficult and expensive to reach with cable. He asked Northfield to contribute 5% of this cost (approx. \$40,000), saying that VT Community Broadband will match contributions 1:1, for a total contribution of \$80,000. Lydia Petty asked what the timeline needs to be for the Town to commit the money—Ray says by Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>. Ray also pointed out that early contributions to CVF's project will reduce the amount needed to be borrowed. The interest or “debt service” cost for their projects can be substantial. He gave the example of EC Fiber, another community broadband provider, which has a base rate of \$72/month for its subscribers—of this, 39% (or \$28.00) goes for debt service. CVF is getting grants from a variety of sources, including Federal ARPA money through the State, but every dollar that reduces the need to borrow will help to reduce bills for broadband service.

Other meeting attendees seemed generally supportive of improving broadband in the discussions; Britta Eberle mentioned this in particular as an important use.

A few people brought up childcare as a major need in Northfield, important as we try to attract young families to the Town. Merry said that this is something that could be supported with seed money and infrastructure improvements, as mentioned above, but it would require someone to propose a specific idea for the money to be dispensed—the Town does not want to set up and run a childcare center, but could encourage and support it with some of this money. Jeff Schulz also mentioned that a new revolving loan fund to support public benefits like this is being set up right now, which could also be a source of financing. He also pointed out that the legislature has voted for tax credits to help offset childcare costs as another way to increase availability and affordability of childcare.

Another area that received broad support is increasing housing, particularly affordable housing for young and lower income families. John Wall said that Matt Sullivan, director of Green Mountain Health Clinic is concerned about finding housing for staff he needs to hire. Lynn Doney supports this idea, and strongly recommends that congregate housing be considered, including an on-site manager to monitor how the building(s) are being used.

Lynn Doney also recommended money be spent for a variety of recreation area improvements, including various areas of Memorial Park and the pool—baseball dugouts, stands, pool and bathhouse repairs and improvements, etc. He also mentioned replacing a metal arched sign over the entrance to the Memorial Park area as a nice improvement. He feels that improving these sorts of existing Town amenities will help to attract families to visit and move to Northfield, and recommends this sort of repair and maintenance work before building new facilities. He has specific ideas about ways to involve parents, Northfield schools and NU students in volunteer work days to make some of these repairs. Merry commented that seed money from the ARPA funds could potentially be used to help fund this sort of work-day event.

Joan Davidson asked if seed money could help attract an Uber or Lyft car service to this area, as a way of providing transportation alternatives to Northfield residents. This seemed to get a positive reception. We also discussed the existing bus service which is run by Green Mountain Transit, and uses the new bus kiosk which was built on the west side of Depot Square, next to the Community Bank drive-up. Note—this was a project of the Northfield Energy Committee as a way to encourage mass-transit alternatives to driving individual cars, and was financed with grants and donations, not town money. Design and construction was done by NU students. Note: information about Green Mountain Transit schedules, connections to buses to Burlington, Barre and other locations can be found at: <https://ridegmt.com/>.

Joan also expressed disappointment at the closing of Arts, Etc. as a downtown business attraction. This fit with a concern about vacant storefronts and “eyesores” in the downtown expressed by Britta. She is also glad that the trash-hauler whose collection center was recently removed from near Depot Square, but still expressed concern about the site as an example of unattractive areas around the downtown area. She also mentioned that the pedestrian bridge is rotting—I believe that this is the one on Vine St, over the railroad tracks.

The discussion of the closing of Arts, Etc. brought up a brief discussion at the end of the evening about the lack of many “community center” facilities where groups can meet—currently the only one we know about is the Community Room. Merry noted that this was the result of a “visionary idea” for just such a meeting place, which was combined with the expansion of the Brown Library and making the building connect with the Northfield Historical Society building. This is an example of how funds can be leveraged for long-term benefit.

The meeting closed about 7:30, with people agreeing that many ideas had been brought up, as well as sharing of information about projects and past improvements.

#### #5 Northfield ARPA Community Input Meeting

Sunday, September 11, 2022, 11:30 a.m.

United Church, Northfield and Zoom

The meeting was moderated by Mark Fournier. He gave a brief overview of the funding that consists of 1.9 million dollars, the use of which is broadly defined as “community good”. He noted that a small portion of the funds have already been allocated to the Economic Development Director position.

Later in the meeting Mark clarified that the Select Board has the authority to spend the funds anyway they see fit, but that they opted for community involvement by holding several meetings, making an online survey available, and seeking input. Merry Shernock has coordinated the outreach effort to engage the community in these decisions.

**Please note: Comments by participants are paraphrased for clarity and brevity.**

Charlie Morse, Select Board Member: About \$200,000 has been spent. On Tuesday, September 13, the Select Board will consider the proposal to spend \$90,000 on expanding broadband access in the community, via CV Fiber. CV Fiber has potential for a matching grant of up to \$90,000, which could mean a total of \$180,000 for this project. Please attend the meeting if you’d like to weigh in on the expenditure for this project. TDS is also putting in additional broadband, but no ARPA funds are part of that as of now.

Question: How was the \$90,000 determined?

Lydia Petty, Select Board Member: CV Fiber made a request to all towns in the CV Fiber district, asking for 5% of the project. Other towns have contributed, some beyond the 5% request. The details can be found online through CV Fiber.

Laura: Is the Economic Development Position for one year?

Charlie Morse: That has not been decided. Because it is a relatively new position it will undergo review and continued funding will depend on the outcome of that evaluation. Future salary for this position will likely be from the town budget based on taxes.

Mark: The ARPA funds must be designed by 2024 and must be spent by 2026. All ideas are welcome, it doesn't matter if there are repeated suggestions from other meetings.

Paul Brown: Would like to see ideas and the price tag of suggestions already made.

Mark: The town will compile and distribute a list as a next step.

Debra Maloney-Evans: What ideas have come up in previous meetings? Are there exclusions, for example churches, schools, etc.?

Mark: One recurring idea is expansion of the water and sewer lines along Rte. 12, both north and south. Another idea is to reconfigure the Common. There have been a myriad of ideas. Compiling them will give us a sense of the most popular.

Julie Lombard: Would like to see expanding music and arts in the community. Has also heard a lot of ideas about the trail system.

Charlie: Funds can be used for water, sewer, broadband, social things. No payroll, or nothing toward the electric department.

Lydia: Will check to see if minutes from these meetings can be put on the Municipal website.

Susan: Repair of the water and sewer lines in town, heard that the fountain leaks. Infrastructure.

Laura: Reiterate support for extension of sewer up Route 12.

Sue MacMartin: Consider climate action. This issue impacts everyone and this is an opportunity to make our community more efficient and resilient. Perhaps collaborate with NU Environmental Science Department to identify specific things and ways to address. As temperatures get hotter in summer consider having the Municipal Pool be free on days when it reaches a certain temperature. Consider warming spaces for when power is out in the winter, cooling spaces in summer during extreme heat. Identify where the community is vulnerable to heat and drought and use funds to address those areas.

Mare McDaniel: Agrees with Sue M. regarding climate issues. What has happened to solar development in town?

Denise MacMartin: Make the Municipal Pool fee free regardless of temperature. It is a valuable asset that is underutilized, primarily due to cost. The daily and season fee are too much for many in the community. Swimming is an important skill, as well as the socialization the pool provides kids in the summer. The fees generate very little that covers the actual operating cost so let's find other ways to manage that portion of the budget. Maybe ARPA funds could be used for a couple of years while we explore other ways to cover/absorb the cost.

Julie L: Was a lifeguard at a free community pool in another town and it was "utopia".

Paul B.: Supporting the pool, which includes needed maintenance. The pool and library are both important assets that are too often seen as liabilities.

Greg: EV charging stations in town.

Sue M.: Wondering if citizens are unaware of the help available through Efficiency Vermont – how can we better inform people? Is the town working with anyone on converting to more renewable power for its own operations?

Peter Evans: Supports addressing climate change issues and free pool access. Also, upkeep of parks and recreation assets, particularly Dog River Park and the Falls Playground.

Mark: Reminder that funds have to be spent, they cannot be “banked” for future expenditures on things. There may be other opportunities for other funding that has different parameters.

Mary M.: What is being address regarding climate change in other groups? Woodchuck control? ☺

Laura: Improvements to the electrical and water lines which would have an impact on the climate issues. Folks can't convert to certain things that require electricity if there are deficits in that area. Vermont will become a refugee state when climate forces (more) people from the south to relocate.

Charlie: Reminder that ARPA funds cannot be used for the electric department. It is in good shape. The water and sewer lines through the Common are from 1905 and the need to be replaced at some point. It would cost about \$4 million to extend the sewer beyond current boundaries. ARPA funds could be used for a portion. Consideration must be given to ratepayers as well. Discussions regarding the electric department specifics can happen in another venue.

Laura: Solar arrays?

Charlie: Ours are currently private endeavors. The town does not own/operate any solar arrays.

Mark: ARPA funds can be used for matching for grants.

Paul B.: Important to maximize funds through matching if possible, also to present to the community the total of a project to be clear, for example, that the broadband is a \$180,000 project that we are getting for \$90,000 because of the matching funds.

Sue M.: To follow-up on the comment regarding Vermont becoming a climate refugee state – what are options for use for safe and affordable housing or upgrade of current housing. It should be considered.

Paul B.: The Planning Commission is working on zoning which is important in addressing climate change issues; there are provisions for things like UADs (utility accessory dwellings), changing lot sizes, density, etc. Attention should be paid to the zoning guides used in town's development. Need to think creatively. Encourage people to attend meetings while changes are still under consideration.

Lydia: There will be a public hearing on the Planning Commission work with opportunities for the community to participate.

Mark: ARPA can cover smaller things, like sidewalks and improved accessibility.

Mary M.: Install a sidewalk from the Crescent to the NU crosswalk by the NU parking lot. It is a dangerous stretch of road to walk without a crosswalk.

Merry Shernock: The Falls has no sidewalks. Sidewalks can be dangerous if not maintained in winter. Creating a bike lane would provide a space for walkers, plus it would automatically get plowed by the town.

Dylan: All these ideas are great; water and sewer in particular. As a new resident Northfield was chosen because of proximity to Montpelier and Paine Mt. bike trails. Support and expand the trails, sidewalk expansion on Rte. 12.

Mark: Benefit of using funds for certain things can be attracting new residents.

Laura: Currently no access to the town forest, there are four dead-end roads. We have a beautiful asset with no easy access and no parking area.

Mark: Trail extension into town was mentioned in another meeting.



Julie: A trail extension could be marked, like the Freedom Trail in Boston.

Lydia: Access to the forest via Slate is through land owned by Norwich.

Julie: Other communities have faced this issue of access and found solutions such as buying land for a parking lot.

Greg: Does the town have a green space plan?

Laura: The Conservation Commission has worked on the ash boar problem – are there opportunities to co-match something to clear roads to make it easier to address this problem?

Mark: Plug for folks to attend other meetings, including the Select Board meetings.

Susan: New bike paths should extend into town to increase visitors to retail establishments. There should be parking in town for those who want to park and bike out of town.

Mark: More businesses in town helps the tax base.

Lydia: Thank you to everyone who attended today. You are welcome to attend the Select Board meetings, or to send emails or talk with individual members.

Mark: An ARPA brochure is available in the back and it has a QR code to access the online survey.

Sue M.: Tried to attend a Select Board meeting virtually but could not get in. Can they be on Zoom?

Lydia: Town just recently acquired a Zoom account, will check on whether or not meetings will switch to this format.

Merry: There are many committees in town that need your help. There's something that will match your interest.

Mark: Thank you to everyone who attended today.

#### SUMMARY:

- Water and sewer extension along Route 12
- Municipal Pool Fee Free
- Expanded access to town forest
- Bike Lanes
- Climate change mitigation and preparation
- Sidewalk improvements

#### #6 ARPA\$ Community Engagement Meeting #6 - 9/14/22 at the Senior Center

Present:

Merry Shernock (facilitator)

John Stevens

Lydia Petty

Carolyn Stevens (note taker)

Leslie Striebe

Francis Bell

Chris Bell

Phyllis Clough

Maryann Beaupre

Marilyn Peace

Meeting convened at 6:30 pm, after Merry Shernock had distributed paper copies of the survey questions.  
Brief explanation of the process and purpose by John Stevens and Lydia Petty, followed by introduction of each participant.

Suggestions proposed:

Fran –

- a. aside from providing property tax relief (not allowed under the guidelines) uses of the funds should benefit most people in town.
- b. Replace proposed dog park with general-purpose park, peaceful and quiet
- c. What was original plan when the parcel of land was acquired – apartments, police, fire, ???what other uses?

Leslie –

- a. Improve entrance to the village center – make more visually inviting, as proposed in previous plan (1988?)
- b. Put a small hotel where China Star was; other lodging for visitors to our community
- c. Develop interesting things to draw people to Northfield – perhaps a museum to showcase Northfield's rail history, using part of the old depot building
- d. Use train station as a train station

Maryann – agrees that use should be a benefit to the widest segment of community.

- a. Improve the look of the Common, extend the train station to facilitate arrivals being able to walk around to the Common, extend the station building to allow better use
- b. Enhance area behind the police station, fire department, since GM apartment residents use that route to walk to the Common – work with Railroad to make a safer crossing on that trail
- c. Cites the restoration of the train station at Brighton as an example of what could be done

Phyllis – believes Northfield is in a downward trend, with few stores and jobs; becoming a 'bedroom community'

- a. Enhance the area behind the fire station to make it more attractive

Marilyn – Improve Common area, especially the fountain

- a. Make a safer walk from Green Mountain Apts to the Common – believes most senior residents use the back route to Fernandez because it is shorter than coming out to Wall Street to use the designated walkway.

## Appendix 6A

Community Engagement Meeting #2 — In Person at Falls River Yoga Studio

June 4, 2022

11:30am-12:30pm

Present: Lydia Petty (facilitator), Kaitlyn Keating (note-taker), Stevie Balch, Tom Bright, Dan Anderson, Matt Rolland, Jessica Rolland

Discussion began at 11:35

Introductions

Stevie: Funds do not need to be obligated until December 2024, so “we have a lot of time to get this right”

Lydia: Introduction regarding ARPA funds; Funds can be spent broadly on any municipal projects or expenses; Keep intent of the funds in mind, but use them with broad allowance; Select Board has the final say on how the funds are spent; Public input and transparency are requirements; 10% of the population is a goal for the survey response; Select Board decided to take it all as “revenue lost” which allows it to be used very broadly and makes the reporting much easier; \$1.9M is just about 40% of Northfield’s total budget – the impact can be huge for our community.

Tom: “I’d really love to see that arts come alive in the community.”

General discussion about arts in the community; increasing venues for artists to *do* their art and showcase it.

Lydia: Refers to “Route 12 Communities” and how we can improve the communities right along the main route; We could look to, and learn from, the town of Bethel and all the great programs they are running and initiatives they have in motion there; Northfield is building a stronger relationship with Bethel; Important to look at, and learn from, similar towns along rivers and railroads, off the beaten path/out of the tourist routes.

Dan: Beach by the Cox Brook covered bridge right by Falls General Store – improve access to that part of the river to increase safe use

Stevie: Having an established path that the folks in town can ‘own’ and feel responsibility for will encourage respectful use of the river and the path to the swimming hole

Dan: Sidewalks in the Falls all the way down to White Road

Lydia: Raises the potential for using the ARPA funds to generate even MORE funds; the Town doesn’t apply for some grants that are otherwise available because the Town can’t meet the match – having ARPA funds set aside for this purpose could help the Town access those *other* funds

Kaitlyn: We also have an Economic Development Fund – could some money be used to help increase that ED Fund for ED use? Or perhaps the Revolving Loan Fund? Then the town could increase loan opportunities for Northfield businesses

Stevie: This would be a step toward sustainability; Investment is an option; Funds must be spent/“obligated” by 2026

Kaitlyn: Can the funds be held in a trust account?

Matt: Route 12 to Montpelier is “an absolute embarrassment” – putting funds toward improving our main road into Montpelier would be helpful and encourage folks to make their way to/through Northfield

Dan: Extending Town wastewater, sewer north in the Falls

Trail connecting Falls with downtown

Jessica: Public water fountains at our parks

Tom: Community Room is used extensively and needs updating, especially the kitchen - whatever we can do to update the space and make it more comfortable for people would be welcome

Broadband – perhaps donation to CV Fiber – looking to expand service to rural towns

This is especially a problem between Northfield and Randolph on Route 12A

Jessica: The funds could help provide subsidies for low-income families to access broadband to help them get connected

Tom: Gather the community together for social events, much like Randolph; Anything we can do to help bring people together and help build that sense of community would be great; see e.g. “First Friday Nights” in Randolph – this gives people a chance to gather

Places for arts – expand the activities that folks can be involved in; “There’s so much potential in this town”

Dan: Has anyone ever mentioned putting up a stage on the Common? Having a stage could enable the public gatherings

Jessica: Commission public art downtown or at the parks – this draws folks in to our downtown

Dan: Something like the Treehouse at the library – having something like that downtown on the Common would be great

Jessica: Buy tablets for the library to loan out to people

Economic assistance fund for people’s emergency expenses

“Making Northfield ‘new’ again” – painting, fixing up roads and storefronts

Stevie: Norma Rooney of FSG brought forward some simple/“very small” things that would be very helpful for businesses – Ex. Install signs up on the interstate that tell people on the highway that these facilities are here – those things make an enormous difference; Google directs everyone going from I-89 Northbound to the valley through Roxbury; We should pay for SEO Search Engine Optimization for the Town that helps draw folks here when they are visiting neighboring towns

Develop information on the kiosk that has information on all of the wonderful things in this area

Jessica: Town map/placemat style (Jason Endres and the Energy Committee are creating this map now)

Jessica: Enrich the local elementary school programs

Matt: Spruce up downtown; "I heard from an outsider that the downtown should look 'new' again"; perhaps Norwich could sandblast the brick on the armory buildings downtown; and the funds could be used to wash storefront windows and walls

General discussion regarding the empty storefronts downtown. We need enough places to stop downtown. Folks don't generally stop for one thing – they want multiple things to do at once.

Jessica: Donation to the local animal shelter or otherwise address the stray animal issue

Tom: Royalton's "Mud Season University" – listing of 20-30 things that can be done during mud season; Very similar to "Bethel University" – free classes for people in the town; Some of these 'events' were one-session things at the library; some were open mics; some were a 3-4 weeklong introduction to pastels

Town arts committee – could this be established with the funds?

Dan: Extend that "Mud Season University" idea further – it's a LONG winter here. We could create programs for stuff to do in February

Matt: An easy cross-country ski trail/off-road path

More general discussion regarding improving off-road paths and recreation paths, particularly connecting the Falls to the downtown/schools/the Common

Stevie: Safety is truly an issue on Route 12.

Dan: Families with school-age kids in the Falls have no safe place to walk from their homes.

Lydia: There was a bike path study conducted in 2005 – it's been a while so this would be worth revisiting.

General discussion regarding sidewalks and pathways and other possibilities for funding.

Stevie: Cages of rocks to help physically support a safe path

Lydia: There is a playground for young children, but there is a gap in activities and opportunities for teenagers and slightly-older young children in town

Emergency fund for residents

Discussion regarding obtaining opinions from different socioeconomic groups in town – hearing from folks with low income, perhaps little resources, and/or folks who benefit from services like the food shelf and CERV – what do *they* want to see in Northfield? What would benefit *them*? And the more challenging question – how do we reach those folks to solicit a response to that?

Jessica: Mail out survey with raffle prize involved?

Tom: CERV – perhaps they could ask the folks who are in person at the service locations where these folks are reaching out for services (ex. at the Food shelf – the staff person could ask what the consumer would like to see improved in our town)

Jessica: Idea box for people to write their ideas and stick it in a box. This could be put at the food and clothing shelves, and also at businesses in town.

Dan: This would be a lot of time, but door-to-door campaigns can be very successful, asking folks what they want to see in town

Jessica: Set up a table at events, farmers market where we could obtain these ideas

Donation or grant to CERV

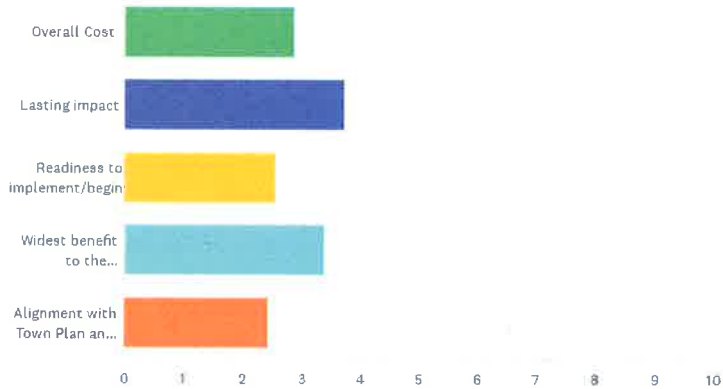
Tom: Coffee hour at the guesthouse; draw people together to solicit ideas and conversation

Kaitlyn: Barbeque at Dogwood or other apartments – drawing people out of their apartments and homes with a free meal to then start discussions and obtain ideas about what folks would like to see improved in town; “Pop-up grills”

Obtain responses via paper survey, online survey, and in-person conversations

APPENDIX 7A  
Auto Analysis by Survey Monkey of  
NMHS Responses to Q1-3

Q1 What factors are most important to you when considering spending of our ARPA funds? Please rank (1=most important, 6=least important)



Answered: 106

Skipped: 1

	1	2	3	4	5	TOTAL	SCORE
Overall Cost	21.78 % 22	13.86 % 14	16.83 % 17	25.74 % 26	21.78 % 22	101	2.88
Lasting impact	36.54 % 38	27.88 % 29	17.31 % 18	9.62 % 10	8.65 % 9	104	3.74
Readiness to implement/begin	6.93 % 7	17.82 % 18	28.71 % 29	20.79 % 21	25.74 % 26	101	2.59
Alignment with Town Plan an...	24.27 % 0	27.18 % 0	19.42 % 0	20.39 % 0	8.74 % 0	0	0

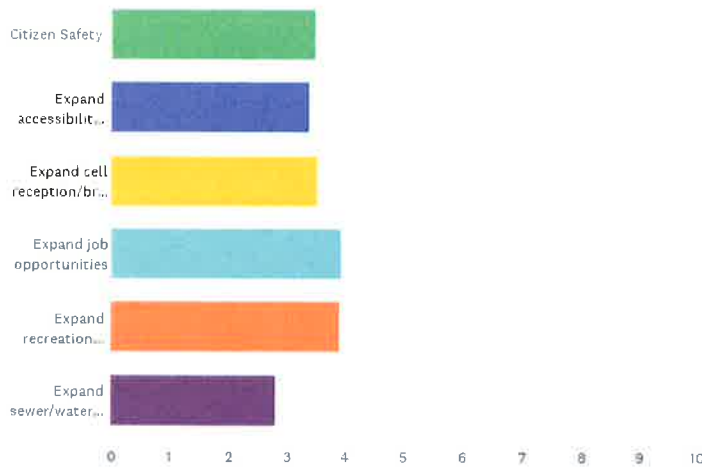
Widest benefit to the community	25	28	20	21	9	103	3.38
Alignment with Town Plan and vision for the future	12.50 %	12.50 %	18.27 %	22.12 %	34.62 %	104	2.46
	13	13	19	23	36		

## Q2 NMHS

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
In smaller amounts for more things/uses	67.29% 72
One larger payment for one use	14.02% 15
Responses Other (please specify)	18.69% 20
TOTAL	107



Q3 What could the Town of Northfield do to help our community grow and thrive? Please rank (1=most important, 6=least important)



	1	2	3	4	5	6	TOTAL	SCORE
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
- Citizen Safety	20.9 5%	13.3 3%	15.2 4%	15.2 4%	14.2 9%	20.9 5%	105	3.49
- Expand accessibility via roads, sidewalks, etc. - via improvements	7.69 %	11.5 4%	31.7 3%	23.0 8%	13.4 6%	12.5 0%	104	3.39
- Expand cell reception/broadband	15.6 9%	22.5 5%	12.7 5%	13.7 3%	18.6 3%	16.6 7%	102	3.53
- Expand job opportunities	22.6 4%	23.5 8%	15.0 9%	12.2 6%	16.9 8%	9.43 %	106	3.94
- Expand recreation opportunities	27.7 2%	13.8 6%	14.8 5%	20.7 9%	11.8 8%	10.8 9%	101	3.92

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Expand sewer/water  
service

6.93	15.8	8.91	14.8	26.7	26.7		
%	4%	%	5%	3%	3%		
7	16	9	15	27	27	101	2.81

Appendix 7B

Q4 Discuss your vision for your #1 pick from the previous question (#3)?

want need better also everyone safe sidewalks park help younger things teens  
better citizen safety kids roads think sports jobs school  
people use need idk town jobs people places recreation  
safe around town work long northfield expand water playgrounds older  
better service internet

Q5 In your opinion what is Northfield's best feature?

know dunkin think subway Norwich pretty places nice good nothing pool  
things common makes town college people one parks idk  
northfield farmers market community

Q6 What Northfield feature(s) could improve and how?

maybe common think jobs ways say stuff water idk school  
sidewalks walk roads really people know  
places need go town things making improve restaurants  
better nice fixed Northfield

Q7 If you have other thoughts about spending Northfield's \$1.9 million in ARPA funds please share what would they be?

ideas Dunkin know anything people better nope Add None thoughts think  
say make stores things many school town Northfield stuff help  
restaurants dont money idk

Appendix 7C-Q4

Q4 Discuss your vision for your #1 pick from the previous question (#3)?

Answered: 103 Skipped: 4

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	there aren't many jobs in northfield for teens	9/29/2022 2:39 PM
2	Well citizen safety is important. Like safe sidewalks that are accessible to everyone and safe for everyone so that the people who are less agile can still walk for fun or if they have to	9/29/2022 1:23 PM
3	Because we need to have even more safety if People some places get attacked from other pepole.	9/29/2022 12:01 PM
4	Cars go so fast kills cats, can hit people ect.	9/29/2022 9:40 AM
5	i think there should be better roads	9/28/2022 9:12 PM
6	The water is good, I like water. Water Taste good, Water needs to stay clean :D	9/28/2022 7:31 PM
7	I'm not sure how exactly to explain it, cause I picked cell service. I just think the areas that don't have good service need better service lol nothing more to it honestly	9/28/2022 1:16 PM
8	With people with more jobs people can live and thrive	9/28/2022 1:13 PM
9	Maybe we could send the money towards bying some houses that are on sale or abandoned, do any neccassary repairs and use them as housing for the homeless and salary for staff and maybe if there are kids we could start a program for them to transfer them to our school and get them a fair education.	9/28/2022 1:05 PM
10	The town should focus on making things more safe and accessible. They should add more handicap accessibility to public buildings, and add more sidewalks and crosswalks so it's safer to walk around town.	9/28/2022 1:01 PM
11	i think the money for long lasting stuff	9/28/2022 1:01 PM
12	If we can get smaller less expensive stuff it can benefit more people	9/28/2022 1:01 PM
13	Service for better communication.	9/28/2022 1:00 PM
14	More jobs could lead to better overall lives for people. This is also good to decrease the number of low-income households.	9/28/2022 12:59 PM
15	our roads are very bad and they need to be fixed, there is also places where sidewalks could be in place but aren't which would also help with citizen safety	9/28/2022 12:59 PM
16	Everybody knows Vermont is a small and mountainous place with bad reception and no recreation opportunities so we should do something about that	9/28/2022 12:59 PM
17	idk	9/28/2022 12:59 PM
18	Idk	9/28/2022 12:59 PM
19	more businesses that will employ both younger and older people to get people into the work force and provide retirement jobs.	9/28/2022 12:59 PM
20	We should get more jobs near us so that way people can have more of a choice and it is closer to where we live.	9/28/2022 12:58 PM
21	More places to eat and more little shops in the town	9/28/2022 12:58 PM
22	More jobs for people to work at, that might be more interesting.	9/28/2022 12:57 PM
23	safer people safer future happier people	9/28/2022 12:57 PM
24	We should expand the jobs so more people work as well as more business to open up	9/28/2022 12:57 PM
25	more enjoyable jobs	9/28/2022 12:57 PM

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26	I want to have a cock fighting ring	9/28/2022 12:57 PM
27	better service around town for all carriers	9/28/2022 12:57 PM
28	To help some of the kids. Out with reading	9/28/2022 12:57 PM
29	Sports help cope with many things and its very enjoyable for a lot of people	9/28/2022 12:57 PM
30	idc	9/28/2022 12:57 PM
31	More opportunity for younger people teens to get jobs in town, or for adults that need jobs in town.	9/28/2022 12:57 PM
32	citizen safety should become before all, because of population, stable community	9/28/2022 12:56 PM
33	i want more jobs in northfield	9/28/2022 12:56 PM
34	We need more Recreation for teens and older kids.	9/28/2022 12:56 PM
35	yes	9/28/2022 12:56 PM
36	Idk roads	9/28/2022 12:56 PM
37	I want a job	9/28/2022 12:56 PM
38	More places to hang out.	9/28/2022 12:56 PM
39	just keeping people more safe around town	9/28/2022 12:56 PM
40	Because sports is a gateway with a lot of kids in this school	9/28/2022 12:56 PM
41	water park	9/28/2022 12:56 PM
42	More places for younger kids to work	9/28/2022 12:55 PM
43	Create a forestry service to manage the woods around the town.	9/28/2022 12:55 PM
44	So if someone needed help they can call for it	9/28/2022 12:55 PM
45	we need better signal	9/28/2022 12:55 PM
46	I would like to have more spots within walking distance to hangout with friends	9/28/2022 12:55 PM
47	no comment	9/28/2022 12:55 PM
48	As I get older I will need to be getting a job to start my life and we can only do that if we get more jobs.	9/28/2022 12:55 PM
49	fiber optic internet	9/28/2022 12:55 PM
50	idk	9/28/2022 12:54 PM
51	idk	9/28/2022 12:54 PM
52	more job opportunitys for minors	9/28/2022 12:53 PM
53	no	9/28/2022 12:53 PM
54	Build restaurant	9/28/2022 12:52 PM
55	better sports fields and sports equipment for the school	9/28/2022 12:49 PM
56	I think we could renovate the sports fields and work on better jerseys and equipment.	9/28/2022 12:49 PM
57	to make sure everyone is safe	9/28/2022 12:48 PM
58	A skate-park	9/28/2022 12:44 PM
59	to have playgrounds for older/bigger kids and putting more sidewalks in and bike lanes	9/28/2022 12:11 PM
60	my number one pick was to expand recreation activities and the reason I think this is because I know who have not even lived here very long who think that Northfield is a boring place with not much to do and want to move out as soon as possible	9/28/2022 12:11 PM
61	I think we should have a drive in things also i think the town should work together so we can	9/28/2022 12:10 PM

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have phones in middle school even if its in your pocket or on breaks.

62	I live 8 miles from town so my internet is 60 KB/s, it would be very helpful if all people in town borders had aces to internet at even 2 or 3 MB/s.	9/28/2022 12:10 PM
63	Maybe we could have some sort of sports complex.	9/28/2022 12:10 PM
64	there isnt a whole lot to do in this town its pretty boring	9/28/2022 12:08 PM
65	I would like better internet access	9/28/2022 12:08 PM
66	The reason I think we should focus on recreational activities is to draw people to our town and create a tourism based economy.	9/28/2022 12:08 PM
67	WE NEED TO BE A SAFE COMMUNITY	9/28/2022 12:07 PM
68	I don't have any question	9/28/2022 12:07 PM
69	Northfield definitely needs better recreation field improving that would be amazing and more basketball courts.	9/28/2022 12:07 PM
70	I want to have a candy shop on the common. and a truck mechanic shop at school.	9/28/2022 12:07 PM
71	recreation fields need to be improved, as a fellow soccer player for the northfield fields i would think the budget should go up	9/28/2022 12:07 PM
72	The dog river dog park has a playground, but it is too small for most of the kids in town, only smaller kids can use it, i would like to expand how old kids need to be to use the playgrounds.	9/28/2022 12:07 PM
73	More sidewalks especially around the center of town and to and from the common. Bike lanes too, you can't really bike to tops or anywhere slightly further away. The only place to safely and easily bike at the moment is around norwich campus, and there are still kids and people there all the time. We should also have more trash cans around town, there are so many cigarette butts and trash all over the sides of the roads.	9/28/2022 12:07 PM
74	I feel like getting better internet will help with recreation and work (mainly helping work) and will help us for a long time because the world has been turning more virtual.	9/28/2022 12:07 PM
75	To help the world for more water and cleaner water.	9/28/2022 12:07 PM
76	More places for kids that aren't in elementary	9/28/2022 12:06 PM
77	demolish trans video because its actual dog and replace it with anything ANYTHING even a potato any thing is better than trans video.	9/28/2022 12:06 PM
78	I think that we need more jobs so that the people in this town can get jobs especially young people	9/28/2022 12:06 PM
79	the water doesn't taste the best	9/28/2022 12:06 PM
80	more stores or places to eat or upgrade things at the parks	9/28/2022 12:06 PM
81	I know many roads that do not have sidewalks or any safety on them.	9/28/2022 12:05 PM
82	I think we need better cell service for school and home(wifi expand longer)	9/28/2022 12:05 PM
83	I believe that safety is very important to a community.	9/28/2022 12:05 PM
84	more area to play sports	9/28/2022 12:05 PM
85	so people will be more safe walking around town	9/28/2022 12:05 PM
86	I think people need more things to do and see in northfield, and more things for kids to do.	9/28/2022 12:05 PM
87	hard to watch math videos when your internet is slow	9/28/2022 12:05 PM
88	We use some of the money to repair and buy new instruments. We can also use it for helping the auditorium. (Repairs, improvements)	9/28/2022 12:04 PM
89	When I'm the age to get a job I would like to have more access and other people should be able to find jobs easier that pay well.	9/28/2022 12:04 PM
90	PUBLIC SAFETY, MC DONALD'S	9/28/2022 12:04 PM

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91	I think we need better cell service for school and just being at our house.	9/28/2022 12:04 PM
92	The wifi sucks	9/28/2022 12:03 PM
93	if we give funds tortes the theater program are shows can be better.	9/28/2022 12:03 PM
94	Because when I'm older I would like to have a job and other people need jobs too	9/28/2022 12:03 PM
95	we need to stop sewage going in to rivers and ponds	9/28/2022 12:03 PM
96	i wnat more things to do	9/28/2022 12:03 PM
97	i want more cool stuff	9/28/2022 12:03 PM
98	citizen saftey because every one should be safe	9/28/2022 12:03 PM
99	Broadband/Better wifi	9/28/2022 12:02 PM
100	Citizen safety because everyone should be safe	9/28/2022 12:02 PM
101	The people need to be safe	9/28/2022 12:02 PM
102	job opprtunties	9/28/2022 12:02 PM
103	we need a mcdonalds and then u get a job at mcdonald s	9/28/2022 12:02 PM

## Q5 In your opinion what is Northfield's best feature?

Answered: 104 Skipped: 3

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	nothing	9/29/2022 2:39 PM
2	The pool or the library.	9/29/2022 1:23 PM
3	Then water fountain in the middle of the town	9/29/2022 12:01 PM
4	the covered bridges	9/29/2022 9:40 AM
5	The parks	9/28/2022 9:12 PM
6	It's old school style :D	9/28/2022 7:31 PM
7	I would say that Norwich is not necessarily the best feature, but it's a feature that makes Northfield look good. It's a nice college in a smaller town, and it's a good college, that is also a military college. Which I think makes it more esteemed. Other than that, it's really pretty here, the trees and the natural aspect of the town are very pretty. (I apologize if that didn't make much sense, I've only lived here for about 3 and a half months at most, I attempted to think of something.)	9/28/2022 1:16 PM
8	Everything	9/28/2022 1:13 PM
9	There are many a people in this community that are very passionite about helping everyone they can.	9/28/2022 1:05 PM
10	I don't know.	9/28/2022 1:01 PM
11	PE	9/28/2022 1:01 PM
12	Pool	9/28/2022 1:01 PM
13	The safety.	9/28/2022 1:00 PM
14	The safety.	9/28/2022 12:59 PM
15	i think northfield is an amazing small town filled with lots of beauty and places to explore but i think the town and the common is probably one of the best places along with the covered bridges and the falls.	9/28/2022 12:59 PM
16	Quietness and comfortable	9/28/2022 12:59 PM
17	quick response of the first responders	9/28/2022 12:59 PM
18	Norwich university	9/28/2022 12:59 PM
19	how close the people are and the simple connections between everybody	9/28/2022 12:59 PM
20	The Christmas tree lighting	9/28/2022 12:58 PM
21	The Common	9/28/2022 12:58 PM
22	Subway	9/28/2022 12:57 PM
23	the water fountain in the common	9/28/2022 12:57 PM
24	Norwich	9/28/2022 12:57 PM
25	Good Measure Pub and brewery	9/28/2022 12:57 PM
26	I want to buy a thing	9/28/2022 12:57 PM
27	community	9/28/2022 12:57 PM
28	I don't know	9/28/2022 12:57 PM



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29	The common	9/28/2022 12:57 PM
30	there isnt one	9/28/2022 12:57 PM
31	im not sure	9/28/2022 12:57 PM
32	Norwich	9/28/2022 12:56 PM
33	i dont know	9/28/2022 12:56 PM
34	The pool and recreation options for young kids	9/28/2022 12:56 PM
35	subway	9/28/2022 12:56 PM
36	The common	9/28/2022 12:56 PM
37	The commons are a nice way to hang out, and community events like the labor day celebration and farmers market	9/28/2022 12:56 PM
38	Fall.	9/28/2022 12:56 PM
39	norwich	9/28/2022 12:56 PM
40	The teachers.	9/28/2022 12:56 PM
41	subway	9/28/2022 12:56 PM
42	The scenery	9/28/2022 12:55 PM
43	The hiking trails and scenic views	9/28/2022 12:55 PM
44	Halloween	9/28/2022 12:55 PM
45	the comen	9/28/2022 12:55 PM
46	The common area and parks, the farmers market and celebrations	9/28/2022 12:55 PM
47	The swimming holes	9/28/2022 12:55 PM
48	nothing	9/28/2022 12:55 PM
49	The teachers in the highschool.	9/28/2022 12:55 PM
50	community	9/28/2022 12:55 PM
51	idk	9/28/2022 12:54 PM
52	idk	9/28/2022 12:54 PM
53	the scenery	9/28/2022 12:53 PM
54	idk	9/28/2022 12:53 PM
55	It's history	9/28/2022 12:52 PM
56	The common.	9/28/2022 12:49 PM
57	the common	9/28/2022 12:49 PM
58	the comunity feel to the town	9/28/2022 12:48 PM
59	multiple choices for where to eat, and the dogpark as a place to hangout	9/28/2022 12:44 PM
60	keeping things local and NOT double the population of the town	9/28/2022 12:11 PM
61	the common	9/28/2022 12:11 PM
62	To be rich and to have like a better town pool also to have like a dunkin or starbucks.	9/28/2022 12:10 PM
63	In my opinion Northfields best feature is the common.	9/28/2022 12:10 PM
64	The pool and recreation Fields	9/28/2022 12:10 PM
65	depot square pizza	9/28/2022 12:08 PM
66	nature	9/28/2022 12:08 PM

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67	I like the Commons with the restaurants and nice green space.	9/28/2022 12:08 PM
68	dwayne	9/28/2022 12:07 PM
69	One side of the town is a candy/ ball pit/ water park and on the other side could be just Normal.	9/28/2022 12:07 PM
70	The common	9/28/2022 12:07 PM
71	nothing	9/28/2022 12:07 PM
72	the common and all the things around it.	9/28/2022 12:07 PM
73	The woods/forest	9/28/2022 12:07 PM
74	The common is very pretty	9/28/2022 12:07 PM
75	farmers market	9/28/2022 12:07 PM
76	The bank in the common	9/28/2022 12:07 PM
77	the theater program	9/28/2022 12:06 PM
78	quietness?	9/28/2022 12:06 PM
79	The school	9/28/2022 12:06 PM
80	the peoples kindness	9/28/2022 12:06 PM
81	the common	9/28/2022 12:06 PM
82	The tiny fountain in the common	9/28/2022 12:05 PM
83	Common	9/28/2022 12:05 PM
84	The auditorium for the NMHS	9/28/2022 12:05 PM
85	northfield pool	9/28/2022 12:05 PM
86	to have a Dunkin	9/28/2022 12:05 PM
87	Parks	9/28/2022 12:05 PM
88	northfield pool	9/28/2022 12:05 PM
89	The people who run the place.	9/28/2022 12:04 PM
90	No traffic and cross walk accessibility.	9/28/2022 12:04 PM
91	THE COMMINS, THE FOUNTAIN	9/28/2022 12:04 PM
92	The common.	9/28/2022 12:04 PM
93	The pool	9/28/2022 12:03 PM
94	comuite	9/28/2022 12:03 PM
95	Not much traffic so I can walk places easier	9/28/2022 12:03 PM
96	how every one knows every one and that people are frendly	9/28/2022 12:03 PM
97	dollar genral and no traffic	9/28/2022 12:03 PM
98	the pool	9/28/2022 12:03 PM
99	a dunkin donuts or a new	9/28/2022 12:03 PM
100	How Close things are together?	9/28/2022 12:02 PM
101	New restaurants	9/28/2022 12:02 PM
102	The take-out options	9/28/2022 12:02 PM
103	good	9/28/2022 12:02 PM



## Q6 What Northfield feature(s) could improve and how?

Answered: 103 Skipped: 4

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	a popeyes	9/29/2022 2:39 PM
2	Fun things for teenagers and tweens to do so they don't do stuff that they'll get in trouble for if people are mad because they're doing things their not supposed to do it's because they have nothing better to do	9/29/2022 1:23 PM
3	Sometimes we need cleaner waters	9/29/2022 12:01 PM
4	The speed of cars and crazy drivers	9/29/2022 9:40 AM
5	i think the roads could be fixed a little	9/28/2022 9:12 PM
6	I'm not too sure, but maybe the health of the town, by supporting the people :D	9/28/2022 7:31 PM
7	Going off of what the third question said, Northfield does need more sidewalk space I would agree with that, even though I put it at #5. If I had to say a specific spot, I would say the area coming off of Crescent Ave. on the right side going towards town away from Norwich. There is eventually somewhat of a sidewalk, but it's not very large, and isn't in the greatest shape.	9/28/2022 1:16 PM
8	I can't think of any	9/28/2022 1:13 PM
9	Maybe improve the education system by having more concern for the individual needs and issues like disabilities of students and really focusing in on them and finding ways to help them in unique ways that really suits their needs.	9/28/2022 1:05 PM
10	There should be more sidewalks so people don't have to walk in the road as much.	9/28/2022 1:01 PM
11	making stuff fun	9/28/2022 1:01 PM
12	idk	9/28/2022 1:01 PM
13	I'm not sure.	9/28/2022 1:00 PM
14	I don't know.	9/28/2022 12:59 PM
15	the northfield roads could be alot better and also the job opportunities or housing.	9/28/2022 12:59 PM
16	Like i discussed in number 4 just that	9/28/2022 12:59 PM
17	idk	9/28/2022 12:59 PM
18	ldk	9/28/2022 12:59 PM
19	I think citizens should be safe, have availability to feel safe going to and from school, to have a bigger available job spectrum and more.	9/28/2022 12:59 PM
20	the work opportunities just more places that can employ people and a way to attract businesses here.	9/28/2022 12:59 PM
21	Cleaner fountain so that way dogs when drink out of the water don't get sick and or when little kids go into the water they do not get sick	9/28/2022 12:58 PM
22	If there were more things to do like, stores, or places for youth to hangout	9/28/2022 12:58 PM
23	Get rid of the dollar general and make the old china star into chic fil a so we could have the only chic fil a in Vermont	9/28/2022 12:57 PM
24	i don't really know	9/28/2022 12:57 PM
25	To create more for the people like more business and more stuff to do, threes nothing to do in northfield	9/28/2022 12:57 PM

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26	more well paying jobs	9/28/2022 12:57 PM
27	community	9/28/2022 12:57 PM
28	Helping out by picking up trash and throwing it away and not leaving it on the ground	9/28/2022 12:57 PM
29	The roads could improve	9/28/2022 12:57 PM
30	everything, this place sucks	9/28/2022 12:57 PM
31	more jobs and places to go.	9/28/2022 12:57 PM
32	roads, side walks, putting more effort into stores	9/28/2022 12:56 PM
33	more jobs and restaurants	9/28/2022 12:56 PM
34	The sidewalks and accessibility and recreation for older kids	9/28/2022 12:56 PM
35	school size	9/28/2022 12:56 PM
36	Stuff to do	9/28/2022 12:56 PM
37	More transportation to outside of northfield, a bike path maybe	9/28/2022 12:56 PM
38	There isn't really anything to do. We should have more places to go with our friends/family.	9/28/2022 12:56 PM
39	i dont know	9/28/2022 12:56 PM
40	Become a prep school.	9/28/2022 12:56 PM
41	water park	9/28/2022 12:56 PM
42	Funds for student athletes	9/28/2022 12:55 PM
43	none that comes to the top of my head	9/28/2022 12:55 PM
44	Labor day more rides for older kids	9/28/2022 12:55 PM
45	more places to eat	9/28/2022 12:55 PM
46	The parks could be improved in a few ways	9/28/2022 12:55 PM
47	no comment	9/28/2022 12:55 PM
48	Roads, job opportunities, food, the Northfield pool.	9/28/2022 12:55 PM
49	restaurants	9/28/2022 12:55 PM
50	idk	9/28/2022 12:54 PM
51	idk	9/28/2022 12:54 PM
52	more drug control	9/28/2022 12:53 PM
53	idk	9/28/2022 12:53 PM
54	More local eateries	9/28/2022 12:52 PM
55	fixing fields and making some areas of the town look nicer.	9/28/2022 12:49 PM
56	i think they could fix up the softball fields and renovate some areas of the town.	9/28/2022 12:49 PM
57	Littering, safe spaces,	9/28/2022 12:48 PM
58	more places to hangout like a skateboarding park and/or a playground.	9/28/2022 12:44 PM
59	crosswalks	9/28/2022 12:11 PM
60	i think a gym would be great and you could improve the common with maybe a gym near or something to do	9/28/2022 12:11 PM
61	To maybe have more food options and to be a better town also letting people drive at the age of 10 and to have a dealership and to allow a dirt bike track so we can race in Northfield. Also to be able to have more options for kids after school.	9/28/2022 12:10 PM
62	It would be nice if there were more food options near the common.	9/28/2022 12:10 PM

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63	Sidewalks and public areas.	9/28/2022 12:10 PM
64	recreation very well could be improved	9/28/2022 12:08 PM
65	water	9/28/2022 12:08 PM
66	Roads, sidewalks, and the way people manage their properties. People have no regard for making what they have look nice and up-kept.	9/28/2022 12:08 PM
67	the roads, schools and	9/28/2022 12:07 PM
68	A water park at the Northfield pool and all the slides lead to the pool.	9/28/2022 12:07 PM
69	the basketball courts could be fixed by buying better hoops	9/28/2022 12:07 PM
70	more fun classes	9/28/2022 12:07 PM
71	the public pool has to be opened longer	9/28/2022 12:07 PM
72	The water fountain at the common has not worked for as long as i can remember, so if that can be fixed it would be nice.	9/28/2022 12:07 PM
73	more sidewalks, to get to the common you have to walk in the road. It's like this in a lot of places.	9/28/2022 12:07 PM
74	the internet for better working convenience and letting us do more	9/28/2022 12:07 PM
75	the bridges even though you cant use the money on bridges i say that it would be helpful to repair bridges.	9/28/2022 12:07 PM
76	play grounds	9/28/2022 12:06 PM
77	trans video because its dog	9/28/2022 12:06 PM
78	More paths for walking biking and what ever would be nice.	9/28/2022 12:06 PM
79	attractions	9/28/2022 12:06 PM
80	more things to do	9/28/2022 12:06 PM
81	Sidewalks and road safety so people don't get hit by cars	9/28/2022 12:05 PM
82	More activities	9/28/2022 12:05 PM
83	I feel like adding a bike path would be useful.	9/28/2022 12:05 PM
84	more restaurant	9/28/2022 12:05 PM
85	more places for people to go	9/28/2022 12:05 PM
86	more shops and places to eat, and more things for kids to do after school or on our walks	9/28/2022 12:05 PM
87	bigger school	9/28/2022 12:05 PM
88	More recreation	9/28/2022 12:04 PM
89	More things to do and more eating places.	9/28/2022 12:04 PM
90	THE SIDEWALKS	9/28/2022 12:04 PM
91	Probably the amount of food places.	9/28/2022 12:04 PM
92	sports and equipment	9/28/2022 12:03 PM
93	suport of small town buiness	9/28/2022 12:03 PM
94	More stuff to do	9/28/2022 12:03 PM
95	sewage and water treatment	9/28/2022 12:03 PM
96	more stuff to do	9/28/2022 12:03 PM
97	idk	9/28/2022 12:03 PM
98	we could inprove by getting a new dunkin donuts	9/28/2022 12:03 PM

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99	The wifi is really bad.	9/28/2022 12:02 PM
100	New restaurants	9/28/2022 12:02 PM
101	I don't know what could improve because I don't live in Northfield	9/28/2022 12:02 PM
102	i don't know	9/28/2022 12:02 PM
103	everythiunf	9/28/2022 12:02 PM

## Q7 If you have other thoughts about spending Northfield's \$1.9 million in ARPA funds please share what would they be?

Answered: 91 Skipped: 16

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	a house	9/29/2022 2:39 PM
2	Nope	9/29/2022 1:23 PM
3	Sidewalks	9/29/2022 12:01 PM
4	speed bumps and police on potrol to serve quickly	9/29/2022 9:40 AM
5	i think there should be more stores	9/28/2022 9:12 PM
6	Let's make northfield a great place for everyone :D	9/28/2022 7:31 PM
7	I heard a lot of other people say it, and I completely agree that we should give teachers a raise. And I wish I could say this for many other states and districts and teachers, because teachers do so much, and they don't get enough for all of the things that they do. They quite literally help shape our future generations. Teachers are actually so important, but they don't get enough rep for it. So like I had said, I wish this applied to many many other teachers than just the ones here, but even so, I hope the ones here get a raise. I apologize once again lol that was a lot. In conclusion, please give the teachers a raise.	9/28/2022 1:16 PM
8	I can't think of this either	9/28/2022 1:13 PM
9	I don't have any other thoughts.	9/28/2022 1:05 PM
10	I don't know.	9/28/2022 1:01 PM
11	making school shorter	9/28/2022 1:01 PM
12	make pain mountain back into a ski resort	9/28/2022 1:01 PM
13	None	9/28/2022 1:00 PM
14	I don't have any.	9/28/2022 12:59 PM
15	i think some roads work by just taking care of the roads	9/28/2022 12:59 PM
16	Most things that were listed in question 3 it should be on that	9/28/2022 12:59 PM
17	cumunity service	9/28/2022 12:59 PM
18	Make the school and town bigger.	9/28/2022 12:59 PM
19	None	9/28/2022 12:59 PM
20	More job opportunities for younger people.	9/28/2022 12:58 PM
21	Add a chic fil a	9/28/2022 12:57 PM
22	Create stuff to do	9/28/2022 12:57 PM
23	i dont know	9/28/2022 12:57 PM
24	things to do	9/28/2022 12:57 PM
25	To help the world out by building more places for people to stay	9/28/2022 12:57 PM
26	i have no other ideas	9/28/2022 12:57 PM
27	idc	9/28/2022 12:57 PM
28	not sure	9/28/2022 12:57 PM



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29	i have no other thoughts!	9/28/2022 12:56 PM
30	i dont	9/28/2022 12:56 PM
31	nope	9/28/2022 12:56 PM
32	waterpark	9/28/2022 12:56 PM
33	Chuck e cheese	9/28/2022 12:56 PM
34	no	9/28/2022 12:56 PM
35	I don't have any other ideas.	9/28/2022 12:56 PM
36	nope	9/28/2022 12:56 PM
37	Lights for the soccer field and a new baseball diamond	9/28/2022 12:56 PM
38	water park	9/28/2022 12:56 PM
39	Athletic stuff (more equipment)	9/28/2022 12:55 PM
40	I have none as the two mos important uses have been barred	9/28/2022 12:55 PM
41	I don't know	9/28/2022 12:55 PM
42	we need better books for the school	9/28/2022 12:55 PM
43	None	9/28/2022 12:55 PM
44	no comment	9/28/2022 12:55 PM
45	NONE	9/28/2022 12:55 PM
46	restaurants	9/28/2022 12:55 PM
47	idk	9/28/2022 12:54 PM
48	idk	9/28/2022 12:54 PM
49	nothing	9/28/2022 12:53 PM
50	Restaurant, stores that could help Northfield locally	9/28/2022 12:52 PM
51	For the school.	9/28/2022 12:49 PM
52	add a skatepark so teens have things to do	9/28/2022 12:44 PM
53	KEEP NORTHFIELD LOCAL AND DON'T DO ANYTHING TO MAKE US A GINORMOUS TOURIST DESTINATION!!11	9/28/2022 12:11 PM
54	i can't think of anything right now	9/28/2022 12:11 PM
55	To have a dirt bike track so we can race. umm letting people at the age of 13 to work. And maybe coming up with things that kids can do to earn money.	9/28/2022 12:10 PM
56	An outdoor and sports store.	9/28/2022 12:10 PM
57	idk	9/28/2022 12:08 PM
58	Making the center of town nicer and increasing the activities that happen there.	9/28/2022 12:08 PM
59	Margret holland inn	9/28/2022 12:07 PM
60	A petco	9/28/2022 12:07 PM
61	i have no idea	9/28/2022 12:07 PM
62	make a fishing hunting class	9/28/2022 12:07 PM
63	i dont have any	9/28/2022 12:07 PM
64	I dont have anything els i can think of :)	9/28/2022 12:07 PM
65	I think I've covered them all.	9/28/2022 12:07 PM

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66	I cant think of something off the top of my head that we should spend it on.	9/28/2022 12:07 PM
67	I cant think what you should do with the money.	9/28/2022 12:07 PM
68	better internet	9/28/2022 12:06 PM
69	I don't know	9/28/2022 12:06 PM
70	Ive got none	9/28/2022 12:06 PM
71	small amount of all of it go to each Northfield residents	9/28/2022 12:06 PM
72	don't do this but I want an arcade	9/28/2022 12:05 PM
73	I don't have any other ideas most things were previously listed	9/28/2022 12:05 PM
74	gym or better stores	9/28/2022 12:05 PM
75	Dunkin and more stuff on the comin	9/28/2022 12:05 PM
76	Dunkin, starbucks, more activitie, more at common	9/28/2022 12:05 PM
77	dirtbike track	9/28/2022 12:05 PM
78	Help the school: Theatre, band, playground for NMHS, and put more money into the food.	9/28/2022 12:04 PM
79	Slushie store, thrift store.	9/28/2022 12:04 PM
80	ADD A CANDY SHOP DOWNTOWN	9/28/2022 12:04 PM
81	We should use some on equipment and sporting events	9/28/2022 12:03 PM
82	nope	9/28/2022 12:03 PM
83	Clothing/thrift store	9/28/2022 12:03 PM
84	nothing	9/28/2022 12:03 PM
85	slushie store, thrift store, skate park, lake	9/28/2022 12:03 PM
86	idk	9/28/2022 12:03 PM
87	a starbucks	9/28/2022 12:03 PM
88	Put a new dunkin or fast food restaurant	9/28/2022 12:02 PM
89	I don't have any other thoughts	9/28/2022 12:02 PM
90	playground for middle and high school	9/28/2022 12:02 PM
91	get a mcdonalds in town	9/28/2022 12:02 PM