

Plaistow Economic Development Survey

Project Engagement

VIEWS

651

PARTICIPANTS

251

RESPONSES

10,032

COMMENTS

544

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1. Do you live in Plaistow, own property in Plaistow, or have a business in Plaistow?
Please select all that apply.

46%	I have lived in Plaistow for 20 years or more.	106 ✓
40%	I own property in Plaistow.	92 ✓
21%	I have lived in Plaistow for 10-19 years.	47 ✓
18%	I have lived in Plaistow for 5 years or less.	41 ✓
12%	I have lived in Plaistow for 6-10 years.	27 ✓
4%	I rent property in Plaistow.	10 ✓
4%	I own a business in Plaistow.	9 ✓
2%	Other	4 ✓
1%	I do not live in Plaistow.	3 ✓

229 Respondents

2. Based on the map, please indicate which color area of town you live or own property or a business.

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21 days ago

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Blue route 125 commercial

21 days ago

Blue/green border almost at Kingston line

one month ago

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one month ago

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Pink Main Street

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I live in blue and orange line

one month ago

I'm on the line of blue and yellow

one month ago

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3. In your opinion, how important are each of the following economic objectives in Plaistow?

	Not Important	Important	Very Important	No Opinion
Attracting non-residents to support businesses in town.	17% Not Important	58% Important	20% Very Important	5% No Opinion
Creating more housing in town.	47% Not Important	27% Important	22% Very Important	4% No Opinion
Creating more jobs in town.	19% Not Important	55% Important	20% Very Important	6% No Opinion
Increasing tax base (both commercial and residential).	30% Not Important	40% Important	21% Very Important	9% No Opinion
Increasing shopping options in town	44% Not Important	37% Important	15% Very Important	4% No Opinion
Providing better town services for residents	13% Not Important	41% Important	41% Very Important	5% No Opinion
Providing better public transportation services (ie. bus, taxi, transportation on demand)	47% Not Important	29% Important	15% Very Important	9% No Opinion

226 respondents

Would like to see Plaistow remain the small town that it is with a wonderful country feel. Helping to keep our small business and farms to continue working.

3 months ago

👍 45 Agree

please stop 125 from becoming a worse commercial nightmare than it already is!!!! no more USED truck/auto sales. If you can get rid of walmart that would be a big plus for plaistow

2 months ago

👍 16 Agree

Yes

2 months ago 👍 2 Agree

no

2 months ago 👍 1 Agree

Yes

one month ago

Yes

2 months ago

Agreed

2 months ago

Feel it is very important to maintain the village feel in town center out of respect to the elderly who have spent so many years enjoying this town. I also feel that we need to show the same respect to our younger generation and keep up w the times of progress. Never want to fall behind, hopefully our younger generation can help change the world and make a difference.

3 months ago

👍 25 Agree

Yes

2 months ago

yes

2 months ago

Plaistow is in the unfortunate position that it's residential population is very small compared to the commercial burden on the town. That combined with the fact that we are a motoring "gateway" community and the fact the state makes it difficult to collect the true tax value of commercial property makes more commercial development hard to support. That being said I do not want 125 to turn into a commercial wasteland because it is outdated. Commercial needs and desires are changing and I would like to see existing local regulations changed to help the new style of development investors and residents are looking for

2 months ago

👍 19 Agree

charge more commercial taxes/reduce residential real estate. AND DO turn 125 into salem nh rte 28

2 months ago

👍 2 Agree

Yes

2 months ago

Yes

2 months ago

Address the levels of tax income from commercial properties. Business are not paying their fair share of taxes vs. the level of town services they use (roads, traffic management, police, water, etc.). Would prefer to see Plaistow NOT increase commercial development without real reduction in residential taxes. Invest in services that help residents and increase quality of life.

2 months ago

[👍 12 Agree](#)

It is illegal in the state of New Hampshire to charge a higher rate to commercial locations. You would have to take that up with your state reps

2 months ago

[👍 1 Agree](#)

Improve the sidewalk situation and improve the safety of crosswalks for all who live or come to from outside to enjoy Plaistow. Having better sidewalks that connect to the main shopping area and safer crosswalks (library crosswalks is a huge problem as far as safety) will allow more people of all ages to access the shopping area and town center from different areas of town without the need for transportation but also safely.

3 months ago

[👍 10 Agree](#)

Yes, agreed.

one month ago

No

2 months ago

Allow Sweet Hill Farm to develop

2 months ago

[👍 9 Agree](#)

the town needs to keep our green spaces green and monitor the growth of commercial base as our services are being utilized more and costs are increasing.

2 months ago

[👍 8 Agree](#)

Less development; more conservation of green / forest areas.

2 months ago

[👍 7 Agree](#)

Tax the large corporations on rt. 125. Support the small local businesses in town. Keep plaistow green (don't over develop).

2 months ago

[👍 6 Agree](#)

Maintaining residential taxes low - so that Plaistow residents can afford to continue to live here. Keep Plaistow with our small town feel and protect our community.

2 months ago

[👍 6 Agree](#)

More independent restaurants would be great.

2 months ago

[👍 6 Agree](#)

Tax base should be increased on commercial businesses, not residents.

2 months ago

[👍 6 Agree](#)

I too would like plaistow to keep the small town feel. 125 is getting way to congested and busy. Please, no more auto shops or medical facilities! Some nice small owner businesses like dress shops would be nice. Like we used to have!

2 months ago

[👍 6 Agree](#)

Creating a more diverse commercial environment that focuses on non automotive type businesses.

2 months ago

[👍 6 Agree](#)

Making large box stores pay more tax to reduce the burden to the citizens in town.

2 months ago

[👍 5 Agree](#)

Better business options. No more storage, tire stores, pawn shops, used car places.

2 months ago

[⊕ 4 Agree](#)

Would like to see expanded restaurants along with diverse offerings. Also, would like to see entertainment in town. Bring back a movie theater or expand use of the PAC. This would help the restaurants as well.

2 months ago

[⊕ 4 Agree](#)

Tax the businesses, not the residents as the town has repeatedly done year after year.

2 months ago

[⊕ 4 Agree](#)

Maintaining a top rated school district: Supporting and maintaining our school district current, but sliding, stellar programs such as one of the best in the state music programs, STEM curriculums, and (not sure the exact name but...) the program that prepares kids for engineering majors with the basics that are needed to complete with kids entering college with similar high school prep programs. Without this, our kids enter college as engineering candidates who cannot compete because fellow students already have these basics and college courses are taught with the expectation that this knowledge or skill was obtained in high school. Other skills that should be required for all students is personal finances: (Paystubs-deductions W4 W2 , FICA, taxes, IRS requirements, 401Ks, IRAs, financial planning, credit cards, interest, debt, buying a home vs renting, importance of savings, retirement, compound interest, etc., health insurance, HSA, apartment/car/home insurance and deductibles etc.). Many kids don't experience these challenges until they are out of college or leave home in their early 20's which is way too late. Parents are often ignorant, ill prepared, or don't understand personal finance as a basic life skill and do not teach the fundamentals to their children.

On other notes: The commercial district continues to fluctuate, we were the used car district which diminished due to some zoning changes, but there is a recent regrowth. We now appear to be the tire capital of southern NH, how many do we need? Aren't there other retail services we should be enticing or encouraging, but how? (the town cannot refuse a business if it meets town zoning, zoning cannot ban a specific genre of business). We are now looking like the walking wounded with all of the urgent care and ER locations coming to town. What I would like to see is focus on development of our industrial park with manufacturing/skilled labor jobs added to the town. We need more skilled labor jobs, not retail and fast food.

We need a stronger tax base from commercial businesses, and support from adjacent communities to support the town services (police, fire, dpw) provided for their shopping convenience, cooperation with Haverhill, MA and NH for road development to support access to/from 495, perhaps emergency evacuation should be a joint NH/MA initiative.

A long range plan for the town is needed. The town is nearly out of buildable lots, without commercial growth, there is minimal opportunity for offsetting the residential tax burden. Lobbying the state to allow commercial properties to be taxed at higher rates might be an option to pursue, speak to your reps.

2 months ago

[⊕ 4 Agree](#)

Allow for multi-family properties and adjust zoning to allow for additional density with public water. Incentivize small businesses in the Village District.

2 months ago

[⊕ 4 Agree](#)

The town has grown too much. Must slow development and smaller government. Route 125 is like Route 1 in Saugus in Massachusetts. Plaistow is now North Haverhill.

2 months ago

[⊕ 4 Agree](#)

Attract more non-automotive types of business.

2 months ago

[⊕ 4 Agree](#)

Attraction of Tech and engineering businesses.

3 months ago

[⊕ 4 Agree](#)

I would love it if Plaistow could keep its old timey country feel. Stop with bringing in big business and let the mom and pop shops flourish. 125 is really a catch 22. We all use alot of the businesses on that strip, and curse the traffic and over crowding they cause at the same time. Stop bringing in car dealerships and mini plazas. Long live Plaistow!

2 months ago

[+ 3 Agree](#)

The large corporations on 125 are creating headaches for the Plaistow community, I would like to see more small businesses, more local options. What has made Plaistow so enjoyable for me over these last 10 years is the small town feel.

2 months ago

[+ 3 Agree](#)

Businesses should be taxed, without forbearances, especially the big ones like Walmart. It is ludicrous that you would give them tax breaks while strangling the homeowners in town.

We don't need more tire shops, self storage, or other repeat business in town. 125 is a nightmare during the holidays, and not very good the rest of the year. Think before you say ok to another unneeded business.

Stop allowing our wooded area to be overdeveloped with cookie cutter houses. The environmental impact is in fixable, and we will only have more trouble with the wildlife that is forced out of their habitats due to over building and encroachment,

2 months ago

[+ 3 Agree](#)

Stop approving car lots and urgent cares/hospitals. The town needs to collect more on mitigation money.

2 months ago

[+ 3 Agree](#)

We need to establish a way to tax businesses at a higher rate than residences. As a taxpayer, I shouldn't have to pay for a big police/fire department when a vast majority of calls for service come from our businesses.

2 months ago

[+ 3 Agree](#)

Increasing the tax base is part of a vicious circle of tax base increase and spending. We need to make do with what we have, and use our commercial base to improve our resident's lives (education, community)

2 months ago

[+ 3 Agree](#)

The property tax needs to be split into residential and business. The business needs to be higher than residential to help offset supporting costs such as having more police and fire.

2 months ago

[+ 3 Agree](#)

I'd like to see smart development. My opinion is that the population density along main street should be significantly increased and that the area should become "more walkable" but that replacement housing should be held to a high standard in terms of traditional new england architectural norms. Emphasis should be on keeping valuations high.

2 months ago

[+ 3 Agree](#)

You have increased the tax base but my tax burdened hasn't lessened.

2 months ago

[+ 3 Agree](#)

reduce residential real estate tax

2 months ago

[+ 3 Agree](#)

In recognizing the value of Plaistow's Rte 125 location to the businesses there, ensure they - especially large, corporate businesses and chains - are properly evaluated (and periodically re-evaluated) in terms of their property tax responsibilities.

2 months ago

[+ 3 Agree](#)

Reduce residential property tax burden.

2 months ago

[⊕ 3 Agree](#)

Less spending on schools.

2 months ago

[⊕ 3 Agree](#)

We need to be more selective as to the new businesses coming to town. As of late, do we really need 3 urgent care centers? The new storage facility is a terrible eyesore.

one month ago

[⊕ 2 Agree](#)

Plaistow used to be a small rural farm town for the working class; now it's a business strip with condos. We need to require more single-family, low-square-footage building for affordable family homes, stop approving every business that wants to build, make condos harder to get approved, expand the agriculture zones and encourage small farms/homesteads.

2 months ago

[⊕ 2 Agree](#)

I think there are already too many businesses on 125. We don't need to build on every square foot. Trying to get across it from Main st (by the Shaws plaza) is ridiculous now.

2 months ago

[⊕ 2 Agree](#)

Minimize the speed/traffic in Main St. The speeding and large trucks (speeding) is a hazard to our school students and families who walk to school and use the side walks for town walks/runs.

2 months ago

[⊕ 2 Agree](#)

I think it is imperative we start to shift the tax burden more heavily on the commercial businesses.

2 months ago

[⊕ 2 Agree](#)

Adding more services to residents. A park. Sidewalks. A downtown with local shops. A country general store. Plaistow is nothing but a commuter town.

2 months ago

[⊕ 2 Agree](#)

Preservation of the character of the town, Not becoming a suburb of Boston.

2 months ago

[⊕ 2 Agree](#)

The move was made and 125 most grow accordingly so as it will not become a commercial building wasteland but with that being said we need to allow more residential building not discounting multi family dwellings as well as inlaw dwellings

2 months ago

[⊕ 2 Agree](#)

Do not want to see Plaistow grow in such a way that it loses even more of a "town" feel and starts to become more city-like.

2 months ago

[⊕ 2 Agree](#)

If you want to grow business and create more housing something has to be done with traffic patterns especially on 125. It's way too congested as it is now.

2 months ago

[⊕ 2 Agree](#)

More big businesses/restaurants/activities on 125. Movie theaters and other points of entertainment

2 months ago

[⊕ 2 Agree](#)

To bring sewer to artery 125

2 months ago

[⊕ 2 Agree](#)

Keep Plaistow small town

21 days ago

[⊕ 1 Agree](#)

Stop the overdevelopment of RT 125. How many Dunkin, pharmacies, tire places, used car dealerships, and urgent care places do we need?! Enough is enough.

21 days ago

[⊕ 1 Agree](#)

I would love to see more independent shops and restaurants in town, and an increase in elder support & assistance services.

one month ago

[⊕ 1 Agree](#)

Small town feel and nostalgia is rapidly disappearing here. Focus on the farms in town, focus on small business. We should strive to be an Andover, North Andover, Chester etc like town. Adorable, quiet and full of little stores that make it homey & supportive. Not giant corporations that are eye sores and cheapen the esthetics of the town. 125 has been destroyed by an absolute lack of vision and forethought, it is a dumpster way of random trash establishments mostly.

one month ago

[⊕ 1 Agree](#)

No more new development

one month ago

[⊕ 1 Agree](#)

We need more small businesses. That's what draws quality visitors to a small town- the unique offerings and feel of a place. The generic box stores don't create culture.

one month ago

[⊕ 1 Agree](#)

Have the big businesses on 125 pay their fair share of taxes so residents don't have to pay so much. A lot of people from out of state come to shop in Plaistow, the big businesses should pay for them to come and use our streets.

one month ago

[⊕ 1 Agree](#)

Encouraging small businesses

Fostering a "small town" feel by making areas more walkable with sidewalks, encouraging town centers (especially near the town hall common)

one month ago

[⊕ 1 Agree](#)

We need to stop building in town on property that has not been built on.

one month ago

[⊕ 1 Agree](#)

Efforts need to be put in place to keep tractor trailers off of Main Street.

one month ago

[⊕ 1 Agree](#)

Would like a greater emphasis placed on small business and farming. We do not need any more big box stores, urgent cares, or medical buildings.

one month ago

[⊕ 1 Agree](#)

re-write the rules on zoning and planning. The current boards just allow anything to be built and it's an absolute mess. Especially on 125. This in conjunction with Haverhill's disregard for us has created a traffic nightmare not only on 125 but every street entering Plaistow. We can't keep letting them make spineless decisions that lead to more and more useless and repetitive businesses that take none of the tax burdens from the residents. They really approved 3 urgent cares to go along with a 6th storage facility, all the pharmacies, tire stores etc. There is absolutely no control or concern from these two boards or regard for the residents.

2 months ago

[⊕ 1 Agree](#)

More restaurant choices

2 months ago

[⊕ 1 Agree](#)

It is extremely important that Plaistow keep the small village feel and to expand that sentiment. Big businesses should be attracted to 125, but it would be great to have more variety rather than what already exists. People will come for new exciting businesses such as chain restaurants.

2 months ago

[⊕ 1 Agree](#)

Need to adequately assess commercial property as that is the main burden on the town services such as Police and Fire services. Adequately taxing commercial property will keep the tax burden on residential properties more reasonable.

2 months ago

[⊕ 1 Agree](#)

Town wide ability to connect to Town water

2 months ago

[⊕ 1 Agree](#)

Keeping Main Street aesthetically attractive. Widening the variety of businesses.

2 months ago

[⊕ 1 Agree](#)

A commuter rail stop would be excellent.

2 months ago

[⊕ 1 Agree](#)

This town needs to attract more independent business and service industry and less national chains

2 months ago

[⊕ 1 Agree](#)

We our home builders and own commercial property. Would love to be allowed to build more duplex's they are more affordable for buyers and in demand.

21 days ago

You should have separated increasing tax base into two questions: one for commercial, one for residential. Poor question

one month ago

Transportation service for senior citizens.

one month ago

More support for small businesses, too many have literally been run out of town by politics

one month ago

Economic stability is important for funding our community. Removal of all the used cars and provide better business opportunities like an office park or larger employee based operations.

one month ago

Increasing opportunities for the quality of life of residents to improve - this is somewhat captured under "town services" but I see services as the required items (police, fire, trash pick up, etc). What about expanded parks & gardens? A community center w a pool? Etc.

one month ago

We need to keep taxes down. Stop development and get the corrupt town employees out.

2 months ago

Keep tractor trailers off main St.

2 months ago

no

2 months ago

No

2 months ago

Town services are good, but quality can improve while maintaining costs. Value is very important.

2 months ago

We need to provide more housing for people as it is at crisis level for people to find affordable housing but I do not want to see large developments like in Salem. I know land is limited so we would have to do it smart and aesthetically.

We need to evaluate new businesses in terms of the quality they bring to residents. I want to see the town be just that an area the residents use, love and enjoy. Not just a town everyone drives through to get to businesses.

I want Plaisotw Planning to focus on our community, the families that live here now and will in the future and make smarter choices about what is being built. As mentioned above land is limited we need to be smart about what we choose going forward.

2 months ago

Improve/control traffic flow based

2 months ago

We don't need to grow the town I to a city.

We don't need help businesses get support from non residents. A good competitive business will get that own their own.

Creating more housing can lead lots of low income housing, and attract problem people.

Better town services question was too vague. Answering important can give a blank check to our local government.

With companies like Uber, and Lift existing we don't need public transportation or cab services. It is bad enough buses come here from Haverhill. The Haverhill bus brings people to the rehab center at Shaw's Plaza fire their methadone treatments. Some of these people are still doing drugs in the parking lot leaving needles, or shopping lifting. Some of these people shop lift, and go back to the stores with no receipt policies, get a store gift cards as a credit, and then sell the gift card at the pawn shop for 50% of its value.

We have plenty of shopping options in town being a border town in a no sales tax state.

2 months ago

traffic flow

2 months ago

No extra comments

3 months ago

4. The Town should pursue MORE of each of the following? Please rate:

	Agree	Neutral	Disagree
Fast food restaurants (drive-through)	6% Agree	19% Neutral	75% Disagree
Full-service restaurants	53% Agree	28% Neutral	19% Disagree
Large Retail Stores (box stores)	14% Agree	23% Neutral	62% Disagree
Small Retail Stores	66% Agree	22% Neutral	11% Disagree
Convenience Store	15% Agree	33% Neutral	52% Disagree
Automotive Repair/Sales	1% Agree	17% Neutral	82% Disagree
Wholesale Distribution/Warehousing	11% Agree	26% Neutral	62% Disagree
Light Manufacturing (light industry such as manufacturing of certain products - ie. apparel manufacturing, cabinetry manufacturing etc.)	38% Agree	36% Neutral	26% Disagree
Office buildings or office parks	28% Agree	30% Neutral	41% Disagree
Arts/Entertainment Businesses (ie. Performing arts, museums etc.)	53% Agree	30% Neutral	18% Disagree
Health and Medical Services/Facilities	9% Agree	33% Neutral	58% Disagree
Community Meeting Facilities	33% Agree	46% Neutral	21% Disagree
Farms/Farm related business	71% Agree	20% Neutral	9% Disagree
Protected open spaces	81% Agree	12% Neutral	7% Disagree
Recreational Opportunities & Facilities (ballfields, youth programs, etc.)	59% Agree	27% Neutral	14% Disagree
Recreational Trails	70% Agree	21% Neutral	9% Disagree
Conservation Efforts	79% Agree	16% Neutral	5% Disagree

206 respondents

PLEASE ADD SIDEWALKS! Walking and bike riding is all but impossible on most Plaistow roads if you value your life.

Better restaurants and more entertainment options would be wonderful.

If adding rental housing, then mixed use development, with housing plus walkable shops and restaurants.

2 months ago

[⊕ 27 Agree](#)

and traffic moderation!

2 months ago

[⊕ 6 Agree](#)

No

2 months ago

Take ownership of Main St to restrict weight limits of trucks/tractor trailers.

2 months ago

[⊕ 18 Agree](#)

protect plaistow town forest

2 months ago

[⊕ 17 Agree](#)

There needs to be more for the youth (or young at heart) to do year round. They need to have a variety and to be able to access it easily and safely, not always having or needing to depend on a ride to get to these areas. Better shopping would be fantastic for those who live here and attract people from other towns. Improvement in the restaurant selection would do the same and Noth would create more job opportunities for people of all ages.

3 months ago

[⊕ 6 Agree](#)

Agreed

2 months ago

Time to have a regular weekly farmers market.

2 months ago

[⊕ 5 Agree](#)

Reduce oppressive taxes. Knock off the 1 barrel restrictions on recycling. Enforce speed on 125 it's not a dragstrip.

2 months ago

[⊕ 5 Agree](#)

Keeping our farms

2 months ago

[⊕ 4 Agree](#)

Way too much traffic and trucking being pushed down side roads and other main roads in town. If Plaistow continues to push all this business they need a way to keep the traffic to 125 and not put the citizens in danger of speed and heavy traffic flow. If Plaistow wants to maintain the small quaint feel they need to stop bringing in big business.

2 months ago

[⊕ 4 Agree](#)

A Swimming facility that will support education, recreation, fitness, and competition, partner with the YMCA, Timberlane School District, neighboring NH towns, etc. with a focus on community (Plaistow) access both on scheduling and fees.

Create outdoor recreation for seniors, safe and even walking paths, light games; bocce ball, putting green with chipping option, mini golf (no windmills required), shuffle board, for these games, have a sign in/out system for equipment or bring your own. TBD if reservation times are required.

As far as Arts and Entertainment we have the PAC at Timberlane which in my opinion is very much under utilized. I understand the desire and need to maintain the quality of the facility, but there are damage clauses that can be written into contracts.

2 months ago

[⊕ 4 Agree](#)

Please add sidewalks and increase walkability. I live a walkable distance to 125 and would love to walk to Aldi to pick up groceries, but the area is only designed for cars. A few simple "Rail Trail" type paths would be great. We need to reduce car traffic on 125 AND Main St. I encourage the planners to look at Strong Towns and read up on the advantages of walkability, mixed use zoning and multi-family housing units.

2 months ago

[3 Agree](#)

Sidewalks. Protect town Forrest. Control the ridiculousness that is now Rt 125. Add small businesses. Add small business shops downtown

2 months ago

[3 Agree](#)

CLOSE OFF MAIN STREET to trucks and commercial vehicles - there should be NO thru trucking - due to schools, church and library. It is UNSAFE to walk downtown

2 months ago

[3 Agree](#)

Encourage walk-able center of town (perhaps from Library to the playground/park) with limited small businesses/shops and green space. Small central parking so residents can park and walk.

2 months ago

[3 Agree](#)

Add sidewalks!

2 months ago

[3 Agree](#)

We need to attract more Health and Wellness, Health Store, wholefoods, All Natural stores, Workout studios, butcher shops.

Something for the young adults to engage in, Basketball, hangout hall. And we need to require businesses to maintain their property! Cut the grass and trim the bushes

2 months ago

[2 Agree](#)

Traffic calming/road beautifying. I am reluctant to ask for sidewalks on many roads, because the setbacks will run right into people's front yards, but all new roadbuilding and any major road work should have required sidewalks and curbs.

2 months ago

[2 Agree](#)

I think we need to focus as a town at diversifying the types of businesses we have. We already have multiples of the same types of businesses such as grocery, fast food, car sales, mechanic shops, etc. so I would like to see new things added. Think about what can't we easily access in a 15-20 min. drive that people would like to have. Also, the quality of those businesses and what they bring to the town.

2 months ago

[2 Agree](#)

I don't think the town should be pursuing specific types of businesses other than by making zoning part of a cogent plan for our community, with a focus on making Plaistow more pleasant for those who live here rather than more attractive to specific business types.

2 months ago

[2 Agree](#)

It needs to be safe for residents to use the roads for walking. Please consider the traffic impact before adding more houses and businesses.

2 months ago

[2 Agree](#)

Sidewalks on pollard rd

2 months ago

[2 Agree](#)

Start phasing-out manufacturing, industrial, or other businesses that produce noise, fumes, chemical waste, etc. from residential streets. Many are "grandfathered in" and, while they have sat among houses for many years, some expanded and sprawled out behind/beside people's houses. This negatively impacts their quality of life, the air, the groundwater. Keep those types of businesses on/near Rte 125 and (in areas where it doesn't impede residential enjoyment), along the railroad corridor.

2 months ago

[2 Agree](#)

Add Sidewalks and bike lanes

one month ago

[👍 1 Agree](#)

More sidewalks in the village center, including Westville Road. Traffic calming in the village center.

one month ago

[👍 1 Agree](#)

More open space/ trails for getting away from the commercial area of 125.

2 months ago

[👍 1 Agree](#)

Sidewalks on greenough road for all the school walkers

2 months ago

[👍 1 Agree](#)

Additional sidewalks that extend from the center of town to the library, post office, and along westville road. Possibly on both sides of street as the traffic has only increased and the speed is a concern.

2 months ago

[👍 1 Agree](#)

Sidewalks would be great, so we don't have to take our lives in our hands to take a walk

2 months ago

[👍 1 Agree](#)

Please add sidewalks!

21 days ago

Sidewalks!

21 days ago

Consider trails and conservation plan at Beede Superfund Site

one month ago

Get back to a more country feel to the town.

one month ago

WRT warehousing/ distribution centers, the REAL question here is whether to encourage them in Plaistow on Rt125 or in industrial zone OR to give them all to Kingston on rt125. If we give them to Kingston we will see the same traffic, but will not get tax dollars and knock off food/retail sales (workers going to Cumbies, restaurants, etc). AND we lose job opportunities, AND this type of industry does not increase school taxes. It seems a no-brainer that the Planning Board just doesn't understand.

one month ago

Rental housing is a must.

one month ago

Support the Beede Superfund Site's efforts to convert that land to conservation once the remediation is complete.

one month ago

Main Street and the Village should be protected to maintain historical charm of the town. Regulations should be placed on truck traffic on main street and enforced.

one month ago

Sidewalks, sidewalks, sidewalks. And I know it is aesthetic more than anything, but could we ever bury the power lines on main street near town hall and add more of those nice light poles? Maybe add seasonal banners? This would add to the main street feel. I know it comes at a cost, but it would attract more small business and mom and pop shops on that stretch.

one month ago

We need to attract Health and wellness to the Town, Workout centers, wholefoods, All Natural stores, Cafe',

2 months ago

More variety to bring kids to have fun.

2 months ago

no

2 months ago

Would love to see a dog park!

2 months ago

Sidewalks aren't necessarily important in my opinion, outside of school, recreational, and commercial areas. Bikes could require bike lanes, bikes aren't for sidewalks.

2 months ago

Agree that bike lanes would be extremely helpful. What about charging stations for EV's?

2 months ago

N/a

2 months ago

We don't need an office park, we have had enough more traffic in town and other problems.

In the past few years we have gotten enough medical facilities in town that cover beyond the needs of the residents.

We don't need more parks or trails. That will cause the expansion of the public works department and cost property tax payers more money.

Tax payers should not pay for youth programs that is a parent responsibility, and there are enough of them existing already.

Light manufacturing can even lead to pollution, and poisoning the soil, and ground water.

2 months ago

was unable to click on any of the above.

2 months ago

Stop cluster building developments

2 months ago

5. The Town should pursue MORE of each of the following housing types? Please rate:

	Agree	Neutral	Disagree
Single family houses	38% Agree	35% Neutral	27% Disagree
Duplexes (2 units)	24% Agree	29% Neutral	47% Disagree
Multi-family homes (3 or more units)	18% Agree	22% Neutral	59% Disagree
198 respondents			

The law of mathematics, there is a finite amount of land available. Stop the building. It overwhelms our traffic, requires more public employees and it causes the loss of the once rural town feeling.

2 months ago

[⊕ 18 Agree](#)

Exactly!

2 months ago

If 3 family or larger units start to become the norm the town will definitely lose its charm and feel. Along with other aspect that will effect those who live here in a negative way.

3 months ago

[⊕ 17 Agree](#)

Some of our guidelines have made housing development so expensive, our children can't afford to live in the town they grew up in

3 months ago

[⊕ 11 Agree](#)

Every time I think we have no room for more single-family homes, someone opens up a forest and builds. I think we're pretty saturated at this point. The Boards have the difficult challenge of meeting two often-conflicting priorities: Protecting green space/forests/watershed and allowing folks to improve on what they already own. There could be a balance that allows some additional multi-family homes (apartments) that would allow more folks to live on a smaller footprint but at some point we have to say 'we're out of room'.

2 months ago

[⊕ 7 Agree](#)

Maintain our town the way it is. No more housing development.

2 months ago

[⊕ 4 Agree](#)

Too many overpriced housing - there is nothing affordable for young families

2 months ago

[⊕ 3 Agree](#)

There should be more affordable Senior Living housing in Plaistow.

2 months ago

[⊕ 3 Agree](#)

No multi family housing. Let's avoid becoming Haverhill and let's not have over populated schools

2 months ago

[⊕ 2 Agree](#)

I'm sorry I don't think it's up to the town to provide entertainment to its residents and economic needs that are constantly evolving are not that controllable. The government can only provide and outline and hope for the best

2 months ago

[⊕ 2 Agree](#)

Single-family homes, NOT condos, should be the priority, and the town should prioritize more affordable family homes and working-class options.

2 months ago

[⊕ 1 Agree](#)

Affordable housing for families is a critical need in all areas.

2 months ago

[👍 1 Agree](#)

I moved here for the rural feel and low density housing.

2 months ago

[👍 1 Agree](#)

we need housing to keep our families and extended families in the town, far too many are being forced to move else where

2 months ago

[👍 1 Agree](#)

Plaistow is in need of affordable housing and rental units.

2 months ago

[👍 1 Agree](#)

Multi family homes do little to increase the tax base but add extra burden to the schools over single family homes. I prefer to maintain as much of the town as we can with the small town look and feel. With 125 we have already become a tax free destination or drive through town to points North.

2 months ago

[👍 1 Agree](#)

NH needs more lower-cost housing... kids that grew up here can't afford to live anywhere nearby. But, hard to add apartments without losing what rural charm Plaistow has left. Don't want Plaistow to become more "Salem-light," but need to add ways for families to live nearby.

2 months ago

[👍 1 Agree](#)

Single family homes only IF more even need to be built. It is devastating that the land behind the ceremony is being developed. The charm of the town is going to be lost at this rate of building.

one month ago

No more new development

one month ago

Where do you suggest that we build more houses?

one month ago

Plaistow offers more than sufficient workforce housing. Way more than Rockingham Planning Commission suggests we need.

one month ago

I'd like to have a better understanding of how much developable land remains in Plaistow before providing my opinion on future housing development.

one month ago

I would only want single family houses moving forward.

one month ago

There should be more affordable housing for small families . No one can even move here to start a new life

2 months ago

More affordable housing options

2 months ago

Would like to see mix used projects on 125 but don't want to see more ugly apartment bldgs in the little space we have left. Also concerned about low cost housing impacting my house value and they typically are higher crime areas. (See area near the old Bradford shoe)

2 months ago

no extra comment

2 months ago

No more housing. There is plenty that has been added in the last 5 years.

2 months ago

We're all aging. More single floor units are needed with communal activities etc.

2 months ago

not super crazy about more rental units, as part of the Town's appeal is owner occupied families who are invested in the community, but redeveloping certain single family lots into multiple unit 1-8 unit condominiums could be a solid compromise to expand the tax base without significantly increasing infrastructure needs, and still promotes home ownership.

2 months ago

There is limited property available to build in Plaistow

2 months ago

6. How satisfied are you with each of the following ASPECTS of the Town?

	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Neutral	Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied
Traffic Speed and volume on local roads	7% Very Satisfied	25% Satisfied	16% Neutral	30% Dissatisfied	22% Very Dissatisfied
Traffic Speed and volume on state roads (Rt 121A, Rt 125, Rt 108)	5% Very Satisfied	24% Satisfied	13% Neutral	37% Dissatisfied	22% Very Dissatisfied
Appearance of business signs	3% Very Satisfied	31% Satisfied	41% Neutral	15% Dissatisfied	9% Very Dissatisfied
Types of development on Route 125	2% Very Satisfied	15% Satisfied	22% Neutral	39% Dissatisfied	22% Very Dissatisfied
Types of development on Route 121A	4% Very Satisfied	26% Satisfied	40% Neutral	18% Dissatisfied	13% Very Dissatisfied
Types of development on Route 108	6% Very Satisfied	26% Satisfied	48% Neutral	12% Dissatisfied	8% Very Dissatisfied
Control of road noise (ie. motorcycle or truck noise)	3% Very Satisfied	18% Satisfied	26% Neutral	24% Dissatisfied	29% Very Dissatisfied
194 respondents					

The speed limits on many of the heavily traveled roads is not enforced enough. People use Main st to avoid 125 with all its stop lights and traffic. In turn those of us who live on Main deal with lots of traffic, speeding, cars and motorcycles revving their engines or even racing. It takes away from the enjoyment of living on such a nice street and the enjoyment of being outside.

3 months ago

[12 Agree](#)

I like the fact that the speed limit on most roads is 30MPH. Though North Ave is used as a cut through from Haverhill to avoid 125 and can get quite busy and a lot of vehicles go over the speed limit. I believe that 125 is getting very congested with large stores and I don't think we need anymore large businesses. We are a border Town and I would hate to see us go the way that Methuen has, we need to preserve our small town feel.

3 months ago

[12 Agree](#)

121A constantly has loud vehicles and speeders inconsiderately revving engines. This noise echos back and keeps residents up at night, including myself and my child.

3 months ago

[12 Agree](#)

Do not further commercialize rt108

2 months ago

[8 Agree](#)

Take control of state maintained town roads (ie. Kingston Rd. Sweet Hill Rd. East Rd. North Ave. etc... , and restrict truck traffic to the numbered routes. The more the traffic increases on 125, the more trucks use alternate side roads.

2 months ago

[4 Agree](#)

Maintaining the rules of the road we have in place helps control the safety

3 months ago

[⊕ 4 Agree](#)

There is a lot of attention on speed on Main St but not dangerous roads like Pollard Rd. A huge priority should be making Plaistow walkable!

2 months ago

[⊕ 3 Agree](#)

Please keep 108 as rural as it is.

2 months ago

[⊕ 3 Agree](#)

Plaistow caters to large box stores which are a thing of the past. Main st needs to close the road to large tractor trailer truck traffic

2 months ago

[⊕ 3 Agree](#)

Traffic from main roads of 121A 108 and 125 have migrated onto off chutes of those roads. What was a residential road 30 years ago is now a major roadway with tractor trailers, dump trucks, construction vehicles, oversized loud pick-ups, and a huge increase in volume using the road as an alternate route to bypass 125 traffic to points North on 125 in Kingston. Speeds on this road especially in the early morning hours are well over the speed limit, the town would do very well with a speed trap in place, and I would get uninterrupted sleep between 4:30 and 7:00.

2 months ago

[⊕ 3 Agree](#)

Traffic on 125 on weekends is terrible, and back-roads used by locals are increasingly congested. Any additional commercial space in town should require better traffic management. Definitely don't add large warehouses that would also add more commercial truck traffic to crowded 125. Where possible, keep development on 108 minimal... Things like Sweet Hill farm - perhaps with a nice restaurant would be nice, more used car stores would not!

2 months ago

[⊕ 3 Agree](#)

There should be more of a police presence on Main Street. Even if it is an increase of police traffic going from and to police station to slow traffic on Main Street.

2 months ago

[⊕ 3 Agree](#)

North Ave is NOT safe thanks to all the cars speeding to/from Massachusetts trying to avoid Rte 125. It's a nightmare for the people who live on it or on it's side streets.

one month ago

[⊕ 2 Agree](#)

Main Street (121A) should not allow through trucking at all. It is a nuisance to residents. We should not look to commercialize Plaistow any more than it already is.

one month ago

[⊕ 2 Agree](#)

It is a dangerous intersection at westville, May Ray, and 121A sped needs to be decreased or at the least enforced. 18wheelers traveling in high speed can be a danger.

2 months ago

[⊕ 2 Agree](#)

Shouldn't have trucks allowed on main st

2 months ago

[⊕ 2 Agree](#)

There needs to be a traffic light installed at north road/ Main Street

2 months ago

[⊕ 2 Agree](#)

Would be even better to have a round-about

21 days ago

road noise!! who is controlling horrendous loud motorcycles!! there is NO enforcement of any illegal machines polluting our ears. where is the great plaistow police ?

2 months ago

[⊕ 2 Agree](#)

Speeding is rampant in town. The stop signs are merely suggestions.

2 months ago

[⊕ 2 Agree](#)

There are too many problems with some drivers, speeding, failing to stop or "drifting " through stop signs and red lights., unsafely weaving through lanes in traffic. There should be an increase in traffic law enforcement to increase road and pedestrian safety.

2 months ago

[⊕ 2 Agree](#)

The truck noise and motorcycle noise on Kingston rd. is awful. No Jake brake sign needs to be installed on the rd. The trucking speed is out of control coming down Kingston Rd.

2 months ago

[⊕ 2 Agree](#)

121A is a race track once drivers come off of 125.

2 months ago

[⊕ 2 Agree](#)

Motorcycle exhaust noise is insane. If you could hear my car exhaust from a mile away, I'd get a ticket.

2 months ago

[⊕ 2 Agree](#)

Main st traffic speed is unenforced

2 months ago

[⊕ 2 Agree](#)

No need to elaborate just drive main st. Loud and dangerous.

2 months ago

[⊕ 2 Agree](#)

Large trucks needs to stay on 125 and main roads, and be diverted away from main street and back roads

one month ago

[⊕ 1 Agree](#)

I've lived for over a decade on Main Street and I've seen the way it's changed. The constant noise, speeding, bikes, souped up cars, and trucks are making it intolerable to live here. All of my immediate neighbors and I have had our property damaged by vehicles crashing off of 121A. Please close the road to trucks, local deliveries only. They speed, they're using 121A as a cut through to avoid lights. They're so fast and loud they rattle my home as they pass. There will be a regrettable, avoidable, accident at some point involving a tractor trailer on Main Street.

one month ago

[⊕ 1 Agree](#)

Motorcycles coming thru after bars close sucks during the summer and open window weather. Crows nest particularly

2 months ago

[⊕ 1 Agree](#)

125 is a nightmare. Sweet Hill Road & Main street are drag ways. North Ave is a parking lot.

2 months ago

[⊕ 1 Agree](#)

Traffic calming is desperately needed.

2 months ago

[⊕ 1 Agree](#)

I would love to see an ordinance on motorcycle noise and ticketing for violation of existing state noise regulations. For some reason those motorcyclists think it's OK to disturb the public peace with their hobby.

2 months ago

[⊕ 1 Agree](#)

Agree ! All times of day and NIGHT.

21 days ago

Main St and Elm St have far too much excessive speed, road noise, and lack of setback, which will hold back Town development over time. Just about everyone would like a more attractive Rt 125... but how... Would love to see Rt 108 become a regional bypass with direct 495 access.

2 months ago

[⊕ 1 Agree](#)

Speed limit should increase for 125 and 121

2 months ago

[⊕ 1 Agree](#)

road noise?? there is NO control of horrendous motorcycle noise!! there is NO enforcement by our great plaistow police on these illegal loud machines!!!!

2 months ago

[⊕ 1 Agree](#)

You take risks walking or riding your bikes on RT 108. People race down the street even with children waiting for their bus in the morning!

2 months ago

[⊕ 1 Agree](#)

Large vehicles on kingston rd coming from main st are loud and dangerous to those using side streets.

2 months ago

[⊕ 1 Agree](#)

Speeding is a problem all over the Town

2 months ago

[⊕ 1 Agree](#)

No need to elaborate just drive on main st. Dangerous and loud. Why attend town activities when it is dangerous volume of traffic near town hall.

2 months ago

[⊕ 1 Agree](#)

High speeds on Main St at all times of day

21 days ago

I would love to see mechanisms to encourage alternate routes away from Main Street and its tributaries. Residents should be able to freely travel from the business corridor back home and to town hall safely and easily. More sidewalks, bike lanes skateboard or scooter spaces would make that easier. Additionally 125 is not a direct route from Haverhill to New Hampshire. The traffic lights appear set up to congestion traffics and create frustration to all drivers.

one month ago

The signage is hideous. Towns that require uniform design are put together so nicely. You can have a CVS and not have the hideous theme, you can require a traditional uniform look for companies to advertise in and not some obnoxious color like the green and yellow on the new bank. It just cheapens the whole look of the town.

one month ago

Regarding development on Rt125: stop working on modifying zoning about warehouses while this study is ongoing! That is putting the cart before the horse and ultimately wasting the \$5,000 this survey cost because a couple Planning Board members want us to return to the 19th century.

one month ago

There is no control of motorcycle/truck noise that I can see. WRT business signs: continue to not allow electronic signs.

one month ago

108 seems like an opportunity for industrial / business use, no?

one month ago

Make 108 the next 125 and get 495 access

2 months ago

Traffic on 121 and 125 are a complete s@#t show.

2 months ago

Old county rd sounds like a drag strip on the weekdays and on the weekends it more of a mad max scene.

2 months ago

The town needs to enforce their own zoning better. I know of at least two properties that are being used for purposes other then what they are zoned for. One of them has increased traffic, and the other has brought increased noise with heavy trucks idling in the wee hours of the morning.

2 months ago

125 is a Dragway everyday every season, more so at night.

2 months ago

no comment

2 months ago

125 and 121A should NOT have the same speed limit. 125 should be 45mph and then enforced.

2 months ago

The police need to have a more active presence on 125.

2 months ago

No one respect the speed limit anymore. I have cars passing me on a daily basis when I follow the speed limit.

2 months ago

Unsatisfied with all the trucks on Rt 121A!

Don't want to see any more development on Rt 121A!

2 months ago

Love my home but hate the noise from traffic! Most older homes in Plaistow are built near the roads so fast heavy traffic makes it hard to allow kids to freely play, pets to run around, people to walk the streets, people to enjoy their decks, etc. Traffic needs to be addresses all around town where there is residential property.

2 months ago

I live on Congressional. When I open the window all I hear is traffic.

2 months ago

speed on 121a north west of 125
too many illegal wave runner flags again

2 months ago

all seems well

2 months ago

We seem to have two main complaints: Speeding and Volume. As for speeding, enforcement is about all the town can do. I don't think lowering it is the answer. It's hard to make an impact on inconsiderate people or those not paying attention. I remember about 30 years ago the Chief of Police said he could write tickets all day if that's what we wanted but a good portion of those will be to residents. There's no easy answer there. As for volume, I think RTE 125 is just fine the way it is until you get close to the Mass border. This has been a problem for decades and most folks understand that if improvements were made from the border to RTE 495, a lot of that bottleneck would be gone and many of the side street issues would be lessened.

2 months ago

Businesses on 121 a do not last more than a year because they do not have the appropriate infrastructure to monetarily support the high cost of a Business today

2 months ago

7. Referring to the map below, please indicate your opinion regarding the following statements about development in town. *Click map to enlarge*

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Greater development in the yellow area of town shown?	7% Strongly Agree	15% Agree	23% Neutral	28% Disagree	27% Strongly Disagree
Greater development in the orange area of town shown?	4% Strongly Agree	14% Agree	25% Neutral	31% Disagree	26% Strongly Disagree
Greater development in the blue area of town shown?	9% Strongly Agree	22% Agree	22% Neutral	23% Disagree	23% Strongly Disagree
Greater development in the pink area of town shown?	5% Strongly Agree	7% Agree	21% Neutral	33% Disagree	34% Strongly Disagree
Greater development in the green area of town shown?	3% Strongly Agree	9% Agree	24% Neutral	29% Disagree	36% Strongly Disagree
Greater development in the red area of town shown?	6% Strongly Agree	19% Agree	26% Neutral	24% Disagree	25% Strongly Disagree
183 respondents					

Stop the development and manage what we have.

2 months ago

[+25 Agree](#)

Somehow to cut down on automotive type business. Especially used cars.

2 months ago

[+11 Agree](#)

No more development!

2 months ago

[+10 Agree](#)

Stop and/or limit any additional development. Keep our town the way it is!

2 months ago

[+8 Agree](#)

More needed services including eating places and entertainment on northern part of C1 into C3 up to Kingston line but limited because of lack of land!

2 months ago

Be very careful as to where more development happens. If it's too close to the border of MA Plaistow will change and not for the good.

3 months ago

[+4 Agree](#)

I think the development needs to be taking place in the buildings that are already here and not occupied.

2 months ago

[⊕ 3 Agree](#)

YES!! the town boards should encourage reconstruction not new construction which appears to be heading toward 3 story levels that resemble city living. Where there's a will....etc.

one month ago

We are at a point where we need to be very carefully and "stingy" about allowing any further development. Seems we have trouble managing what we have,

2 months ago

[⊕ 3 Agree](#)

This question is loaded- it depends, for each area, on the impact to tax base, infrastructure needs and required town services.

2 months ago

[⊕ 2 Agree](#)

The Mt Misery area of town should be looked at for development opportunities.... In conjunction with conservation opportunities.

2 months ago

[⊕ 2 Agree](#)

Learn how to manage the land that we have and stop developing it. Forests, wetlands, and open fields are vital to protecting the ecosystem that we all enjoy. There are enough pharmacies, tire stores, used car lots, and storage facilities. Get rid of them.

one month ago

[⊕ 1 Agree](#)

Stop development all together, clean up areas that need work, and manage what is already here. If we grow much more we are going to loose the small town feel all together.

one month ago

[⊕ 1 Agree](#)

Manage the current businesses in town. The former Sanborns Candy site is an eye sore! They tore everything down and left piles of rubble. They can't even finish clearing the lot. Disgraceful!

2 months ago

[⊕ 1 Agree](#)

The town really needs some nice outdoor recreation areas and housing.

2 months ago

[⊕ 1 Agree](#)

Too many unoccupied building space. Stop developing. Allow these empty spaces to be filled and populated.

2 months ago

[⊕ 1 Agree](#)

The town should stop having an agenda on development

2 months ago

[⊕ 1 Agree](#)

We need some affordable housing for the elderly in Plaistow.

2 months ago

[⊕ 1 Agree](#)

This is kind of an unfair question. Everyone wants to keep their area safe, quaint, and nice. It isn't about deciding which area needs more development but what type of business could improve each area. If you don't live in an area you don't understand what a business could do to those residents. Example: Could main st benefit from some small businesses like a chocolate shop, clothing boutique, hair salon, ect. YES but do we want to see car sales lots, fast food, etc. NO

2 months ago

 1 [Agree](#)

My home used to be my haven here on Main street. Residential was the norm of the village. It included peace and quiet for me and my family after working all week. Businesses remained on the once 2 lane Rte 125 and in town businesses were usually those that required appointments which helped regulate traffic and quieter evenings for RESIDENTS WHO APPRECIATE THE HISTORY AND NEED FOR TOWN LIFE !!! If you want consistent activity, live in a city.

one month ago

Why does there need to be any development? I am not against improvements, but why such a push on development? It is not mandatory! Keep green spaces and trees, Our quality of life has gone down as more and more businesses and houses have been added.

2 months ago

 1 [Agree](#)

There is more than enough, manage what exists.

one month ago

No new development

one month ago

There should be a freeze on new development and a greater focus on replacing the low-end businesses with more welcoming, higher-end storefronts.

2 months ago

Mostly would want to see redevelopment on 125 and 108. Get rid of eyesores or unwanted businesses and get more attractive buildings and companies

2 months ago

Development is hard to stop, absent the Town purchasing land, which costs taxpayers money and reduces tax collection.

2 months ago

None of this matters, the town is so scared of lawsuit nothing will change. We're all owned by 125.

2 months ago

8. In your opinion, what is the most important thing the Town can do to become more attractive to prospective business-owners? (Select all that apply)

53%	Fill Empty Stores	70 ✓
45%	Emphasize Uniqueness/Small Businesses	60 ✓
44%	Clean/Beautify the town	59 ✓
31%	Expand public water system	41 ✓
26%	Be more business friendly	35 ✓
23%	Install Sewer System	31 ✓
22%	Improved Infrastructure/Services	29 ✓
18%	Better Zoning/Fewer Restrictions	24 ✓
18%	Nothing/maintain character	24 ✓
13%	Improve the town's website and marketing to promote Plaistow	17 ✓
5%	I don't know/Not Sure	6 ✓
4%	Other	5 ✓

133 Respondents

Think we have enough big box stores and storage units. Support the local businesses

2 months ago

⊕ 10 Agree

Work with Haverhill to improve the access from 125. Expand the restaurant options and get the town water going.

2 months ago

⊕ 9 Agree

Stop harassing small businesses and cowering to the big box stores.

2 months ago

⊕ 5 Agree

Create a specialty zone for unique upscale businesses, but you would need a few specialty anchors such as a stonewall kitchen, may a tuscan market, a butcher boy. Make this a destination location. Talk to the owners of the old drive-in movie land about the concept, they might be able assist and market it.

2 months ago

⊕ 5 Agree

We other than small business and farming, we do not need more business and we should not be looking for it.

one month ago

⊕ 1 Agree

Businesses in town need to clean up their act. Maintain your property. Trim your bushes and mow your grass, pick up your trash! It should be mandated.

2 months ago

👍 1 Agree

Businesses need to clean up their act! Keep your business clean inside and out!

2 months ago

👍 1 Agree

Family friendly sports complex (ice rink, field house, etc) - Town owns it and leases out the operations. Is surrounded by newly developed chic retail and restaurants. Creates ongoing revenue for town, funds infrastructure projects that otherwise are hard to pencil out, and attracts family centered, wholesome guests who spend money and make great memories in Plaistow.

2 months ago

👍 1 Agree

Marketing to promote Plaistow??? We don't do that. Not ever.

one month ago

Support the existing small businesses

one month ago

Zoning laws should become more restrictive.

one month ago

The town should never install septic services

2 months ago

No more stores

2 months ago

We have limited commercial area's and you let a few people that knew when they bought their houses that they were next to commercial property but you allow them to hold up good business's from coming here.

2 months ago

get rid of the eyesore, out of business establishments

2 months ago

Market and go after tech and multi-disciplined engineering/R&D technology.

3 months ago

9. Please indicate your opinion regarding the expansion of the following types of INFRASTRUCTURE in town.

	Not Needed	Might be Needed	Definitely Needed	No Opinion
Sidewalks	9% Not Needed	22% Might be Needed	67% Definitely Needed	2% No Opinion
Crosswalks at critical areas	6% Not Needed	28% Might be Needed	65% Definitely Needed	1% No Opinion
Public Water	14% Not Needed	37% Might be Needed	41% Definitely Needed	8% No Opinion
Public Sewer	26% Not Needed	36% Might be Needed	31% Definitely Needed	7% No Opinion
Natural Gas	17% Not Needed	30% Might be Needed	34% Definitely Needed	20% No Opinion
Public Transportation	34% Not Needed	34% Might be Needed	22% Definitely Needed	9% No Opinion
181 respondents				

Sidewalks and safe crosswalks would greatly increase many people's ability to get around town without the need for a vehicle. Connect already existing sidewalks to the main sidewalk of 125 and make more and safe crosswalks. Improve the safety of the library crosswalks.

3 months ago

[15 Agree](#)

crosswalks are a joke, the one at Town Hall is impassable. Slow down the traffic - take control of the road.

2 months ago

[7 Agree](#)

Public water already coming to much of Plaistow, personally I like not having a water/sewer bill. Sewer might be needed for 125 and schools: Side walks on main street and 125 in pretty good shape, other parts of town, not sure they are justified. Would I like them on my street so I could walk safely, yes, but not sure I support the cost for the volume of use. Natural gas is a nice to have, not a necessity, if utility foots the bill including road and drainage repair, go for it.

2 months ago

[6 Agree](#)

If you put in sidewalks - BUY THE EQUIPMENT TO PLOW AND MAINTAIN THEM!!

2 months ago

[3 Agree](#)

Water, sewer, and gas are basic infrastructure. Plenty of conservative towns have infrastructure. It does cost money now, but over the long-term it more than pays for itself. Plaistow can't really stay in 1983, as much as it might prefer to do so.

2 months ago

[2 Agree](#)

Crosswalks are a great idea, but only if people actually drive slow enough to stop and let the pedestrians cross. Enforce the speed limits more stringently, especially through town.

one month ago

[1 Agree](#)

With the exception of sidewalks, we do not need further infrastructure. We could get on the water system, but why would we start paying for water when we have a perfectly working and clean well. Not interested in greater infrastructure.

one month ago

No thank you to public water/sewer. Its one of the reasons we move here. So we don't have to pay those insane bills

2 months ago

I'd rather a bill than toxic levels of arsenic.

one month ago

Boulevards and center islands, nice roundabouts

2 months ago

Sidewalks around the major walking lines to & from the high school & middle school

2 months ago

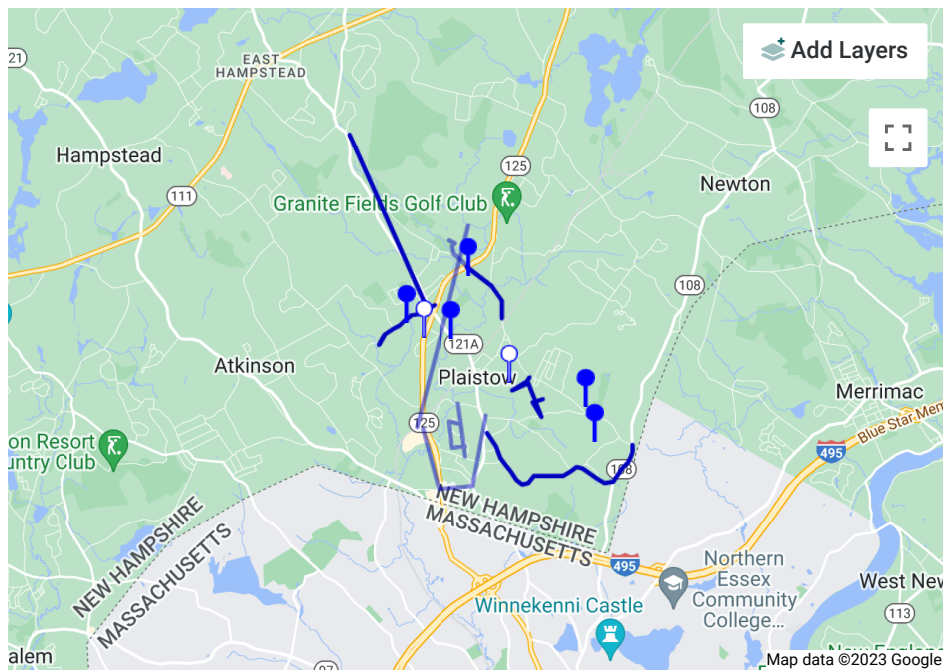
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2 months ago

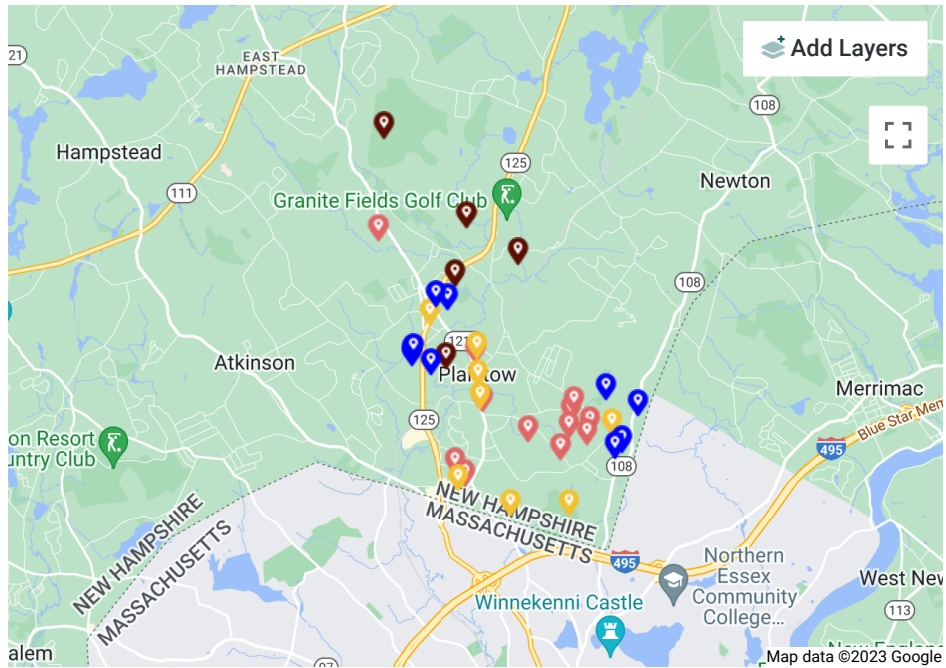
We dont take care of what we have. Why make more.

2 months ago

10. If you selected that you are interested in the expansion of public water in town, please select locations on the map that you think would be ideal for access to public water.



11. What type(s) of development would you like to see in Plaistow and where would you like to see it? This could include additional residential development, commercial development (such as restaurants, retail stores, hotels etc.), industrial development (such as manufacturing, warehousing etc.), or mixed-use (ie. development that blends two or more uses such as commercial and residential)? Please indicate the location(s) and describe what type of uses you think should go in the location(s).



12. Is there anything else you would like to see stay the same, improve or change about Plaistow?

Stop taxing the homeowner and use 125 for what it was intended, to ease the burden on residents.

2 months ago

[+ 23 Agree](#)

Yes!! I agree!

2 months ago [+ 2 Agree](#)

100% agree.

2 months ago

Bring in tax revenue and relieve pressure off home owners.

2 months ago

[+ 14 Agree](#)

Compare Plaistow today to 20+ years ago. Has all the development made Plaistow a better place to live. I would suggest no.

2 months ago

[+ 8 Agree](#)

Agreed

one month ago

Don't make Plaistow to big or draw in too many people to live here.

3 months ago

[+ 5 Agree](#)

too late

2 months ago [+ 3 Agree](#)

Keep small town feel. Let's avoid becoming Haverhill or Salem.

2 months ago

[+ 3 Agree](#)

Lower School Tax rate for seniors

2 months ago

[+ 2 Agree](#)

Fewer tire stores, auto sales, pharmacies and medical facilities please! There are way too many now!

2 months ago

[+ 2 Agree](#)

Plaistow should stay a small town with quaint charm. Would love to see the farms thrive in town.

2 months ago

[+ 2 Agree](#)

Homeowners should get some tax relief and have big box/corporate stores see higher tax. The tax increases each year are forcing people out because it is not affordable.

2 months ago

[+ 2 Agree](#)

Want more of a small town feel; less development

2 months ago

[+ 2 Agree](#)

Reduce the tax burden. Make the box stores pay their fair share.

2 months ago

[+ 2 Agree](#)

I like this small bedroom community the way it is. Don't change the charm of the town! If anything needs to change please be mindful of the economic times and the impact to your residents i.e. residential taxes.

2 months ago

[+ 2 Agree](#)

Maintain the small town feel of Main Street,
Enforce/reduce speeds on "now" major roads including Main St, Westville Rd, Rt 108, Rt 121A, Sweet Hill Rd/ Kingston Rd. Be more involved with state changes to the roads in our town and understand and comment on the impact to the traffic flow on the small side roads becoming major access points to 125 and other roads becoming bypasses.
Make the PARC more inviting, it's like going to a sand pit, no gardens, trees, picturesque walking trails, something to add character. Very disappointed when the summer concerts were moved from the green, I thought, there is no anchor at the PARC.
Increase visibility of patrols, cameras, etc. in town forest, I do not feel safe walking there alone which makes unusable to me.

2 months ago

[⊕ 2 Agree](#)

Look at 55+ zoning again and assisted living zoning for aging population

2 months ago

[⊕ 2 Agree](#)

Enforce speed limits!

one month ago [⊕ 1 Agree](#)

Stop developing the town. Period. We do not need more industry, and we really do not need more development.

one month ago

[⊕ 1 Agree](#)

Clean our roads up, trim our trees and bushes at intersection and pull out area's in town, pick up trash. Clean up our post office front area. Stop the bums from begging for money with signs. Put up sign provide guidance to our Police and Fire stations.

2 months ago

[⊕ 1 Agree](#)

More conservation land and trails

2 months ago

[⊕ 1 Agree](#)

Develope fees for towns attending our schools. Our roads and emergency departments should have some compensation from those towns to keep our town functioning efficiently.

2 months ago

[⊕ 1 Agree](#)

STOP making it difficult for people to operate businesses - the guy that was operating a car repair business on main street NEEDS to store cars....

2 months ago

[⊕ 1 Agree](#)

I would not add anything to 108, except walking trails. A dedicated walkway on the side of the road would be great (on all roads). We are forgetting the need for green spaces. I would like the traffic to improve in all areas of town, and all development has made it such a problem. Too many cars and too many are speeding and tailgating.

2 months ago

[⊕ 1 Agree](#)

it would be lovely to have a true "downtown" although displacing residents for shops/ parking will likely not work well. We need to maintain the character of the town.

2 months ago

[⊕ 1 Agree](#)

Addressing Plaistow as a village/town lessened as it entered the 70's as businesses, some local, and many out-of-state corporations came to use our border town as tax relief

one month ago

Stop the overdevelopment. We are becoming like Manchester

21 days ago

I would like to see that the businesses have to all follow/have a certain look to them. It makes to have a more uniform look and looks cleaner/nicer.

one month ago

Support the companies/individuals that are willing to donate land to conservation. Provide better tax credits for those with land in current use.

one month ago

Allow cottage food law in town, the money limitations in the state are not so big, it's not going to damage the economy in town

2 months ago

495 access on rt 108. More entertainment. More shopping. More food.

2 months ago

Why??????

one month ago

Too wonky to drop pins. Would like to see mixed use on 125, more entertainment options especially restaurants. Stop storage, used car, etc. Would love to see old stores redone and see retail on bottom with apts above stores

2 months ago

Get rid of republic/ jrm

Create a municipal trash service. This will save money

2 months ago

I would like to be more involved and make it to town meetings. Then I could be better prepared to answer this question.

2 months ago

We like our quiet little community as it is! If we had wanted a bustling suburb we would have moved elsewhere! We have been in Plaistow for 39 years and we have enjoyed the convenience of very little traffic congestion, having only one or two people before use when we go to pay our taxes or get our license renewed, having a beautiful library with friendly and helpful librarians, having a friendly and helpful post office and having a great fire and police department! And with convenience of commercial stores just five minutes away! Why would we want to change anything!

2 months ago

The town is at a point we need to redirect the direction it is moving. It sounds like we all want to see traffic managed and be a safer place to reside. We all want the quality of businesses to improve. Please hear our comments and commit to making Plaistow the town we all want it to be!

2 months ago

Another trash option other than overflow stickers for larger households. We have 7 people in our household, trash has been difficult to manage even with maximizing the amount we recycle. Would absolutely be willing to pay for a second barrel.

2 months ago

Sidewalks/bike lanes

2 months ago

Reduce the number of town employees.

2 months ago

restrict commercial development to 125 and 108

2 months ago

I guess you don't live near 108! 108 turning into anything like 125 would be catastrophic.

2 months ago

 2 Agree

speed limit on my road is 25mph. why do our law enforcement allowing everyone to drive 40 to 50 mph??

2 months ago

Move with the future and accept that we are not a “small town”. Grow now before it’s too late

2 months ago

Growth opens doors to more air pollution (dump truck and tractor trailer exhaust emissions every time they change gears, diesel trucks, +) and water use (for all those restaurants needing clean dishes all day and nite long). Then it too late to recover our small town environment. People have resided here for decades because a small town lifestyle was what was appreciated.

one month ago

Get a better planning board with less fear of growth

2 months ago

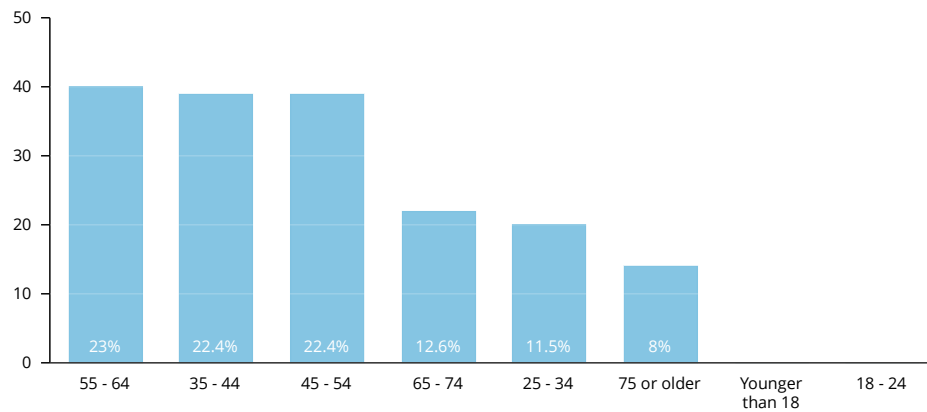
I don't see concern for pacing and challenging growth of my town as fear.

one month ago

I was using my phone for this survey. The pin-drop functionality and drawing functionality probably took the longest and required much more effort.

2 months ago

13. Please select your age.



14. Would you like to receive follow-up information from this survey and updates regarding the Plaistow Master Plan process? If so, please leave your contact information. Please note that names and contact information provided from this question will NOT be published with survey results.

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1. What do you love about Plaistow? Please select all that apply.

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