

Comment Board Responses
November 18, 2019 Visioning Session
Hingham, MA

How would you define Hingham's Town character?

1. Historic
2. Water focused
3. Village-y
4. History + Green
5. Historic + Green + Charm
6. Changing
7. History & Community
8. Traditional & progressive
9. Historic
10. Walkable
11. Charming
12. Green
13. Waterfront
14. Historic
15. Community
16. Changing
17. School-friendly
18. Senior-not so friendly
19. Conforming
20. Evolving
21. Good people but little diversity
22. Value historic character
23. Complacent
24. Engaged
25. Changing
26. History
27. New England
28. Community
29. Opportunity
30. Contiguous historic architecture
31. Complacent
32. History
33. Green
34. Volunteer culture
35. Historic
36. Conservative
37. Historical
38. Country setting
39. Rich diversity of cultural, landscape and residential areas
40. Proud
41. Conservative

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42. Able
43. Waterfront community
44. Its history
45. Historic
46. Great community
47. Community feeling
48. Comfortable
49. Historic
50. Expensive
51. Proud
52. Community spirit
53. Hingham strong
54. Historic seaside village
55. Great volunteerism
56. Worry too much about budget – town should spend on what is needed (senior center)
57. Open
58. Progressive
59. Traditional
60. Active
61. Community minded
62. Open to change and “greener” ways of doing things while maintaining a strong historical preservation

What is your favorite place and why?

1. World’s End
2. World’s End – it’s where I re-find my soul
3. Bare Cove Park – Beauty
4. Bare Cove Park
5. All the green space – undeveloped land
6. Waterfront
7. The harbor
8. Hingham Harbor
9. Downtown Hingham
10. Fountain Square – at intersection of North & Lincoln Streets
11. Turkey Hill – the view
12. World’s End
13. World’s End – green space, walkability, and proximity to the water
14. Hingham Harbor is my favorite place in Hingham because it is a destination shared by all for recreation, exercise, social gatherings and it is a unique resource that lends to our character as a seaside town.
15. World’s End
16. Swop Shop

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17. South Shore Country Club – open space
18. Bare cove park – dogs
19. Wompatuck – variety
20. Main Street
21. Turkey Hill because you get the water (ocean) and the pastoral land all at once
22. Brewer Park
23. Main Street USA – Please adequately maintain
24. Downtown & harbor
25. The square
26. World's End
27. Everything outdoors – land & Water
28. The Square – for it's past and potential
29. Open Space – stops development and provides access for exercise and fresh air
30. Town Meeting – for our thoughtful and sometimes funny discussions
31. Beach & parks
32. Turkey Hill
33. Weir River Farm
34. Wompatuck State Park – a variety of attractions (hiking trails, biking trails, camping, fishing) that allows you to enjoy the outdoors and escape city life inside your own town.
35. Hingham Square
36. World's End
37. Harbor
38. World's end
39. Harbor
40. Streetscapes
41. The harbor leading into downtown
42. World's end – world class open space, historic ambiance, location, views
43. It's open spaces
44. Harbor – for recreational opportunities
45. Turkey hill
46. Wompatuck – I walk there every day

What makes Hingham unique?

1. Coastline
2. A strong sense of community and town pride
3. History
4. Waterfront
5. History expressed
6. Location
7. Schools
8. Access to Boston
9. Thoughtful knowledgeable generous volunteers

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10. Unique mix of cultural, natural, residential and commercial areas
11. Historic streetscape largely unchanged through the centuries
12. Open space – forests, fields, meadows and coastline
13. Historic districts
14. History
15. Good governance
16. People care about the town
17. Engaged proactive town residents and town government
18. The new lives along side the old (modern & historic)
19. Caring involved people
20. Residents are generous with time and money
21. Hingham's strong ethic of volunteerism and civic engagement make Hingham a community with a well run government and strong sense of pride in the community
22. Downtown
23. It's history
24. Access to multiple transportation options to Boston while maintaining a small town feel.
25. its people, history and open space
26. history and water
27. historic districts
28. preservation of smaller older houses
29. special land and sea connection
30. historic and waterfront and farms and world's end
31. history
32. historic buildings
33. waterfront
34. beautiful homes and yards
35. open space
36. historic nature
37. waterfront
38. the smallest senior center in MA except Scituate which will have a 15,000 SF facility