

## 2010 COMM NEEDS SURVEY- COMMENTS

- Very dangerous to walk on Hayden St. between 2:00pm and 4:00 pm daily. Need for sidewalks there before someone gets killed
- Need much more for teenage youth. Very important. Spend some money on control of these places. Use Armory parking lot for one thing. Also Orange airport, Town Parks. Spend a little money on the kids of Orange. Bad time to send this survey out with voting coming up for the 2 ½ override, which am not voting for. Elect someone in town hall that knows how to budget money. Very discouraging. Another (3) superintendent of schools. Give me a break. Think many comments and questions go unanswered, too much favoritism. Get with it.
- We've lived and paid taxes in Orange for 40 years-approximately 37 in the same area (Eagleville/Horton Rd area). The only service we receive is snow plowing in winter months. Would be nice to have town water. Well is near us and is provided for Eagleville Rd. Also been waiting for repaving of our road and that hasn't happened yet
- Mills vacant going to waste and a danger. Need to work on W. River and Main. Use for support groups offices. Shopping, gift, medical, so many options, educational center
- Youth programs, cleaning sidewalks, parts, uptown. Find new town administrator: Getting paid for a job he has failed at
- Crosswalk lights at King James Court cause drivers fail to stop at crosswalk when people are using them instead of white, use yellow. Speeders becoming big problem on E. River St. from one end to the other. Some is going to get killed and god help us
- More information especially about specific community projects would help to rate. Several of the listed items would seem to be the responsibility of private entities, i.e., Isn't there still a Little League org responsible for upkeep of Muzzy Park? Who owns "Erving Paper Mill," "New Home Sewing Machine" buildings?
- Cut budgets in all departments starting at the Town Hall
- I'm truly not in a position to give my opinion on all these concerns although I've been at Leisure Woods 10 yrs. Thank you anyhow! Having been pretty much home bound due to husband's disability. I've not been involved. Good Luck-Jeannette Stefanick
- This county needs a Homeless Shelter for adult males. I have been at risk of homelessness and there is not place or agency to turn to with the exception of jail or a mental institution. Please help us! Thank you!
- School budget should be cut. 3 yr wage freeze should be implemented from the super to the janitors. If they can find a better job let them. Forget Main St. It's a relic. Do not renovate the old buildings-sell them for cheap and let the new owners do it. Mortgage foreclosure prev. Forget it. Try to manage your budget and let the banks do theirs
- A theater-entertainment. Orange has much to offer already
- Old yellow building at the entrance of the Orange airport is ready to collapse into E. River St. for so long and should be taken down as is a danger to cars passing by
- There is no extra \$ now. All are nice and needed but with existing \$ make do w/less. Do what can till things better. Spend based on in \$ not in wishes\$
- Closing landfill-recycling area is the worst idea yet. Will cost a lot more to clean up trash from all of the side roads, in help and fuel than it cost to pay the present help
- Pressure owners of abandoned houses to do something about them. Improve downtown, which would include enforcement of quality of life crimes. Demolish abandoned buildings-which buildings? Housing Rehab program-public private housing. Renovate Erving Mill Blds. If town owned, yes, if Mill owned, No. Renovate Sewing Mach Bldgs-see above. Earned Income Tax Credit-isn't that the IRS?
- Our town needs movie theater. If the historic buildings are renovated, they could bring in potential business

- I am speechless! The timing of this survey is insulting to the people of Orange. Monday (6/14) the vote is to be taken to either agree or disagree of an override. How can anyone think of any of these items above in face of what is happening now, in the present. Let the administrators get the brains moving to cut each departments expenses, freeze wages for the present and begin thinking outside of the box. Start by not having so much bureauracry in the school systems. We need regionalization, with on superintendent in charge. When they get all their ducks in a row, we won't need an override. Then send it again
- You want the people to cut back but I don't see the town doing so. A senior citizen
- Why can't the laws already on the books be enforced!! Example-unregistered cars, campers, boats, etc on so many yards around town. Clean up our town! Broken down fences-overflowing rubbish containers. ENFORCE THE TOWN ZONING LAWS1111
- Inspect abandoned buildings for industrial, or commercial use. Research outside investors for renovations or selling building to improve business for town. Put at least a 5 year cap on raising property tax
- The town needs jobs! Town needs businesses! Stop encouraging low income housing and the lower class people whom often come with it! Make the old factories into condos, housing or businesses, like Northampton. Have programs for kids to keep them busy and teach them respect for themselves and others. To help the local business get the local people to shop in town give local people a discount or discount card, so the more they shop local the more they save, and it helps the local businesses. Some of the best ideas to get this town moving aren't necessarily expensive ones. But I have noticed a lot of expensive ones which haven't worked at all!
- Tough economy,, tough times, hard to choose what should stay, what should go. I would rather see people taken care of than roads. Way too many choices. Rather just keep trying. Good Job!!!
- Some type of restriction for homeowner that has tenants and keep increasing the rent w/out anyone that controls them. Thank you!Dump should remain open
- Green Orange-Tourism-recreation. Have electeds work 40 hrs per week. Doing part time work for full time pay
- Appropriate punishment, surveillance and control of senseless vandalism. I feel that Orange does more than its share of social services. We need to guard against duplication of efforts. Those receiving services should make a greater effort to pull themselves up by their own boot straps. RE: Basketball Court-excellent location but area surrounding is a mess-needs manicuring. How about recruiting those young guys who use it to clean it up??
- Need to fix roads in North Orange better and a lot of back roads need work
- More youth programs needed
- We need more job opportunities for all age groups. Education, job training and commercial and industrial development. With most people just squeaking by or faltering, the last thing we need now is anything that would increase taxes
- Street lights in crime areas. 3 basic sports. More studies by pupils with job advancement ahead
- I would of answered questions differently if more information was supplied
- Equal right for employment. Post dramatic stress (recovery) vet. I've witnessed progress of Orange, thanks for a good job. I came here on 1955. We always need more work. I hope your goals would be met for this year.
- As a condo owner at Pioneer Place I would like to have the town consider adding us to the town water line.
- Plant more trees on S. Main St. possibly after fixing sidewalks! Fix buildings instead of tearing them down!
- Education/Prevention of domestic violence and teen pregnancy. More education of outcomes of drinking and driving. More street lights

- Please keep the Libraries open! We need them to keep our minds open! Transfer Station open we need it. Keep our roads litter free. Thank you to everyone who works to keep Orange the “Friendly Town!”
- Many of the prospects listed cover areas that are state and county responsibilities. If the community development strategy is to include all local, county and state functional responsibilities, the programs should be categorized (grouped) in responsible agency areas. Otherwise all you’ve created is a “wish list.” V. Stachelczyk, 8 Packard Rd 10364
- This is a good town, let’s make it great!
- Keep library open-keep dump open
- Deport all illegal immigrants-press \*2 for English kiss my buttocks
- Prentiss and Blodgett St paving
- Infrastructure at Airport. Hire Economic Development Director
- Get rid of the sex offenders. Additional comments: NOPE
- Many of these projects or needs are duplicated just worded differently. You should not try to dupe the taxpayers. We get to much of that from our federal govt
- More encouragement and opportunities to provide individual special skills and talent to volunteer to build community togetherness. Maybe clean up days on weekends and to sweep, weed, plant, etc. Community donation tag sale for town improvement projects. Talent shows for teenage free bands of local talent, etc.
- I believe we should keep the rural nature of Orange particularly north of town. The center of town needs parking. We need to attract merchants and business to town. Market or renovate empty buildings in town. Keane, N.H. looked much the same as Orange not many years ago. They did a marvelous job with they’re town
- Tear Down Putman Block. Raze Erving Paper and New Home Sewing Machine buildings. The town desperately needs another sewage treatment plant on the south side of the Millers River to address sanitation problems of all the jammed together housing on and around Lake Mattawa
- Putman Block-tear it down! Until the Select board and town administrator get serious about rethinking ways to encourage business and development (a.k.a.-Turners Falls; Shelburne Falls) none of this will matter. Nothing is going to change. Get beyond the surveys and try to finds ways to implement some of these ideas. We’ve spent years filling out surveys with few results. We understand the economy is a current handicap, but little happened in Orange during the good economic years either. Stop looking for manufacturing. They’re going overseas. We need to find ways to make Orange unique.
- Industrial Development” use what we have! Renovate Erving Paper Mill- Industry! Upgrade Waste Water Treatment Facility: if needed New Library or Expansion: Keep the one we have open! If we could take care of the drug and alcohol abuse we would do away with a lot of the other problems and our police force could be cut in half!! Teach people how to live within their means! I also think our town should stop using every square inch of property-what’s wrong with leaving a little land for mother nature. We do not need to be giving away land to EDIC when they haven’t even used what they have. Stop the greediness. You won’t see a business developing N. Orange!!!
- Improve facilities at Lake Mattawa: Beautiful place. I was told the septic tanks at other end of the lake are not working properly. Concern over dead fish. . Went swimming Memorial Day. Lots of dead fish floating up?? N. Orange Library parking lot: upgrade libraries. Things I didn’t circle I don’t know enough about these concerns. I have lived in Orange on Putnam St. for 14 months. I am a social worker and am always sad to see all the young people with nothing to do. This is a very depressed area, although I enjoy the quietness and natural beauty. But give people, youths, etc something to do. There are huge problems with drugs and alcohol here also. I went to the police dept for help after seeing drug deals going on and they were (“what do you want us to do”). We get rid of one and another 5 show up. SAD. Very negative attitudes. I am very sad for this area! Ended up at the Athol State Police barracks and there I found help!
- Nothing should be funded if we cannot fund and keep our town stabilized

- Promotion of the downtown and revitalization of Orange is critical to the development and success of Orange
- We need jobs brought back to this area. The town looks for more money but residents aren't getting raises either. Very high taxes-for what? Evaluate town salaries. Is the compensation paid to town supervisors in excess of the job being performed. Are we paying these people more than the job requires. Look up this word ENOUGH
- If public employees withheld this would help a lot. Most of the taxpayers like myself don't receive even a cost of living raise
- Keep Elder Affairs office staffed and open. There are so many of us who would sink without this office. Keep Tracy Gaudette
- Young adults receiving benefits (free) like food stamps and free GED classes, transportation services, etc should **Have to do** community services to receive these benefits. We would see just how many are willing to WORK (like we have to) to help support themselves
- Easier access to public business meetings. Decisions made by town administrator and selectman made public immediately
- If library remains open, we need it to be accessible to everyone. We don't need a new library. Right now too many people are excluded from the library and there is no reason for this discrimination
- More for the children to do. Movie theater, Boys and Girls Club
- These programs are all wonderful if we can afford them
- Clean water drainage on the outskirts of our town please!
- The dump could use better business hours! The times of which they are open don't really work for my husband and we have to rely on the dump! Just really wish they stayed open longer, especially for those who work!!
- Keep the old library (expansion). Demolish building should have been done when in need of then. Fix it only when it needs to be fix. (stop spending) Demolish buildings (a lot of money now)
- High speed internet/cable improvements
- Do what you can to help poor people- Mr. Mrs. Richard Johnson
- The town should maintain focus on the basic services. There are other agencies, schools, hospitals, etc that we support with taxes that can handle some of the programs listed. We can not do it all!! Make the HARD CHOICES as we all are doing. Do what we can well not poorly
- Improve street lighting (5) Build a new courthouse to rent to state (4+) Grant money mite be available. Build or rent a teen center (5)
- Can't afford our taxes to be raised more now that the overrides have passed
- Unfortunately there is no downtown parking-people no longer walk-we all have cars-and travel to stores with good parking
- Although this is a way to get an idea of what taxpayers wishes are, but follow through is the key
- The town needs to cut cost across all departments-even if contracts need to be broken and renegotiated. We need to spend less and not be so dependent on state aid
- Use our money were it is going to benefit us
- I can't comment on this survey because I live 2 mins from Athol Center and only go to Orange to pay my taxes. I would like to have street lights on Drew Blvd's turnaround and intersection with Oak Drive. Thank you. The street and stop signs are missing on Oak Drive & Tully Road-188 Drew Blvd Orange, MA
- Town of Orange needs "all get" improvement
- Keep the recycling center and transfer station. Why are they combining the street lights with the recycling center. Shut the lights off!
- Putting center yellow lines in the main roads and side roads passing and us passing so ? knows when to pass or not and know the Center ? road and not have to guess

- If I can't get down the road in the winter I can't get to work, therefore I can't pay my property and exise taxes. If this happens there will be no money for the extra things, like the library and new offices so what is the point in spending money on these things. Drug dealing in the area is a major concern. Cell phone use drug deals makes it very difficult to police. Need better incentives for informants
- Finish Holtshire Rd bridge
- More jobs
- Need dog park
- Sidewalks, stairs, roads-Central Cemetery-disgraceful
- Increase town water coverage-Horton Rd
- Improve Lake Mattawa-Nice!
- Resurface/repair Perry Rd-very dusty-10 Perry Rd dirt
- Improve Downtown: demand upkeep from private owners. Tree Management Study: volunteers from UMASS. More parking & Green spaces downtown: last time we made parking for downtown it was taken over by the courthouse
- Upgrade Muzzy Park-where is it?
- All these items need to be done at some point in time. Agreed-but please remember the taxpayer. We cannot handle all these taxes. You need to come up with some help for use. What are you going to do when the people who can afford to move out of Orange do so and leave the town with those with special programs. Who pays the bills then? Maybe Orange and Athol should become one town?
- This town needs more entertainment places at night besides barrooms and bingo. It could also use nice places to eat like a Kentucky Fried Chicken or Wendy's instead of McDonalds. Also there should be more charity events like bake sales & tag sales for breast cancer and other charities
- About the earned income tax credit: by putting a 5 I mean that the low-middle class people should be able to keep what they earn. As long as these free services are open to everyone (not just those on welfare, food stamps or section \*) these are important-everyone is struggling
- Homes & building safety issues-i.e., lead paint/asbestos, structure strengths & deficiencies. Cosmetic Issues/homeowner responsibilities-appearance, etc
- We need to get the drugs out of our schools and the center of town. Provision of youth activities in and out of school are a step in the right direction, but these activities must cater to students who may not want to engage in traditional sports, i.e., Mahar puts great emphasis on sports, but not necessarily a diversity of other activities. Focus on green developments, energy efficiency and waste reduction! Bring more business to the area in a promotion of progressive and responsible energy-perhaps with financial incentives for using "green" technology?
- Local transportation should be a top of list. People can't work if they don't have cares-no cars-no job-more trouble, violence and young people just not doing anything
- More responsibility for non-taxpaying citizens of town. How much more can the Orange Real Estate taxpayers shoulder???
- We need more programs for youth to help keep them on the right track for education and their futures
- Grocery store
- The town administrator needs budget/financial management training. Town would be benefited by reducing the quantity of selectman, along with doing away with town manager. Train the people to be able to do their job properly. Town employees/administration need to halt or lower the amount of raises given each year. Everyone is tightening their belts, so why shouldn't state employees??
- Long range planning for town finances. What do we want out town to be-how will we get there? It doesn't happen without thought, planning and work. We NEED our library. We NEED a local recycling/transfer station.
- Improve general maintenance of streets, North of East/West Main (potholes, frost heaves, etc)
- Clean out the riff raft downtown, it makes one not feel safe seeing all these loiter's. Pave the parking lot across from the dance studio. Finish the River Front Park building. Extend W. Main St parking to the

former Getty station (tear it down to do this). Clean up 2-4 W. Main St and the N. Main St. parking lot. Condition of both is deplorable. Town Hall is where many people come from out of town and the parking lot does not show community pride! Tear down Putnam Hall-it's a disgrace! Move the food pantry to the OIC building

- Road repair or new so that one could drive around town roads without having cars damaged!!
- Encourage more businesses to locate in Orange
- We need more commercial and industrial development. We do not need more housing. We need to fix up what we have and get people back in them.. Banks should host homeownership classes, not the town
- Green Business Development & support, incentives tourism infrastructure. Follow-through & maximizing opportunities of SDAT
- Need to have programs to keep teens busy during the summer when there is no school
- Need to focus on what is being taken away in this town! By closing library and taken away still and lights. Who do you, plan on drawing to buy in this town
- Prevention teen pregnancy-educational services to support in this situation. Seems to be on the rise in the area
- We would love to see more business! More tax revenue, more local jobs, less abandoned buildings and useless lots. Library Expansion= handicapped accessible!
- Programs on protecting our environment. Cleaning up our roads from debris
- I think the town should build a skate boarding park. That way all the kids would have a place to skate that isn't a nuisance to everyone else.
- Repave downtown
- Clean up downtown & provide alley parking!!! We need to be more? on streets and we cannot shop downtown without adequate parking! We have an over abundance of low-income housing, which depletes services. We need to restrict the building of more of the same. We cannot afford it anymore!
- Doing a pretty good job
- Do not increase taxes
- Promote more activities to bring people to Orange (River Rat Race, Garlic Fest) we need more reasons for people to come here!
- We don't need a town administrator
- Rome wasn't built in a day
- A supermarket in town or close by
- Sidewalks: Add, Increase Town sewer: I don't know much about this, Repair retaining walls downtown: save, Demolish abandoned bldgs: if bldg inspector thinks so, build the Greenway: if at all possible, center fire station renovation: is it failing?, Increase commercial development: How?, Upgrade Muzzy Park: Where?, increase industrial development: not too much, Develop Putman Block: Tear it down for now-ditto for Erving Paper Mill and New Home Sewing Machine, N. Orange Library parking lot: Haven't seen it lately, new town offices: not just yet, Earned Income Credit: Isn't this Federal?, Individual Development Accounts: What's this?, Mortgage Foreclosure Prevention: create a local economy, foster/nurture. Let's focus on the greatest needs and what will bring the biggest return. And GO FOR IT! Reject mediocrity! Let's spruce the old place up and LIVE in it. Resources and becoming more and more scarce. Let's make intelligent, targeted decisions. Boosting local morale will pay HUGE dividends. No more bandaids. Let's make something special here. STAY STRONG! Keep hope alive!
- Upgrade Butterfield Park: DoneNew Library or expansion: No No. Ask people to give for C.W Memorial
- Increase town sewer coverage: if cost effective, Increase town water coverage : If cost effective, Renovate Erving Paper Mill bldgs: When get interested renters. Apply for Federal grants and any other funding available to assist in as much of the work as possible. Encourage volunteers to do as much as

possible. Developing businesses (jobs) key to improving economy and recovering vibrant town. Encourage volunteers to raise funds and/or do the projects marked with a “V.”

- New Library or expansion: accessibility. Literacy programs GED and ABE: they get other funding. Youth jobs=5, Youth recreation= 5, Small business creation = 5. ABE, ESOL, GED is well funded through state and federal grants. Employment opportunities for youth and adults is lacking to create a vibrant downtown/business sector
- Improve roads. Repair retaining walls downtown: not private ones. Resurface and repair: Winter St, Increase Commercial Development: DUH!, more parking, Pre-employment skills/job training: schools should do it. Financial Literacy/budgeting skills: school should do it, English for speakers of other languages: only if I can learn Spanish, Literacy Programs: in school, ABE: stay in school, ABE: in school, Support for persons with disabilities: true disabilities. The town needs to run w/in its budget! The town needs to start thinking “outside the box” and look into consolidating services w/ neighboring towns. Does the Board of Health really need their own vehicle? How many other vehicles do we fund that we could do without? Drug testing for welfare recipients and anyone getting any form of public assistance. Town employees need to realize and accept that when you work for town (tax paid) then sometimes you may not get raise and may have to take a cut and pay more for insurance
- Downtown revitalization: Not finished yet? , Resurface/repair N. Main St: money already available, Center Fire Station renovation/expansion: HA HA HA, Develop Putman Block: already had grant \$\$, Renovate Erving Paper: Let them do it. Make all town owned buildings H/P accessible as per ADA guidelines. Fire Ricky
- Improve roads & sidewalks: Are you kidding?, Encourage business development: empty stores everywhere, Improve downtown: It’s a eye sore, Demolish abandoned bldgs: Are you kidding (dump). Something for the kids/teens to do in this town. Instead of them getting in trouble or spray painting everything they see. Downtown is a big eye sore. All the empty buildings gone to hell. The roads in Orange are horrible. Perpetual care: these people paid to have there cemetary lots clean. Never see it. Its time Orange puts our tax money to good use. Stop paying the lazy asses to drive around all day and fix nothing
- Housing Rehab: For who?, Center Fire Station renovation/expansion: just built now in N. Orange, Improve facilities at Lake Mattawa: private property!, Tree management study: money waste, Renovate Erving Paper: Ervings problem, Renovate New Home Sewing Machine: not town property, private, N. Orange Library parking lot: no, new town offices: no. Get rid of jobs created for town officials’ spouses and friends-end favoritism and patronization. Get rid of unneeded town administrator. No more housing developments-puts strains on all schools, hospitals and services
- New library: closing? Tax breaks for people who live on dirt roads& have not kids! Same taxes-less benefits! Maintain & snowplow Oxbow Rd before 1:00 pm in the afternoon. People work for a living & get snowed in!
- Develop Putman Block: raze it. We found it outrageous that the “Dinner by the River” was catered by a firm from out of town. Community development starts at home
- Resurface/repair: Cremery Hill East & Wheeler. Cremery Hill, Wheeler and East Rds are horrible! Road signs on the above roads are not good. The bridges are not acceptable!
- Take care of people in town rather than those who come to town
- Snowplowing our roads-those contractors are terrible and waste our money. Take care of our schools and students that will always make our town better
- Were are questions about proper funding for schools, teachers, school needs? Evaluate how taxpayers feel funding is being spent with individual town departments as well as professionalism of depts.. Police Dept = 5, Fire Dept = 4, Highway Dep = 1, Water Dept = 4, School Dept = 4. Is it legal: town people vote to NOT FUND = TOWN FUNDS?
- Most definitely need to bring more businesses to town. Need to do something to encourage home owners to stay instead of raising property taxes. Would not have moved here if knew property taxes were going to be so high

- Have police crack down on screaming kids who make noise at all hours
- I think we need more activities for children 5-10 and pre-teens and teenager 11-18. Keeping them busy might reduce drug use? Sexual interests?
- The town park is not just a hazard for our children but is down right creepy. Bad language is all over it and it must get new mulch
- There's a lot that can be done but it takes time and money. I say take it one day and one project at a time
- Homelessness prevention: churches. Homeownership counseling: banks. Food pantry: (can't read this), Mortgage Foreclosure Prevention: banks. We will become Orange citizens in August 2010. Long time citizen of Athol gives us some ideas/feel for Orange problems. This survey is a great idea
- Downtown!! Downtown area needs improvement greatly. Orange needs to attract/business/companies which will create jobs in town. The town of Orange needs to bring new restaurants and attractions into town. I feel the town is slowly regressing and substantial actions need to be taken to improve Orange as a town
- SELL PUTNAM BLOCK. PREGANANCY IS A PROBLEM WITH TEENS 7 OTHER SINGLE PEOPLE THAT CAN'T SUPPORT A CHILD
- Assistance in finishing Doubleday Fields project so subdivision can be accepted as part of the town. Right now residents of Doubleday Fields have to organize and pay for plowing of subdivision. No one factored this into their budgets. Thank you
- Sounds like a list a town with a budget surplus would make. Why not worry about paying for the current needs without tax increases before acting like some sort of socialist paradise. You can't have a Cadillac on a Chevy budget. Does anyone have any common sense?
- Enforce hunting laws. No hunting on Sundays-violated constantly-no hunting in posted areas-violated constantly
- Please we have to save our library. It is one most valuable and cost-effective community resource
- The area needs business development to create jobs. With more job in the area other things will improve. Also another supermarket is needed to create competition to keep prices down
- Thanks for sending out this survey
- The wall at my neighbors yard-it's about to fall and take the road with it on Kelton St
- Green #1. People will have things to do. Rec/lake/fun stuff keeps people happy
- Improve the sidewalks on W. Main St
- We need things that support youth and teens-keep them busy-keep them active. We need local jobs & businesses downtown
- Work on important stuff cut the B.S.
- Not filling out due to problems with one of your selectmen Sheridan. Done & feel like our input should but put: sorry. But I like the town Orange. Thank you
- Community development specialist needed
- Lights for Butterfield park baseball field and new infield snackbar for Lake Mattawa beach and expansion of beach
- The town of Orange is generally doing all it can to make the town of Orange a great place to live. Unfortunately budget restraints slow down the process
- We really need a better playground for the kids at Butterfield park. From ages 0-18 need more playthings for ages 6 & under. Make it green friendly
- Try getting more seniors to volunteer
- 1. Absurd to send this out 3 days before tragic override vote! Very poor timing. Insensitive! Shameful! Stupidity! 2. Make marijuana legal & tax it to pay for needed things listed here!
- Programs to help low income residents to repair and improve their houses. Either by local funds or government. At present time is extremely hard to get money for windows, roofs, insulation
- Teen center-safe place youth teens to go. More teen-youth programs

- Include trash pickup in our taxes!!
- I have a adult child w/disabilities. I do not no of any services in the area 2 help him get a job or a ride 2 the job, he has tried x 2 work but often 2 days they let him go!! W/no questions 2 why?
- A new “double yellow line” on E. River St, E. River is one of Orange’s busiest streets and one of the most dangerous, especially from dusk to dawn. With our economy as it is it would be very difficult to fund very many of your “community projects.” They deserve attention as they are all needed
- Anything with children & family service
- Build a dog park
- We feel that the most important improvement would be to have people beautify their properties. We as a town should control junk & properties that have building falling in. We need to prevent people from making their properties into junkyards. I am ashamed to drive people in certain areas & by certain properties. We have laws about unregistered vehicles but no one does anything about it. We need to restore pride of ownership. This used to be evident in Orange
- Please-our youth have very little to occupy their free time. Consider this in any decision made on developing programs created. Thank you
- Make more after school programs for kids. Big Brother program for children without fathers who need things like fishing, outdoor programs so kids can get off the video games and become more active for health and other reasons. Start spending money where it counts so we can make a real difference in our community to better ourselves
- Stronger connection w/staff and local social service providers like DCF and DSO of Athol and Greenfield
- The schools are the most important and getting some big business in here to help us all out, create jobs and help with taxes
- Would like to see downtown buildings converted to restaurants/classy brewpub, shopping, art galleries/workshops
- Develop Putman Block: Demolish. Private \$\$ for development
- We as a community have NO support for neighbors who have physical or cognitive disabilities. As a parent of a young child known already to have a cognitive disability I see that it is not just children w/disabilities that do not have services/or support in this community. Adults do not either. They need support/services in the community for independence
- N. Orange Library parking lot: not if it closes. Do not close the libraries. Need a coffee shop in the center. Improve downtown-need a coffee shop. I don’t know anything about Orange Airport needs
- Demolish abandoned bldgs: Or use over
- New town administrator with proper education. Taxes already to high for what town has to offer
- We can’t afford any of these even with grants. No more overrides
- Get the abandoned boat and all the other junk out of the municipal parking lot, lower from Town hall
- Thank you for taking the time, effort and expense for sending out this survey. I think it is a wonderful idea to have input for the residents
- Repave Armory parking lot: just the road behind the building. Increase Industrial development: clean industry. N. Orange Library parking lot: park on road. Let’s worry about keeping our library before we start upgrading theirs. Upkeep!!We need a skateboard park for the teens their stay off the street
- Keep up the good work! The town common looks great lately
- Put people to work on town interstructers. Teach a trade. Pay teachers what they are worth and have them move on if they do not get results. Do not excuse violence or bulling. Maybe start w/parenting. Have a list of young people who will help older or disabled people with chores. On the visit have the jobs they will do and fees and age plus responsibilities. It will help both parties and keep Orange neater and give younger people a part of Orange as a town
- Repave Winter St! N. Main to Mechanic
- When taxes drop & town has money then think about projects or get someone who can improve finances

- Orange Airport improvements: change “Jumptown” to Airport use. Demolish abandoned bldgs: shouldn’t owners do this?
- Better education for K-12. I do not wish to send my kids to the Orange school system
- Rubbish disposal/curbside pick-up
- Decrease aesthetics and support what we already have. Library, landfill recycle, streets lights, COA. English for speakers of other languages: required of them
- Demolish abandoned bldgs: NO. New town offices: NO. Use resources we now have. No computer updates for town hall or schools. Repaint road lines before there are more accidents
- New library or expansion: useless. Develop Putman Block: Demolish. Renovate Erving Paper Mill/New Home Sewing Machine bldgs: Demolish. New town offices: NO WAY! We need business here to hire local people, local banks to lend to local people and something done about the teenage pregnancy rate. Not a penny should be spent on town offices or buildings
- Finish Riverfront Park. Acquire land across from post office and riverfront park
- A soup kitchen is needed so the hungry can have at least 1 hot meal a day
- RE: back pase- It is time to make the deadbeats in this town get off their butts and support themselves instead of providing further means for them to stay on the system. It is time to get back to basics and stop relying on the government for everything-it’s to big already locally and nationally
- This is an exercise in futility-there is NO NONEY
- If town can’t afford to run a recycling station how can we afford all these other improvements
- Several roads need repairs-not just patch jobs. Our cars are suffering!
- Our town should focus on saving tax payers money and not wasting money on nonessential things like improving the way the town looks. Cut backs in our services should be made
- Wouldn’t it be great to have a bus or van that could transport people to big events in local and regional areas, such as the special Bicentennial programs
- Try to encourage volunteerism for thwarting vandalism, discouraging the messiness on East and West Main St- encourage involvement to keep the parks looking their best-we don’t have money to pay for more park projects. Just live in our means. Save our library, transfer station. Given our financial crisis I don’t want to see money spent on high priced surveys that go nowhere- I should think you could just look around and see no sidewalks to the schools is a public safety issue-the poor road conditions are evident
- Be sure any program can be properly funded without simply raising taxes all the time. Seek corporate sponsoring of programs they are willing to support. Sponsoring of programs they are willing to support. Would be nice to see some home owners be required to clean up their property so not to look so ugly & lower others home values. An empasise needs to be put on attracting business to town which will create jobs. Efforts to keep tax rate from increasing will go a long way, which means being fiscally responsible by all in town govt. Listen to the residents voices more & not let town govt spend based solely on their own desires
- If they ok casinos I would like to ask for us to have our own little place in town. I think it would take care of our finances and people wouldn’t be going far away such as Conn with their money. In Reno, Nevada they have one arm bandits in stores, gas stations and amusement center. I was told the stores make more on machines than they do on selling food. I know of places where they had machines many years ago in Mass TKS Dave Mac Adams. Would be nice if our state was legal machines all over like Nevada-then no town would have to cut services
- Make summer jobs for teenagers, restore some of these old builds in Orange for people that need places to live. Bring in another supermarket or make Wal-Mart into a super Walmart that would bring more jobs, bring down cost of food around here. The center of Orange use to be a nice town now I HATE even drive down through town to get my son at school. I think Orange center has turned into the slums!! There are places, towns that have less money than Orange and their towns don’t look like ours. Orange center at night is not safe place or even during the day

- Maintain Camp Road. I pay taxes and get nothing. No snowplowing or sanding. No grinding. I think the town should maintain it or give us a big tax break
- New library or expansion: they got money to make handicap years ago. None. N. Orange Library parking lot: move handicap can't get in. Big concern have to wheel in my wheelchair in the road near the park and Mikes Place. You can't get down big drop had to go all the way back where I could get up sidewalks are bad or theres none. Bad or none near Big G's and Airport. Either concerned either sidewalks are so bad, big holes or you can get up on them. You go a long way and you can't get down, big drop!! Have to turn around go all the way back. Up near Big G's and Airport no sidewalk I have to go in the road and where sidewalks are bad. Have to go in road. Came close getting hit a few times . It scares me!! I couldn't believe they built boat ramp and building and not put in or fix sidewalks, mainly on E. River St. A lot of disability's on that road from Colonial Acers, Redbrook, King James, etc. Please Help!! Terry Barlow. Hi!!
- Orange Airport improvements: Manager doing a good job now. New Library or Expansion: Keep it open. Upgrade Muzzy Park: where is Muzzy Park? Find some way to just keep library, lights, landfill-transfer station open. We are dead if we have no library. Who wants to do any of the above without it!
- Orange Airport improvements = -5. Build the Greenway = - 10. Develop Putman Block: demolish
- Improve all road in the Tully area. All pot holes
- Cut grass section where Levitts Machine Co use to be. Yield sign at Briggs and Walnut Hill Rd
- More parking and Green Spaces downtown: parking only! Any project that brings in stores aspecially a new non-Hannafords Grocery Store! And other chain store
- Consolidate town depts., cross train employees, utilize common facilities and equipment
- Industry = 's jobs
- These categories are too broad-without specifics. Would not know exactly what I might be choosing. I really would like to see lines painted on some roads, like S. Main from post office to state part of road. At night or in inclement weather I find it hard to judge where the travel lane is. I also feel that trying to beautify the town is a waste of money. It was done several years ago and amounted to hardly anything in the long run-it was like putting lipstick on a pig
- I think a lot of these ideas definitely would be great to do
- We need roadwork done, the roads in town are in horrible shape, home owners need help to improve & maintain homes. We have so many rents not paying property tax and its all left to use, we should get something to help us upgrade our homes and improve the look of the community
- JOBS JOBS JOBS The taxes working citizens pay are what helps handle these projects. People can't afford to pay tax increases without a job, let alone meet their daily needs-the cost of gasoline is killing me. If there were local jobs it would help a bit. Banks need to start lending to people in need of more public assistance programs need to get moving. Too many people are hurting due to the recent recession, myself included
- Help people in this area to get job training so they can do more to help in these other areas of concern. Helping elderly, the disabled and homeless is what we all need to do. Helping others learn how to save their homes, get kids their GEDs and also-save people from abuse
- Instead of renovating Erving Paper Mill Buildings knock them down and create green space near the river
- Stop spending time and money on the Putnam Bldg- Rip down the eyesore already!!!
- Safety should take priority over everything else
- Need the recycling – transfer to stay open
- What a waste of time-stamps paper & envelopes. I'd like to see any of the above happen. No town needs this kind of survey-everyone knows what need to be done-just do it. I bet the town looks the same 5 yrs from now-no new industry & dull bla looking town
- This is America. Speak the language or go home to your own country. We should have to pay for interpreters

- Make more & better use of our expensive town web site. Tear down the Putnam Block
- Roads near Walnut Hill terrible. Industry! Competition to Hannafords. Fire hydrant expansion Lake Mattawa area
- Tear don the former Getty Station in the center of Orange. Open up that land and expand it into the parking area next to it-more parking for downtown. Paint over the faded murals on the front of the Putnam Bldg
- Lighting of streets
- Taking care of dead trees along roadsides. With the 1.2 million dollar firestation at Tully its hard to jump on a new station downtown. I know it needs work but they should have downsized Tully and used 500,000 on the downtown station
- I've had multiple problems w/kids/teens and vandalism, theft, property distruction, and have even had (someone) kill animals (chickens), police report was filed and seriously injure 2 farm animals on my property (Lake Mattawa Rd). Something needs to be done to prevent this kind of thing. Community watch programs, more police presence, etc. Also speeding is a problem on my road-a speed limit sign needed
- I am assuming the funds for these programs will come from grants. Given we are voting for a prop 2 ½ override due, to a large budget shortfall this community likely would not endure higher taxes
- "Please" put stop sign at Briggs St where it meets Walnut Hill Rd..very dangerous. Almost go into accident there twice. Thank you!Please clean up areas of N. Orange. Improve the Historic town of N. Orange
- Wheeler Ave-upper (N. Orange) end repavement. Athol Road-repavement and fix culverts. Creamery Hill Road-repavement. Create a playground in the N. Orange or Tully area
- Develop Putnam Block: Tear down!
- Teach any and all who are interested in growing their own food. Partner the ones who want to learn w/folks who want to teach. Folks w/acreage could rent lots to those who want to grow food perhaps, for a small percent of the produce. The Western side of Franklin County grows a lot of fresh veggies I hope to find that out here. Would a grocery store that sells dented and/or past code foods benefit here in the area? Such like the Barn in Greenfield? I am new to the area and appoligize if there is such a store, if so where?
- Wheres the money coming from the state? They don't have it either. We can't afford it even if we pay 20% of the bill. New library or expansion: no expansion. Center Fire Station renovation/expansion: No. Upgrade Muzzy Park: fine as is. More parking and Green spaces downtown: No. Improve facilities at Lake Mattawa: No. Renovate Erving Paper Mill bldgs: No. Renovate New Home Sewing Machine bldgs: No. N. Orange Library parking lot: close North Orange. New town offices: what's wrong with these. Youth Violence/Bullying: should be done in schools. Town hall should work till 4:00-closed at 3:45 most of the time. No good to working people open till noon Mon-Friday, noon till 7:00 on Thursday. Night shift workers can go before noon. Day shift Thursday. Less than 40 hours no benefits. Close transfer station Tuesday & Thursday. Close North Orange Library. 11 employees at library way to much- 2 or 3 plenty. To may workers a town hall and they don't work till 4:00. Every department should start laying off or more workers. Times are tough start planning for bad times. You over did it in good times. Don't expect state to cary you all the time. People losing houses & laid off can't afford to make up difference in bad times
- Resurface/repair North Main Street = 5 because roads/etc to schools. When people come to Orange that haven't been here in a long time say "Wow, hasn't changed. Still boring & bland. Do not like seeing people outside or RC's Bar on Main St. in our town smoking and hanging out. This doesn't give the town a good image
- Upgrade Muzzy Park: Where is it?
- Children's Recreational services
- Holtshire Road needs a line painted down the center

- Anything that will help attract more business. Looking at empty buildings does not help attract or help someone feel good about the town. With all that comes more parking
- Need more public transportation
- The downtown is starting to shout poor town! Poor town! Needs some fresh paint and awnings. Get grants and funds for anything and everything-Orange has many. Love riverfront park and work done to Memorial Park
- Abandoned building should be the responsibility of the owner
- Dog Park. Summer/after school youth activities and homework help programs
- Not enough info as to whats involved with these needs. Seems to be overlapping on some services already in place
- Make home owners clean up there yards and dispose of junk and old unused vehicles
- We need new fresh town leaders. I have reported things that were ignored and never received answers as to why. Who is the person driving dog officer van-is he under town insurance?
- Market Basket grocery store
- Sidewalk on E. River St. need to be fix badly
- Strip and repave Silverlake Rd to Royalston Rd, Fryville Rd, Packard Rd
- Orange has become a support system for those who do not wish to work or better themselves. We need to stop spending money on these people and start spending the money on improving the town & supporting our children. We want to close down the library but we will support the non working drug addicts. Doesn't make much sense. Close public housing to those who refuse to work
- I am new to town and really feel that town beautification is very important in bringing new business to town. There are a number of local towns with simple measures that make it a pleasure to be there. Bringing small business and improving on what exists will bring people and bring economic stability. Also keeping kids off the streets and completing their educations will change us a lot... such as single youth parents and drug problems in town
- I think we should bring business in that will bring in more money. I feel all the thing listed are important but getting more \$ into town will then enable town to do improvements
- Make more beach at Mattawa, to small for Orange. To much money is spent on Mahar and less for its personnel. Less for Mahar means more for the town. The selectmen needs to stop Mahar for spending more than the town can afford. Mahar needs to be run by the town. The selectmen should put it up to the voters in Orange, not the committees of Mahar
- Assist programs like ORA to help keep kids off street and develop them into team members. Maintain what we have budget-services-infrastructure, not add new programs at this time. Please publish compiled results and comments. Treat "all" departments equal. Cut 1 cut all
- Hurting people need more help-lots of social problems here. Teenagers are loitering in downtown. Get some projects going and pay stipends. Have them help if they can't find other work. Take care living first. Its nice to honor dead veterans-but first see no homeless, hungry, untreated mentally/physically ill ones. The living first, then worry of cemeteries
- Definitely sidewalks to the local schools! It's sad to lose ANOTHER business like the video store. How much does the high price of store rent, play into empty windows? The libraries just fought a battle to stay open- let's just keep them as is-to at least keep them open! Muzzey Field-shouldn't Little League "improve" it? How about the officers of the OCB have a say if we improve Butterfield Park-bandstand-back to having shady basketball, bathrooms, etc
- Town employees should pay 50% of their medical-most people pay their own. That is sure to help in all the problems the town is facing. Why a stamp on this envelope-more wasted money
- YES needs help to stay open. If they don't stay open the whole town suffers! Please help YES! Stay open in Orange for the future of youth region-wide
- Our town is best suited for ecotourism with its surrounding resources, the minimal impact in terms of pollution, etc from businesses that would support ecotourism if we clean up what we've got and let other

towns work with us to create green spaces, water activities, hiking, etc businesses like B.B. cafes, rental shops for these outdoor activities, camping, etc may take hold and stay. They would be able to be of scale to occupy/renovate our current vacant buildings without drastically increasing the needs for services like trash, etc. (? Word) business seem attractive but in the end do not have the community at heart. We have great architecture here, lots of local artists and products to showcase and easy access to many things that people with money would come to experience if we created an environment of vacation, relaxation, etc. Lastly, the older loft space buildings would be great for artist in residence space like they did in Northampton, North Adams and Holyoke with the old mills

- Combine Dexter, Butterfield and Fisher Hill into one organize elementary school system. Raze Dexter & Butterfield or expand Butterfield (total renovations) to house more grades. Don't need 3 different school buildings
- Orange seems to have a lot of functions for community involvement such as the monthly pancake breakfasts, bicentennial events. I would like to see even more of these type of events year round. This makes for a strong cohesive community. One of the reasons my wife & I moved to Orange is because of its small town, Family/Community oriented feel. I hope Orange never becomes "overdeveloped" to the point where it loses that appeal. Careful though & consideration should be given to any plans for development
- After school for children to go to after school, like YMCA in Orange or study hall at the VFW for children to get help. This sure home work or for parents that work late care relive of programs like that. It would to good very good for parents that work or have Dr appt. they can use support for the family that can use the help and by 6pm parents will get there children and the children did the homework with help
- I don't own a computer however you may receive more responses if you also included this on line. Also you might want to teach others who don't speak our language to do so. I do not know the ration in this (our) town. Thank you
- Bring basketball back to Butterfield Park so that residents of all ages-even teenagers-are welcome. If we want kids to connect, to behave, we have to engage them as a community and not force them off in a distant location. I thought the feasibility study we did several years ago ruled out the option of expanding or renovation of the current site? Two very different things. (? Word) study shows no new parking is needed. Ironic that this came out on the eve of the override vote. Hope you get a good response. Pat Smith
- Wait until the economy improves and people have jobs. Don't spend any unnecessary money until people have better jobs. Social Security has not had any increases as the governments says there is "no inflation." There should not be any town cost of living raises for the same reason -"no inflation." Cease all town raises until the economy improves. Reduced taxes leads to economic development.
- New library or expansion: HC accessible. Resurface and repair N. Main St: only lower N.M.. Renovate Erving Paper Mill: depends for what. I do not own a home, but this is a time to watch our pennies
- Improve facilities at Lake Mattawa: more parking & raise HP limit! Lake Mattawa is a great local natural resource that to few people get to enjoy. The boat ramp & parking are the worst around and the motor restriction is way to low. Please raise to at least a 50 hp and fix ramp and parking
- Affordable housing = 5. Sidewalks from the center of town to Wal-Mart & beyond = 5. Better policing of obviouse drug activity, vandalism and violence in town! = 5. The amount of obviouse illegal activities, persons involved, etc is overwhelming! The schools are also at high risk from this activity!
- Bulldoze the center of Orange & start over-it's a mess esp. the parking lot in the town square. Town is old & run down. Looks bad! Close the library! Use Mahar library or have regional library. Library smells & isn't used by that many citizens to justify its' cost. Nice building but not used in todays' world of computers. Town needs to join the 21<sup>st</sup> century! Teach Chinese & French at H.S.
- We need more grocery stores, more affordable-department stores and more programs to help people with low income keep their homes!

- The center of Orange is an eyesore. In order to encourage people to move to Orange, the center needs to be improved. Remove those abandoned buildings and make more parking available
- Please bring our town to the 20<sup>th</sup> ear
- Would be good to have had some information or resource (on web?) to be able to find out what these items mean-several I had no idea about, some I just guessed. Makes the survey much less meaningful w/o knowing what we are rating
- Prune tree/shrub growth that presently encroaches on existing sidewalks, i.e., intersection of Burril and Hayden (south Hayden toward Mahar) & South Main toward MahaI would of answered differently on some questions had more information been supplied
- Food pantry should be open more than one day a week. We should also improve the police department have more police officers on duty and someone at the station at all times
- This town should run with in it's means (budget). Do not give raises that we don't have money for. Have the people who work for the town do mutible job's. Have people in dept fill in for other people
- More affordable housing
- Clean streets in center of town
- Sewer service expansion, Eagleville & Horton Rds
- Would like to see Wheeler Memorial Library made handicap accessible and expanded, as it is a beautiful facility in the center of town. Its' a vital contributor of services to the town of Orange
- We would like to have rent control because a lot of us on limited income, especially those that don't any money from other sources
- We need to stop raising taxes. So businesses will move in instead of out. We didn't need a unmanned Fire Dept in Tully. We need stuff for our kids to do
- Why does Orange need libraries anyway. Every school has its own! If the town is so hard up for money-some of these programs are ridiculous!! How about resurfacing Magoon Rd! We need a Scott Brown to take over this town!
- Cities, towns, municipalities must learn to operate within budgets even it if means sacrifices
- Services for ex-offenders so that we do not re-offend just to survive. Help with jobs, food, training- NOT HANDOUTS OR DISGUIST/PITY!
- I think the addition of a Friends of Jones Cemetary committee is a wonderful idea. It is a beautiful area often forgotten
- Food Assistance/Pantry: would be a 5 however volunteers that work there pick through the donations, load their cares and give whats left over to those who need it. Pretty said. I donate elsewhere because of this
- Street lights Trash Pick-up
- Live within your budgets
- As a taxpayer and "frugal" person I'm concerned about the budget for out town. Education is priority to be funded. It would be great to have a more business oriented town also. What are ways we can increase town revenue besides raising taxes?
- I hate tax dollars helping for people who are not working-to many programs-people take advantage of these program instead of working. Lazyness is created as programs are created. Help the working
- Repair Wheeler Ave Repair Creamy Hill
- Put more police on bikes so they can better see whats going on in town and go back to the officer walking the beat downtown to keep the kids moving along and to make them more in touch with the people they are serving
- Rember that N. Orange & Tully are neglected of town services roads with this area are in dire need of repaving
- Given what you've done with library, transfer station=I thin you should pay what we've got-not think bout new ways to spend money we haven't got!!!!!!
- A new supermarket

- Yes I wish they would clean the roads in the spring time and get the sand off the roads especially on Smith Ave and Roger Ave and get our trash pick up from the town. What do we pay our taxes for, and we do not get nothing for it. Thank you
- We live in the Tully area, most town functions, etc are not issues for us. Town sewer, better roads in our areas are important to us
- Make North Main and part of East Main either wider or inforce no parking on one side of road. It is very difficult to drive these arrears, where the parked cars make it impossible for trafice to get through
- New library or expansion: need to keep it open!!! Get businesses that will hire our young adults and teens that are old enough to work and want to work. Try getting back the summer job program again and this time make sure they use more that 5 of the local teens who apply
- Demolish abandoned buildings: unless they can be used after a renovation depending on expense.
- Develop Putman Block: could be use for town offices
- Fix our roads now. Help the working poor no new taxes. "0" score written in next to upgrade waste water treatment facility, new library or expansion, Greenway, Housing Rehab, Downtown sign and façade improvements, repave Armory parking lot, Center Fire Station renovation/expansion, sidewalks to HS and Elementary schools, improve facilities at Lake Mattawa, Renovate Erving Paper Mill, New Home Sewing Machine buildings, North Orange Library parking lot, New town office. Respondent also wrote NO next to some of the entries scored as "0"
- Resurface and repair N. Main St: no need (? Written word). Keep the library and dump and lights
- Demolish abandoned buildings: People need these
- Repair retaining walls downtown:?? no data. More parking and Green spaces downtown: organized. Fund & staff community development director-reports to BDS. 5 year master plan comm.. dev. Task force. Economic Development outcomes achieved. Communication (?) E-W. Downtown signs-organize & points of interest & visitors kiosk. This should have had a? letter sharing who is initiating this survey & how it will be used and how the results will be shared ongoing
- Snow removal, especially areas further from town center. Faster police response
- We don't need a new library but we should definitely keep open and maintain the one we have
- We need business no I
- Residential zones in town prevent business development. Industrial zones too small for factories to build. Corporate greed & profits had exported jobs to China. Welfare pay check & disability claims, is the only income
- Bring in events for the singles or couples that don't drink alcohol NOT the bar scene. Something to do in the area!
- Summer youth programs ages 8-teens. After school programs for latch key children
- Move the food pantry off Main St!
- This area definitely needs more businesses. The tax rate is high enough
- Who will pay for all these improvements??? Taxpayers
- Council on Aging – 5. Transfer Station = 5 Library services = 4. Industrial development should be considered only if sustainable and tied to Green jobs and technology
- The Wheeler Library is vital as a resource for education, recreation and information. The town dump-recycling center is vital also. We don't want trash piled up everywhere waiting for pickup by poorly run outfits-raise taxes if needed, but keep the dump open!
- Negotiate with Verizon to get Internet service to those who don't live "in town"
- Need to market the area for its recreational aspects to bring money into the town. Signage on Rt 2 for local attractions/businesses, use "Mohawk Trail" as an attraction. Would also like to see the downtown businesses stop putting their "inventory" outside on the sidewalks. It's not safe and it's not pretty!
- Finish paving upper end Wheeler Ave

- One project that should be done is the courthouse parking lot. I went there a couple of times and we have to be very careful how you enter the lot or your car bottoms out. You have to make sure that you drive in and out at a slant
- Please keep our library and transfer station. I would consider relocation if they closed
- I'd much rather see historical buildings renovated rather than demolished
- New Fire station at airport with mostly federal money. Pave the unpaved roads. Any buildings in disrepair should be sold to the highest bidder
- More police support for speeding on the northern end of N. Main St. I don't know who plows snow at fisher hill but it is really lousy job! The snow piles never get pushed back and that is no snow removed. I no snow removal is expensive. It is also a safety issue. Also the day officer using the town vehicle for personal use
- Stop wasting money on useless programs. Clean up & renovate this horribly repressed town to make it attractive to business and non low income residents. Improve and/or replace existing infrastructure, schools, library, police & fire. Use our tax and grant monies more appropriately
- Outlets for independent musicians
- Abandoned buildings could be renovated to house the homeless, elderly or for youth activity to keep them off the streets
- Transfer station is a must for a town like Orange. Should be self sustaining if managed properly
- I understand the town is putting a new water well on the north side of the river. That great, maybe help with that funding. They do a great job @ the water department. I wish they all were operated like that one
- Start up DARE Program. Increase burn permit fees or charge for each burning permit individually no matter how many one person requests
- Mark roads with yellow divider lines. Get rid of town manager, he's useless
- The condition of the roads in the Walnut Hill neighborhoods is really bad, with Charles St. and Coombs Ave being two of the worst there is. Also a drainage problems in the winter on Coombs Ave. However I would like to mention that the highway dept or hired contractors did a very good job plowing last winter. These were by far the best conditions of the roads in the 10 years I have lived in Orange
- Drop private snowplowing. Highway Dept should do this because they do a better job. Bardsley Renovations does a horrible job on Beacon St. Try to promote Wendys or Burger King to come into town at empty lot of Leavitt Machine (across from Post Office). Improve drainage on Beacon St. Try to get another supermarket chain someplace close to town. Hannafords has no competition and are gouging and price monopolizing people to death. Continue to put sand barrels on corners for winter. After all, the taxpayer has already paid for the sand once, should not pay for it a second time. Hire new Highway Super
- Eliminate social service programs. Stop buying votes with our money. Let's clean up what we have. Use what we have and stop inventing new ways to increase our high property taxes with no services. This town needs jobs not entitlements. For a cash strapped town please do not use a stamped envelope. Please use drop-off points-Hannaford, Wal-Mart, town hall, post office. Let's start saving. Stop spending and give-aways! Start saving!! Thank you!
- Town revitalization hinges on the individual neighborhoods. Crime and other issues go un noticed or unreported in neighborhoods such as that around Kelton St. There is NO police presence in these neighborhoods, speeding restrictions are not enforced and the areas one not child friendly. Who would want to live there?? Furthermore the activities at the local police need to be regulated. Stop wasting my tax dollars sitting in front of the old family inn or Bank America parking lot trying to catch speeders on a corner that is virtually impossible to speed around!! Patrol the damn neighborhoods
- With money being short, I would like to see it used for those who truly are not able to help themselves- the disabled and elderly. There are items here that are very important such as the water & waste upgrade & expansion that many people will be totally unaware of the issues. Many other items need attention but not necessarily by use of town tax payers money. I work very hard 40 hrs a week (no retirement

plan) and can barely pay my taxes. I hope comments will be recorded somewhere and not just read by one person. Thanks for the survey

- Adult education classes at the HS at an affordable fare for residents & extra fee for out of town supports, similar to Worcester “Nite Life: (recorder cannot read next sentence). The high school might want to implement a “work study” program for Jr’s and Sr’s wherein for credit(s), students are placed in local job training to study a trade as curriculum. Many “work study” students have gone on to employment full time following such training. It’s great for adding vitality to the community at low/no additional costs!
- New Library or expansion: Don’t lose what we have
- Minimum government!
- Upgrade Butterfield Park: Playground. Demolish abandoned buildings: so important for safety and revitalization. The empty lot across from the post office (parking?) for and New Home Sewing Machine buildings convert into condos. Our biggest concerns are local business development, town beautification, help for families, and education. A revitalization of downtown is crucial for this town’s future. Safety is another large issue concerning abandoned buildings and the town playground
- Develop Putman Block: demolish it
- Keep the Orange recycling center and transfer station running. It is a very important facility. I think the importance of many of these projects depends on where you live, like inside or outside of the town
- In this economy it is better we look to lowering the burden on taxpayers by cutting services and looking to find only the necessary needs for the town to function. For example Fire Police and Education as well as DPW. We need to look at the median income of the families in this town and not try to overextend the towns’ debt on items we can do without until times are more economically sound
- I feel that there are more people riding bikes than ever before. So how come we don’t have any bike paths going from Orange to Athol. We have the side of the roads which I have been on, and it is dangerous. Especially with people on cell phones not paying attention. (I was almost hit by a police officer who was on his cell!) So I feel maybe you should ask what we want, not what do we think of these only listed below. I hope you share this with everyone. Thank-you!
- Town workers need to diversify and cross train to help out in other areas when needed. Cut back on salaries of town workers just like all of us have to get by. As I budget for my family I expect the town to use our monies in a conservation way during this economic times. Cut backs-priorities only
- As an educator for the North Quabbin Adult Ed Center for 9 years I know there is a large group of teens/twenty’s who need help with job skills and learning what it takes to succeed as a worker. Help w/skills (vocational), transportation and child care is unquestionably needed in our community
- Houses on 2A need to be renovated or torn down and trailer removed. About 3 of these properties are an eye sore to the community when entering into Orange Center. The town needs to do something. Condem & force property owners to do something about them. A time limit needs to be part of this. Less salt and sand use of road to Warwick in winter (Rt 78). Well water checked for owners once a year-no fee
- The bridge over the Tully Stream on Logan Rd (near Rte 32 in Athol and shared by the Town of Athol) is in desperate need of new railings. The cement ones are in a state of total deterioration. This is the way most visitors come to Packard Pond. I do hope the town DPW cuts back the growth along Fryville Road and other roads in the Tully area of Orange
- Social Service Program Needs: Way beyond the realm of responsibility of town or its taxpayers. Concentrate on downsizing the scope of town government in a time of global recession; town taxpayers can not sustain current infrastructure and financial obligations. New projects only deepen our debt when we have no funds for operating and maintaining them. Offer airport for sale or lease to commercial or industrial development; create public works board (NOT THE SELECTMEN) for integrated and professional management of public facilities and infrastructure
- Town operated super market-Putnam Block

- Repair Putnam St down to intersection with Cheney St. along with sidewalk between Fountain and Pleasant. Develop empty lot at the old Leavitt Machine Co. site. Civilian ride-a-longs with the police dept. Restaurant behind TD bank close to where vacant lot is now
- Have a supermarket operated by town workers and cost less
- Education-jobs. Be creative in revitalizing downtown. Encourage alternative type of businesses. Thank you
- I would love to see a spray/water park added to the town playground for summer use. Most families travel 30 min or more with children to find things to do
- I think the enclosed sheet is enough, don't you? See above comments\*(referring to prior sentence). Orange is still the best place in Massachusetts to live. Wish it was easier to get a good paying job close by
- Cut town admin pay. Decrease size of programs. Small gov't now
- I have circled # 3 only if we have the money. I also would like to know what is being done about the vandalism that was done at Central Cemetery. I would like to see a clean up of two of the most disgraceful properties in Orange
- Taxes are understandable, but raising them isn't. We need to better disperse our funds. We need to bring in more commercial, industrial companies coming in. Let's bring in some large companies (Home Depot)
- Orange needs a dog park
- Let's welcome homeowners & businesses to our town by making our town beautiful again!! Accent what resources we have (like the river) and create awesome places to live & work!!
- Railroad station trains to Boston & Greenfield
- Take down the Sp9ortplex building and move the police station to that location, or some other spot in the center of town. I have marked what I think are priority items
- More help for the elderly and disabled
- We need jobs in this area!!!We need to spend wisely-cut back where we can-people cannot afford more taxes
- More companies to relocate to Orange. More jobs for the teenagers. More classes to help teenager mothers & fathers to keep their kids and prevention of pregnancies
- Make owners improve exteriors on Erving Building and New Home of demolish. They are eye sores & dangerous. I have seen a teen pulling bricks off of Erving Building
- Royalston Road on the causeway side needs redoing far more than North Main St. which has been resurfaced 3 times since anything was done with Royalston Rd. The pot holes are terrible/also could use sweeper out there every few years!
- Need jobs/need police on bicycles again. The kids are getting out of hand / more police officers / start night curfew again/ too many youngsters out getting into trouble
- Most important priorities: 1. Repave Roads, 2. Fix Central Cemetery, 3. Street Lights?Landfill
- Years back some lights (streets) were omitted, would like to see them back again. These were side streets
- Upper Wheeler Rd is in horrible shape much worse than North Main. I believe many of the Social Services are being addressed. The local government is not in the position to address many of these issues
- Widen sidewalks! Using baby carriage-very (cannot decipher remaining words in comment)