

IMAGINE SHARON Public Mtg 1: Question 1: You are talking to a visitor about what makes Sharon a great place to live or work. What would you tell him/her?

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Comments:	Convenient, quiet atmosphere, bit of everything	Location - between Providence + Boston	Open spaces, Lake, commuter rail, highway access	Easy commute to Boston/Train	Open Spaces/Conservation	Green Space	Memory Café	It's safe	Crescent Ridge	Diversity	Open space	Location - close to Boston
	Lake	Schools	Idyllic location + situation	School system	Location: Halfway between Providence and Boston	Safety	Increase in retail opportunities (Cobb's corner, Legacy, etc.)	Great schools	Ward's Berry Farm	Know your neighbors	Schools	Commuter rail
	School	Involved	Schools	Lake	Diversity	Green space	Proximity to Boston/PVD	Easy access to highways & commuter rail	Commuter rail	Educated population	Audubon, Borderland State Parks	Lake Massapoag
	Diversity	Farms	Halfway between Boston + Providence	Land value	Affordable/good investment	High academic scores	Nice tennis club	Multiple faiths & cultures	Access to natural resources	Train	Train station	Friendly people
	Values	Natural open space	Lake	More affordable than towns closer to Boston	Walkable to train	Lake Massapoag	Diversity	Many Opportunities to get involved in town	95 Access	Borderland + Moose Hill	Family oriented community	Great green space - Borderland, Moose Hill, Ward's Berry Farm
	Green Space	Dairy	Community-friendly + supportive	Educated community	Well-educated/friendly people	Pretty	Nature/Lake/Borderland park	Town is receptive to change + new ideas	Support services	Walkability	Lake Massapoag	Schools
	Library	Unexpectedly rural	Diversity - religious + cultural	Socially conscious	Schools	Small Town	Recreational/open spaces	Friendly town with unique areas w/in town (great neighborhoods, Borderland, lake, etc.)	Schools	Community/neighbors	Location - Easy access to Cape Cod, Boston, Providence, Gillette	July 4th fireworks, Square Jam
	Safe	Train	Religious community	Diversity - religious and ethnic	Inviting for citizen involvement (open town mtgs, etc.)	Forest next to Train	Children		Socially/ethnically diverse	Plot/lot sizes	Schools	Safety
	Small town but good accessibility to neighboring towns	Lake	Diversity in schools	Region access to both Providence and Boston	Idea of "paying it forward"	Safety-security	Sense of community		Ethnic + religious diversity	Open space	Infrastructure	Culturally diverse
	Great school system	Playground/Ward's	Attracts likeminded people + values	Accessibility to highway	Non-transient	Ecumenical	Temple		Environmentally beautiful	Low crime/safe	Local Government open door public meetings, senior staff	Location between PVD/Boston
	Growing and changing	Organic farms	Education --> Lifelong - Library + Public Schools	Open space	Rec fields are wonderful		Adult center		Excellent schools	Library		Lots of restaurants
	Use/leverage technology	Diversity of religions	Volunteerism	Wards/Crescent Ridge			School system		Commuting easy to Boston on public transit	Bikable		Library
	Schools			Parks/Moose Hill			Schools		Schools	Accessibility to Boston (commuter rail)		Nature
				Walkability of center			Friendly Fire Department		Commuter rail	Low crime/safe		Stores
				4th of July fireworks			Town-wide activities		Diversity	Small town atmosphere		7-11 store
				Family-oriented			People - "everyone I meet I love"		Natural beauty	Access to Boston/Providence		Town center/Post Office Square
				Cooperation among diverse groups					Quality of life	Neighbory		Wildlife
				Friendly and cooperative					Close to MBTA rail	Green space + walking trails		Crescent Ridge
				Adult Center					Geographic location	Family oriented		Schools
				Rec programs and town camp					Close to very good medical facilities	Access to Rt. 1 and I-95		Welcoming community
				Library staff and programming						Big plots of land for houses		Lake Massapoag
										Lake Massapoag		Laid back/unpretentious atmosphere
										Ames St playground		Less traffic
										Community/Volunteerism		Safety - kids can roam Town
										Schools		Location - highway accessible
										Hana Jenner		Cheaper houses, with big yards
										Always trying to improve		
										Walkability/Bikeability		
										Schools		
										Commuter rail		
										Lake Massapoag		
										Neighbors		
Topics	Historic + Cultural Resources	Economic Vitality	Open Space + Recreation	Housing	Transportation + Mobility	Public Facilities, Infrastructure, & Schools	Environmental Sustainability	Fiscal Sustainability	Community Health	What did we Forget?		
	Library	Land value	Green space	Plot/lot sizes	Small town but good accessibility to neighboring towns	School			Safe	Laid back/unpretentious atmosphere		
	Diversity of religions	More affordable than towns closer to Boston	Farms	Big plots of land for houses	Location - between Providence + Boston	Great school system			Community-friendly + supportive	Welcoming community		
	Diversity - religious + cultural	Affordable/good investment	Natural open space	Cheaper houses, with big yards	Train	Schools			Safety	Town Center/Post Office Square		
	Religious community	Memory Café	Dairy		Halfway between Boston + Providence	School system			Safety-security	July 4th fireworks, Square Jam		
	Diversity - religious and ethnic	Increase in retail opportunities (Cobb's corner, Legacy, etc.)	Unexpectedly rural		Easy commute to Boston/train	Adult center			It's safe	Friendly people		
	Diversity	Lots of restaurants	Lake		Region access to both Providence and Boston	Library staff and programming			Support services	Family oriented community		
	Ecumenical	Stores	Idyllic location + situation		Accessibility to highway	Schools			Quality of life	Local government open door public meetings, senior staff		
	Temple	7-11 store	Lake		Walkability of center	Adult center			Low crime/safe	Neighbors		
	Multiple faiths & cultures		Lake		Location: Halfway between Providence and Boston	School system			Low crime/safe	Hana Jenner		
	Socially/ethnically diverse		Open space		Walkable to train	Schools			Safety	Always trying to improve		
	Ethnic + religious diversity		Rec fields are wonderful		Commuter rail	Friendly Fire Department			Safety - kids can roam Town	Community/volunteerism		
	Diversity		Ward's/Crescent Ridge		95 Access	Great schools				Family oriented		
	Educated population				Commuting easy to Boston on public transit	Easy access to highways & commuter rail				Neighbory		
	Culturally diverse				Commuter rail	Schools				Small town atmosphere		
			Lake Massapoag		Close to MBTA rail	Excellent schools				Community/neighbors		
					Geographic location	Schools				Know your neighbors		
			Pretty		Train	Close to very good medical facilities				Many opportunities to get involved in town		
			Forest next to train		Walkability	Library				Town is receptive to change + new ideas		
			Nature/Lake/Borderland Park		Bikable	Ames St Playground				Friendly town with unique areas w/in town (great neighborhoods, Borderland, lake, etc.)		
					Recreational/open spaces							
			Ward's Berry Farm		Access to Boston/Providence	Schools				Town-wide activities		
			Access to natural resources		Access to Rt. 1 and I-95	Schools				People - "everyone I meet I love"		
			Environmentally beautiful		Walkability/bikeability	Library				Children		
			Natural beauty		Commuter rail	Schools				Sense of community		
			Borderland + Moose Hill		Train station					Diversity		
					Location - Easy access to Cape Cod, Boston, Providence, Gillette					Small Town		
			Open space		Location - close to Boston					Inviting for citizen involvement (open town mtgs, etc.)		
			Green space + walking trails		Commuter rail					Idea of "paying it forward"		
			Lake Massapoag		Location between PVD/Boston					non-transient		
			Lake Massapoag		Less traffic					Well-educated/friendly people		
			Great green space - Borderland, Moose Hill, Ward's Berry Farm		Location - highway accessible					Educated community		
			Nature							Socially conscious		
			Wildlife							4th of July fireworks		
			Crescent Ridge							Family-oriented		
			Lake Massapoag							Cooperation among diverse groups		
			Lake							Friendly and cooperative		
			Organic farms							Volunteerism		
										Attracts like minded people + values		
										Involved		
										Diversity		
										Values		
										Growing and changing		
										Use/leverage technology		

IMAGINE SHARON Public Mtg 1: Question 4: If this planning process highlights one thing guaranteed to be improved, what would you recommend?

	Historic + Cultural Resources	Economic Vitality	Open Space + Recreation	Housing	Transportation + Mobility	Public Facilities, Infrastructure, & Schools	Environmental Sustainability	Fiscal Sustainability	Community Health	What did we Forget?
		Commercial density / financial sustainability	Make more places that animals can cross busy roads/make more overpasses	Diversity of housing stock for seniors (P.Y., 55+ active communities)	Accessibility of public buildings and services for seniors (i.e. transportation)	A library that will have programs to help retain the older population with classes and space for all people in the town	Global warming	Fiscal sustainability	Inclusivity: including finding ways to keep old citizens in the town	Educating town residents to responsibility and information of being a town resident and participating in policies and change
		More commercial development: helps tax base, more to do, places to work	A connected trail system so kids and families can bike, walk to different neighborhoods and schools	More over 55 communities	Better accessibility to get around Sharon	Technology infrastructure: cell towers, alternative internet provider: FIOS?	Preservation of natural resources - WATER supply	Financial health of the town so we can afford the public buildings improvements and have more balanced tax base and vibrant economy	Everyone be safe! Less pollution, not a lot of traffic, more crosswalks	Rational basis for finance committee decisions
		Maintain character while expanding tax base	Maintain open spaces	Affordable and diversified housing options		School system: continued high quality	Sustainability for stopping climate change!	More non-residential tax income	Accessibility across the life cycle	Change town meeting to include electronic voting from home
		Affordability in retirement	Manage growth so that current quality of life doesn't suffer due to overcrowding, traffic, lots of greenspace	Affordable housing for seniors (and public transportation for all)		Accessibility	Natural resource protection/ conservation (water, energy, reduce waste, support local farms, teach in schools)	Sustainable tax base	Life course perspective: support/ quality of life for all ages	How to feel part of a community/not just a commuter to Boston
		More diverse businesses, shops, restaurants. Utilize the work-at-home crowd and create a co-working space! Make this area a retreat for the telecommuting crowd	Maintain and take care of open spaces			New library	Decrease low carbon footprint, increase high volume green space	Economic sustainability, business development		Community involvement and coordination: connecting people!
		More commercial business opportunities	Remove invasive weeds within these spaces, especially around lake. Get rid of chainlink fence, Japanese knotweed, bittersweet, buckthorn and poison ivy			Accessibility of all public buildings (including schools)		Fiscal sustainability		Top priority: beautification of town features to achieve "quaintness, curb appeal, lake upkeep (beach/sand), playgrounds, restaurants, shops, athletics, center of town
		More different and financially stable businesses	Enhance these areas with good management			Beautification projects		Economic vitality		
		Commercial density / financial sustainability				New library		Improve financial base so we can continue great services		
		Taxes: development of business in town				School safety		Fiscal sustainability		
		Economic sustainability				Improve infrastructure: water streets, public transportation		More density in town center to create wealth and fiscal responsibility		
		Town center: a place to be/ go				School quality: not just test scores		Money and willingness to invest in community		
						Better use of resources when building: combine 2 projects in 1 (library AND high school) - better for the environment		Continued economic viability: support all topics		
						Keep schools strong (quality) to be welcoming to a younger growing population		Solving sewer/septic problem downtown to facilitate more restaurants/ commercial real estate		
						Top priority: build new Sharon public library to have our library meet all of the building safety codes to our growing population and meet state library standards and regulations to remain open and keep daily/evening hours New library that can better serve Sharon		Increased sources of revenue while improving town's curb appeal Keeping property values up		
						Infrastructure		Reduction of real estate taxes to provide affordable living for retirees		
								Sustainable tax rate		
								Fiscal: develop commercial zone along Rte. 1. Land swap or buy a narrow strip of land from Moose Hill.		
								Need commercial zones NOT on Main Street		
								Improve tax base: less reliance on property tax		
								Sustainable sources of revenue		
								Fiscal management so that families, businesses and community enhancements can co-exist		
								Open up to commercial tax base to supplement town budget (reduce burden of property taxes), ideally with fun places, e.g. bars, live music		