

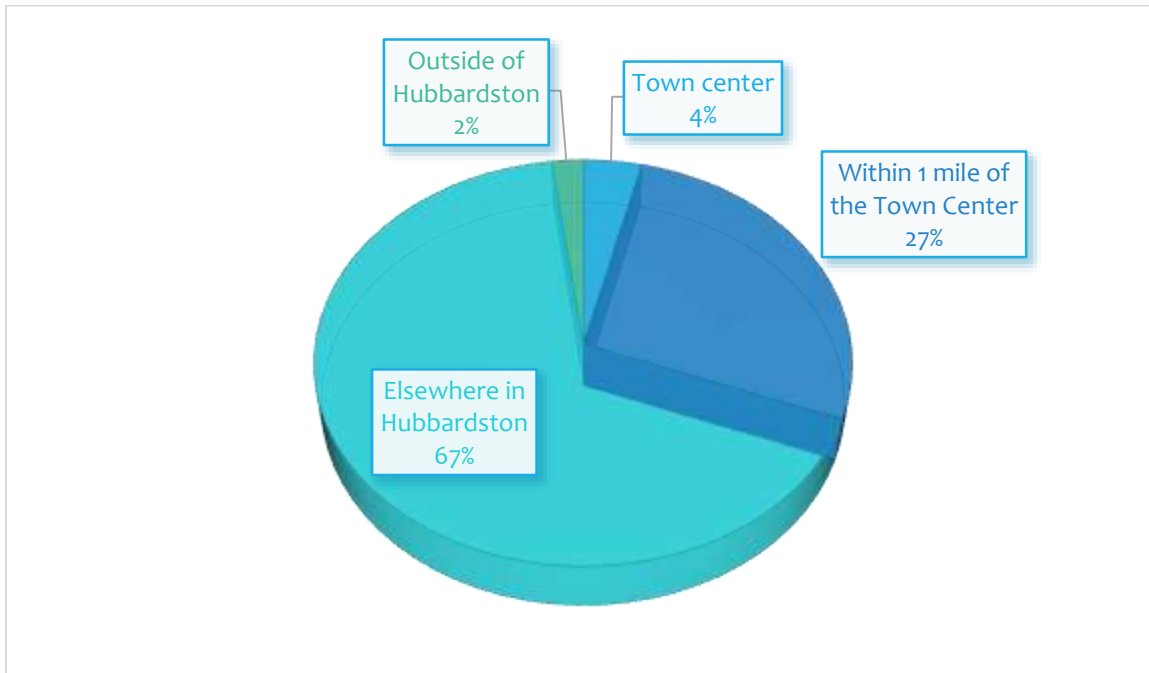
Town Center Survey

1 Demographics

1.1 Response Rate

A total of 340 responses to the survey were received, this included 7 people who lived outside of Hubbardston, and 3 who were 17 years of age or younger. The response rate of the survey was approximately 10.5%, which exceeded our target response rate of 10%.¹

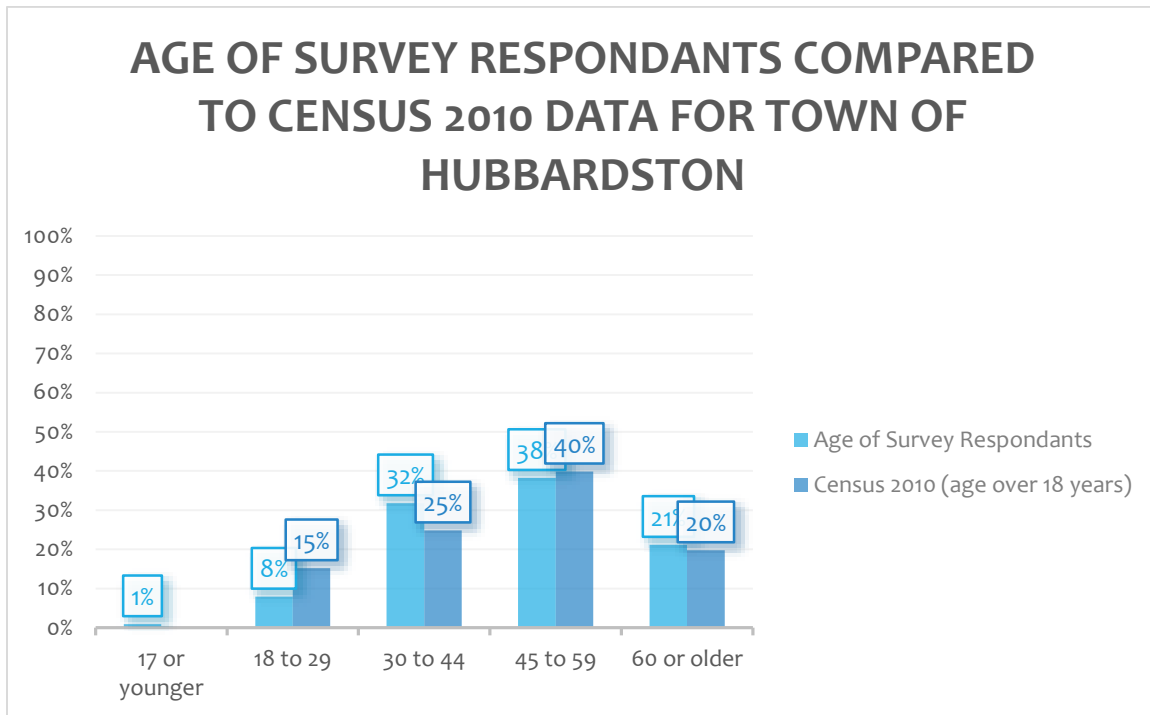
1.2 Where do you live?



¹. The response rate was calculated as the number of Hubbardston residents age over 18 years who completed the survey (330) divided by the number of registered voters in Hubbardston (3151).

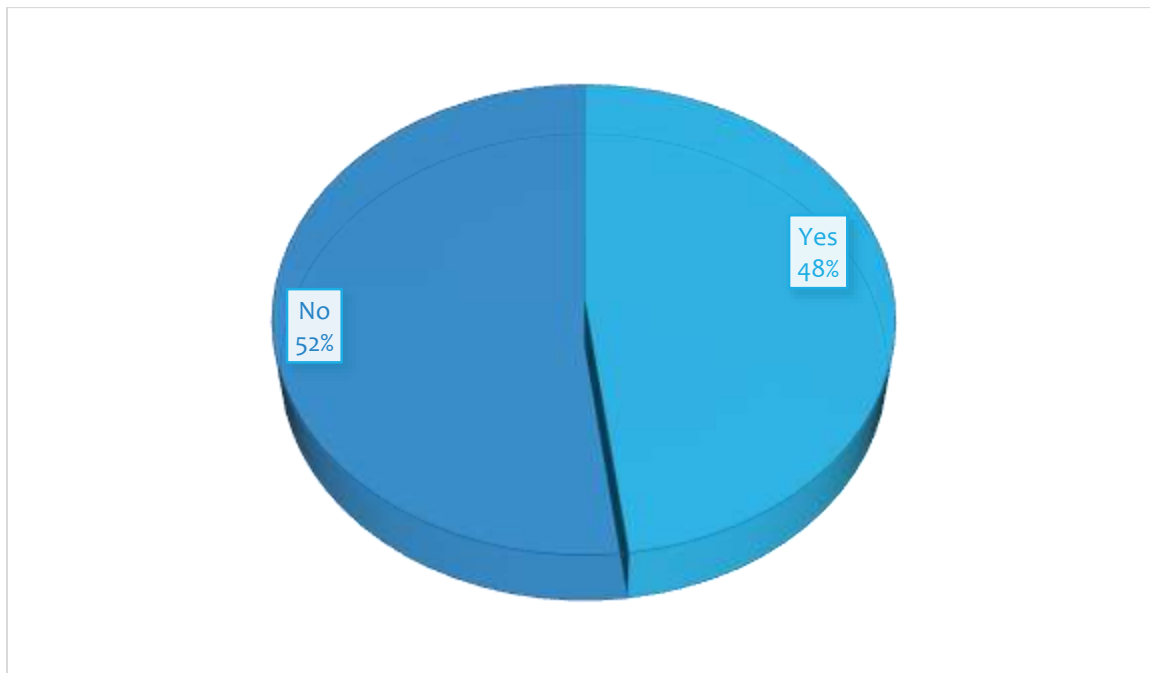
1.3 How old are you?

When compared to the Census 2010 (age over 18 years) for the Town of Hubbardston, the age group of 18 to 29 years may be under-represented, and the 30 to 44 years age group may be over-represented.

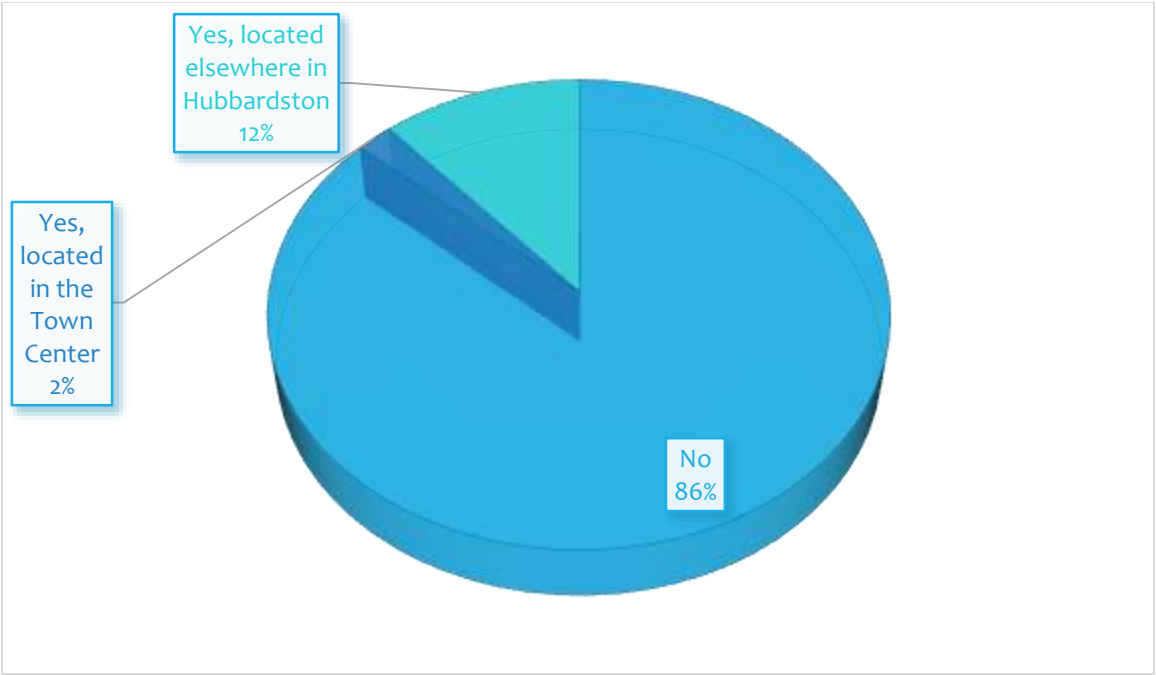


Source: United States Census Bureau. Community Facts: Hubbardston, MA: Age Groups and Sex: 2010.

1.4 Do you have any children under the age of 18?

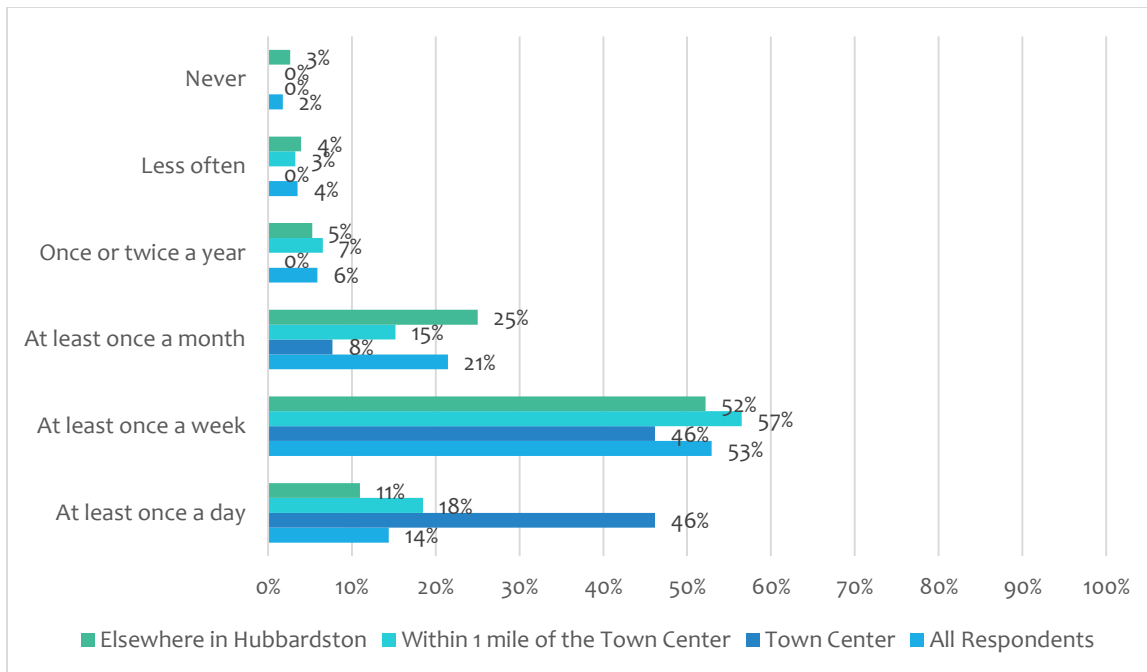


1.5 Do you own a business in Hubbardston?

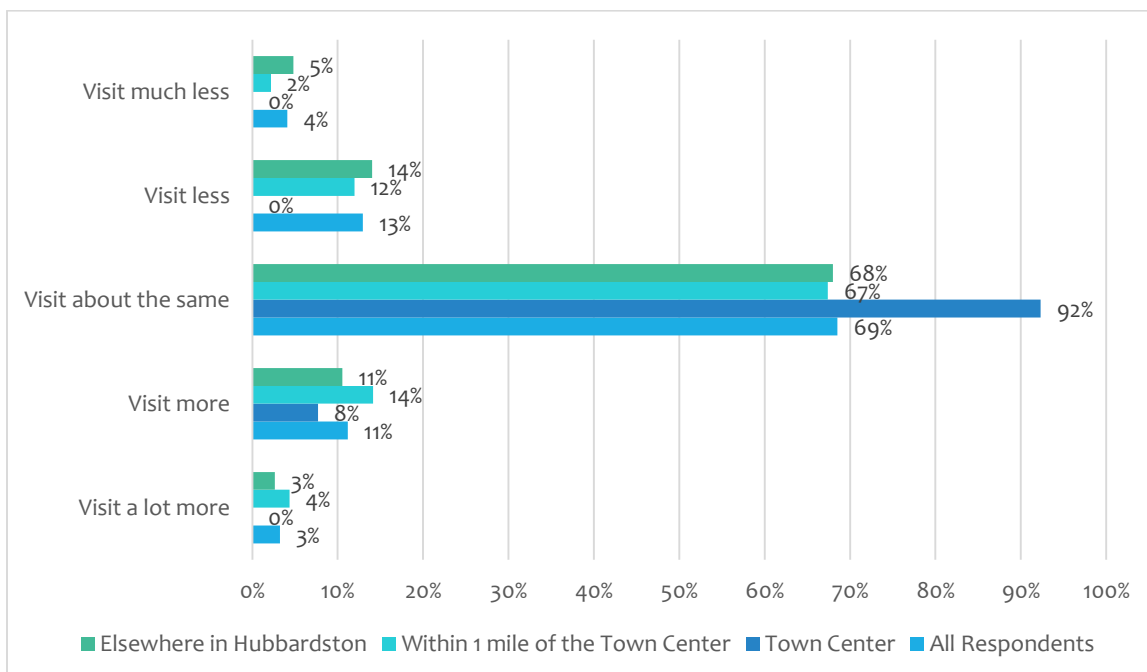


2 Use of the Town Center

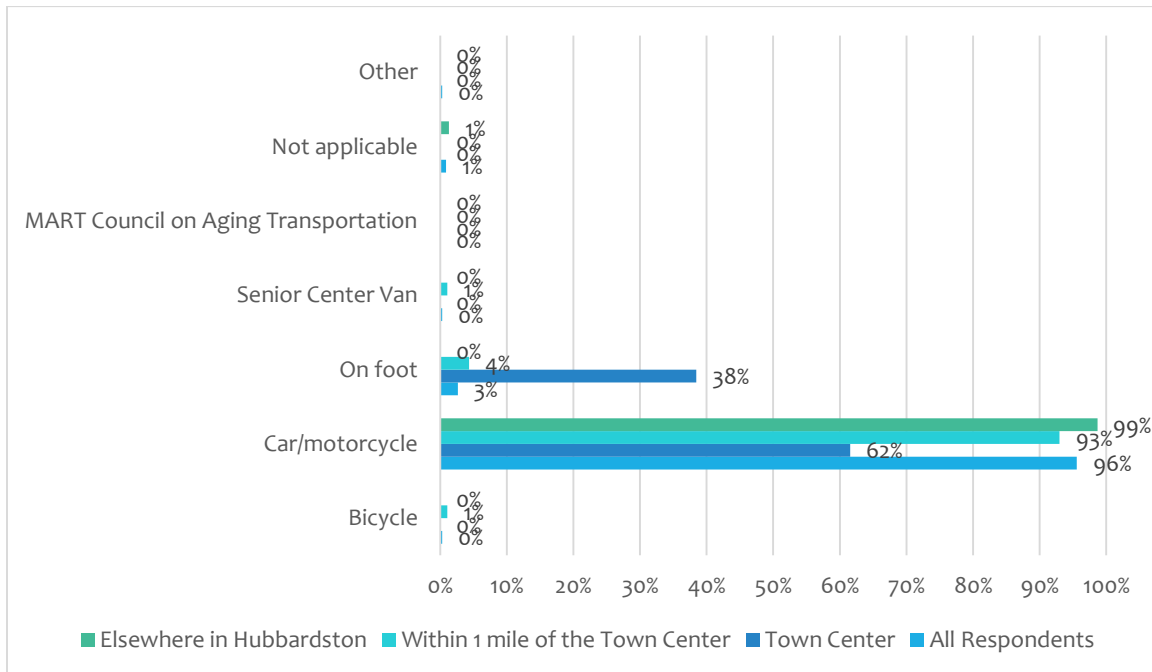
2.1 How often do you go to the Town Center and use the shops and services there?



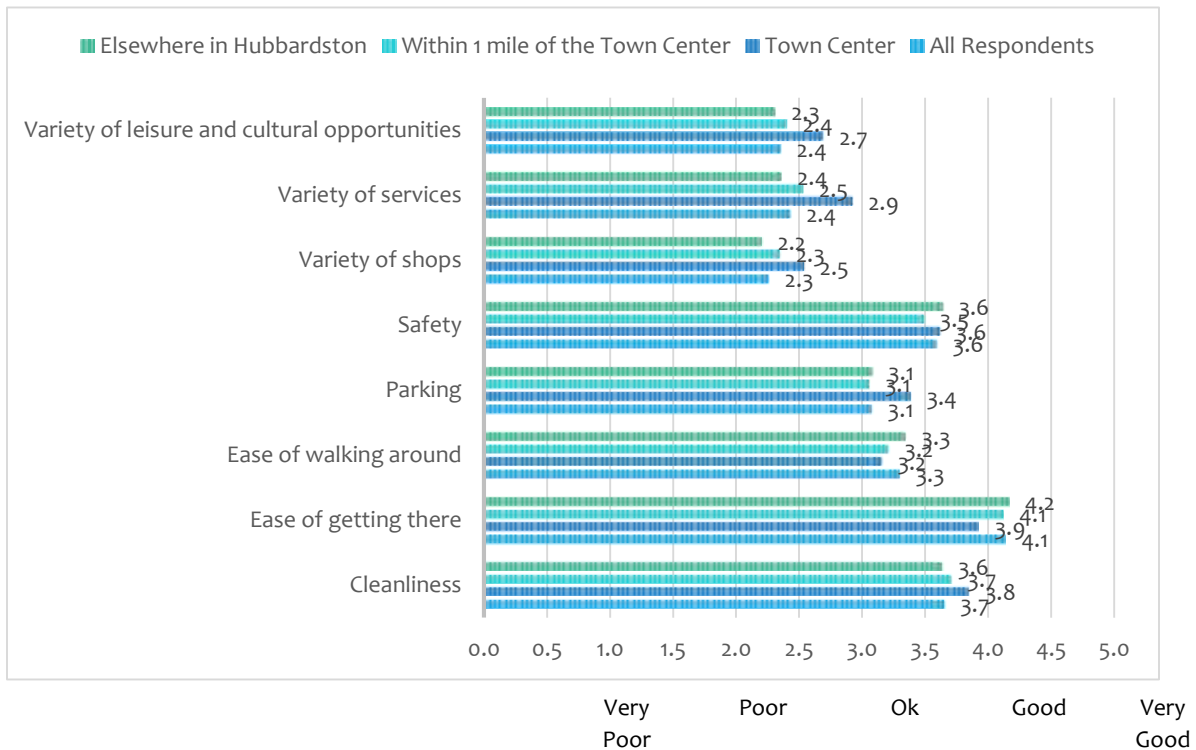
2.2 How has the amount of times you go to the Town Center changed over the last couple of years?



2.3 How do you normally travel to the town center?

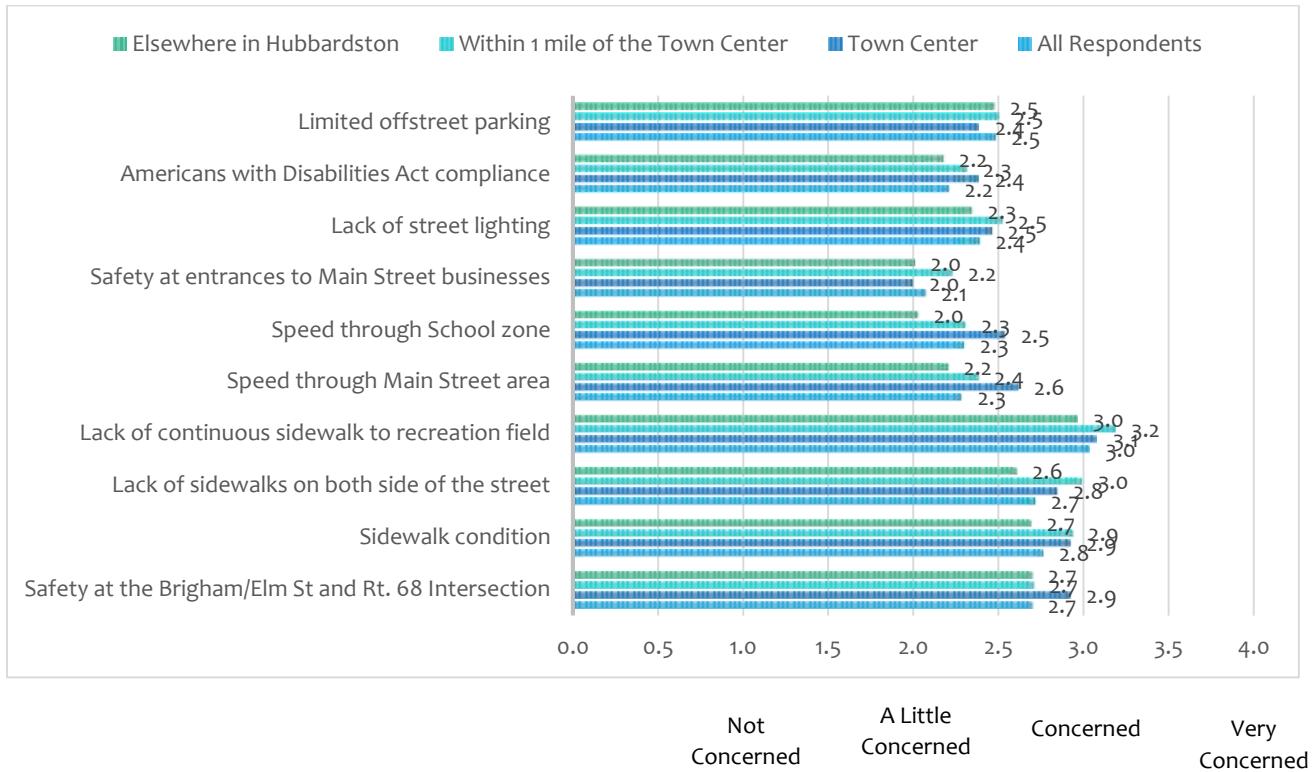


2.4 How would you rate the town in the following?



3 Safety

3.1 Please tell us how concerned you with the following:



We live only a mile from town, yet we have to travel Williamsville Road to reach the center. I won't allow my children to walk this road because of the blind curves and absence of sidewalks, yet many children do this to get to the rec field. It is absolutely unsafe. If this road were improved, our access to town facilities would be greatly improved.

I would absolutely HATE seeing anything in Paul Hales plan. He does not represent most townspeople's ideals. Lamplights like Holden are NOT Hubbardston. The "safety" offices need to stay on Main Street, not way up on Gardner Road. You can call it town center, but that doesn't make it the center proper (that's one reason why your plans fail, fail and fail again) make a new Fire Station on the existing site, expand it by purchasing the Trembley property. Buy the church that is for sale and the house behind it for parking to use as town office/senior center. And fix the police station and stop with the bandage complaints about that building. All these could be accomplished for far less than the outrageous 7.5 mil price tag your "only new, all new, we deserve new, new expensive new" plan. YES updates need to be done, but do it in a Hubbardston way, not Westminster/Holden (again with the Holden-similarities!) way. The safety staff is supported, and it is so very sad that the administration does not understand that. I find it terrible that the same solution keeps getting rejected, but keeps coming back in an effort to force the poor not Hubbardston style plan on us.

The town looks terrible. Worn out and dirty. The rental properties are dragging the image down.

According to the last committee WPI has designed a new Main Street plan. This is to be done when the State resurfaces route 68. On the immediate corrections that can be made is to turn on the existing lites on Main Street again and get the police to do more radar especially during the school times.

We have noticed a major increase in the amount of tractor trailers ("dirt" carrying rather than box type) coming south on Route 68. Their attempt (not always successful) to slow down as they enter the center means loud braking noise which is not at all what the center needs. It is bad enough in the winter with windows closed..

To amplify on Brigham Rd/Main St. intersection, there are very poor sight lines when coming out of Brigham looking downhill (south). Also, as a driver and not a parent, I really think it is unsafe having all the parental cars jamming the main street as they pick up their children - really reduces visibility of a driver being able to see the kids before they dart out into the road. Good point about the lack of a sidewalk up to the Rec Field. Just as a side note, people (adults as well as kids) need to remember the rules of the road for both walking and cycling.

The entire road & the potholes on Elm St./Barre Rd. by the Elem. School are still horrendous!! That is not the way to install "speed bumps" by leaving the road in such bad condition, that no one can drive over 15 MPH. Half the time if someone is coming in the other direction, you end up driving on people's lawns because that road is SO bad.

Sidewalks would be great

I do not like hearing sirens. The police are using sirens more than they used to.

Lack of visibility in front of school during drop off and pick up. Too many cars on side of road. Can't see coming off of elm street onto main street

Police do a fantastic job with speed through Main Street. Main concern is 68 North from GFA to Rec Field and no sidewalk.

Coming off of Brigham Street to the center of town is extremely concerning to me, as it seems to drivers approaching the center from Rutland area are not aware, not prepared for, as they do not see cars coming out of Brigham St and do not have enough time to slow down.

Respondents living elsewhere in Hubbardston

Barre road needs at least one sidewalk on the road like to walk or run and it is NOT safe at all!

The roads are not taken care of very well in the winter time which creates hazards. Roads need to be paved because potholes are no good.

Morning and afternoon school dismissal

Helmets need to be mandatory in the skate board park!

Speeders through town.

Most activities at the rec field are under the some sort of supervision, with the exception of the skate park. This leaves open the opportunity to attract local and out of youth of all ages or adults and has the potential to create safety issues for abutting neighbors and young children.

ADA access to public bathroom facility.

What concerns me the most is the inadequate parking space for the school. Having to park on both sides of Main Street is dangerous. It's hazardous for the kids and for those trying to access their cars on very heavily traveled state road.

Bemis Road -The beginning is too narrow and the standing dead trees should be removed. Old Westminster road has craters-potholes. Needs repaving. Many roads need repaving. I've been here for 32 years and I do not see the back roads maintained.

Mr. Mike's presents a constant safety & visibility hazard. Parking should not be allowed anywhere alongside the building where it abuts Route 68.

Parking along Route 68 in front of school, library, and post office should be prohibited AT ALL TIMES & some other parking options/arrangements or shuttle service be employed for parents picking up children after school.

This is radical but how about a speed bump before Elm Street/Brigham Rd. intersection to slow traffic traveling north from Rutland/Holden on Worcester Rd? Bad visibility there as you know.

Would like to see town message board used for safety messages such as WIPERS ON LIGHTS ON & also take old messages down asap since they are an unnecessary distraction. (Personally I think the message board is unsightly anyway.)

Public safety buildings are in very poor condition

Vehicles entering and exiting businesses that are across from each other like the plaza and mr.mikes as well as the post office and town offices

The plowing and road conditions during the winter are pretty much the worst in the state.

Yes - trees that used to line both sides of Main Street have mostly died and replanted with crab apple trees, watch the 67 bicentennial video and see how beautiful the trees were, Fixing the side walks and keeping cars parked off the strip between road and sidewalk, looks like you know what, plant real trees that will get huge so our grandchildren can be proud and enjoy,

Parking and walking for Senior Center

The town needs bike lanes, this will attract more visitors, and add safety

Public safety buildings need to be replaced. Town hall needs better office hours.

Safety at the Brigham/Elm St and Rt. 68 Intersection is my main concern while picking my child up at Hubb Center School

Parking between the library and post office is difficult.

When the elementary school is letting their students out for the day, it is dangerous coming from elm st because you are incapable of seeing around the cars parked waiting for their children.

I worry about safety of teens, there is no place for them really go. If they go to playground people don't like it, they can't hang at the stores , the rec field is limited unless they are skateboarding, or playing soccer. There are a few basketball hoops at the school, but not much else.

Times have changed since I was a teen, so I understand concerns about kids hanging out. There were not so many restrictions, ie; we could go to little store, get a soda, sit and talk and listen to music.We could go the school, ride bikes, play basketball or rollerskate. Teens seem to get into trouble because there is no place to go without being kicked out.

Road Conditions

Yes.. How about painting the lines in the roads on Williamsville road and getting some salt on the hill bc the plow trucks do mediocre job compared to other towns.. Stop wasting money filling all the crappy potholes in when they just resurface weeks later. wasting the towns \$\$\$. paint the cross walks too and give the kids somewhere to walk past the GFA bank toward the playground. Also, what about all these aging telephone poles and trees growing like crazy. Isn't National grid pro-active any longer ? These are a lot of really old telephone poles I drive by every day and there's a lot of overhanging tree branches everywhere. Do we have to wait until another ice storm to have power restored 9 days later ? Get someone who can negotiate with these companies.. I could type all night..

Need better speed enforcement of vehicles traveling on RT 68 especially at Brigham and 68!! They come up the hill from Holden at high rates of speed and continue through the Main Street area!!

Concerned on a very poor sidewalk on the West side of Main Street. No curb between the side walk and the road. No side walk extending from the existing fire station and the Rec field. Think the sidewalk should go North on the west side of main street or go up High street and then go to the Rec Field via a "Right-of-Way".

Bicycling safety especially the lack of a wide shoulder and cars parked by

Safety at the skate park

Drivers who pass on the right of vehicles who are waiting to turn left . Speed of trucks on main st. Congestion of vehicles picking up kids after school

Coming out of Brigham St onto Rt 68 bushes to your left greatly reduce distance a driver can see oncoming traffic. had problems with survey, had to wait between answers to accept. tried survey 3 times

I would like to see the yellow lines and white lines the length of route 68 running through Hubbardston to be re-painted, driving at night is almost near impossible to use the lines as a guideline

My biggest concern in this town is the lack of adequate facilities for our police and fire personnel. I believe that this puts our community at risk.

not enough police at rhietta ranch

No safety concerns, I want to know why there is not more stores in town?

Brigham and Route 68 (blinking light) is such a dangerous intersection. I would love to see a street light there.

The town center seems to lack "a center." The houses could use some TLC and landscaping to make the town look like the residents have community pride. I realize this must have to do with the economy of the community and the struggles of individual families but wonder if there might be federal or state funds that could serve as incentives or provide grants to help families and community members to improve the curb appeal and "lift all boats," and the appearances of the face of the community!

The current fire station is not ADA compliant and the building (although I see the firefighters have done some work on their own!!) is an absolute disgrace. The town should be ashamed to have anyone work out of there let alone the people who risk their lives for us. Not to mention the eye sore it is in the center of town. It should be a focal point for the downtown area.

all were covered above (sidewalks need upgrading)

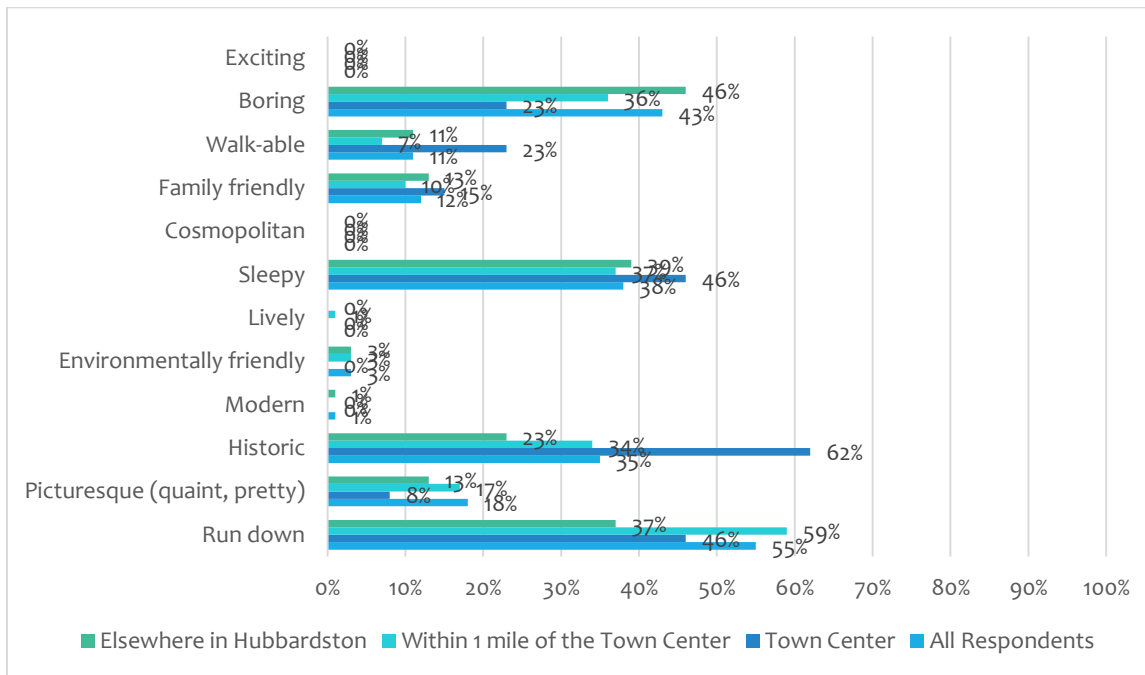
Would be good if Mr. Mike's enforced no parking on side of building next to main st. Vehicles blocking view at Mr. Mike's. Educate drivers to not try to be polite at busy intersections, educate public it is more dangerous to be polite and change the rules of traffic turning. That is don't wave people to go when it ilibrarys not their turn to go, like at Elm St. Causes more problems. Follow rules of road for safety. It's too bad but probably should have traffic lights or 4 way stop at rt 68 and Elm and Brigham, that would solve problem of turning confusion. Enforce "wipers on lights on"

Funding for fire department

4 Beautification

4.1 Present Hubbardston Town Center

4.1.1 How would you describe the Main Street area of Hubbardston today?



Other responses

Respondents living in the Town Center
-no other responses-
Respondents living within 1 mile of the Town Center
drive by
Some houses are very nice and being brought back to life, but others are very shabby.
As it should be.
not very inviting to take a stroll down.
Perfect
More inviting
Need to take better care of snow and ice covered roads
Respondents living elsewhere in Hubbardston
Plain, houses definitely need lots of work but that is not an issue the town can change
Tired
A mix
sloppy (trash at rec. field & skateboard park, appearance of pallet place is disgusting), unsafe, not user-friendly, low-budget, tacky (signs around gazebo, electronic sign near rec. field), most homeowners and town offices seem to lack interest in healthy & attractive landscaping
Old
Messy - parking issues
No variety of shops/places to eat
If you blink you miss it!
Just fine
People parking on the lawns because the area between road and sidewalk is too narrow

Traffic is never that bad! :) I like that it is somewhat quiet and walking distance for me
I like that it is small and not too many shops.
Landmarks and road signs at Brigham church and lawn
The bank
There are a few well cared for homes.
The Library. The rest of it speaks to the lack of any planning and zoning.
How clean it looks
Unitarian church. Town common
It has so much potential!
That is is small and quiet and not loud and busy !
I love the fact that we have many historic buildings, but they are often in disrepair. I have had friends from out of town comment on how run-down our town center looks. There is potential to have a quaint New England feel, but we don't have that now. Some of the recent improvements to the Wheeler Store building and a few other houses on Main Street have been welcome improvements in that direction. We have enjoyed use of the rec field over the years and love the new playground at Hubbardston Center School, but travel between the two is safe only by car.
The lack of any crappy modern architecture. The time period of the buildings is a key factor in keeping the town like Hubbardston.
How beautiful the town common is, especially at sunrise.
Historic buildings
I like the closeness of everything and the family events that that allows i.e. Halloween parade and Trick-or-Treating, Memorial Day parade etc.I appreciated the potential beauty of the historic buildings and would like to see them respected and maintained.
I like our town park. I think the pathway could be re-done but all in all it is a nice area.
close proximity of stores and services
almost all the town businesses are along it. The Library and the Church are attractive buildings, as are some of the homes.
The library building is beautiful.
The convenience of shops bank p.o etc all close together.
Fixing roads adding sidewalks picking up of the run down areas
some of the historical house need a paint job, but that is private
Its why I moved here. Simple home town. Taxes were much lower when we moved in.
Basketball court w lights (pleaaaaaaase)
Tennis court
Expand and enhance skate park
Dog park/area at the park for dogs
Widen walking path/loop at park
Farmers market
Decorative for holidays
Upkeep / paint on the crosswalk. Clearly defined school zone.
The church and library
Small, family friendly,
There are No Traffic Lights
Respondents living elsewhere in Hubbardston
I like Curtis Field.
The HPL
The beautiful library building.
The Library
That it is family friendly and has sidewalks
I think the thing myself and my family like are the school, library, rec feild, and the convenience of having a quick stop store/gas.
The short distance to gas, food, haircare, and groceries
NOTHING

Not much. The town center is boring. I Like the convenient store and post office. that's it.
The history
It is compact.
Having the Library, the Town Hall and the Post Office in close proximity in the Town Center is a benefit. I also appreciate having a convenience store and gas station in the town center.
The library.
It has great potential to be a picturesque and historic downtown.
Post Office, Library,
I like a very small, rural town. If you blink, you could miss the town center and I love it that way! Hubbardston is a beautiful area that should stay the way it is, the way it has been. Quiet, peaceful, quaint and original! We recently moved to Hubbardston for the small town, rural life.
The recreation field, post office, bank and shops and other businesses . Some of the houses are really messy looking and not kept up.
I like the historic structures.
The library
the library
Small town feel
I enjoy the quietness of Hubb
PJ's diner, Hair 4 you, hubb market and mr mikes
The older houses and churches, but too many run down
Library & post office are convenient; I like that there is NOT a huge police & safety complex; trees & some residents care about landscaping
The recreational fields and playground
Not much there
Access to police.
Historic homes and businesses and the ease of being able to pick up groceries quickly or grab a bite to eat. I love breakfast at PJs
The stores and eateries.
The recreation field
And the library
Mr mikes is convenient
the library
Trying to come back\revitalize :)
The rev field and skate park
it screams "small town"
It feels safe and family friendly
Library
umm. there is a gas station
Gas station access
That the library has off street parking.
Recreational field is close in case you need something from the convenience store's or a local pizza place. The library is accessible from HCS in case the kids need to use it after school.
The gazebo, soccer fields, and skate park (even though I do not use them). They look nice and are well maintained
It's historic charm
The fact that it is original .
The library, PJs Diner, gas & convenience store.
It is not crowded.
Keep it historical
Its small town appearance of school, town common and town offices rec fields makes it feel like a small town community
No signal lights

Its embarrassing. We have such a beautiful town and our Main Street is the most run down part of town. We don't have any businesses and the houses all need paint and upkeep. It would be nice to have a more appealing Main Street area, such as Westminster to encourage businesses and residents to move into our town.

I love the possibilities that exist with the older homes and their beauty. Unfortunately it is costly to bring the homes back to their former glory.

Gazebo

The Town hall is a beautiful building and draws your eyes to it every time you drive by. We have no infrastructure in this town. If I had 5 million dollars, I'd open a sports center where all that land was never sold when the famous airport idea and sludge dump were on the table. If we had something to kick off some business, maybe people would be willing to setup shop. A dance studio, gymnasium.... maybe someday...

I love the historical buildings that have been kept up over the years. I also like the recreation fields, skate park, and public playgrounds, including the one behind the elementary school. We do have some excellent options for families/groups to be active outdoors. However, I don't like the many homes along rt 68 that are falling apart or in disrepair. It makes the town look trashy.

Much potential for a historic Center, Potential of taking the pallet co. cleaning it up and advertise it for a museum or recreation complex.

Library

The true downtown area, Brigham to Mr. Mikes is almost quaint. There are houses in better repair than others which maybe the town couldn't do anything about.

the rec field-skating park, track, playground

Nothing

Nothing

Town offices, library, post office, recreation area gas station all close together and these are the main reasons we travel to center of town

The easy accessibility from where we live.

Little traffic

It has its own unique style. It's not the buildings, the sidewalks, the stores that need to be modified to make this town better, even though that would help. I feel the town's biggest asset is the people who represent the town. Surely, I know it's something that is hard or harder to acquire than funding for a project that can be funded through grants and such. I do feel that focusing on a better image for camaraderie would be a much more beneficial endeavor. More volunteers would be encouraged, and utilized in the area. Could this be an avenue? Possibly.... Possibly not? This is just one's opinion. Which is what you've asked for. Good luck!

The Public Library

I appreciate the fact that our Police Dept does an excellent job of controlling speeders and I like the sleepy little town feel.

Parks

one lane

The public library

Small and quaint

If many of the homes were upgraded and taken care of, this would be an attractive New England town. Unfortunately owners don't seem able to beautify their properties in many cases.

This historical buildings

The library

I like that we do have a town center, though improvements would be welcome.

It says "home!"

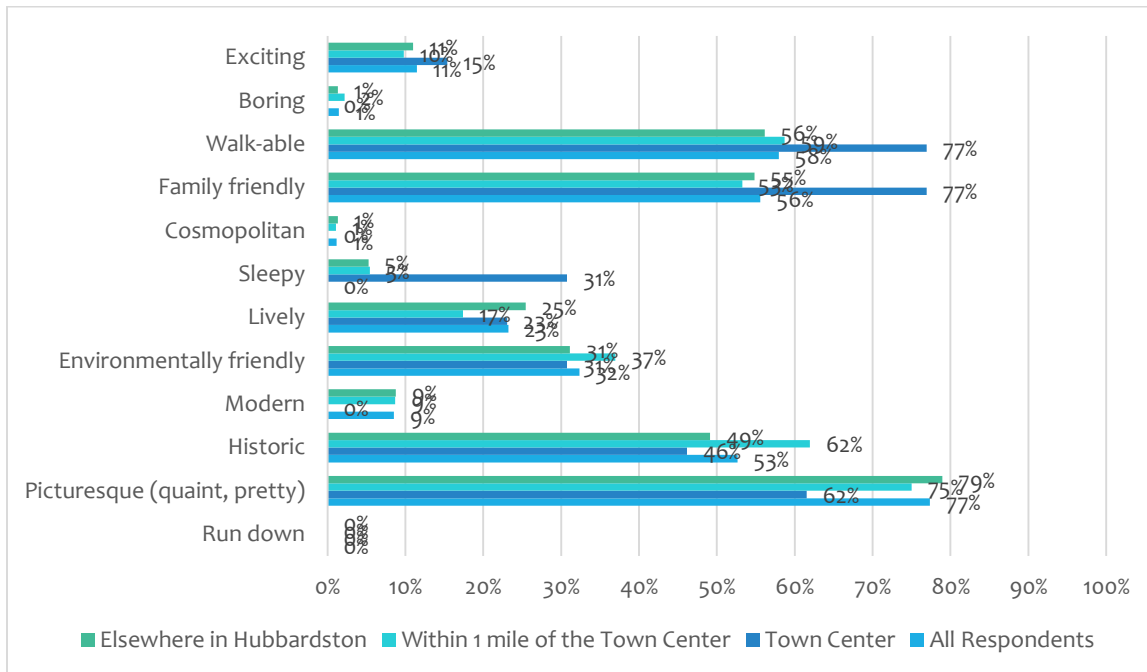
Not much!

post office drop box at town office-convenient

Nothing really

4.2 Future Hubbardston Town Center

4.2.1 How would you like to describe the Town Center in the future?



Other responses

Respondents living in the Town Center

Lined with shade trees

Respondents living within 1 mile of the Town Center

Thriving

More businesses

A reason to stop for a shop or something...

Quiet

place to feel that I have a reason to walk from one end to the other and back again. Need parking for that. like it is now.

Inviting

Up kept of building next to mr. Mikes

Respondents living elsewhere in Hubbardston

As having something other than a pizza restaurant to offer food alternatives.

Active

Fun and interesting

Inviting

More food, ice cream, shops

Be able to walk safely to the center of town from other parts of town.

Affordable.

Lots of flowers, trees, and shrubs, Better street and building markings

I'd love to see it look more like it did "back in the day" but balanced with the needs of today

Restaurants, pubs, shops,

Just fine

If you build up the center like in Holden, then you build a by pass road as no one will want to drive thru our town, as we don't like to drive thru Holden either!

Would like to see more variety in the businesses - maybe a chain like Dunkin Donuts? Something to encourage out of towners to stop. Hubbardston is lovely and quiet but we need additional monies to beautify it.

Sidewalks #1. Other than the description of Elm/Brigham to New Templeton Road there is no real "Town Center" feel.

The town center should not be considered as one line along Rt 68. Rather as a circular, historic area encompassing the old parts of Brigham, Elm, Williamsville and High St.

landscaping along the road -- Not allow cars to park in the sidewalks.

The intersection of Rt68 and elm/Brigham st. Has either a traffic light and easy visual from cars pulling out of Elm/Brigham st. The traffic flow to the school. When there are activities at the school it is very congested. Better lighting along Main St. Maybe a few more business's. May help the tax base.

Maybe new side walks but besides that I wouldn't change much. I live my little town

shopping options and shops

Street lighting, nice sidewalks throughout, bakery/restaurant

Quality of side walks, lighting

Sidewalks on both sides of the street.

More businesses

entering hubbardston signs, more lights and more speed limit signs

Town recognition of Christmas/holiday with decorations preferably wreaths and white glowing miniature lighting in town. Right now center is a "depressed area".

Realistically speaking, based on current economic condition, there is little we can do to significantly improve the town center.

Sidewalks on both sides of the street repaired. Street lighting. On street metered parking. Proper curb cuts for the gas station. Teardown of Fire Station 1 and Slade Building.

I would like more shops, restaurants/cafes downtown.

need to update st 68 and feeder roads to main street (i.e. Elm st, Brigham, High st) roads are in poor condition and lack sidewalks - where there are sidewalks they need to be replaced.

It looks old, I would like to see it more family friendly to walk more restaurants and places to visit more things to do with in the town like an activity center or pool.

Sidewalks lights landscaping

More small business (coffee shop or book store, family places to go to. Less run down

Aside from fixing up the exteriors of some of the residential buildings, even the commercial buildings have seen better days. It makes it less attractive to shop and dine in spaces that look dingy and run down. There is no clear Town Common space, either. There is a random section by the old fire station and a portion of what appears to be the church's front lawn. Then there is a gazebo over at the rec field. None of this connects, and few of the spaces feel useful. It would be terrific if there was a safe way to walk from the playground at Hubbardston Center School all the way to the Rec Field so that kids could use the spaces more freely.

I would like to see the existing buildings, reused, rebuilt and recycled to accept the needs of today. New, cheap, ugly buildings should never be an option. Maintain the historic, small town feel. New trees would help, as well. And all town facilities and offices need to stay on Main Street.

An expanded library that uses the whole building and has more to offer in terms of programming and materials. Town Offices located in one space. Attractive sidewalks and trees.

Would love to see beautiful wide side-walks with quaint lampposts.... I think that would make the town look so much better (similar to what Holden did)...

Sidewalks

sidewalks need improving and extending; enforcement of town laws to keep yards cleared of debris (unregistered vehicles, etc.)...especially on roads that lead into/come out of the center

Get some more businesses into the center. Let someone other than a crappy pizza joint move into the Hubbardston Plaza!

New sidewalks. Parking for P.O. Nice street lighting

Safe walkability business clean up building ha and off street parking

I would like to see a better sidewalk on the school side of the street.

sidewalks on both side of the road to the rec field

See previous answer

More family owned shops. Family friendly

Consistent Walkway

More inviting

Building next to Mr Mikes fixed up

Sidewalks

Respondents living elsewhere in Hubbardston

My main concern was with crosswalks and traffic not yielding to pedestrians, but I think that the light-up speed limit sign will help with that.

Better parking and more interesting shops/stores

The lighting at night!!! It really looks dismal and dreary at night with most of the lights not being on.

Need more businesses - especially restaurants. And general facelift.

I would like to see a real country store with easy access and ample parking. Maybe a proper town hall.

Parking, help to the church building at the fork on 68 (rundown)

New sidewalks, planted flowers, clean up that hideous empty lot next to the post office. Offer a little quaint nicely decorated and comfortable cafe /restaurant with a liquor license. Open a little gift/craft shop to explore. Just make it look even remotely as nice as Rutland and Barre ! I realize that opening a cafe or shop is not the towns responsibility, but if the center didn't look so run down and poverty stricken, perhaps businesses would be attracted to come here !!

There needs to be more parking and more businesses. Get a bar too

Renewed

The Common should be more accessible.

Sidewalks

Trees down the main street, power lines underground, it would be nice if the homes were painted and cars were in driveways instead of in front of the houses, seasonal planters on the street, some gardens on the common etc., Farmer's Market on the Common (not in the parking lot at the rec field.)

I see lots of room for improvement; however, I don't see where the money would be coming from to change the center. I think the horrible road conditions should be a priority. Many roads have been neglected for decades with regards to paving. Winter time road conditions are always very poor in town.

It needs to be walkable from the park to Elm/Brighton on both sides of Rt. 68. We need more businesses, both retail and professional in that space. We need to have a reason for people outside of Hubbardston to come to Town Center.

More flowers, trees, and shrubs.

Sidewalks

Sidewalks and lighting

The homes kept up more, sidewalks on both sides.

Sidewalks on both sides (for Halloween!) Pedestrian friendly should we ever get the Senior Center built. But retain originality of Hubbardston. Don't "modernize" with stuff that looks out of place.

I would love to see a more walk-able town center with a sitting area with benches so that people can stop and hang out.

Business friendly. It has been sad to see shops close and/or move out of town. I would love to see more local shops.

Sidewalks, better lighting such as lamp posts

Addition of business like coffee

Sidewalks. Really only an issue for us at Halloween

More shops. Less pallet storage.

Figure out a way to get parking off of Rte. 68. Change parking habits at Mr. Mike's to improve safety and sight distance for traffic entering & leaving. Remove invasive barberry and other plants from all town properties and plant native shrubs and trees.

Put in the Tennis court that was promised when the one at the school was destroyed. A lot of people would also love a dog friendly area as well, such as a small fenced in dog park.

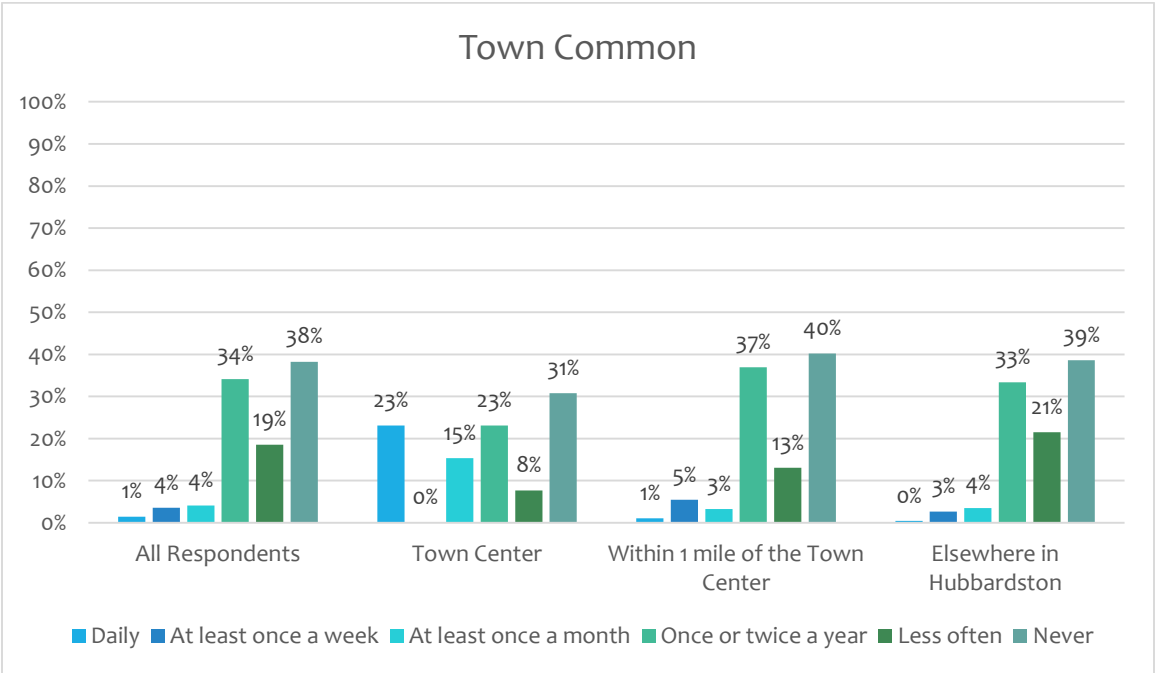
Public safety buildings need to be replaced.

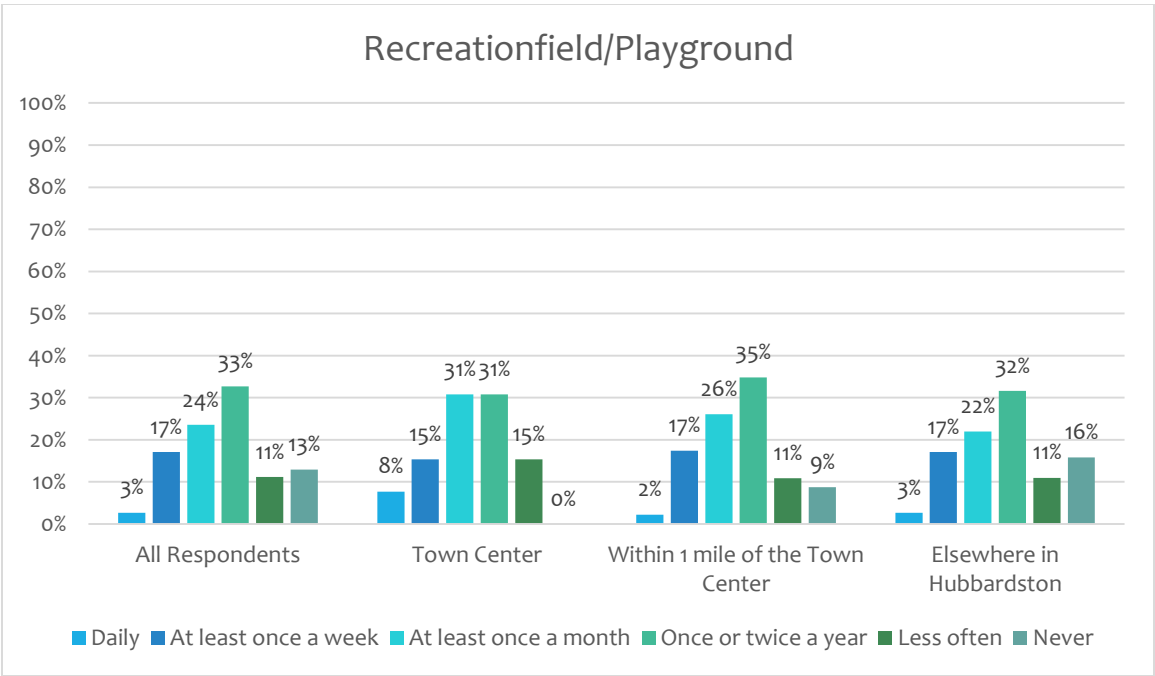
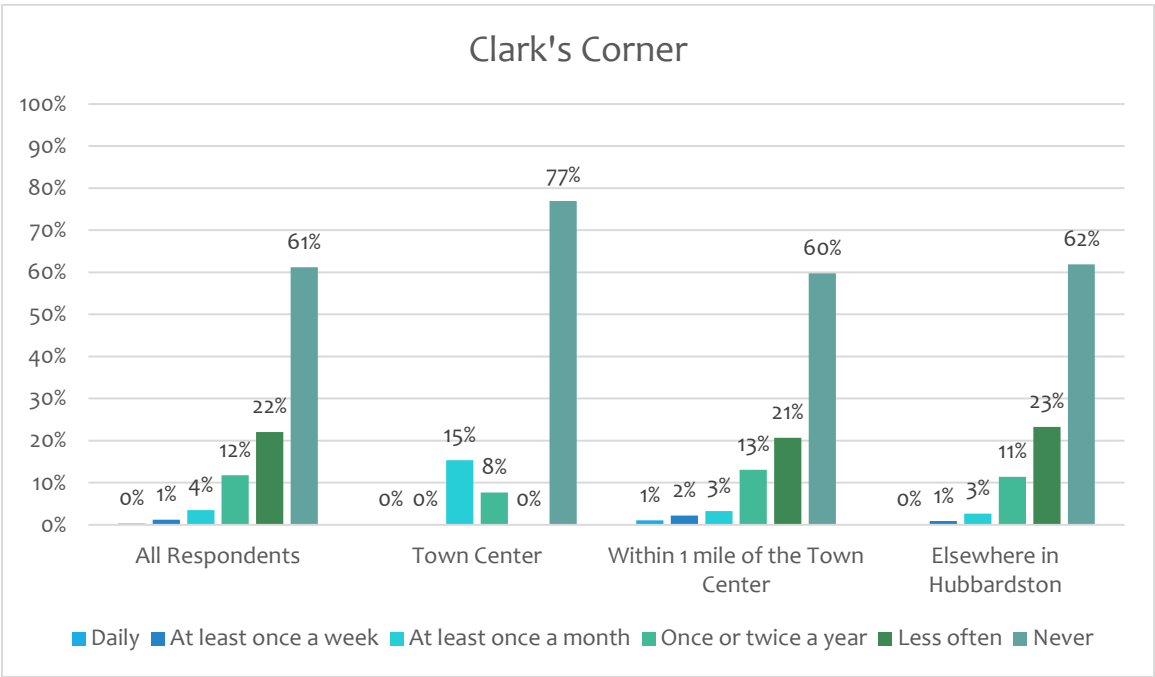
More Business Development
Business
Fix sidewalk, add wrought iron light poles with ability to hang seasonal decorations , maybe some benches where appropriate and planters with flowers.....
Formal sidewalk from elm st to rec park,
Nice sidewalks, lighting and get rid of the white trash multi family homes.
Eating
Interesting shops and eating establishments
Sidewalks throughout Hubbardston. In particularly on williamsville road leading to the center.
New Senior Center and Police & Fire building.
Main st and Brigham is dangerous and walking to rec field is also limited from the school-busy street
Bike lanes
Better upkeep of property on Main St., more businesses.
the town needs a common... just having a "nice main street" is not enough. town should reclaim and create a square out of the property in front of church... or find a bigger parcel close to town to have events... a drive thru town center just is weak.
More places to eat and a public basketball court with youth rims and regular rims. Also, possible street hockey rink
Fixing sidewalks before Mr. Mikes and adding side walk up to Rec field. Something to make the crosswalk more visable.
The houses on Main St are all run down and give the center a dirty look and feel.
A lot of run down houses. The business next to soccer field looks horrible. All the old abandoned trailer trucks. Brigham st houses look horrible. The church looks run down.
Sidewalks and street lights
A few shops, restaurant something for kids added
While there have been some recent steps such as, the parking / front area of the Post Office, new sign at the plaza where PJs is and the library updates, other areas look neglected and run down.
None
Nicer sidewalks and lighting. The run down houses should be taken down and add dunkin donuts drive thru. Drive up ATM. A nice restaurant maybe.
Improved buildings, sidewalks, beautification with trees, lamp posts throughout the town , a few more businesses like cafes
more business
Need more businesses, the town could be a destination to visit shops, eat at new restaurants. Could look a little like Holden or perhaps Newburyort.
Sidewalks, lighting. Encourage business and hopefully the homeowners on Main Street will paint their properties. When people visit our town, they don't even realize its the center of town. It would be nice if we could encourage businesses to open in our town. We have shot down even drive throughs and we have nothing to offer our residents. The town needs to give incentives and allow even franchises into town. This would also help greatly with our tax base instead of only relying on real estate taxes from residents.
Pretty much bringing the houses, library back to their former glory, have benches and gardens.
Drive thru Dunkin Donuts and more businesses on RT 68
Have the old house look less run down, less congested
more lighting, paint on the road, decent coffee shop/food (which has never existed).. a reason to go there besides going to the school or getting a can of gas for the lawnmower.
I'd like to see sidewalks with trash bins/recycling bins along the road and the homes in that area cleaned up.
Buildings picturesque, concrete sidewalks with granite curbs.
better sidewalks
more business restaurants, coffee shops etc
Better sidewalks and maybe on both sides. Definitely up to the field. Maybe a look at long range plantings along the street. Light posts with a historic theme.
New facilities for town services - current ones look run down and in disrepair... And apparently are.
More available things for town young people to do!

More stores
The sidewalks and parking. Especially to better access the library and school mail boxes off of 68 instead of having to turn in both sides of 68
Just improve appearance of the buildings on the main street. It seems to have been neglected for far too long.
It would be nice if the sides of the road in the center were better maintained, with a proper, defined sidewalk on each side with some gardening, whether it be boxes with plants or just well maintained grass.
Maybe flowers! Flowers planted in the areas next to the curbs like daffodils followed by summer flowers then fall flowers, maybe in one color scheme or one basic color and then individualized! If there are streetlights anywhere in town they should be limited to the type that allow for "dark sky" adherence so that the children (and everyone else) get to enjoy the rural night sky that should be everyone's birthright! Bar Harbor, Maine has these laws in place. Children are growing up all over this country and not seeing the stars in the sky. Let's make Hubbardston a star of the night sky! Maybe we can lead the way for others to follow our example while empowering our town to see beyond economic problems!
The fire station, police station, town hall and the sidewalks (all the way to the recreation field). These are the focal points of the community, lets update our facilities and have people want to move to our town.
Sidewalks improved
I would like the town center to be walkable (sidewalks) and to have more businesses - like nice restaurants and shops.
Stop the insanity - let business move in - like Dunkin for example - get some income to fix other things like roads stop taxing us to death
I plan on moving ASAP if things dont improve
I would like to see more flowering trees, shrubs, and the homeowners making more effort with their lawns. Period-style lighting would be nice. A nice manager scene on the Common at Christmas would be nice also.
New fire station and police station
Do not build more buildings until all buildings in town are occupied. Do not build senior center or any other facility that will be empty 80% of the time (like Barre SC). Do not make more parking lots unless absolutely necessary. Too bad rec field lot can't be used during the day because it is empty most of the time. Maybe sidewalk to town would help and do not allow parking on highway.

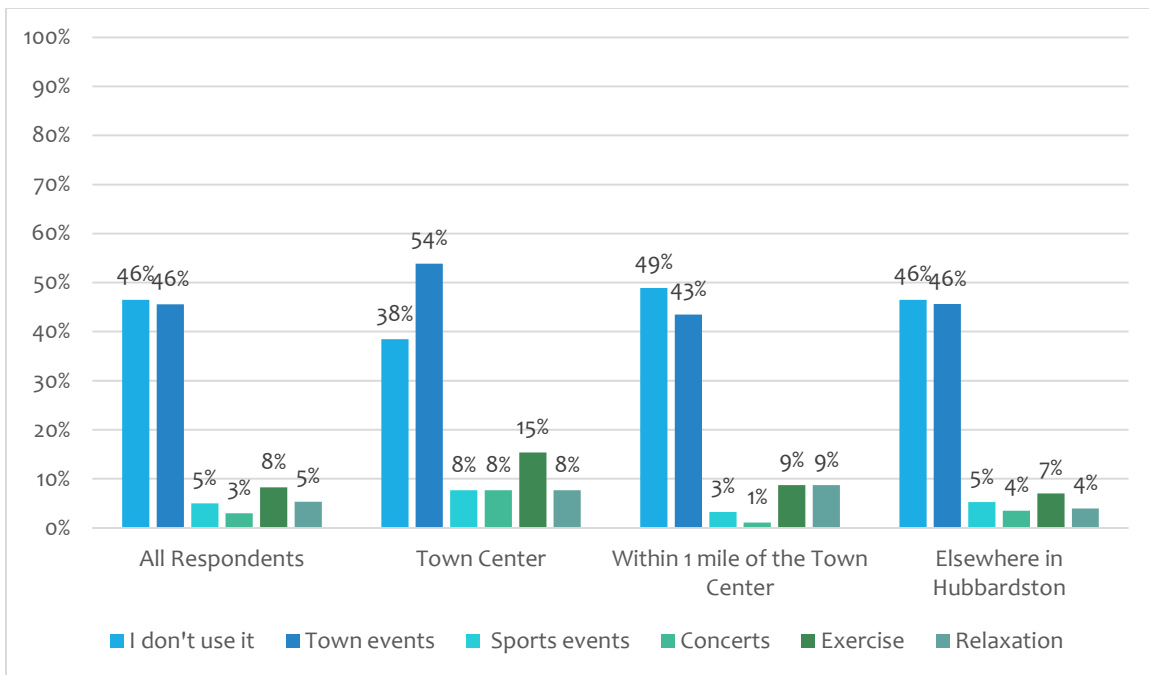
4.3 Present Town Grounds

4.3.1 How often do you use the following town grounds?





4.3.2 How do you use the Town Commons?



Other responses:

Respondents living in the Town Center

Walking through.

We are fortunate to have a sizeable, historic Town Common to anchor our center of town. I enjoy gazing at our Town Common every day.

Respondents living within 1 mile of the Town Center

Dog walking

Walk dog through there

Always thought it was church property...

Sitting and knitting and watching the world go by.

During church events, trick or treating

I enjoy the appearance but do not use it

Respondents living elsewhere in Hubbardston

Halloween

Halloween trick or treating

Meeting

Memorial Day

Memorial Day

Parade

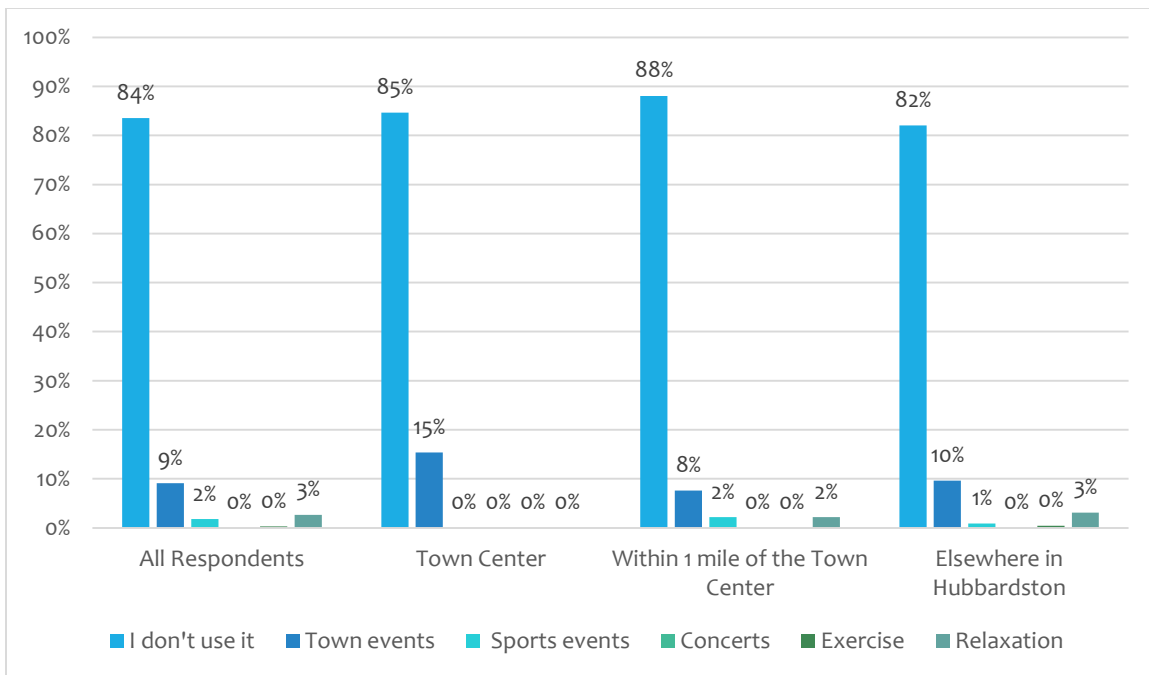
Buying necessities at Mr. Mikes and the mini mart

yard sales

Photography

mainly on memorial day

4.3.3 How do you use Clark's Corner?



Other responses:

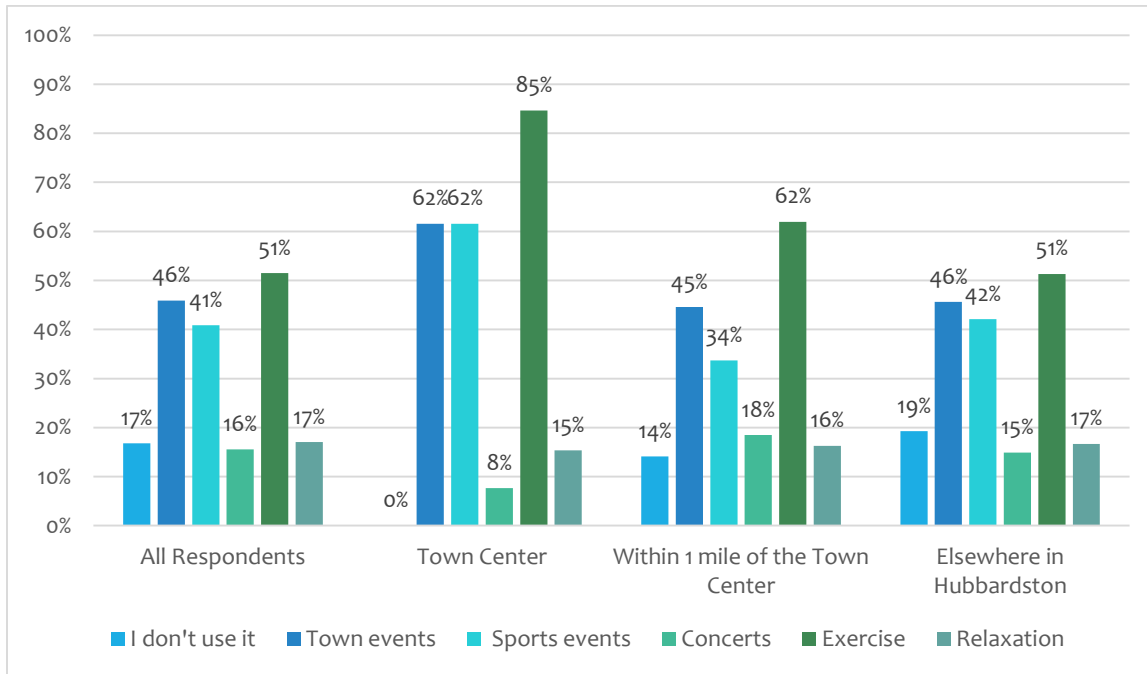
Respondents living in the Town Center
How could you use it, it's ridiculous space and unfortunately named as well.
Respondents living within 1 mile of the Town Center
sign posting
to pick up maps for mt. jeff trails
Too far removed. Seems private
Complete waste of space, as a person with a degree in planning, it is beyond me how this corner is not incorporated into a new fire station rebuild. It used to be the highway barn, and should be a useful lot for town safety issues as its location is where the fire station should be.
It's cluttered
I read the signboard for upcoming events
Where is it? Next to Fire Station?
Respondents living elsewhere in Hubbardston
I look at announcements
Posting information on the town sign.
signage up
Not sure where this is, so I assume I don't use it
I read the board with town happenings
What is Clark's Corner?
Information gathering from when notices are posted there. Meeting location on a few rare occasions like Halloween.
Checking out gazebo and signs
When at fire dept
Gazebo
Never
I don't know what that is!!
One time waiting for the opening day of baseball to wait for the walk to begin.
Once a year for the baseball parade start.
Postings on info board, decorate gazebo

stop by to read any new material posted there

Taking pictures

I think its an attractive use of public space

4.3.4 How do you use the Recreation field/playground?



Other responses:

Respondents living in the Town Center

-no other responses-

Respondents living within 1 mile of the Town Center

Field Day

playground for the kids

playground with grandkids

Playground

Bike riding/roller skating for my child

we go to the playground (for small children)

Play with my child

The kids enjoy the playground.

Playground

Playground

Family/kids playing/skate park.

Playground

Respondents living elsewhere in Hubbardston

walk the dog - no dogs allowed

Playground

Kid to play on equipment of play ground

We used it every day when our kids were young

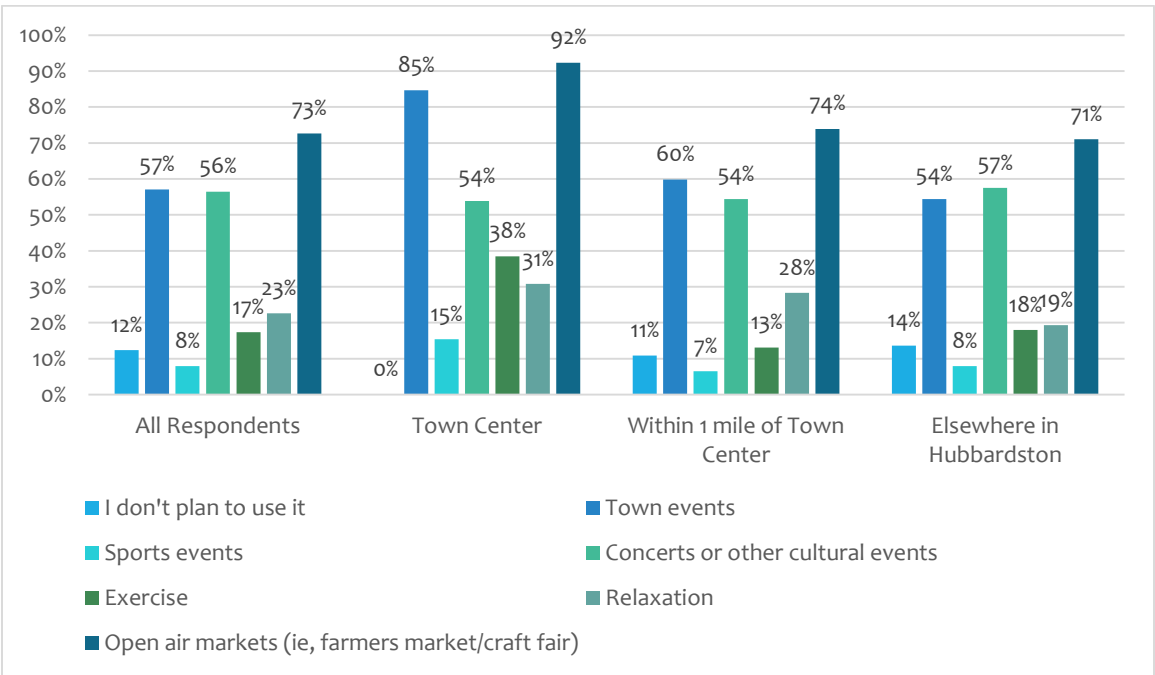
I bring my grandchildren there to play

The kids like the playground

Grandson play
Playground
Playground
Field day
take my grandchildren there when they visit me
walking the dog
My kids love the playground, which could be a lot nicer
Playground for elementary school child
My family and I use the playground and track around the soccer fields regularly. Improving the track would be great.
Letting kids run around and play
I would like to walk my dog there
Playground
for the kids
Field day

4.4 Future Town Grounds

4.4.1 How would you like to use the Town Common in the future?

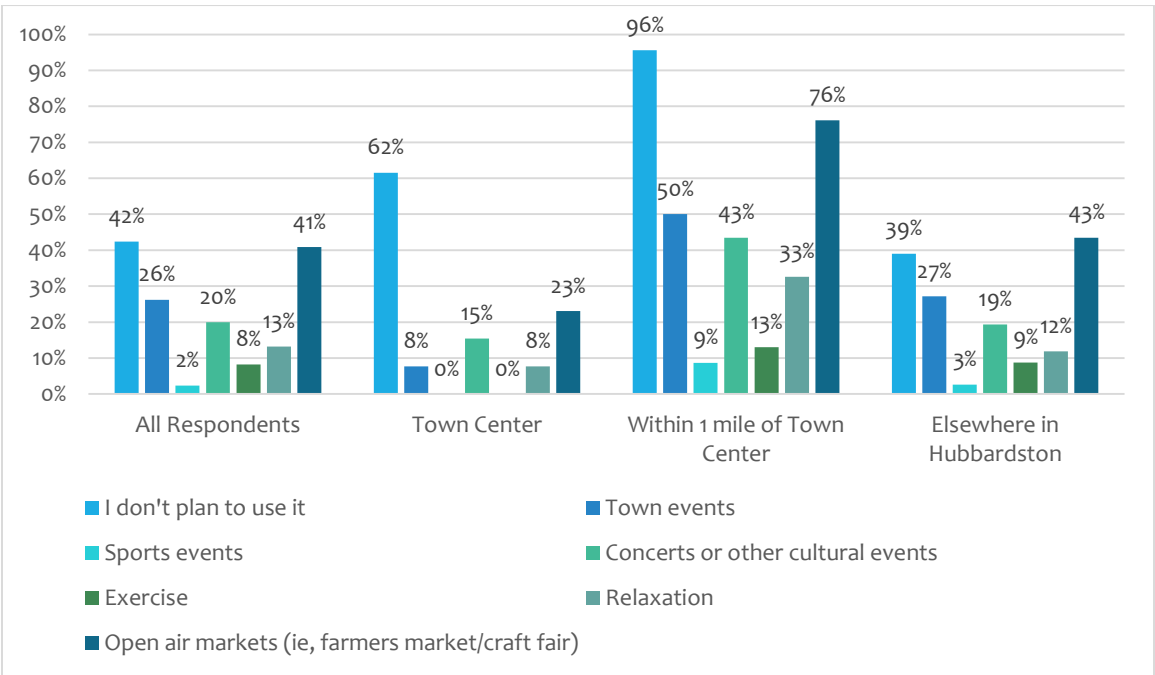


Other responses:

Respondents living in the Town Center
I would want to have the Town Common preserved
Respondents living within 1 mile of the Town Center
-no other responses-
Respondents living elsewhere in Hubbardston
Without enough parking there's not much that can be done to further utilize the space.
I don't have kids, so sports is not on my 'to do' list, but i LOVE that sports are played here
Maybe a nice sitting area, landscaped with hedges park benches and walkways.

Church functions
Gardens, birds, walkways to the old cementary.
Make the ground disable friendly and put up protected seating area
food if that ever happens
How about re-instituting Founder's Day (June 17)

4.4.2 How would you like to use Clark’s Corner in the future?



Other responses:

Respondents living in the Town Center
-no other responses-
Respondents living within 1 mile of the Town Center
The town sign is very useful and the site is much more attractive than it was before Clark's Corner was developed. The Christmas lights are beautiful. It would be better if the plantings were well maintained and attractive so that people would be encouraged to visit it.
too small to do anything with
See my comments above. As is, it is a poorly executed plan of town property.
Waste of space
continued information
what could you do here???
Respondents living elsewhere in Hubbardston
Again, parking would be a big problem.
Not sure
What is Clark's Corner? (I have lived here for 30 years and don't know that name!)
pretty small for a lot of these things and no parking
Suggest convert to green space with fast-growing shrubs and trees, hide signs,, give up on it being a location for events. It could be used for relaxation (bench) if it was shady and more attractive.
Maybe a nice covered picnic/sitting area like Barre Falls Dam.
It's useless

It is a very small area but maybe hold a historic walk in the town which would highlight the various historical wonderful places we have.

I don't even know what Clarks corner is

I don't know what Clarks Corner is

Informational

What could it be used for? How many people would fit there? Where would people park?

Not familiar with Clark's Corner

How???

an area to expand the fire station... I like Charlie, but the space could have been to better use

I don't know what Clarks corner is

Too small to do anything

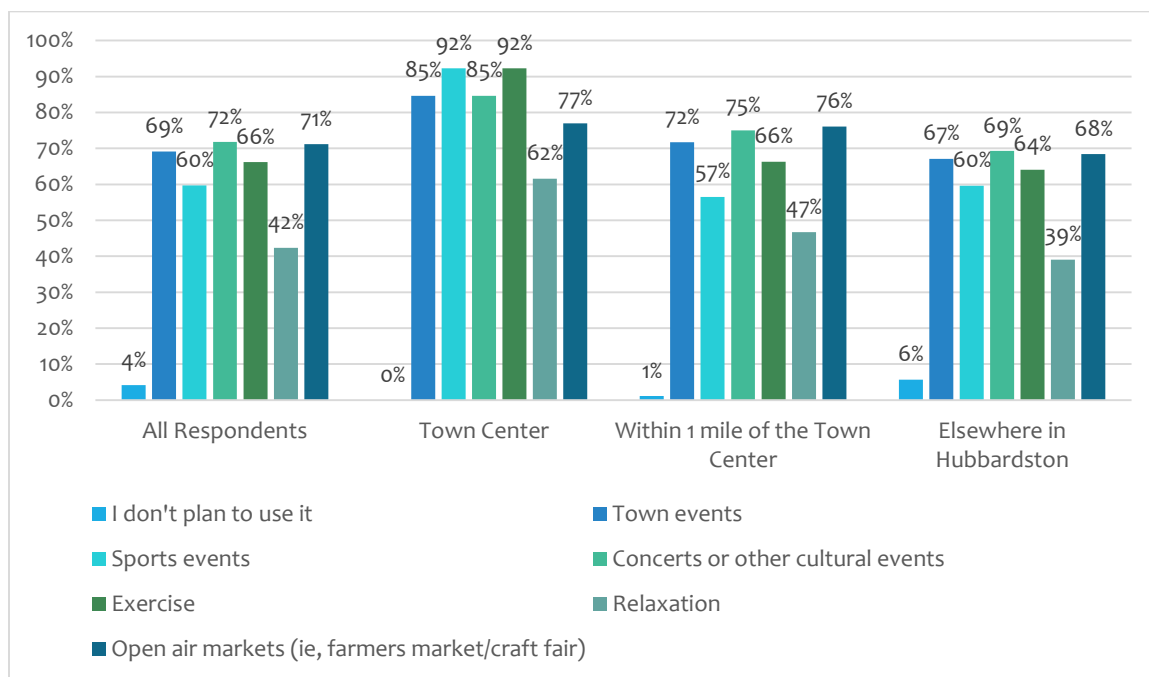
I enjoy seeing the gazebo lit for the holidays!

Can't you get rid of the corner and make a better fire station right there?

too small for any large gatherings

too small

4.4.3 How would you like to use the Recreation Field/Playground in the future?



Other responses:

Respondents living in the Town Center

-no other responses-

Respondents living within 1 mile of the Town Center

I'm sure my grandchildren will love the playground and may participate in sports events as they are older.

Playground

More play time for my child

car shows / car club get to gethers

What happened to the tennis and basketball courts that were supposed to be added here?

Playground

Family time/playground/dog park/basketball/skate park

Would like to see the recreation field with an updated and safer playground (separate younger and older kids' areas). Maybe a picnic area?
Improved natural landscaping.
Update around Clark corner just looks like a gazebo plopped on a vacant lot. Needs to be more welcoming. Town sign needs updating. Landscaping on the town common. Rec field is well taken care of & looks fine.
More utilization. They aren't used often enough
Shopping
clean up the skate park and playground - they both need to be monitored. let's take care of what we have! what condition are the sidewalks in now? if we add more, do we have the funds to take care of them?
Landscaping and structures like benches fountains bike racks etc
lights and signs
I'd love to see more things available for children to do.
Clark's Corner was a waste of money and space. It should be torn down along with Fire Station 1 and the land repurposed for a town building.
More commercial space and walking areas
I think we need to expand the Rec field area to include tennis and basketball courts. I also think we need to construct a greenway of sorts that connects all of the three town commons and the elementary school playground.
New trees along both sides of Main Street
a regular farmers market
Updated playground equipment; no rusty swings. Improved signage. Cleanliness. More trees on the south side of the playground.
Clark's corner is useless. Give it to the firestation to expand. Implement ordinances on properties, signs, appearance, on Main St.
A dog park at the recreational field. Town access to Comet pond from April to October .
being able to easily get to them to use them - and to have a reason to use them.
They all need beautification
The common and Clarksville corner seem to get little use - perhaps a couple small events or farmers market here?
Keep them looking fantastic enough where a visitor wants to stop aND TAKE A picture.
I would like to see more grass, less outbuildings.
side walks!
More choices especially for kids... See prior answers
Cleaner, more inviting
more fields
Peaceful restful
Parking for rec field expanded. Better signage for entrance exit etc....
Increase farmers markets and crafts/jewelry
Better basketball courts and tennis courts
Respondents living elsewhere in Hubbardston
Plant some Nonesuch Apple trees
Having a heart-healthy exercise trail put in and the track repaved at the Rec Field would be great!
Allow dogs on the rec field
Better annual budget for landscaping and beautification. Make it look pretty. Hire a professional landscaper if need be. Again, this should be annual - not just a one-time infusion of cash, but a yearly commitment to keeping public spaces beautiful.
Everything is so spaced out that it's tough to use them all and for us the one that makes the most sense is the rec Field. There is enough parking and that would be where we go on nice days to be outside, there is vertically no parking at the other grounds and traffic is quick.
Accesbility (parking and walking), during events, the parking lots fill fast...
cleaner more accessible
The Common.

The sidewalks and the cleanup both public and private property along Rt. 68 and makes our town look like a dump to outsiders.
Rec Field, would love to see a path for walkers/joggers. An enclosed dog park would also be really nice. Would love love love to see a regular farmer's market in town, too!
Benches
Keep everything neat and clean
Town common needs to be more accessible. Needs better parking for elderly.
I never knew in front of a church was the common. I never knew where to go for the ice storm in 2010. Comet pond always baffled me with special stickers
I would love to see more shade at/around the Rainbows End Playground. I would love to see more events there, with local clubs like the scouts, MOMS, Lions, school concerts, etc. More picnic tables, a sun shade and maintenance of playground equipment. I would like to see additional parking in the area especially for sporting events.
Feel hockey rink and anything that gives people a reason to go there
More town wide events
buildings on it have to be kept up as well as the grounds
See above re: Clark's Corner. Town Common doesn't feel like a town common and doesn't seem comfortable or welcoming. Needs much more greenery, flowers, bench, more indication that it is for anyone to use, not just the church.
I think that the properties around the downtown area make the cities buildings look rundown. I think they need to be cleaned up and updated.
Not much
Add basketball court & maybe a tennis court
Sidewalks, lights, less signs, nicer frontage. Less multi family homes.
Farmers market/craft fair
Music series
large shade trees
Better programs. Kids are leaving town for better opportunities.
I don't even know what Clark's corner is....
It would be nice to have a reason to use these areas other than exercise /sports at rec field.
get a town common that is large enough to be able to have fairs without being congested
I would love to see more added to the playground and rec field and have it be updated
Basketball hoops, street hockey rink,
Adding a side walk up to the rec field from the firehouse. What happened to adding tennis/basketball courts to the rec field area between the playground and skate park?
The skate park needs to be patrolled frequently. The teens that use it either smoke or leave trash around. They have been known to harass younger kids that are trying to use.
Overall the town is starting to look old, worn, and somewhat like a poor town. Especially the falling down or dis repaired houses/buildings.
Have Main Street look clean and maintained. Make improvements to the rec field.
None
Nicer sidewalks and lighting.
More modern amenities. Restaurants. Ice cream place!!!
Beautification, seating, lighting, outdoor events
Town needs more businesses that would be used both by the residents plus attract people from out of town, and perhaps tourist. Hundreds if not thousands of people pass through the town every Sunday when the flea market is open. There has to be a way to tap to attract this group of people.
Purchase the land behind the rec field and enhance parking and possibly put tennis courts, basketball courts, etc. High Street should not dictate what's best for the residents. Parking is a safety issue and therefore the rec field cannot be used properly. Also, replace the old sign at Clark's Corner with an electronic sign that could be updated and have more information - such as Holden's sign. We can modernize and still keep our "small town" atmosphere.

More user friendly, inviting , peaceful, variety of activities. I would like to see people feel as if the areas were available for everyone, now many people complain that if they aren't involved in soccer, for instance, they have no right to be at rec field. Community gardens might be nice, involvement of teens with cleaning areas, planting, painting, etc. A real community feel is what is missing.

Covered area for seating

start off by building an infrastructure and then see what occurs...

Better landscaping on town property. Road (rt 68) continues to the sidewalk allowing for better on street parking (and looks better). Lot next to post office gets cleaned up

seating and plantings on common, more activities

The town common could be a nice spot for a smaller event, maybe tied into the town yard sale. A farmers market is not a good idea for our town. Other small towns are struggling to keep theirs going. A specialized craft event utilizing inside the Unitarian Church and the town common could be rather nice. Biggest issue is parking. I have no idea how big or small Clark's Corner is or if there is any parking. The rec. field would be great for larger events. The car show a couple years ago for example.

Expand the rec field for more walking paths and add access to more parking on the High Street

Where is Clarks Corner ?

Would like to see them better taken care of and not allowed to get run down

Nothing

Year round access to the rec field. Repairs made to the walking path around the field. Repairs to the playground: either lots more gravel or removing it and replacing it with another material, as many of the in-ground concrete supports are dangerously exposed. Many of the metal playground structures are very worn and rusting, creating unsafe jagged metal edges.

I'd like to see the fencing at the field kept in good condition and possibly better lighting at the rec field.

allow dogs (on leash) at the rec field

walking track

Paint the run down buildings. That's all!!

I would like the library to be ADA compliant for easier access.

Landscaping

Clean, neat and looking inviting!

The town common and Clark's corner (and this is no disrespect to Mr. Clark's dedicated service to this country, I have the utmost respect for him) But these areas are of no use and could serve the Town better in other ways. Such as expanding the existing fire station.

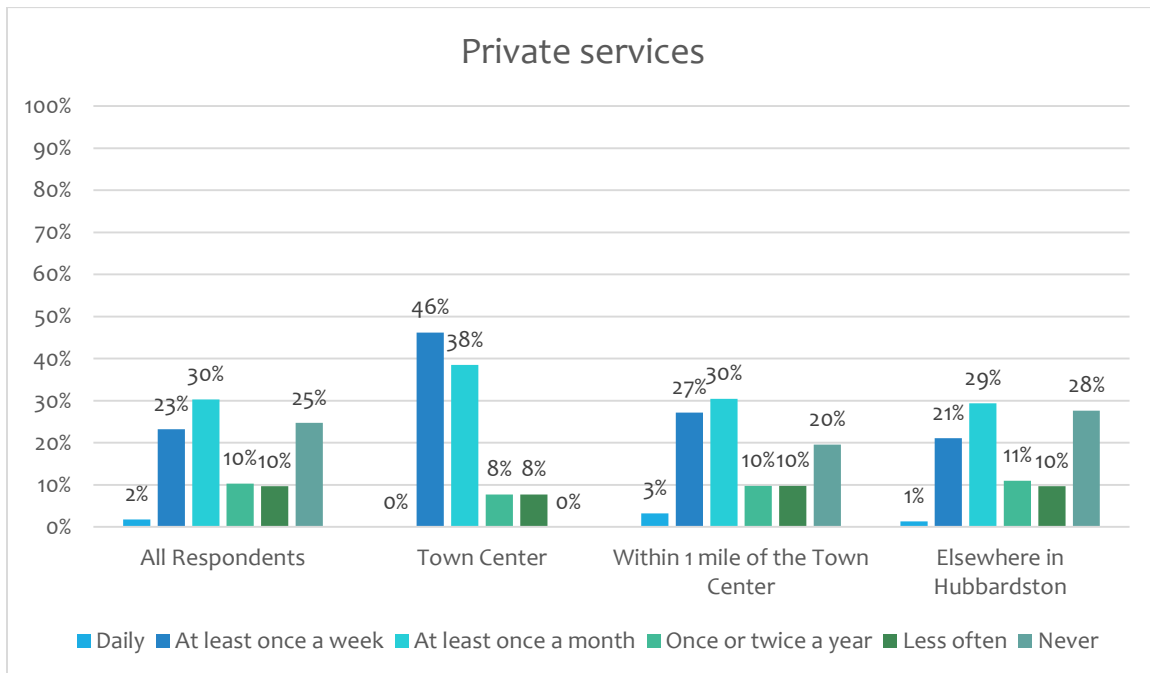
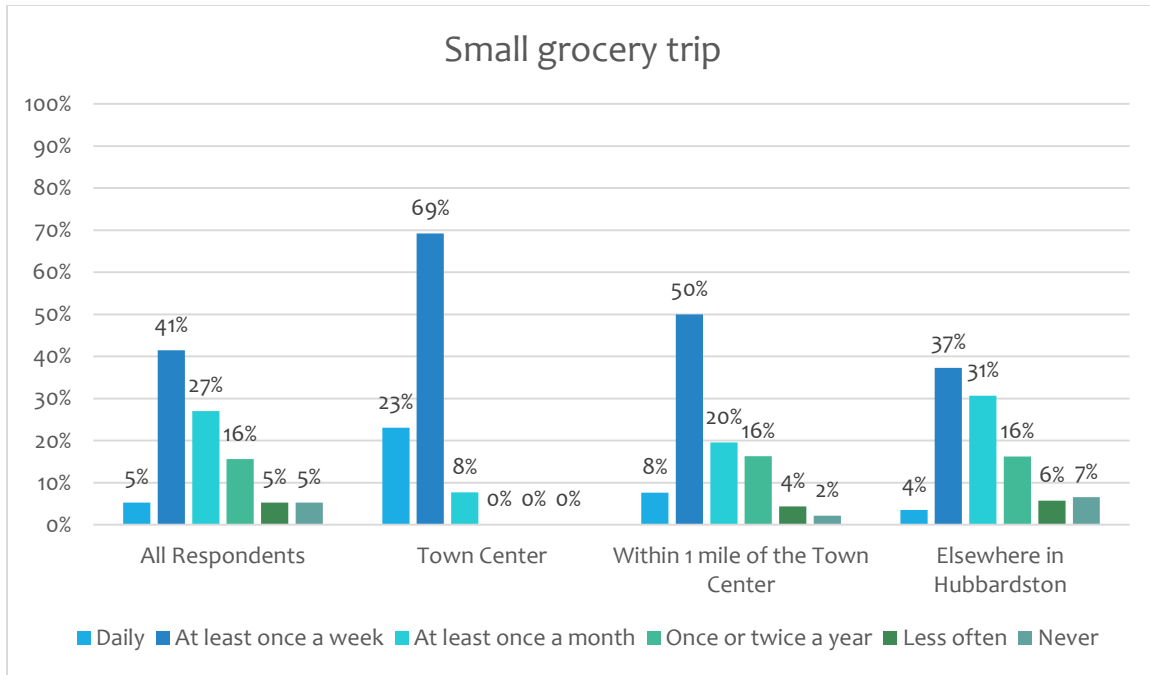
Frequency of events or activities to bring the community together.

I would like more facilities like basketball courts, tennis courts, etc.

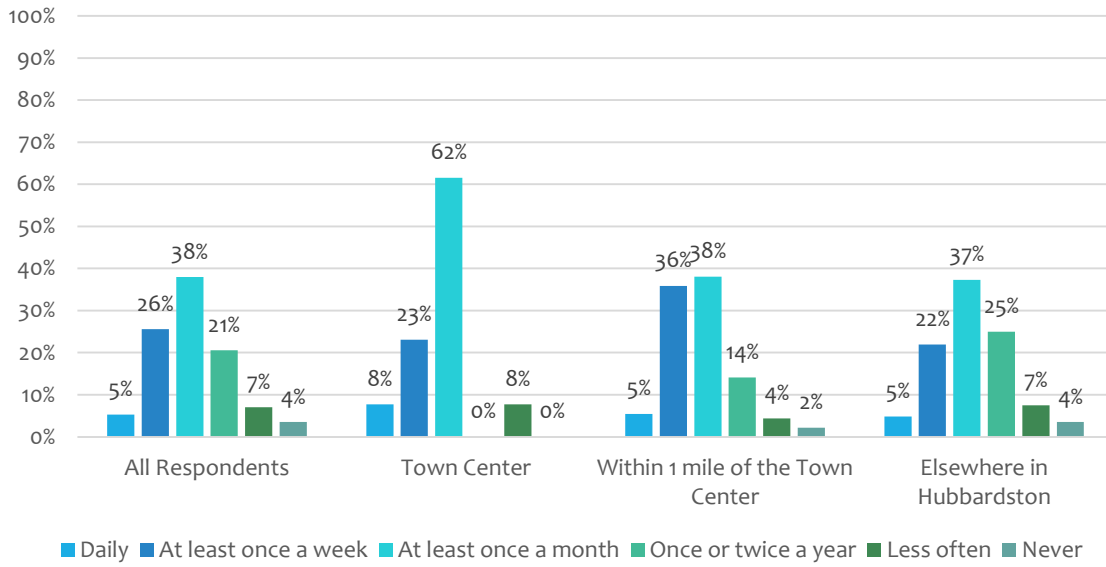
benches around the walking path

5 Opportunities for Generating Revenue

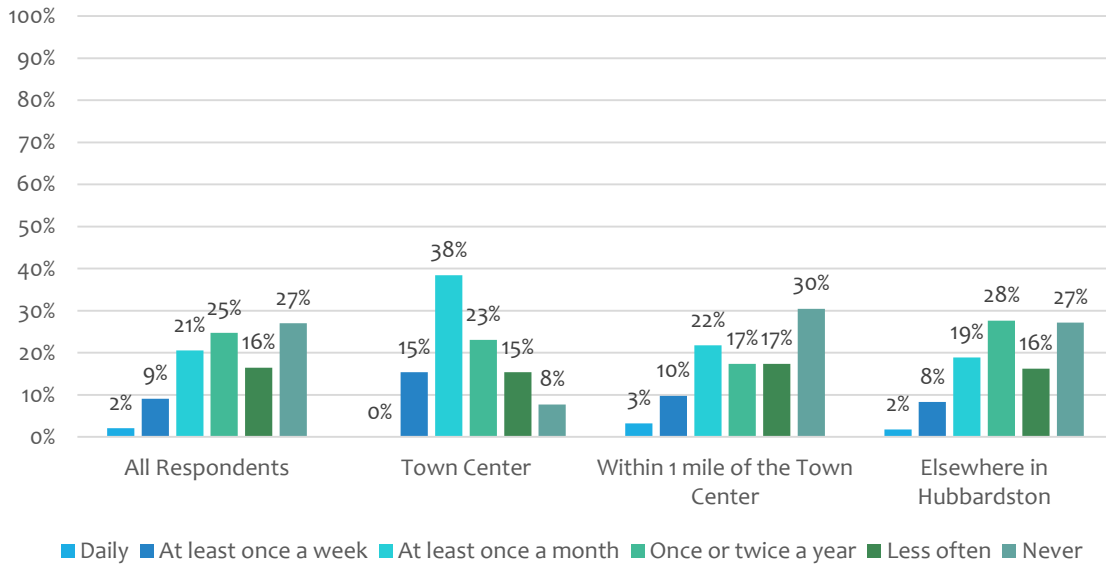
5.1 How frequently would you say that you use the Town Center for each of the following?

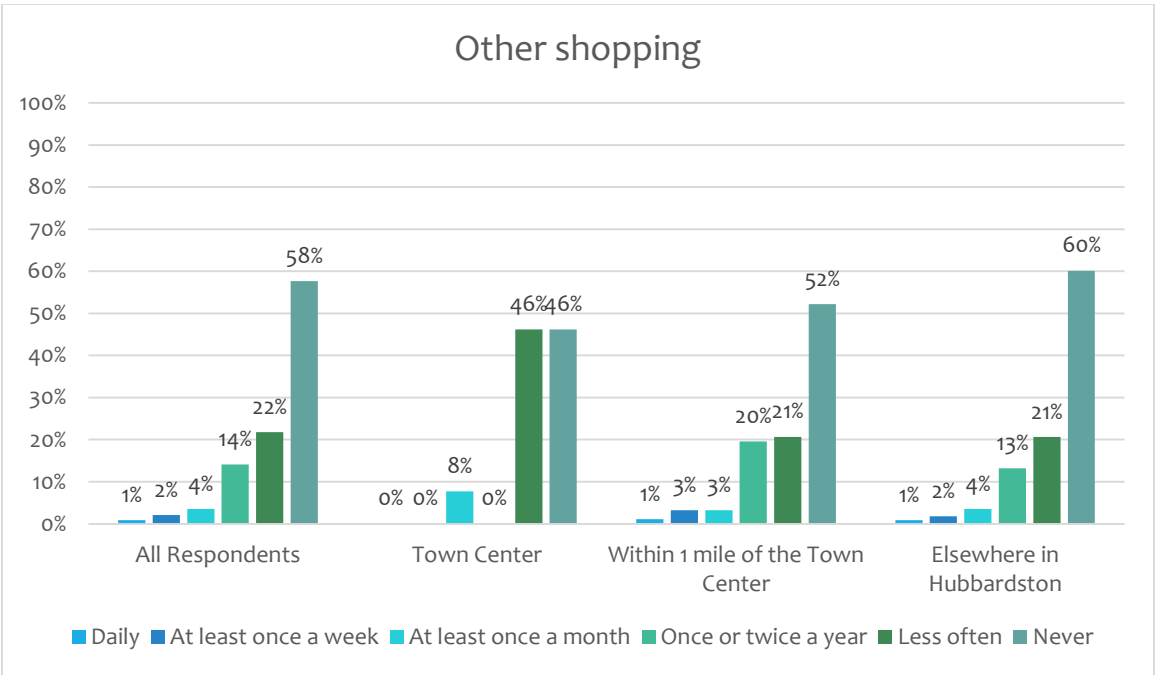


Public services

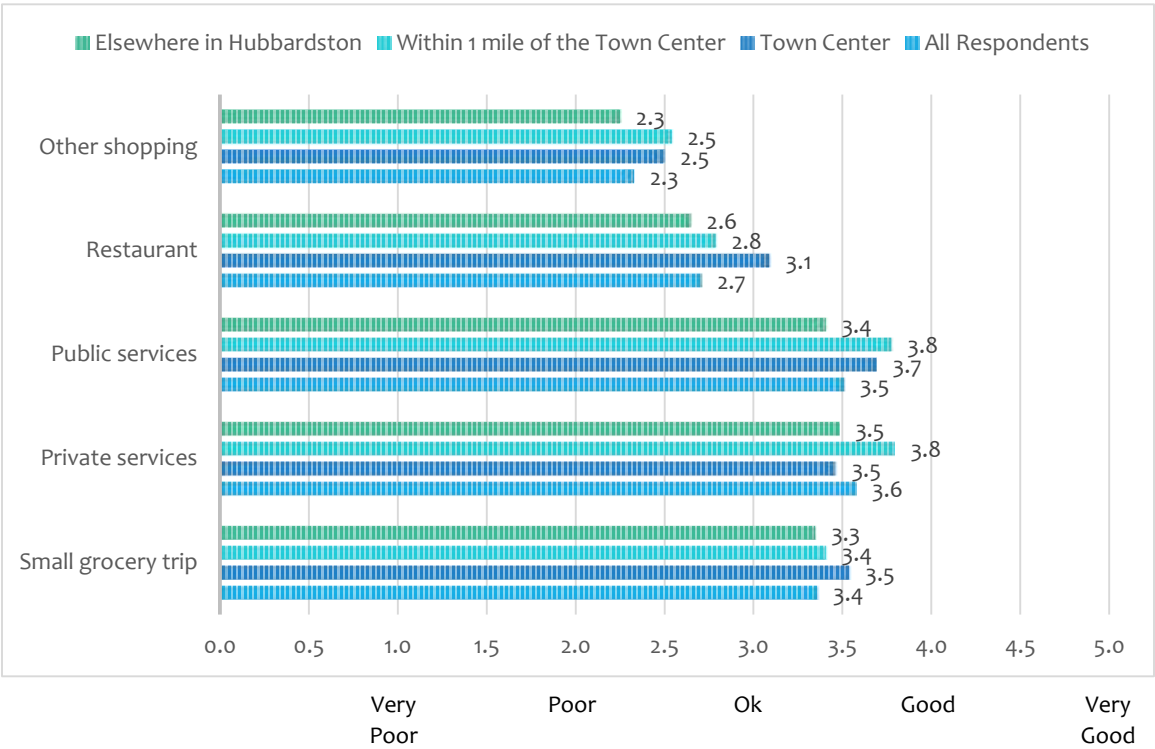


Restaurant

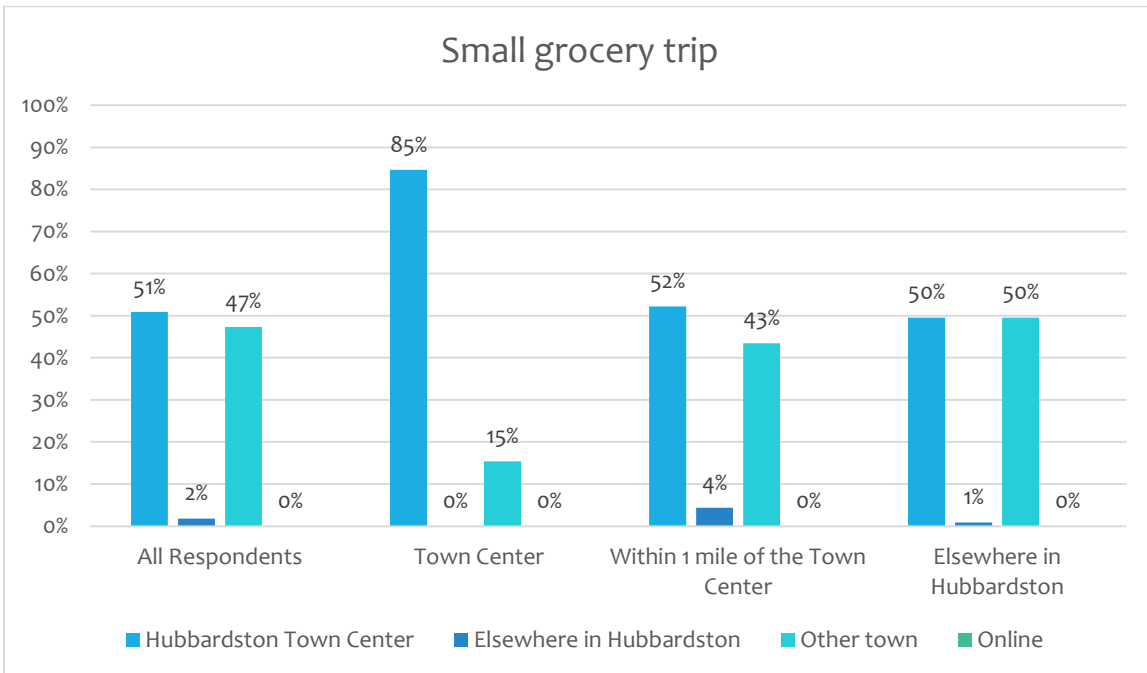
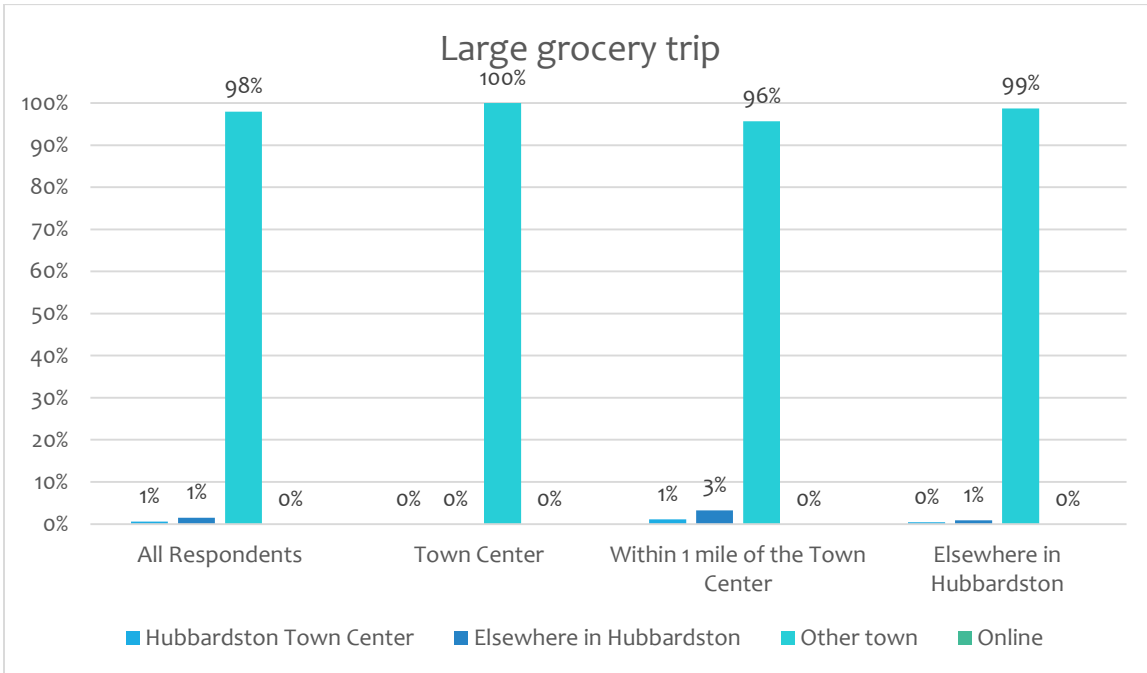




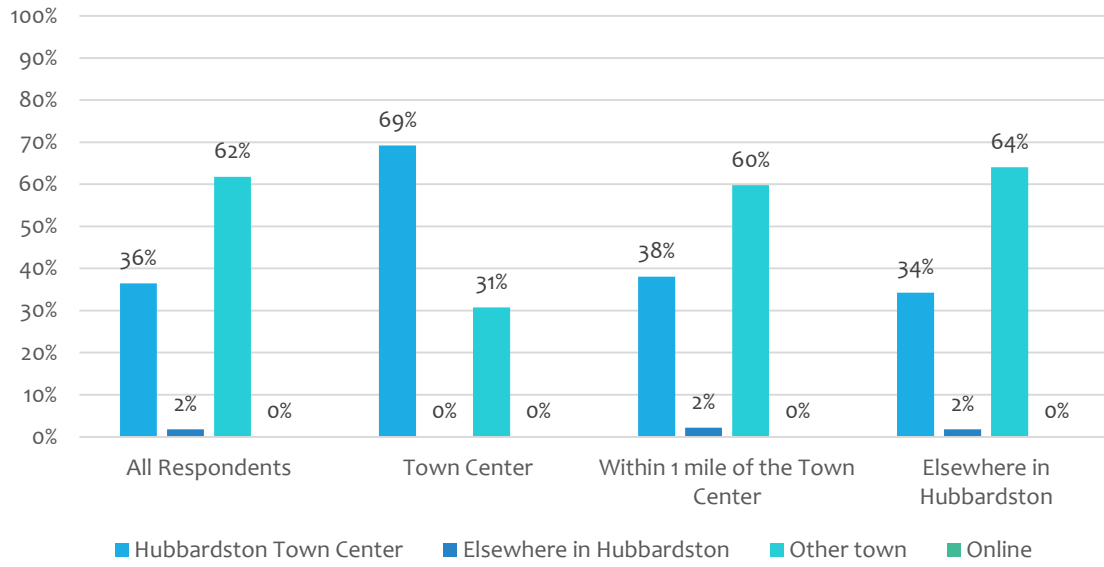
5.2 How would you rate the following shops/services in the town center?



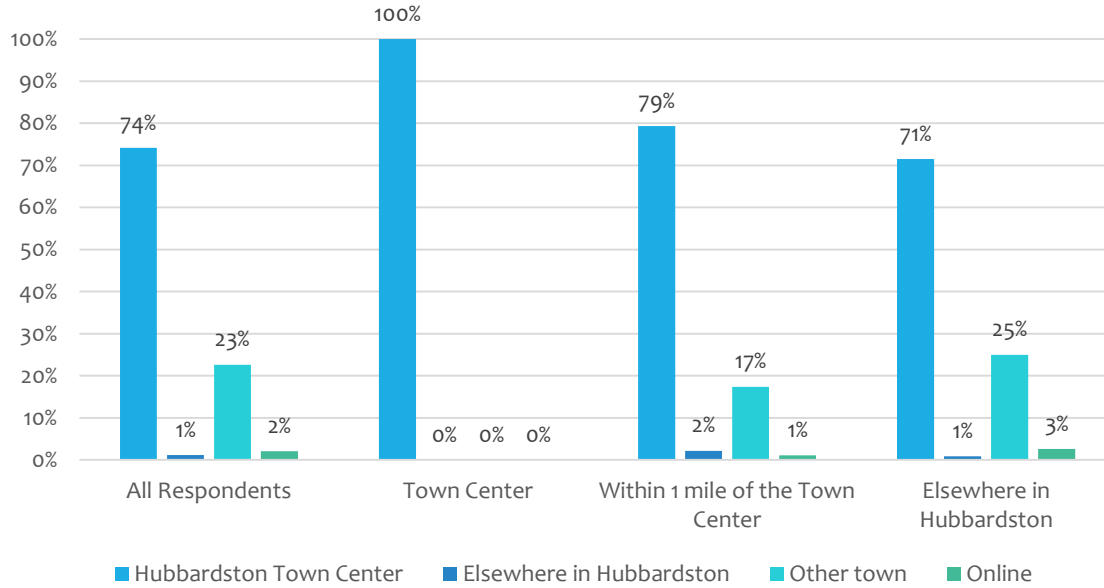
5.3 Where do you most often go for each of the following?



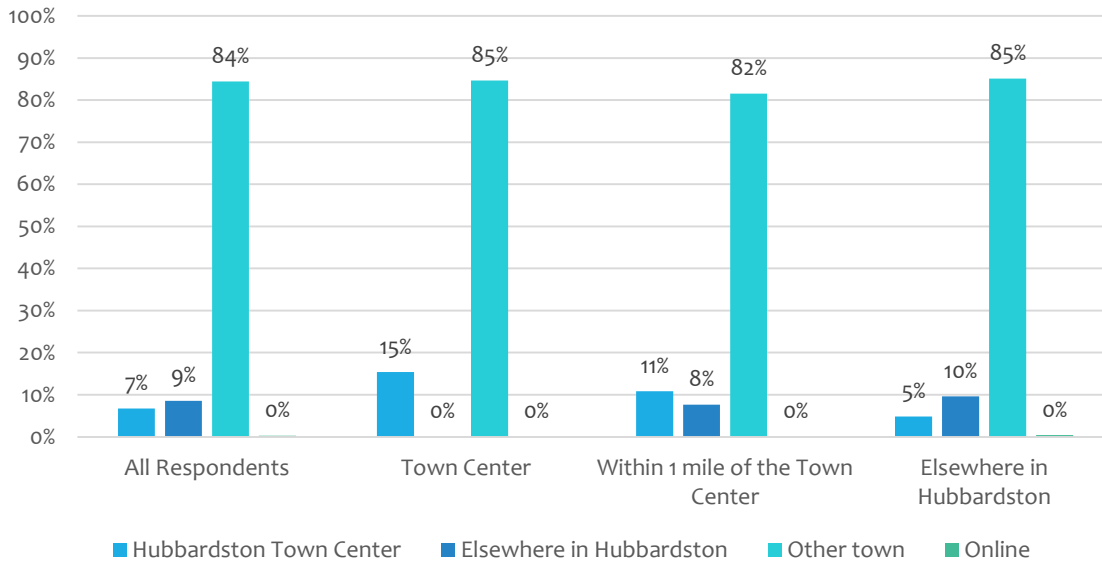
Private services



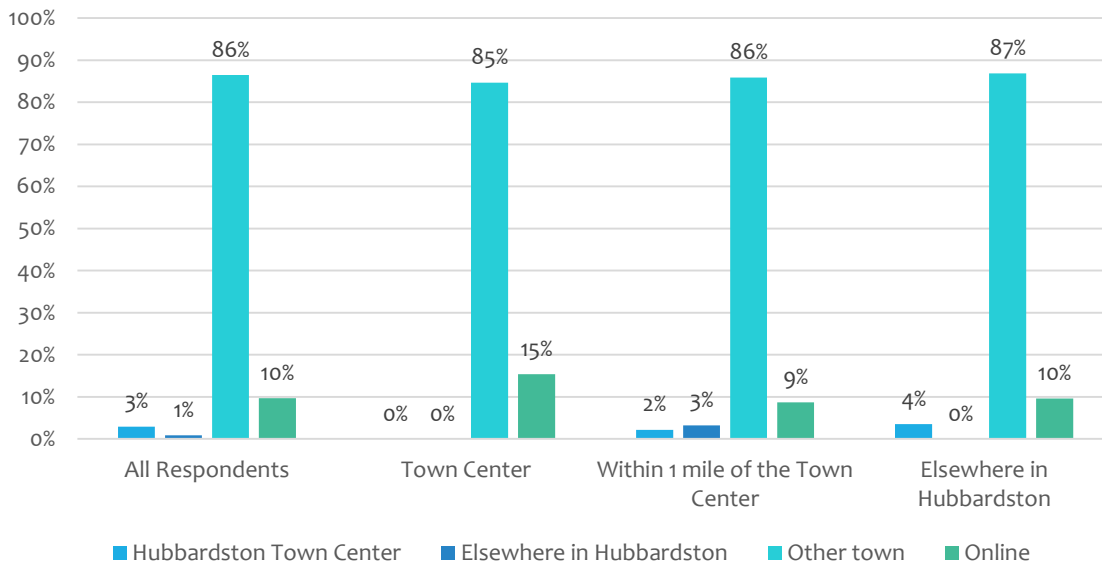
Public services



Restaurant



Other shopping



5.4 What shops, services, or other facilities would you like to see in the Town Center that aren't there now?



Respondents living in the Town Center
Diesel pump.
coffee shop
Restaurant
Respondents living Within 1 mile of the Town Center
Health food shop, restaurant(s), gym, gift shop, pharmacy, pet store/grooming, town pool, antique shop, liquor store
Bakery
Cafe, restaurant with outdoor space
prescription availability, chain restaurant, medical help
Reasonably priced: convenience/grocery, bake shop, eateries, quality thrift, specialty shops.
More restaurants/ice cream shop, Dunkin Donuts
Coffee shop, bakery, restaurant
Dunkin Donuts? A bigger convenience store with more selection? Pharmacy? A restaurant other than pizza?
Something like a Dunkin Donuts or other fast food chain. Perhaps even a full sized grocery store like Market Basket.
Service businesses such as doctor, lawyer, dentist etc. We need a decent restaurant somewhere in town. Pizza is fine once in a good restaurant would be a huge plus. Businesses that conform to our bylaws in all ways!
restaurant choices other than pizza joints
Just WHERE are these shops going --in peoples homes????
Any kind of stores so you won't have to travel out of town

None. More business brings more people and I want hubbardston to stay a small town
Ice cream parlor
Ice cream shop
a small cafe/deli/bakery
Dunkin donuts, grocery store, competitive priced gas
Slightly bigger/nicer food store
Pharmacy
Restaurants
Small shops.
Diesel fuel station
None
Dunkin donuts
Better restaurant.
Dunkin Donuts is about it.
This question is meaningless unless there is town water and sewer. That needs to be this Committee's first priority.
Coffee shop/restaurant
there is no room in town center without displacing the residents that are living there at this time. Selectboard needs to concentrate on fixing up the roads and sidewalks. The town does not have sewer or water systems to attract businesses without forcing residents to pay costly fees, so we cannot bring in larger or more attractive businesses or services. I moved to Hubbardston for the rural nature of the town, if I wanted shops and stuff along Main st I would have moved to Holden. Spend our dollars on town beautification, that will ultimately raise property values, provide additional real estate revenue, and make the town a more aesthetic place to live. We don't need another Holden.
Restaurants, larger grocery store, coffee shop, pharmacy
Coffee/bake shops, book store
I like the town the way it is, I don't think it would be the same town everyone has always loved if there were lots of chain businesses
Any other shops would be great to see as well as more restaurant options or coffee/cafe options
A more quality, verses quantity sub/ pizza shop. Something using local grown farms and products. The town could implement an ordinance to sell only locally sourced products. Such as eggs. Or goat cheese.
Dunkin donuts
I think we are one of the only towns in New England without a Dunkin' Donuts with a nicely modernized convenience store that sells more than just liquor and has multiple gas pumps that work well. Even downtown Gardner just got a nice new Cumberland Farms. It seems we have built over the years very cheap strip malls that attract businesses that never seem to thrive. Good restaurants are scarce in our area. If the center were fixed up a bit, we might attract better businesses.
Nothing. Keep it small. very small.
Health related, yoga, massage, day care, exercise. Hubbardston will never be a Shopping hot spot. Hubbardston is a bedroom community and should cater to the needs of these type of people. After/before work health activities and things to make the rest of a commuter's life better and closer to home. Activities that create a closer community-entertainment businesses. Nice restaurants, pub, live music, coffee house, stage shows. Professional services that are supported with virtual capabilities. Get faster real internet services.
Munitions shop.
with the exception of High Meadow Farm, Country Trails and A Thyme & Place, there is nothing really appealing in the downtown area; maybe they don't count here as they are not right downtown. It is convenient to have a gas station. There is so much traffic through town, but why would anyone stop unless they needed gas? Many buildings are very shabby. Ideally, something interesting inhabits the church at the end of Williamsville Road... (think Country Mischief, Templeton - or something similar) Maybe a REAL bakery. Maybe a nice general store that featured LOCALLY SOURCED foods & goods. I find it difficult to imagine how these businesses might be enticed to locate in Hubbardston.
Coffee shop/cafe. Ice cream stand. Book or stationary stores.

Craft places, antiques, Obviously can't compete with Super Walmart but certainly there is a place for quality merchandise at a reasonable price. There used to be a nice selection of handmade things in the store (with the rooster)..but I heard they stopped supplying due to town issues. Make the shops we do have more inviting... not so run down.
I'd like to see the properties on Main street clean up their facades. It's looking like Gardner now. Unattractive.
Nice restaurant . One of the houses made into a Senior Center and welcoming center for Hubbardston.
health (chiropractor, acupuncture, holistic), bakery, craft shop with classes. A cafe that is open in the evening - that would be huge, since it would function as a gathering place for folks who work out of town.
A decent take-out restaurant, (ie Chinese Take-out) Some sort of tavern, that could have live music.
A café
Create a commercial district that will welcome small chain businesses. Chinese Food, Auto parts, Medical facility for Dentist/Doctors, Tractor Supply, Cracker Barrel, Small Grocery Store like Trader Joe's. Micro Brewery, Wine & Cheese are just a few examples.
is PJ diner still open or the pizza place.. you have to go up 68 for pizza and food, no other place in town
Restaurant, cafe, bookstore of some sort - maybe one combined with a cafe, small grocery store
NO Dunkins or chain stores. Yes on any small store.
None
Certainly do not want to see any CHAIN type company. Much prefer to see local businesses. Maybe a fitness club. I'd really like to see a pub open up. Maybe an internet café/coffee shop type place.
Family owned, small town stores
More restaurant options
Nice restaurant farmer market art studios
I feel the post office needs improvements, wrong mail put in p.o. boxes and when I had mail delivered at home that was even worse
More restaurants variety.
Respondents living Elsewhere in Hubbardston
I like the town the way it is.
A restaurant, not a pizza shop. Actual restaurant you can sit down, order a meal, have a drink and listen to music.
A decent bagel place would be a Godsend. A restaurant that served creative sandwiches would be nice. Basically, convince Rose 32 to rename themselves Rose 68 and move to Hubbardston!
bookstore (not Barnes and Noble - second hand, unique)
I'd like a Bar/Restaurant
Hooters
Restaurants, farmers market, coffee shop, general store.
Better store/food selections a restaurant
A true country store/bakery. Another good pizza place/ice cream bar. Definitely a dunkin donuts.
Parking for the library is really poor!! (not sure where to put this answer)
See my previous answers.
There needs to be a sports bar.
Barber shop
coffee shop, restaurant and another choice for a gas station
Ice cream,
Cumberland Farms, fast food, auto repair.
Restaurants other than pizza, ice cream
Would love to see a fabulous restaurant
Variety of restaurants; professional services, such as doctors, lawyers, accountants, social services; antiques stores; boutique clothing.
With two pizza places (3, before Calico closed!), a Chinese takeout restaurant would be convenient. Dunkin Donuts would be nice, too! It would also be nice to see someone take over Calico's place, whether in the same location or a new one (ice cream stand, etc), although I know that wasn't strictly Town Center.
Yoga & exercise classes, hardware store,

A good breakfast place would be wonderful for the town. Three of us ate at the current diner twice and were so disappointed we will never go back. They give you a very small amount of food and charge a lot for it. The food there is really bad. The service was terrible and the diner is filthy!!

A variety of somewhat larger stores

Another place to go for coffee and sandwiches

I would LOVE to see a place like Rose 32 in Hardwick open up in Hubbardston.

Hardware store

Different eating establishments, coffee house

None

Business to improve the tax base.

Grocery store, pharmacy, restaurant, nail salon, barber, dunkin donuts

Coffee shop, pub

Ice cream!! So sad Calico & Cream retired

Ice Cream for summertime

hardware/feed store, franchised coffee shop, drug store, ice cream shop

Coffee shops, drug store, art shops, bookstore, deli, bakery, restaurants.

Café

Real restaurant

Dunkin donuts, new public safety

Dunkin Donuts

More restaurants, a bar, small shops

Auto repair, clothing stores, restaurant

Chinese or Thai take-out / sit down restaurant,
better more accessible town offices

Restaurants, Bakery, Book/coffee shop,
A decent coffee shop complete with pastries and noms.

Restaurant

Calico and crème

good food, hardware store, movies on the common, farmers market

Subway. Dunkin

New Senior Center and Fire and Police Facility. Let's build it now!!!

None

Dunkin Donuts. Chinese restaurant

Bakery, dog park

Restaurants would be nice, other than pizza places

pharmacy, clothing

More restaurants; antiques/consignment shops, boutique clothing, book store/coffee shop.

Dunkin donuts with a drive through

Nothing.. other than gas station with inside store for milk that is good enough... don't need people driving in and out to get butts

I think if we could bring in more businesses and have it be more like a classic main street type area would be better. Maybe a yarn store that also did classes. Maybe a coffee shop. Maybe something for kids?

More restaurants, drive up ATM, local business shops, movie theatre, grocery store

Coffee shop or other fast food stop

Coffee shop, something for the teenagers to hang out :)

A more upscale restaurant than pizza or a diner. Somewhere where you are waited on.

I really like the farm store with the big Rooster and the little shop across the street. Pizza palace is great. They are all clean environments and friendly, good service. Hubbardston market is good and has wonderful service. The building is run down. A nice formal restaurant would be wonderful. More shops like the one across from the big rooster store.

Nice local restaurant like Picasso (barre). Nice local market/eatery like mountainside market (princeton) or the country store (petersham).
too bad the town lost a chiropractor
Cumberland farms. Cheaper gas
Car wash
How about getting a store or restaurant other than a pizza place???
None
Dunkin donuts drive thru, new homemade ice cream place, nice restaurant
Dunkin donuts, redbox
Nice small pubs or cafes,gift store, small boutique etc... Would love to see some of the older homes turned into something nice like a restaurant ,gift store, a gathering spot for the elders in town...many of these old homes are so beautiful but need work and a purpose.
Gift shops, quality mom and pop restaurants, hardware store for example.
Good restaurant & tavern - not just breakfast, Subway, gift shop/general store reopened at Wheeler Store, pet store. Give incentives to businesses and reward local businesses.
I would love to see a nice restaurant, maybe a little cafe for specialty sandwiches, deserts, fruit drinks. Farmers markets and or country store with fresh produce area honey, crafts, pickles in barrels, bird seed.
Drive Thru Dunkin Donuts, Market Basket
I need a fire/police station before I need a senior citizen drop in center, as senior citizens don't protect us or put out fires. I also believe that we need a new town office for the safety and comfort of our valued town employees. I am a senior citizen and do not have any relatives who work for the town.
Boston Donuts
decent food (doesn't have to great just decent); coffee shop; Cellular service or better yet- Fiber optic (dream); This town needs infrastructure. Seems to me that we have a minimal infrastructure. Build the infrastructure first
Restaurants!!!
a good restaurant and a coffee shop
I would like to see small restaurants other than pizza or coffee shops.
Restaurant
better parking at post office, coffee shop ie Dunkin Donuts
General Store, craft shops, local art, restaurant/pub, antique store
Another Bank, pharmacy, decent restaurant, farmers market such as the one in Barre
Restaurant
I'd like to see a family restaurant with good food.
A real restaurant would be nice
hardware store
A Real Package Store
Grocery store in one of the vacant lots, even a drug store.
None
Coffee shop, bakery, ice cream, larger supermarket, deli/sandwich shop, clinic/dental
Chinese restaurant would be nice, boutique
More variety of shops, I feel Hubbardston could be great for small businesses, but I also feel high rents prohibit that.
A great "green grocer" for really fresh vegetables year round, maybe a Co-op with a healthy, happy, inviting menu at good prices for those of us on restricted diets and limited incomes!
How about an actual sit down "good" restaurant. A drive-thru dunkin donuts would be a great idea not only for your coffee needs but for jobs for our younger folks in town.
A larger market. Library open more often...maybe with a cybercafé. A nice restaurant.
A nice restaurant - not pizza or a diner
Laundromat, book store, antique shop, drug store, another bank or credit union
medium size market; barber shop; unique shops; ice cream shop
Don't think it matters what people want since it depends on private individuals wanting to open a business in town ??

The Town needs to get out of its own way with respect to by-laws around septic. I think they are being managed in an outdated way and need to be modernized. More parking would help. And sidewalks all the way from Elm/Brigham to New Templeton.

An old fashioned general store like the Petersham Country Store.

I don't think that we need to improve Town Center for shopping, how many would like a commercial business to be located next to your home?

Allowing business's in town

It shouldn't become one. Not a commercial town. Rietta is enough

There is no open space in the center to accommodate any additional businesses and there are restrictions regarding public water and sewer

a General store

A quality restaurant

Lower prices. Milk rewards at convenience store (like honey farms) chain store value

Newer, nicer, cleaner

I don't think the town should be a shopping destination, it would ruin the town.

I don't want the Center to become a shopping destination.

Parking and historic gift shop

Better restaurant

unknown.

Town water and sewer.

Updated water/sewer down town with more sidewalks

Don't need to bring in 'more' businesses or services, so I repeat what I said before, spend our dollars on town beautification, that will ultimately raise property values, provide additional real estate revenue, and make the town a more aesthetic place to live. We don't want or need another Holden.

If more was offered and if it was not so expensive.

It's great the way it is !

Variety

Shopping destination for what demographic? Hubbardston is a mix of money. My kids are in school at the after school program, and some parents have a problem with paying the small amount needed. I'm not sure if the town wants to grow. I think she's happy as she is.

I don't want to. The last thing I want is to attract others to come here to our town to go shopping. I moved here because it's small and I want to keep it that way.

Hahaha, don't be ridiculous and waste time and money here. Not an option.

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More variety with high quality merchandise, especially local and organic. Easily walkable.

Add more choices. I'll stop into the Rooster store for a few things as well as the craft place.... they both look inviting and have interesting items.

The old guard in the City has driven business people away. The downtown generally looks like a dump and worn out.

Re-do.....sidewalks and lites to start.

more than just small groceries and booze.

You need STORES of every kind!

Beautification. Better parking. Interesting shop or restaurant

First is to get that Pallet Company to clean up and beautify its location. It looks like a junk yard. Utilize that adjacent lot for businesses. Look at Barre, Petersham and other old centers and make our town center as beautiful as a calendar picture. Create a country style building complex that can have kiosk type style stores for area producers to bring there wares for sale without making the rent/product pricing such that people won't buy. You want the consumer to buy in Hubbardston not 9 miles away in Barre or Gardner. Create a zoning district that allows this to happen and keep it country. It may require trips to the Berkshires/Amherst and Southern New Hampshire to see how they did it and how to make the ideas become a reality and support them so they can flourish and create a win/win for everyone.

Better variety in the shops/restaurants/places to go, sidewalks throughout the center and improvements to the ones that are there but not in good shape, having a farmers market (summer and winter would be awesome but even just summer would get me to go there more), small grocery store to pick up something quick
More stores would make for a better shopping destination. I would not like to see that happen. People come visit and tell me how the town center is old fashioned. They miss the quaintness of country life.
I don't want it to be a shopping destination
Awesome shops, not a chain store please. I'd rather it stay as is than see a big company chain store of any kind.
more options
Parking
A store like Target, Market Basket, or Trader Joe's.
Organic store opening next to mr mikes
More tax benefits for businesses in Hubbardston to appeal to small businesses
Respondents living Within 1 mile of the Town Center
More parking, investment in businesses
Better parking and signage. Having unusual, boutique shops unavailable elsewhere.
I would enjoy an antique mall and I think it would add to the quaintness of the community. A nice restaurant would be lovely.
Bar/Restaurant
duh more stores
Find a way to relax restrictions on things like parking and sewerage. Work WITH prospective business owners rather than against them. Maybe even actively seek certain much needed businesses, such as restaurants. Possibly even acquire some properties when they come on the market, then renovate and rent those properties out to business owners. I don't know if the town has ever done anything like that before, but start small... for example, purchase one of the homes that are for sale along Main Street, then fix it up a bit, add a few parking spots, and rent it out for a reduced rate to anyone who will run it as a restaurant. See how it goes for a couple years, then if it is working, do it again with a few more properties.
More variety, local produce stands, affordable prices
More variety of shops, good parking
See my previous answers
More store. Better variety.
Restaurant with beer and wine at least!
More shops, more restaurants, Antique shops, Dunkin Donuts, Farmer's mkt.
Seek businesses to come to town.
The market is crappy and over priced. Mr mikes doesn't really have anything either.
Off-street parking and sidewalks; buildings available to be used/converted into the types needed to accommodate the businesses that I mentioned above.
More easily walkable, more visibility/better signage for existing shops
Amature theater group, gardening shop,
Farmer's Markets are the greatest. They support local farms and small family operations. You get fresh, delicious vegetables and produce, as well as baked goods and home-made treasures of all kinds. Please start a Farmer's Market and see the wonderful results.
A little country store like the one in Petersham that serves food and has really different food items to buy.
Hubb Market building is kinda un-inviting. There's nothing there that says "Stay, hang out, enjoy some time with friends and neighbors"
If you go to Templeton. The Country Mischief. If you go to Westminster a very user friendly library new Senior Center a great Westminster Cafe. Vincent's market has a great bakery. I wish Hubbardston could have anyone of these
much more variety and better parking
None
Variety and good clothing boutiques
Coffee shop, real restaurant that has a bar

we have plenty of through put in summer due to flea market, but in winter improvements to road maintenance might assist. Knew when coming into Hubbardston after the two recent storms... just saying
Not sure, but I do know I located my business in Gardner (in 2007) because Comcast is so much better than Charter for Internet and phone.
more variety
Hardware store or general store
Sidewalks, street lights, more business'
Commercialized business
More variety, and better parking
Better parking, better sidewalks, more variety of stores
Put stores in place of the multi family homes.
Parking esp at post office Better restaurants Interesting shops Better roads leading to town
attractive commercial space, flexible zoning, community parking, reconfigure post office (which sucks: parking and appearance) and combine with country store/coffee shop type of business
Variety and advertising. Being right on 68, the location isn't bad; it just isn't terribly inviting currently.
None
see above
Not really sure as the space is small and there is a fine balance at wanting to keep the town quaint/rural. I think if buildings and houses were painted, lawns were kept up, flowers/color were added. That would go a long way at the appearance of Hubbardston, but not sure its ever going to be a shopping destination.
People want to shop local, a farmers market or fairs would help bring the community together to make it easier for more small businesses to do good in town as well
Bike lanes
More variety. Town needs more business
no.... create other business ideas/revenue outside of services and certainly NO COMMERCIALISM
I think bringing in more businesses, restaurants, and updated everything would be a big help. I think making sure there's enough parking and good sidewalks would help.
More shops, larger grocery stores, retail store like Target, more sporting venues
Coffee shop/donut shop
Large veg and flower farmers market (like westminister) on weekends. Clean it up. It really is starting to look like a "poor" community.
What type of shopping destination? I think a strip mall would hurt downtown.
more parking; more variety of shops
Good food
Hardware store
Stores with more variety, do we have room for a Target?
None
More amenities, unique coffee shop or restaurant or bakery
I don't see it as a big shopping Mecca, I see quaint shops and cafes
Need to reconstruct street and sidewalks and include lighting, perhaps similiar to Holden. We need more business traffic, however, I have noticed that MASS Pallet looks to be closed, Calico & Creme is closed, Stone Bold is closed, and the little building has had numerous businesses come and go. In my opinion, the town population could not support the above. The town needs to be more aggressive in bringing in new light duty industry or office facilities that would use the above amenities.
Impossible
I love that Hubbardston is a small town, I would not want strip malls and such. I would like a country feel of little shops and family tradition . Many people that come through town feel like Hubbardston is not living up to what they thought the town would look and feel like. They would like to stop in the town to make purchases of local goods but they have to go to Petersham or Barre instead.

I also wonder about having a little supply store for gardens, hardware, ect. It seems that we have had a few of these places in the past, but they never stayed because of taxes or regulations.

All we have is Mr Mikes, Hubbardston Market and Pizza Palace..nothing else. Businesses don't come here or do not stay and that fact needs to be explored.

Add more businesses along rt 68

The pallet place should be gone, along with the building on Gardner Road that is a couple of buildings up from GFA. Both of those pieces of land would be a great area for town buildings.

infrastructure.. lighting, paint, communications (cell/fiber); technology - LCD lighting; parking; outsource and automate some of the town functions/services.

More local and organic options as well as a farmer's market.

Not sure. Probably need specialty shops.

Unique stores that people want to visit

better mix of shops

It would be nice to have a larger farmer's market type venue or a couple other stores that would have a variety of items people need.

Stores besides the two that are nearly identical

Let business in!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Stop riding the backs of the homeowner

more selection and variety. Look at Westminster they have everything you would need. Which is why I don't go into town even though it is closer for me.

Parking

unique shops, with eye appeal that are not competing with the large stores , ie walwart, or the mall. Also, the main street of town looks like a dump, why would anyone want to be there.

Doesn't need to be a "shopping destination", just provide more basic services and make facilities more attractive, i.e. - not run down

More variety.

More stores

larger variety of business and better parking to access them

I larger variety of products available.

I don't want it to be a 'shopping destination'.

farmers market

A real package store

Grocery store, a deli, a pub type restaurant..

None

unique specialty shop, hobby, full service restaurant

Birthday and Holiday cards/ items

More small, quaint shops, (think Newburyport, Rockport etc.)

Would it be possible to find a way to have the seniors develop a drop in center that serves food in some way in one of the vacant buildings? Peacham, Vermont rehabbed a part of their old Country store and now has a small restaurant that is community supported!

Another strip mall with some more choice of business' there just isn't enough choices in town. A small grocery market would be great.

More variety. A place showcasing local produce and products. A pharmacy.

Walk ability and nice boutiques

see above, tasteful, non-garish signage

a larger variety of retail spaces

Specialty shops, ice cream place, nice café, general store

It would need to be something that's unique...perhaps an indoor farmer's market that offers local dairy, meats, fruits & veggies along with handmade items.

a residential area and should remain that way -- residential. No amount of revenue can be gained for the town coffers by inviting businesses to locate in an area that provides no parking, no septic or water services.

Improvements to anything is always good. Landscaping and beautifying is always a plus. Make us a welcoming town!

I don't like the consignment shop set up. Old clothes everywhere in cardboard boxes, looks trashy. Besides that, the beautiful old homes and large trees I love

To encourage more businesses such as a restaurant or small shops, take the property north of the shitty pallet company and make it a shopping center or force the pallet company to relocate. They are an eye sore!!!!

modernize our town and have fourth of july fireworks please!!

I would like to see our center kept small, no more traffic, but make it safer for walking and restore the playground and skate park!

Go big! This is our town!! Thinking of moving. Want to stay.

Keep the country feel, just spruce it up a bit.

Where are the families who live there going to go? It's their homes that would have to go to make room for businesses and I think you should give their opinion far more weight than those of us who will not be adversely impacted by any changes that occur on Main St. Back in the 1970's the Worcester Galleria was going to revolutionize downtown Worcester. It did that all right. Split downtown Worcester in 2, killed off the Main St business (remember Denholm's?) and after forty years, tore it down. With more businesses on Main St. what will happen to the Horribles Parade, or Baseballs' Opening Day Parade, or the Memorial Day Parade? Those activities are part of the reason I love living here.

The town center doesn't have an traditional town common. The town common is really just the front yard of the church. Nothing you can do about the ugly run down homes.

Our future is limited by our lack of vision. The Committee should take this information and raise money (to which I would contribute) to fund a rendering of what the Center could be as a first step in this lengthy process.

Keep Hubbardston rural.

I love staying in town, it is so inconvenient to go to gardner or barre for everything or even holden. I would love to see a learning center like barre has that offers reasonable priced classes for my kids. I would love to help grow my town economically but there is nothing in town I would go to right now.

Probably will never attract anything like a Macdonalds or DnD because of a lack of sewage / water Should perhaps focus on small unique artistry shops Anything from pottery to black smithing to woodcarving, weaving, etc

I think we should keep the same small town vibe. People move here to be in the quiet country, if they want to live somewhere with a dunkin donuts, move to the city !

Small, Keeping it small. clean and safe is key! It's the reason why I moved here and bought a house to raise a family, I liked how small it was. I like the fact that after a certain hour it's dead, nothing going on here. I'm all for upgrading the area and making it safe or safer for walking but keep it small and simple.

Call me, obviously. Get some real Hubbardstonians involved.

Good Luck!!

I like the lack of street lights throughout town. I appreciate being able to see the stars. However, a few attractive historic lights in the downtown might be nice (for ease of trick or treating etc.). I like the look of Princeton's town center with the historic nature very well intact, and I also appreciate the decorations that the town of Holden does seasonally. It would be nice to incorporate some of those aspects. I would also like better signage and maps showcasing all the fabulous natural areas that we have to walk and hike in throughout the town. It would be great to have that printed out with what's allowed where i.e. cross country, no motorized vehicles, pets okay. Also, letting people know where they can park and picnic etc.

I love that you are taking this survey.... a step in a great direction. I hate that I leave our town for everything. Maybe we could set up a yearly Triathlon sprint event - we have commet pond, nice place to bike and run.....portion of proceeds can go to the town. More healthy choices - I would love to see healthy, farm grown, food available, I think there may be a place that sells grass fed protein but I'm not sure.

Keep expanding the rec field. The only bright spot in the town.

We need to live within our means when spending taxpayers money. Hubbardston is a good community for families and small businesses. So encourage small businesses, small facilities for our town offices, police, fire & senior

center. Hubbardston is a quaint town and have a town center that would not look patched up by buildings larger than what the town really is.

Not knowing how to accomplish this, I would like to see a Town Center that draws the community together - heck, CREATES a community. At present, except for a very small core of residents, most people who live in Hubbardston seem to live their lives elsewhere. They are good folks, just unengaged. Let's find a way to engage and involve them in the town - in a positive manner. (not just to vote things down)

There has to be something to make the continuous drive-thru traffic, stop & visit the Town Center. I really don't know the solution, we're such a small town.

I just recently moved here, with the plan to live here long term and raise a family, and am very excited about the possibility of downtown being revitalized.

We need more sidewalks that are well cared for and plowed. Better set up for parking around the school at drop off and pick up times.

I love our little town. Dont want to see major growth but it would be nice to see some more options for kids and families at the ball fields.

I love the picturesque and historical views.

A very nice town that's needs creativity :)

A gym facility for all ages, an indoor activity center for multi-generational activities.

Lights at Brigham Street for safety reasons and keep it plowed and sanded in the winter, as people slide down that road into the street.

Respondents living Elsewhere in Hubbardston

Large planters along Main Street tended to by the Hubbardston Garden Club (if it still exists) or sponsored by business would be lovely.

Library parking, post office parking, booth are too limited...

I don't want it built up with chains. The convenience/gas places are nice to have and serve well. The houses look a little run down. Rec field is great, we need the basketball/tennis courts in there!

It's just plain hideous, what exactly am i getting for my taxes?

Parking is an issue. Speeding is an issue. Better stores. Need a bar.

Brick cross walks, decorative lamp posts, fountain, stone walls would go a long way to make the space more inviting.

A vibrant Town center is going to increase the tax base and attract the kind of families, young professionals, that we need for our town to prosper in the future.

Please do not do any building or try and make Hubbardston into a metropolis. It is a beautiful, old-fashioned historical town. There are not many left and it would be great for Hubbardston to stay the way it is. These are reasons people choose to live here. Thank You!

I used to live in Princeton and their Town Center is so neat and clean and historic. Hubbardston could be as nice if it was kept up. We love it here!!!

The bank was a real asset for the town.

Dressing it up is all it needs. Better lighting for safety and sidewalks. Keeping it small.

The area is dead. Would like to see a historic, pretty town center with events for everyone not just those with kids. More shopping would be great. I hate having to drive to Gardner all the time. We also need the new town building for the police, fire and seniors!

What ever is done ensure the architecture is consistent with the current look of the town. Not opposed to building as long as it is done tastefully.... No strip mall!!!!!!

Pj's needs a larger space :)

Need to make the town of Hubbardston more of a community with community activities

Allow business in but don't spend current tax money until you can stop cutting public safety

Public safety buildings are not fit for our police and fire

Chicken barns near historic buildings are a concern as well as the air quality due to them

Maybe offer micro loans to town center property owners to beautify their properties

I have lived in Hubbardston for many years and have watched the center of town degrade into a hillbilly paradise. Nothing is sadder to look at than a bunch of broken down cars and junk right within plain view. Also many of the

homes are not being kept up properly. Cars litter the sides of the streets and clog the driveways. It's pretty bad when the center of Athol has more class than our town.

Fix up the homes or tear them down.

I thought about having my medical practice in town instead of in Gardner, would be curious if any interest in primary care/urgent care in town center

consider zoning changes to expand commercial zoning. get rid of Mr. Mikes & Mass Pallet (they are a waste of valuable commercial space). parking is key but there also has to be a reason to go to the town center and more importantly a reason for through-travelers to stop. Thank you for tackling this issue as it is long overdue. Resist the easy but expensive window dressing beautification measures. Holden spent a ton of \$ on this and it missed the mark.

The more community events the better; fairs, parades, concerts, bbq fests, etc. the community is loaded with good people that should have the opportunity to get to know each other through these events.

I just think there is such potential for the center of town; it would be a shame to do nothing.

Leave it alone where do you think you will get funding

Bike lanes bring more than you first think to the town!

People need to change their way of thinking in Hubbardston. Businesses would bring jobs and revenue and keep younger people from getting in trouble with idle time. We need to join 2016, I like the small town fee but I think there is a balance

lets keep hubbardston a one flashing light community... more stores equals more traffic. lets have a nice clean main street and get another large common area outside of the req fields for fairs and non-req activity. thank you for taking this on and seeking comments...

There without a doubt needs to be a local restaurant where a family can sit and dine with good food and service. Also, having an ice cream shop in town is beneficial. Having access to some retail stores would be helpful. A drive up ATM would be beneficial, a Dunkin Donuts or other drive up coffee/donut shop would be extremely beneficial I feel for most people. The main concern me and my family have however is finding a good local spot in town to have a nice relaxing family dinner once in a while. Even pub style would be good or a 99 Restaurant or a steakhouse, Chinese food!

Also, having some places that deliver food and had a good delivery system would be huge!

Please keep the church as part of the overall planning. The town center church is beautiful and very new England like.

Thank you for asking and trying to improve our town center!

I think Hubbardston center has great potential to be a nice, clean, quaint town. The houses along Main St really bring down the over look and feel. Not sure there is much that can be done there. There is really not a lot to draw people into the center unless you are passing through and need milk or gas.

Keep Hubbardston looking like a small town.

Take down the fire station. Provide money so that the homes along main

St can look better. Not a good looking center of town. Post office needs parking. Mr mikes looks like crap all the time. Paint the white church on the corner of williamsville. Nobody seems to take pride in there property because the town doesn't set the example. The pallet company is always an eyesore. Broken trailers all over the place

The problem is not the town's part but the run down residences. Don't know how to fix that but fixing it would lift up the beautify of Hubbardston Town Center.

I do not see a need to bulid a new town center

The run down houses are awful and unsightly

I love the town of Hubbardston but the town center needs a facelift and some attractions

In my opinion, Hubbardston Center and town is in a critical point of history. Infrastructure needs to be improved through the town, police/fire, public safety while recently rejected needs to be looked at again, even though the proposed location is away from the town center. More businesses need to be brought in to potentially support this initiative of brightening the future of Hubbardston. Since Route 68 is state road, perhaps there are grants that are available without major tax increases Thanks.

The town is a beautiful place and could really shine if everyone gathered together to allow it to just be..a cozy, peaceful, small town. There are so many opportunities for Hubbardston to be the quaint town, the place to get your fudge, candles, good food and a bit of relaxation.

Infrastructure is lacking. Basic things like paint and efficient lighting would go a long way to better the town. What is the 10 year or 20 year goal for this town ? It's not realistic to think Hubbardston will become something it can't without a huge investment in infrastructure. That's the key imo. That being said, I don't want an airport or a sludge dump or anything that would impact the water quality, noise quality of living in the country. TY

Get rid of the pallet company. It is an eye sore.

Thank you for reaching out to the residents. Think you need to expand on the zoning for business use of the buildings on Main street such as the Town of Sturbridge.

Local law office is actually outside your defined boundaries for Main Street. Still the best around. Bring in some other eating besides pizza.

Overall i really love Hubbardston. However one of the low points is how run down the center of town looks. The houses and building don't look antique they look run down and dirty....

The town center would be less offensive if the town enforced the bylaw on signs by eliminating the internally illuminated signs

I think in answering the last three questions it depends on what you want downtown Hubbardston to be. If you want quaint, historic and quiet then work to dress it up. I don't know what type of "shopping destination" you would want to be. For where I live, convenience and price Walmart is closer, easier and cheaper for most of what I may go downtown for. If you want to draw people from out of town then you would need to create an area for them to want to come. If you want to be an antique or dining destination you would need to work with people who may have an interest in that direction. A Thyme and a Place and the Country Store are a start. The empty area next to the pallet company(or Ray's garage but that's not in the area we are talking about) could be a specialty shop plaza. Antiques, boutiques, food...people... But then are we talking about traffic and losing the quaint?

Unless you get the homeowner's buy-in to maintain their properties along Main Street it will still look like an low income rural town.

Buy a BIG Bulldozer and start from scratch

I think its fine the way it is aside from the sidewalks. but at this point money is tight so leave it alone

I would very much like an accessible senior center. What we have now is utterly abysmal.

I think we should focus on bringing in larger business instead of trying to raise resident taxes. This would generate sufficient tax dollars into the town. This would also create jobs and substantial revenue IN TOWN!

Better snow plowing and possibly get it down t pavement. Kinda like westminster does and use more salt in areas and not like a salt shaker either.. and in the summer pave roads over as new and not use that hot patch as for it just comes up and turns into just gravel in the end. I live in the Pinecrest area and the roads (pardon my french) just quite frankly frigging sucks potholes galore on Shawnee way. FiX..... Please and thank you

Fire Hydrants

Property owners in that area should take pride in their property and landscape and remodel

I just feel that if the center of town was refurbished, other activities and businesses would be attracted to this town.

It all starts with the foundation of infrastructure of the town. We need to have water and sewer in town. At least down 68 at first this will make it more appealing for some of these small business' to move here. The fire/police stations are an absolute embarrassment. We expect to keep our residents and people visiting safe and the people we have doing this have to work out of these dilapidated, old, un-safe buildings. How can we expect people to visit here when we have no pride in it ourselves.

Best of luck because this town never wants to invest in improvements

Well-thought out survey; Kudos to all involved! Library and senior center are improving programming; I go to Town center at least 3 times a week

Town boards have to be more open to new and different retail establishment in the town center. A unique approach to developing business in the town center.

It would be nice to have a Dunkin Donuts/Panera or something like that in the vacant lot next to the pallet place.