

**Hingham Master Plan Forum – November 20, 2019**  
**Group Summaries**

**Group 1:**

**Question 1: Favorite Things?**

Dots	Response
4	Open Space & Park & Harbor
4	Historic – the preservation of historic fabric
1	cpc
2	Transportation – boat and train
6	Civic commitment - volunteerism
3	Town meeting
3	Town government
5	Hingham square – variety of shops, community & history

**Question 2: Least Favorite Things?**

Dots	Response
2	Depending on fossil fuels
7	Lack of diversity
7	Lack of affordable/diverse housing
4	Traffic – main street left turns; speed
1	South Hingham character
5	3a separates harbor from the town
4	Current low usage of harbor – need to maximize
4	Lack of townwide capital plan

**Question 3: What's Missing?**

- Large capital planning committee for buildings
- Pool
- Senior center with parking
- Community gathering space
  - Do more than the minimum required
  - Combine facilities
  - Make investment in amenities
- Intra town transportation (public)
  - Connect train/boat/downtown
  - Connect south Hingham/main street/downtown

**Question 4: Opportunities & Challenges?**

Opportunities

- Schools & education a priority
- Control of water company/resource

- Harbor usage/vision
- Available/developable land in south Hingham

Challenges

- Climate change
- Aging population
- Affordable housing
- Lack of town sewer

**Question 5:- one thing to improve Hingham**

Dots	Response
6	Capital Planning Committee
6	Town Water System
9	New senior center (multi-generational)
3	Connect harbor to Town
8	3a/228 Traffic improvements
3	Improve pedestrian & Bike access
3	Cover dumpsters in downtown hingham
2	Another restaurant in Hingham square

**Group 2**

**Question 1: Favorite Things?**

Dots	Response
1	Historic architecture
	Historic downtown
	Old ship church
1	Architecture
1	Human scale
	Neighbors
3	neighborhood
1	Proximity to route 3
1	Historical aspect
	Clean air
4	Schools
	Professional volunteers
1	Community engagement
1	Youth sports & music
	Commercial base
1	Stable power (hmlp)
	Environmental awareness
	Ease of getting to boston

3	Open space
3	Ferry
	Community
2	Quaint town
1	No fast food
1	Access to water (boating/kayaking)
3	Worlds end
1	Rail, ferry
	Wildlife, birds
	Coastal town
	No marijuana shop
1	Current population size

**Question 2: Least Favorite Things?**

Dots	Response
	Overdevelopment
	Traffic
	Lack of sidewalks
	No consideration/limit on growth
1	Lack of maintaining facilities
2	Lack of affordable single family housing
	Bias against affordable housing
2	Lack of senior housing
2	Don't get \$ worth from taxes – taxes are high, not seeing value, increasing faster than inflation
5	Lack of sidewalks
1	No public transit within town
3	Traffic in general
6	Overdevelopment (derby st area)
	Condos on Beal St
1	Large dense development
	New traffic lights on Derby St
	Demographics not aligned with housing development
	Too many historic commission rules
1	Not enough people making decisions (# Selectmen)
2	Town meeting biased/vocal minority/not convenient/not accessible to all
1	Lack of diversity
1	Traffic ratings

**Question 3: What's Missing?**

- Public transportation within town
- Trash pick up
- South Hingham fire & police stations

- Affordable small homes
- Town pool
- Public facility for boat storage & launch facility
- Plan for limited growth/population
- Sidewalks
- Path network connections
- Green space (walk/bike)
- Good traffic control
- Good diversified shops @ shipyard/3a
- Apartments with covered parking
- 2050 plan – energy oriented plan
- Climate study (town)
- Zoning restrictions on house/lot ration (FAR)
- Town Committees should meet all together 1 x/yr
- Senior center like Cohasset has

**Question 4: Opportunities & Challenges?**

Opportunities

- Available land – expand conservation and open space
- Coastal town – more ferry service, more bar tables, more sailing lessons
- Land – responsible development; have house structure to foster community
- Land/bare cove park – transit oriented development
- Large parking areas – convert to parking structures
- Bus service – hull to Hingham

Challenges

- Parking – public transit, more parking, de-staff town hall
- Clustered overdevelopment in town
- Failing facilities
- Traffic congestion
- Submerged roads
- School population

**Question 5:- one thing to improve Hingham**

Dots	Response
8	Sidewalks
3	Fire station in south Hingham
9	Limit building
8	School facility improvement

### Group 3

#### Question 1: Favorite Things?

Dots	Response
3	Hingham harbor
7	Open space/parks/worlds end/bare cove park
6	Weir river/back river
5	Hingham square
2	4 <sup>th</sup> of july parade
5	Historic nature
2	Shipyard & ferry

#### Question 2: Least Favorite Things?

Dots	Response
4	People/high brows
5	Loss of affordable single family housing
6	Violations to building code & entitled behaviors
7	Taking town for granted & disrespect
4	Unleashed dogs

#### Question 3: What's Missing?

- Stand alone senior center/multi generational center
- Transportation system for aging populace
- Moderate housing plan
- Parking in the square and at town hall
- Appropriate playing fields
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#### Question 4: Opportunities & Challenges?

##### Opportunities

- Water company
- In-law apartments
- Aging in place
- Cluster zoning
- Commercial development
- Traffic circulation

##### Challenges

- Commercial development
- Traffic circulation
- Protecting resources
- Protecting ecosystems

- Skilled labor
- Sea level rise
- Senior affordability
- Lyme disease & over spraying of insecticide

**Question 5:- one thing to improve Hingham**

Dots	Response
6	Affordable senior housing
8	Halt development
7	Keep historic charm
3	Less density
1	Durable municipal multi-use buildings
	Tourism
2	Improved transportation routes
4	Maintain safe environment