

Alton Master Plan Update Survey - Summer 2021  
Conducted for Alton Master Plan Committee  
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Summary of Results

Process

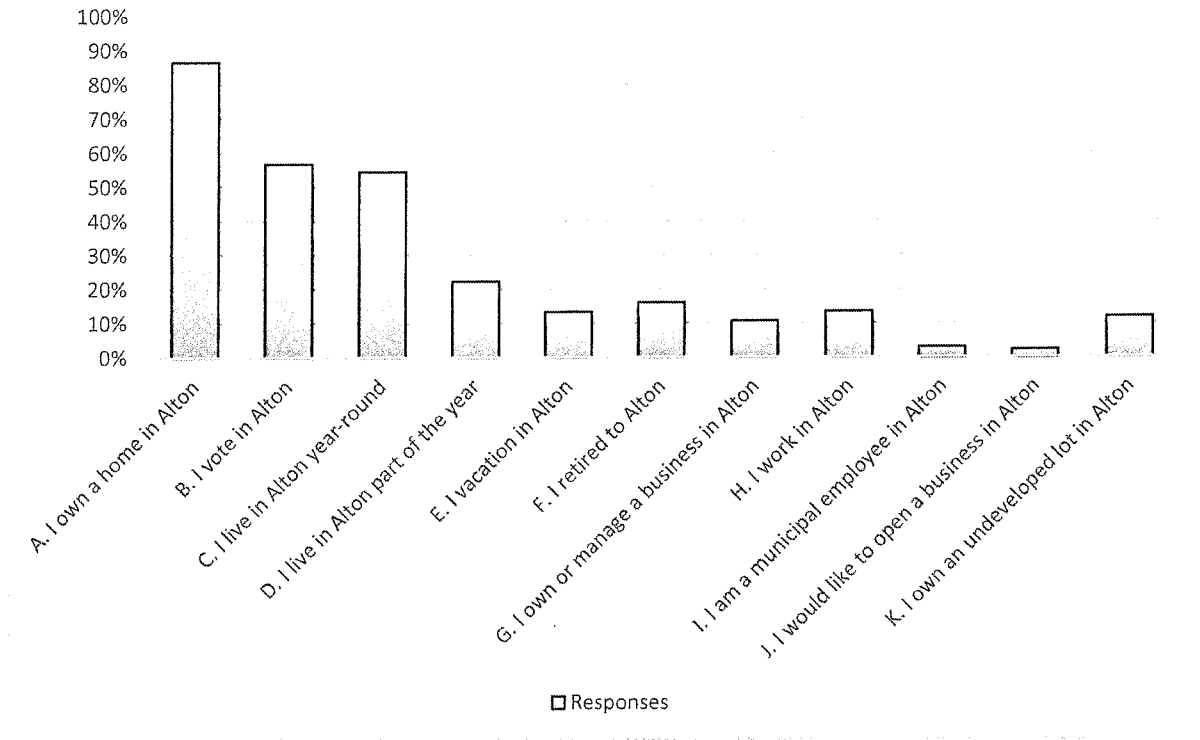
In mid-June, postcards containing information on accessing the three-question master plan update survey were mailed to the 3,442 addresses in the 03809 (Alton) and 03810 (Alton Bay) zip codes and to the 2,244 addresses associated with out-of-town landowners. Soon after, surveys were mailed to the 42 voters with post office boxes in adjacent towns and to the 3 landowners with addresses outside of the country. Eight surveys were returned as undeliverable. The end result was a total of 5,723 surveys reaching voter and landowner addresses. The post cards contained a link to complete the survey on-line and also offered the opportunity to obtain a hard copy of the survey from the town office. As of September 8, 2021, a total of 818 responses had been received, 779 on-line and 39 paper. The results are summarized below. Individual responses are provided in the associated appendices.

Question 1

The first question asked the respondents to identify their relationship with the town of Alton. As shown below and on the graph on the next page, 87% of responses were provided by those who own a home in Alton; slightly more than half (54%) reported living in Alton year-round.

<b>What is your relationship with the town of Alton? (Please check ALL that apply.)</b>		
Answer Choices	Responses	
A. I own a home in Alton	87%	704
B. I vote in Alton	57%	461
C. I live in Alton year-round	54%	442
D. I live in Alton part of the year	22%	181
E. I vacation in Alton	13%	108
F. I retired to Alton	16%	130
G. I own or manage a business in Alton	11%	87
H. I work in Alton	13%	109
I. I am a municipal employee in Alton	3%	24
J. I would like to open a business in Alton	2%	18
K. I own an undeveloped lot in Alton	12%	96
L. Other (please specify) (See Appendix 1L)		33
	Answered	813
	Skipped	5

## What is your relationship with the town of Alton? (Please check ALL that apply.)



### Question 2

**What do you like best about Alton? Please list up to three positive qualities or strengths of the town.**

The word cloud on the following page shows the 30 words or terms used most frequently in the responses to Question 2. The size of the word indicates the relative frequency of that word in the responses.



### Question 3

**What would make Alton even better? Please list up to three issues or needs you think should be addressed in the Master Plan.**

Below is a summary of responses to Question 3 organized by the number of respondents who mentioned the issue or need so far.

#### Highest Priorities

The greatest number of responses focused on commercial development in Alton. Almost 200 suggestions were provided regarding Alton Village and/or Alton Bay. These included redevelopment, filling empty storefronts, beautification, support for small local businesses, more small businesses/shops, improving walkability and parking, and enhancing historic character. In addition, almost 200 comments were provided regarding the need for more businesses in town without reference to either village area. These included those who would like to see more restaurants or retail opportunities in town and those who mentioned jobs, the tax base, specific businesses, and the need for more year-round businesses. Several recommended that any new businesses should be located in or adjacent to the existing commercial areas.

### 50-100 Responses

Next in importance with over 50 responses each were concerns about property taxes, growth, road condition, the town beach, a community center, increased outdoor recreation opportunities, and traffic.

- Many respondents expressed a desire to keep taxes/expenses low or lower them. Some mentioned concern about taxes on waterfront properties specifically or the ability of retirees to pay taxes.
- Many commented on keeping Alton small and rural, a desire to see less development, limiting development, or keeping rural areas rural.
- Comments about roads focused primarily on maintenance and paving.
- Many expressed a desire for a town beach that is more family-friendly, away from the boat ramp. Several would like to see a town beach that is just for residents or taxpayers. Others commented on the size of the beach, its condition or adequacy of parking.
- Quite a few respondents expressed a desire for a community/recreation center; some mentioned especially the need for year-round activities, sports facilities, a facility for all ages or a place for teens.
- Several provided suggestions for more outdoor recreation opportunities. These included a desire for water access, more parks and recreation for all ages, trails in general or specifically developing a rail trail to connect with other towns. Upkeep of existing facilities was also mentioned.
- The issue of traffic was seen quite a bit in responses, some expressing a desire to see less traffic, particularly in summer, others looking for better traffic control. Enforcement of speed limits was mentioned as an issue throughout town.

### 25-50 Responses

- Several expressed a desire to improve the walkability of the community, including more sidewalks.
- Although the largest number of survey respondents expressed a desire for more business development in town, a significant number expressed a desire not to see any more chain stores/restaurants. Some specified no more large businesses or specific types of business.
- Boaters expressed a need for more public docking space and for more parking for the boat launch. Also mentioned by some was a desire to see more access to the lake for residents/taxpayers and improved circulation for launching and parking.

- Several suggested a town sewer system for the village areas. Some mentioned the lack of sewer as a barrier to village area development or a burden for small business owners.
- The importance of water quality to the community was also noted.
- More community events were suggested, for example, Bingo, music and movie nights. Several emphasized family-friendly events and opportunities to meet other community members.
- Additional housing for seniors and the workforce was identified as a need, with some specifying affordable or assisted, including more year-round rentals.

#### 10-24 Responses

- Some, rather than commenting on a specific type of or location for growth, focused on enforcement of land use regulations and management of growth and development.
- Some respondents expressed a desire for more recycling opportunities with several mentioning plastics specifically.
- Some respondents listed the return of the Swap Shop.
- Bike trails/paths/lanes were suggested.
- A desire to control the design/appearance of new development was reported.
- Improvements to the water system mentioned included expansion of the year-round service to some properties where it is now only seasonal and improvements to infrastructure.
- Improved or increased communication between town government and residents was identified as well as community engagement.
- Other respondents specified a desire not to have specific types of residential development including cluster, condos, multi-family, high density, workforce or low income.
- Reducing the frequency of power outages was noted.
- Some respondents reported a desire to see more policing.
- Some noted specific land use regulations such as certain minimum lot sizes or prohibiting business development in the rural areas of town.

- A desire for more land conservation and protection of natural resources was reported.
- Concerns specific to lakeshore development included protection of shoreland vegetation and the level of development.
- A desire for more programs and services for youth was reported.
- Several mentioned a desire for more services to the islands, including emergency services specifically.
- More control of aquatic invasives/weeds was mentioned.
- Expansion of parking area at Mount Major was identified as a need by several.

## 5-9 Responses

Other suggestions made by a handful of respondents:

- Be mindful of landowner rights.
- Improve the appearance of the gateways to town.
- Provide fulltime firefighters.
- Provide an indoor pool.
- Preserve the town's historic buildings and sites.
- Have more frequent litter pick-up.
- Continue investment in town buildings.
- Provide a dog park.
- Provide public transportation.

Question 1. What is your relationship with the town of Alton?

**Responses to L. Other:**

We plan to spend snowy months in the south.

Work Part-time on Lake Winnepesaukee

We have a large parcel w/plans to develop, but having been here for a number of years now, we're finding the town really doesn't offer a whole lot, so are waiting to see whether this town moves forward or stays stuck where it has been.

Retired, ran a business out of Alton

Retired, former Alton Bay business owner and civic volunteer

Renter - (long time - forever)

Plan to live here longer at some point and hopefully retire here

Owned business in Alton until 2019

Own land

Our property has been in my family for 120 years. My relatives were retired residents or lived here. My father is on the WWII monument, others in the cemetery. Alton is the only place where I have life long roots and friends.

Native of Alton

My children will go to school in Alton

Long term family history of living in Alton

Live most of the year in Alton

I'm a teacher at ACS

I want to retire in Alton, as my family's been in town for over 120 years.

I want to retire in Alton some day

I plan on buying more land in Alton when it becomes available

I pay rent

I pay my taxes to Alton

I own land in Alton

I live in Alton most of the year

I am the Trustee of the property -29 Main St. U/W/O Harold F. Sanborn.

I am the landlord at the property I own in Alton.

I am on the ZBA, tiny home and CIP boards in Alton. We have also owned undeveloped properties in Alton since 1982

I am a State Rep for Alton

I am a real estate agent researching Alton for a client

Have raised family who also now live in Alton. Many grandchildren also born & raised & live now in Alton

Grew up here 50 +/- years, visit 1-3 mos/yr

Elected town official

Daughter & Son-in-law reside in our home there year-round

Building a home in Alton

Active volunteer even at 75 yrs.

Question 2. What do you like best about Alton? Please list up to three positive qualities or strengths of the town.

Individual Responses (Some typos corrected for readability)		
Activities around the lake in Alton	Cleanliness	Concerts on the common
Close proximity/easier access to surrounding towns	Natural outdoor recreation	Rural character
Small town (although growing rapidly)	Wonderful living here	Great school system
Natural resources: lakes, mountains, river	Rural atmosphere	Parks (all but especially Jones Field, Loop Trail, Quannippi Trail)
Beauty	Location	People
Food	Views	Caring people
Beauty views	Town people	Great food
ABCCC	Food	Lake W
People	Businesses	Taxes
Lake	Helpful persons	Ice cream
Water view		
Water	Views of the Lake	Activities
Beauty	Openness	Community
Green spaces, parks, put-in spots for small boats/paddle, residential zones with attention to Lake living	Old Home Day festivities	Services, police, fire, water
Plenty of wide open space	Boat ramps, access to Lake for kayaks and such	
No large buildings	Scenery	Quite
small town feel	friendly	taxes
Small, quaint town with conveniences for residents and places for tourists	Participates in Lake activities	Two separate town centers on and off-Lake
Small knit community - helping others when needed	school system	emergency services
its rural area	its low taxes	its quiet, peacefulness
Small town friendliness	Natural beauty (lakes, trails)	Accessibility to shopping, medical services
Small town appeal	No large box stores	Sense of community
Small	Quiet	Peaceful
Low Taxes	Location	The lake
Events/ for families and children pre-covid	Sense of community	Variety of businesses town
Restaurants	Lake	Open, non built on land
Proximity to the Lake	People	Not far from seacoast and central/southern NH
small country town feel	beautiful bay	friendly, caring people
Beautiful lake	Tax rate	Small town feel
the rural living	the slower pace and country setting	proximity and region near Lake Winnepesaukee
Hometown Charm without being stuck in the past	Active waterfront with a range of access types (public and private)	Freedom to care for your property and surroundings without too many rules

Rural / country feel	The wonderful people	The Lake
The Town Hall	Local Business Owners	Access to the Lake
Clean, safe, good winter plowing, roads maintained	Nice forests, trails, water, and restaurants	Moderate taxes
It's beauty	friendly and helpful people at the town offices	lake access
We are fortunate to live in such a beautiful area	We have an excellent Fire Department	We have an excellent Police Department
Natural beauty of the area & all the wildlife	Peace & quiet most of the time	Small town friendly atmosphere
Small town	Natural beauty of the area	Fairly low taxes
Lake Winnepesaukee - should be all three strengths	Hannaford - a good grocery store in town	The Alton Dump - very convenient
Low taxes	Safe neighborhoods	Charming lake town
Small year round population	Lake access/activities	Low taxes/mill rate
local business's	super market	lake access
Lake Winnepesaukee	Turtle Kraal RV Park	West Alton Marina
small town feel	lakes and forests	low taxes
It's More like what NH looked like 50 years ago	Quiet town for the most	Nice conservative way of thinking, more about needs and not wants!
small town	slower lifestyle	clean and friendly place
The Lake	The beauty of the area	
Small town environment	Friendly business people and helpful	
Waterfront	Town Staff ; very polite and easy to work with...	Hannafords!
Low taxes	Band stand	Town activities
Mountains (skiing) Lake (boating & swimming)		
I liked the small town. Why keep changing it? People came here because it was unique, had its own identity. Keep it that way. Restore things that people liked.	Have schools go back to a classic education, history, book reports etc, leaving the issues of controversy and modern technology for those who want it, as after school activities so parents won't be led to take children elsewhere. We paid for our schools.	We vote for selectmen. Let them handle our affairs. We are not a city, or a number, for outsiders to control. Homeowners on Main St. pay taxes. They deserve respect. Divert through traffic and fine noisy drivers.
The tax rate.	My neighbors and friends in Alton	The natural scenery in the town, and hiking trails.
Low taxes, when they were low.	The natural beauty, of the trees, mountains, fields and streams.	That Alton was a bedroom community and I hope it stops growing so fast.
Low property taxes, although they could be much better with better management.	The beautiful lakes, mountains and forests. Let's practice more conservation.	Relative safety
Location! Beautiful lake, quick access to mountains and ocean.	Low taxes!	Beautiful high school!
The Lake .... Winnepesaukee	Small town	Friendly people

small town feel	good school district	great location good access to other parts of NH
Water	Small town feel	Restaurants
It is a small town, very quaint and very friendly	The fact that you can't build condo's!!!	The taxes are lower then surrounding towns.
Character	Location	Winnepesaukee
conservative values	lake	community
Quaint town atmosphere	Lake, mountains, country	Low taxes
Uniqueness of independent restaurants	Various parks	Hiking trails
Scenic beauty	Tourist draw	
It is a beautiful location (lake, hikes, etc)	My home is close to work	The people are friendly
Rural Character and Natural Beauty	Main Street Community	Great for Families
I like the police department	The accessibility of the local government	The small town character
Lower tax rate	Small town	Not overrun with summer crowds
Low taxes	adequate number of businesses-variety	traffic flow is ideal
small town	lower taxes	beautiful area
Friendly people	Community involvement	Relaxing pace
lakes	scenery	
The area to the lake		
The relatively low tax rate		
The new boat ramp F & G put in.		
Taxes are reasonable	Solid waste center aka dump efficient, good management, neat	Proximity to lake and renovation of the water bandstand. Seems to be the only gem we have now.
I love a quaint town but well maintained.	Most people are friendly which visitors seem to enjoy on my many walks through the bay.	Great to have winter activities for year round citizens.
locally owned businesses preferred thankful restaurnts are local and not "chain" stores	small town	scenic - preserve the land and area
Town dock parking and beach improved	Alton bay grounds improved	Rotary at gas station improved
Rural but close to most needs	Good grocery shopping compared to long ago.	Friendly people
Foremost, the friendliness of the people.	The lake	Having a grocery store, pharmacy & Urgent Care in town.
Low Taxes	Nice areas on the lake	
small town feel	country living	low tax base
The people	Natural beauty	Low taxes
The lake	The friendly people	The beautiful wooded trails to walk
Access to the water	Community events downtown	
Rural area. As few restrictions as possible on use of property.	Locally owned businesses in town. No chain stores. Pride in town & community relationships.	Access to elected officials & boards. We love our road crew folks! They are heroes!
Good services & good administration	People are friendly	Open spaces. Taxes are fair.
The people	That it is a great vacation spot	its history

The "small town" feel	Close proximity to the lake	Hiking and outdoor options
Selection of goods & services in town	Variety of recreation available (hiking, biking, beaches, etc.)	Community focused
Community oriented	Proximity to lakes and recreation	Rural atmosphere
Peace and quiet	Low crime	Responsible town budget
Scenery & lakes & trails.	Central location.	Personal contact with business owners & public officials.
Longevity of residents	Home town atmosphere	Beauty
Quaint	United in times of those in need, yet not over the top	
Location	Community	
Low taxes	Low crime	Neighbors helping neighbors
Small town		
The kindness of its residents	The small-town feel	The views!
The small town charm and feel.	It isn't as commercialized as other lake communities.	Mt. Major, seeing the Mt. Washington cruise down the bay, the winter air strip, proximity to MA and Gunstock.
small town feel	caring community	lake access/parks and recreation
Small town feel	Community	
Small town life	Low tax base	Beautiful surroundings
Beautiful scenery	Lower taxes	The big lake
Small town/community feel	NO BIG BOX STORES! Shop small and shop local!	year round activities in the Bay
It's simple beauty and lack of congestion	The friendly and honest persons and business owners	The up keep of the public spaces and places
Lake life	Alton bay restaurants/shops	Ease of town communication
Small new england town	Controlled growth	Vacation area
Upon arrival 18 yrs ago it had the small town feeling	The lake	The numerous activities offered by the town
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The friendliness and helpfulness of the people.	The small businesses here.	The quality of the school system.
The Water Bandstand & other improvements in the bay	Activities, such as band concerts, boat shows, etc.	Walkability in the beautiful bay & the businesses there
Redevelopment projects around Town	Lower taxes	Great Community and safe
It is a pretty area - lakes, mountains	Careful growth/development over the past 35 years since I've owned there to retain it's attractiveness	Retains its old fashioned feel and look, townspeople care and preserve it's specialness
Lakeshore property	Lake access	Hiking and walking access
Lake	Convenience to services (vs other towns on lake)	Availability of outdoor activities (hiking, skiing, etc.)
Gilman Library	Alton Business Association	small town feel
Small town population	Enjoy location of town on lake	Central location
Mount Major	Lake Winnepesaukee	
Rural landscape	Accessible for work in the Lakes region and southerly more developed locations.	low taxes

Rural but centrally located with access Seacoast, Concord, White Mts.	Past history of having high quality teachers/ schools (our children are grown)	
Small town feel	Not overdeveloped with neon lights everywhere	Close knit community
Location		
The quaint community	Activities	Local restaurants
Wonderful people, warm, caring, self-reliant	Beautiful land	Everything I need nearby
location	friendly community	excellent services
Atmosphere	Location	
Friendliness of small shop owners	Library	Dockside and lake access
love the small town intimate community atmosphere	love knowing my neighbors and feeling part of the community	love the people of Alton
low property taxes	Lake Winnepesaukee access	good highway access (Route 28, Route 11)
Small Town Feel	Location on the Big Lake	Quality municipal support services
Natural resources	Small town feel	Dedicated town employees
Small town feel	Proximity to the Lake	Sprit / character (e.g. activities; festivals; flags; etc.)
waterfront on lake winni	closest lake winni town to Boston	love the winter festival
Low taxes	Close proximity to food, banking and misc. supplies.	Quiet neighborhood
low property taxes		
Low real estate taxes	Great location	Still a small town
Natural beauty	low tax rate	people are friendly and courteous
location	location	location
lake side	relatively close to the Boston area	beautiful environment
Lots of natural beauty		
well located on south end of the lake.	small town feel	
Safe & where we live, it is quiet with minimal disturbance	Taxes are reasonable	Having supermarket & restaurants local so we don't need to travel
friendly community		
Alton is quaint; attractively old-fashioned, a throw-back	Walkable. Corner store, post office	Patriotic. Love the flags along Rt 11
Small town	Low taxes	Lakes
It's a quaint NH town.		
boating activities	small town atmosphere	proximity to lake, mountains and ocean
low taxes	recreation	small size population
Small town atmosphere, well known	No late rowdy places	Look out for each other
Small town no big business	Taxes rate	Nothing is open late for late rowdy crowds
Small town feel	Convenience of grocery, post office, town hall	
Small town atmosphere	Has supermarket, restaurants, small businesses	Infrastructure well maintained
location	Taxes	transfer station

Has a small town feeling	The lake front is attractive and accessible to residents	Town hall is quaint and employees very helpful
Rural environment	Proximity to lakes and mountains	Easy access to all services/stores
Small town.	Close to the lake.	It's location.
the people	the events	the lake and outdoor activities
Taxes are reasonable due to seasonal owners	Seems to have a variety small shops to buy products	School system
friendly staff in town hall		
The Waterfront-Lake Winnepesaukee		
The small, caring community feel still exists	The school system	The environment -lake, mountains, trees/woods
It is a quiet town	The location is perfect and relaxing	There are so many things to do and see
Quiet Quaint community		
Friendly.	Small	Still has a lot of rural areas
You can dock your boat in Alton Bay, and do things like go to Shibley's, get and ice cream, shop at the cigar store. It would be great to have a clothing store. :)	Alton believes in Freedom	The bandstands
open space	ability to do what you want to on your own property	
City services	Friendly staff	Natural areas
Lake Winni access and views	The small town feel; love the music in summer and events both summer and winter	The local restaurants and amenities, winter airstrip on lake,
Lower taxes	Local businesses	Great high school
Access to Lake Winnepesaukee	Quiet (most of the time)	Friendly small businesses
Size, small, quiet, friendly, less traffic	Low taxes	Lake
Friendliness of residents		
Having the lake around with many resources	Wide range of outside activities	Creating a vision for the future
low taxes	small town environment	quiet
Lake Winnepesaukee	Small town	
The lake		
Lake Winnepesaukee		
Community	Small town	Outdoor activities
quiet town	local hospitality	low taxes
beauty	small town feel	fire department is great
Natural beauty	Nice people	Convenient stores
The Bay and all of the activity and businesses there	The Library	The Town Hall. The staff is so friendly!
Quiet	Safe	Beautiful Area
Small town on the lake-for now-!!	No major chain stores other than McDonald's	Location itself- easy access/routes to surrounding areas
Hiking trails	Proximity to lake with free parking	Library
Beauty	People	Public Works
Small town	Good infrastructure	
Lake	Small town feel	Recreation activities

New England charm	Small Town	Mountains and lakes
Island Living	Rattlesnake Island Hike	Island Services (marine, fire, police)
beautiful setting	unpretentious	friendly
Senior discount on property taxes is great	Love the bay	Love the size of the town
Low taxes	Location	Rural feel
The friendliness of businesses to summer visitors	love the variety of business and recreational activities available	Clean and cared-for restaurants and facilities. Your trash-collection facility is a joy to use - clean and organized. Thank you.
Small town	Neighbors	No big city crap
small town atmosphere	friendly/helpful people	love the winter, spring, summer, and fall activities
small town atmosphere	People seem connected	enjoy the activities
Waterfront area and improved parking	Not overdeveloped	Boat ramp
Location	Lake Winnepesaukee	Mountains beautiful area
Relatively Low Taxes	The Small Town Community Setting/Feeling and Living	Lower Population Density and No Highrise Apartment Buildings or Low Income Family Housing
Access to lake	Very helpful town clerk	
Quiet	Close to hiking/ocean	Good town attractions
easy access to town offices & hours of operation with helpful people	good roads & well maintained	folks watch out for one another
The lake	public town docks	good access for shopping, groceries, restaurants
Small town	Low taxes	Lake Winnepesaukee
Living in West Alton at least gives access to the things we all need in Gilford.	Nature's beauty & occasional wildlife sightings	The people seem genuinely nice, but without anything going on in town, it's extremely difficult to meet anyone.
Great year round recreation & Lake Winnepesaukee	Excellent variety of consumer products & services	Excellent Public Services including Town Hall, Schools, Police, Fire & EMS
affordable for working people	good school	small town feel
small town environment	small schools	lots of recreational opportunities
Alton Bay town docks where any one can visit the hamlet and park their boat	Great outdoor activities for most of year: water play, mountain and hiking, outdoor dining, fishing	
Small town	Friendly	Low crime
Traditional American values	Non commercialized	Natural beauty
Lake Winnepesaukee	Merrymeeting River	People
large lots	small town	lake community
rural community small	great weather	schools
for the most part it is full of Mom and Pop businesses and not chain coffee shops or restaurants and stores	The geography of the lakes and mountains (although that seems to be getting ruined)	tranquility
Small town	Lake Winnepesaukee	Great people

Bay	Small town feel	Easy Hiking
Until recently, low taxes	Responsive local officials	Scenic beauty
Natural beauty	Generosity of many individuals	
Beautiful physical surroundings that are treasured and respected by most of the local residents	Old-fashioned small town feeling even tho there is a huge influx of tourists in the summer	Local citizens who are friendly and helpful
new restaurants	new dock area	flags and other decorations to create a town atmosphere
Lake Winni and natural beauty of creation	Small town values	Fiscally responsible local government
LAKE	MOUNTAINS	LOW TRAFFIC
Convenient location to amenities and southern NH	Solid waste center	Great maintenance of roads especially in winter
Hiking areas	Location	Town dump
Love the Alton Bay area and the summer events	Traffic is manageable	Low key but fun
lake	closest to seacoast from the lake	can still work on seacoast while living on lake
Lake	Waterfront amenities	Restaurants
Friendly atmosphere	not overly commercialized	
favorable tax rate	low crime rate	town is well managed and maintained
Rural quality	Public areas to swim	Activities coordinated by Parks & Rec
Beauty	Rural	Location
Great location, lakes mountains and 1 hour to ocean	Great school system	good restaurants
Small town feel	Municipal employees	
Uncrowded rural area	Remote but accessible to big markets	Beautiful scenic area with mountains and lakes
natural beauty - lakes, mountains	low taxes	small town feeling
The lake	The updated bandstand	The restaurants
Location - convenient proximity to other parts of the State I frequent	I love living near the lake since I cannot afford to own waterfront property	The small-town community with a thriving holiday/vacation vibe
Lake Winnepesaukee	Scenic beauty	Low density housing
Lively activities	Well kept gardens	Low taxes
Vibrant Village Center	Beautiful Bay	
Its rural environment	Land set aside for preservation and outdoor activities	Alton dump, for recycling, reasonable cost to get rid of large items, involvement in hazardous waste collection with Wolfeboro. More environmental protection can be expanded,
RURAL	Quite	Private
small town but has city qualities	near the lake	school is good
Close Proximity to Boston	Close Proximity to Gunstock	Lake
Security	Beauty	Size
Quiet	No Traffic Lights	Small town feel
The waterfront	Small town atmosphere	Pops

Beauty of area	Lake	Sunny weather
The Lake	The tax structure	The location
Helpful, friendly people at all of the Alton offices and services.	An active Parks & Rec department that brings the town together through various functions.	An active garden club/beautification committee that adds so much to the Town of Alton.
Having a large lot for privacy	Low crime rate	The natural surroundings/rural feel
Beautiful Lakes and Mountains	Low Crime Rate	Good Schools
Low crime rate	Big quiet lots	Lots of work
Fishing	Helpful town employees	
Friendly people	Good Police and Fire Department	Not overpopulated
Quiet	Rural	Open Spaces
ruralness	small town atmosphere	
Recreational resources; country feel; nonsuburban chaos	slower paced lifestyle; less stress	Sense of community/friendliness
clean	close to the lake	quiet
Outdoor Recreation	Minimal traffic	Low crime.
Small town charm	Friendliness	Accessibility to Lake Winni
Small town feeling without overdevelopment	The lake and mountains are clean and fresh and so beautiful	The people who work in the post office; town offices act like they care.
Conference Center	The water	Quiet town
small town,( keep it that way!)	lower tax rate then other towns.	protected open lands.
Lake	Low property tax	Public safety
The Lake	The size in winter...not so much in summer	The July 3rd fireworks
Lake Winnepesaukee	Roads are well maintained	Small New England town feel
Picturesque lakeside town with lots of history	Small town feel	
Small town	Lake	Great road maintenance
location	community	The Lake
Small town look / feel	Access to the Lake	Character / spririt with American Flags
Positive community to raise a family	Lots to do in the area as a family	Year round beauty of the Lakes Region
The small town feel	It's not overdeveloped	
good people	good school system	good business
Alton is still trying to keep simple and "old school"	Alton has a good town hall and Government system with good planners and Selectmen/women	Alton still has a few "wild" places , but over use is a concern.
Sense of community	Small town	Beautiful scenery
Lake	Skimobile trails	Alton Village Pizza
Small-Town Atmosphere	Recreational Opportunities ie: Kayaking/Hiking/Picnicking	Proximity to everything NH has to offer
Rural atmosphere	Cute/attractive village with clustered commercial	Bay visitor amenities (new beach, swim deck,minigolf)
The mountains and lakes	The scenic byways	People
we have many recreational opportunities	we have good roadway plan and maintained properly	we have zoning that protects our rural areas

Location	Low Taxes	The community - very friendly people and great businesses
Comparatively low taxes	Proximity to services	Small town feel
the rural flavor of the town	the close knit community	the natural beauty of the region
The Dump	The good condition of the roads	The Milfoil Program
It has NO high density housing	It reflects an easy going small NH town	It has history that can't be replaced
Safe	Quaint	Roads are kept up
friendly people	small town atmosphere	great location (lakes, mountains, etc.)
location - lakes region and central NH	the people, for the most part, all residents seem super friendly	The Bay, south side of Winni is my fav, so beautiful
All its outdoors	It's location in the state, lakes, mts, ocean, city all nearby.	It's looks have not changes much over the many years
The lake	Swap shop	Community feeling
People are nice and welcoming	Public bathrooms in bay and at beach	No video game rooms
the current business & residential composition of the town	the Lakes Region culture	the town is not yet over-congested
Alton recycle/trash		
Small town atmosphere	Community activities	Low taxes
Proximity to the lake	Clean	Small town atmosphere
It's a small quaint town.	The people of Alton are very pleasant and neighborly.	It is a very pretty town.
small town sense of community	access to the lake for boating	access to the mountains
rural setting low population density	low taxes	quiet and peaceful
Quaint	Old NH	no chain/minimal chain stores
Open land and natural resources	Small community feel	Low taxes
quiet	scenery	low taxes
It's scenic and quiet, with beautiful locations on the big lake.	We have public access to boating and swimming.	Festive recreational activities, especially on weekends in summer that make Alton a go-to destination.
Roads are pretty much kept in good shape	Town dump is well managed	Strong sense of community
Small size	Lakeshore	
Friendly town staff	Small town feel and attitude	
The low taxes	The school seems to be good	The small town feel but some nice conveniences
Few people, lots of land, lots of green	Small town feel	
The beauty of the lake	The friendliness of people	The fairness of the assessments
Swap shop	Lake	Restaurants
Low taxes	We live in a country setting and love it.	Great location.
Quiet and relaxing atmosphere		
community	small town feeling	common sense approach to problem solving
Small	Natural	Lower cost of living
attractions	waterfront	topography

low taxes	the history and what it represents	the small town community feeling
Clean lake water	Beautiful town	Good town services
small town	lots of lakes and streams	lots of undeveloped property and roads
access to the lake	proximity to highways going south	tax rate
Quaintness/charm/history	No stop lights	Town Hall
low taxes	good roads	
Small town environment.	Hannaford Supermarket.	Easy access to surrounding towns.
Friendliness	Small town with a lot to offer	We vote Republican
a quiet/small town	access to the lake	friendly neighbors
Lake Winnepesaukee	quiet	
A small community, not crowded	The many conveniences and service access	Access to Lake Winni?
Good tax rate	Small Friendly Community, Good Interaction among residents	Reasonably safe community
lower property tax rate is most appealing	open space for development	
Family Friendly community	Not overdeveloped	Not over governed
Rural character	Public hiking trails. Blueberry picking. Open spaces	Limited commercial
the taxes	the people	the size
Water access	Small town feel	
Accessibility of necessities, groceries, hardware stores, banks etc.	Community supports one another	
4th of July fireworks	Activities in the bay ie craft shows , bands on Sat night etc	Family friendly... no bars . Small town feel not over developed and with old building
Safe	Police department	Property taxes
Small Community Feeling (the lake of course!)	Property taxes were low when we moved here	Community involvement, very quaint town
Low taxes		
Location / Attractions	Small town community feel	Low Crime
It's a beautiful town close to the lake and centrally located to surrounding towns	I can walk to most of the places I like to go regularly	People are friendly
lake community	small town	peaceful
small town community	access to lake winnipesaukee	close to where I work
Lake Winnepesaukee	Small town feel	Friendly, helpful town employees
I have roots as my dad lived there	Small town atmosphere	Love the McDonald's
friendly, caring community	quality municipal staff, police staff and road dept staff	few condos & large developments, keeping small town feel
Quaint	Picturesque	Small town feel
small town country feel.	quiet	
Small town	The lake	It's rural
The tax rate is one of the lowest through out the state	The sense of community and support with in the town	The town administration and public works do a great job
community/ people	location	small town feel

Low Taxes	The lake and activities	
The beauty of town	Beautiful rural areas	Great library
nice place to live	low taxes	
roads maintained well		
Small-town feel, but a lot to offer	Great location on the lake	Close to many areas of NH ME and MA
The Lake	Rural nature of the town	Small town atmosphere
rural character	lake access	small town feel
Lower property taxes	Small town feel	
I'm new to town so don't have a lot of feedback just yet. The lake and river are obvious qualities		
Low taxes	Rural Community	It is a beautiful town
The rural character	Plenty of outdoor recreational activities	Low population density
Friendliness of people	Safety	Reasonable taxes
helpful, friendly Town Clerk office	interesting mix of residents	easy place to live
Living on the Lake	Beauty of surrounding mountains and nature	Peaceful outdoor living
Community is very friendly	old town feeling	good flow of traffic
Small Town appeal	Well maintained / clean / no litter	Town staff always helpful (Town hall / Police / Fire...)
very friendly, citizens and town employees	very helpful,	pretty area, great beaches and swimming areas
Small town feel	The lake	The people
Proximity to the lake	Small town atmosphere	Year round activities
Near the lake	Low taxes	Small town but many businesses
Good schools without teaching critical race theory	Friendly people	Reasonable taxes
Small seasonal town	Rural living	Location
Small town	Low tax rate	Geographic location
Open space/undeveloped/conservation lands	Many bodies of water to protect	Low property tax rate
Small town feel	Friendliness of the people	Open space we have, undeveloped areas in town
Location on southern part of Lake Winnepesaukee	Relatively low property taxes compared to other towns on the lake	Proximity to NH seacoast
Lake access-surrounding hills	Mt Major	Town disposal area
Beautiful lake	Great trails	Homey feel
Location generally away from the cities but not too far out	Close to outdoor recreation	
Been a seasonal home owner for 73 years, upgrades to shopping i.e. Hannafords	still has some of the historical locations, the bandstand, miniature golf, Shipleys	upgrades to the boat launch and beach
Community	Lake live	Small town charm
Library	Waterfront area	Christian Camp ground
The clean and beautiful lake, with views and birds/wildlife	Accessibility of basic goods and services (groceries, hardware stores, banking, etc.)	Library

small town	Low crime	beautiful views
proximity to the lake	Activities	
taxes are fair	town roads/ public areas are kept clean and maintained well.	school system
Contains our lake and vicinity	Not too far from my main residence	
Quaint small town NH with historical look	Friendly town	Laid back relaxing safe feeling walking around the bay
Small town charm	Low Tax Rate on homes	Southern gateway to Winnepesaukee
Small town		
The community	Proximity to open water	Proximity to nearby cities
Good schools	Access to outdoor activities (hiking, kayaking, etc)	Low property tax rate
The community	The school	The local businesses
Low taxes	Nice schools	Beautiful area
It's a rural community.	The parcels of land I own are private/peaceful.	The community has much potential to build up.
Strong community	Handled covid well	
the lake	the small town	atlon bay docks and activities
Maintain Quaint, small town atmosphere.. Businesses on Main Street should maintain their buildings and grounds. Example: the village gym storefront	Alton Bay, don't let it become tacky like the Weirs	Friendly residents
Friendly	Small	Beautiful waterfront
Lake Winnepesaukee; Alton Bay; the area near the docks; community activities (bandstand concerts, winter carnival, ice runway, water ski show)	Small-town vibe (not too busy, only 1 traffic light, the big traffic circle, authentic)	
Small town	Beautiful area	Low taxes
Low property taxes	The swap shop and the Transfer Station	Reasonable prices to dispose of stuff at the Transfer station
involved citizens	small businesses	low taxes
The forests	The lakes and ponds	Quiet nice neighborhoods
Small town atmosphere		
beauty	small town	low taxes
Small	Lake	Seasons
Friendliness	Natural beauty	Little congestion
Beauty of the geographical area	Friendly local business owners	Small town feel
The people, who have a great sense of community.	Excellent small business' to choose from.	Wonderful recreation facilities.
Lake Winnepesaukee		
The natural beauty all around us.	I'm seeing more diversity in my neighbors than when I first came 26 years ago, ethnically and politically.	The town employees I interact with are very knowledgeable, caring, and helpful.
small town	not commercialized	family friendly
Living in a quiet neighborhood & living in the woods. All my	neighbors have 6+ acres, so we are not all on top of each	other. Low taxes
Vacation town in summer and winter	Everyone knows everyone	

Winnepesaukee		
Low taxes	Activities in the Bay	
taxes are reasonable	services are reasonable	
Low Taxes	Small town vibe	Friendly
Beauty	Fiscal Responsibility	
lake	rural	quiet
Recreational opportunities	Small town feel	Strong schools
Lake and Mountain access	Central location in NH	Crossroads going in all directions
Quiet place to live	Access to Concord and Rochester	Access to lakes
rural nature	varied topography and land type	access to surrounding towns
Low taxes	Rural setting	Lake winnipesaukee
Independence	Self reliance	Hillsides not over built like Meredith
Small community feel	Convenience to most locations in state	Events
Location& Proximity to the Lake and Mountains etc.	Low Crime Rate	
the lake	rural feel	
Lake	Quietness	Community
Small town	Access to lake	Central location in NH
The Alton public library	The fact that I can walk to stores and walk around town.	The way Alton comes to life during spring and Summer.
our lake winnipesaukee		
The privacy/land I live on	The lake	Good schools
Lake and Forests	Proximity to Cities and seacoast while remaining rural	Four seasons recreation
Conservative Values	Low taxes	Lake activities
Centrally located to Concord, Portsmouth, Wolfeboro	Good schools	Great taxes
low key	the lake and hiking	mini golf and ice cream options
Small town	Low tax rate	Good schools
Lack of a lot of big chains/box stores	Old time feel	
Old-fashion quaint small town feel	Less commercialized	Less busy feel
Proximity to the lakes	Still has a small town feel	Reasonable taxes
Low taxes	Rural community	Near the lake
low taxes	crime free	scenery
Lake	Parks & Activities	Low tax rate
Rural character	Water access	Low taxes
Tax Rate	Well kept	Location
Small town feel/community	Low tax rate	Winter carnival/fireworks/road races/craft fair/community events/ snowmobiling/boating
Everyone helps everyone else	Small town feel on a large footprint	Old fashioned appeal
Lakes	Low crime	Rural character
Lake Winnepesaukee	great hiking trails	enjoy small town living
Lake Winnepesaukee	Mt. Major	Climate
Rural setting, not crowded	Very little criminal activity	Quaint village center
Small	Not heavily developed	Low Tax Rate
Cleanliness downtown and lake	Low crime	Low taxes

Old-time charm (Norman Rockwell feel)	Outdoor attractions	Summer craft fairs
Lake Winnepesaukee and beautiful scenery	It's quiet and peaceful	Small town feel
a safe town	a small town	
A quiet community		
Small town atmosphere	Rural	Low crime
Rural character	Limited population	Low crime
Friendly community	Lots to do	Small town
Small school	Beautiful scenery	Good neighbors
Low Crime	Prospect Mountain High School	Rural
Other "small" community/welcoming community	Waterfront properties that bring in elevated taxes	Single family homes, no workforce housing/
Small town atmosphere	Lake Winnepesaukee	The rural nature of the town
The Bay is pretty		
Low Tax Rate	Business Friendly	Small Town Charm
The lake	Small town values	Excellent town services
Location within NH	Proximity to the Winnepesaukee	Small town persona
Lake front	proximity to other parts of the Lakes region by both boat and car	lower taxes compared to other lake towns
rural character	small town feeling	sense of community
A quiet get-away within arm's reach of the necessities	Small school district	Businesses within close proximity of each other
The quaintness - love Alton Bay	not over populated	small shops and stores
Small town charm.	Small mom & pop type businesses over big chains.	Natural beauty.
Small town feel-most of the year.	Community	Rural character
It is a small town with very few businesses	I like it in the winter months when there is little traffic	I like that it is quiet with lots of trees
Proximity to lakes, mountains, & ocean	Low taxes	Rural & small town character
small town	not overly developed	excellent police force
It's an adorable little town	Resident owned, Cute shops and restaurants	Great amenities for residents
Town staff very helpful	Ease of use of transfer station	Cleanliness of Bay Area
Small town feeling	Beautiful trees lining major roads (28)	Not many chains
Small New England Township	Lakes Region Location	Rural Character Beyond Center of Town
People	Natural Beauty	Hiking
Great sense of community	Outdoor recreation	Local Business
Low taxes	Quaint small town	
Small Town community	Events run by town - year round	Town employees - friendly and helpful
Quiet	Trails	Clean lakes and ponds
Centralized location	Friendly people	Great businesses
Love small town vibe outside of tourist season	Town hall and post office are always helpful	
Small town feel	Walking into hannafor and knowing most of the employees and shoppers	We all step in to help each other in a time of need
Low taxes	Good schools	Beautiful town

Has almost all I need but remains small	Touristy but not overrun like other Winni towns	Proud community of our past and present
The lake	Activities that bring people together	Ice runway
Cheap property taxes	Quick access to lake	School system
Community involvement	Low tax rate	Great road maintenance
low taxes	no condos	The dump and recycling center
Quiet	The lake	The Community
Low taxes	Good school	Recreational opportunities
Lake community	The high school	Low taxes
Community events	Local business	
The lake	Quaint	Proximity to other locations
The outskirts	Some of the views	The library
Natural beauty	Small town feel	School
Low Taxes	Good services.	Friendly community.
Access to lake winnipesaukee	Easy access to highways	Alton Dump
Low taxes	Nice people	Great location
Alton has a great school system	Alton has a great small town feel	
Low taxes	Small community	We support each other
Location	Taxes	
Small town feel	Access to the lake	Low taxes
Small town feel	Safe	Quiet
Natural Beauty (forests, Mill Pond, trails, location by the lake)	Library	Alton Dance Academy
Low Taxes	School System	Restaurants
Central location	Low tax rate	Population
Safe	Friendly	Location
That it's not built up with clutter stores, in town or leading into town	Has a small town feel	Rural areas are rural. No high bldg, complexes
The people	Scenic beauty	
Quaint and very friendly	I feel safe here, well except for the wildlife	How this Town comes together for each other
Low Taxes	Good Roads	Lots of Lake front
Access to Lake Winnepesaukee	Historical interest	
The hard working dedicated town and school employees .	The beautiful lake!	The friendly people!
Small town	Local business	Perfect location
Pleasant rural environment	Excellent local police department	Good road system
The old businesses that are still there	Being a community	Leaving it the way it is
Small town atmosphere	Low tax rate	Availability of recreational activities in Alton or nearby
Community	Not too busy with still things going on	Cute downtown
Small town atmosphere	Beautiful views and great mountain air	
Low taxes	Descent schools	Not too crowded
Low property taxes	Not too crowded	Small town feel
Alton Bay	Friends in Alton	Winter Airport
It's not over crowded	Assault schools.	Friendly.
The lake	Low taxes	
Quiet	Peaceful	Caring

Location	Quality of Life	Rural
Relatively low taxes	Relatively low taxes	Relatively low taxes
Low taxes, lots of small businesses by residents	The fact it's not over commercialized	It's central to everything
Close to other areas i.e. Seacoast, White Mtns.	Lower taxes than other towns	Besides a few summer months, peaceful with a lot to offer
Small town	Less crowded than wolfeboro	Excellent town employees
It's a wonderful small community	The location is great	It is not overbuilt
Biblical, family values are still the gold standard	Small town feel is still holding on	The draw of the lake for revenue and recreation
Great community spirit	Low property taxes	Very scenic area
Small town spirt, low taxes	Police	Road department, snow removal
The People	The Lake	The Location
It has a lower tax rate	used to be conservative	no box stores or corporate stores to speak of
Restaurants	Access to the lake	People are friendly
Friendly	Beautiful	Great place to live
It's quiet in the winter	Low taxes	The lake
Size	Personnel at town offices	Small development of Major brand stores and businesses
Fresh air and a quiet life.		
Good Schools	Quiet Residential Neighborhood / Low Taxes / No Big Businesses	Close proximity to Lakes, Mountains and Cities
Quaint	People	Lake life
Tight knit community	Outdoorsy	The lake
Quiet most of the time	Community oriented	Reasonable taxes
Lake access	Hannaford's grocery store	Excellent schools
Low taxes	Lake views	Small town community
The lake and activities provided by the town	School - when my children attended	
Recreational activities	Small town atmosphere	Adequate retail services
Low taxes	Minimal government	Minimal regulatory environment
low taxes	location	
The rural atmosphere	The rural atmosphere	The rural atmosphere
Small town feel	Year round activities	I like the way it looks
The community in general is very supportive of each other and always willing to help.	I enjoy the small town life	LOW TAXES!
Summer activities and community events	Lakeside beauty	Recreation
Low taxes	Lake and open spaces	
Small Town Feel	Dedication to Community	Welcoming to tourist
Country living with easy access to necessities	Lake access	Low taxes
Very helpful and friendly people ready to help.	I grew up beside the Merry Meeting River and in Alton Bay.	Education is on going and these children are lucky.
I own a garage in Alton		
Small lake community	Easy to access	
Location	reasonable taxes	great town employees

Small Community	Small Businesses	Lake
Rural atmosphere	Natural beauty	Small businesses (as opposed to national chain stores)
Low taxes	Small town feel	Less people
Small town feel	Lake access	Town Pride
Minimal industrial areas	Low taxes	Cleanliness
Lake Winnepesaukee	Mountains	Small town feel
the people	convenience of grocery shopping at Hannaford's	good neighbors
location	lake access	recycling center
People	Area	Quaintness
small town atmosphere	the lake	
Memories from my Youth	Hills Pond	Close to amenities
Beauty of the town		
Winnepesaukee	Parks	History
Water access	New medical facility	Mountain views
Lake Winnepesaukee shorefront community		
Proximity to the lake		
Rural feel	No bog box stores	Well maintained
Lakes	people	trails
Small town	People help people	Interesting and fun activities
Quiet scenic pastoral, non commercial qualities,	Not far from stores, entertainment, restaurants, hosp., etc	2 hrs. From Boston, close to highways, the people
low tax rate	small school system	environment is clean
Access to lake	Hiking in the mountains	Gunstock
Lake Winnepesaukee	Alton Bay improvements	Alton Bay businesses & activities
Friendly staff @ city hall	Staff @ Alton Fire Department Knowledge& friendliness	
Low tax rate	Lake Winnepesaukee	No congestion
Proximity to Lake Winnepesaukee		
low taxes	beautiful scenery (the Bay, Mt. Major, etc.)	quiet but still has cool amenities and places to visit
Quietness	Quaintness	Low Tax Rate
small town feel	beautiful lake	small grocery store
Great Location	Business Friendly Small Town	Low Taxes!
small town	supporting local businesses	not commercialized (hotels, box stores, chain restaurants)
Everything is within walking distance	Excellent Police Department	Reasonable Property Tax Rates
Our low property taxes	The peace and serenity of our neighborhood	Friendly community
Safety	Businesses (availability of goods)	Restaurants
People	Air Quality	Readable tax rate for retirees
It's the southernmost point on the lake	Closer to our home	Not as much boat traffic
Lake Winnepesaukee!	Roads I use are well maintained	The library
Lake accessible	Great rec department	
Convenient grocery store	local churches, library, gas station, repair, restaurants, all available locally	taxes are acceptable

Alton Bay	Businesses	Police and Fire
Low taxes	Access to many locations yet remote.	Competent community services.
Friendliness of people	Walking and hiking trails in town	
small town feel	lake access	property taxes low compared to neighboring towns
The lake	The people	The fact that it has 2 spots (town centers) where individuals & businesses - the bottom of the lake & the actual town center
Lake winnipesaukee	Not congested	Welcoming people
Low property tax rate	Simple government	Friendly town staff
We live on the lake	Proximity to our primary residence in the Boston area	Casual not pretentious
Friendly	Expanding local Amenities	Alton Bay a celebrated centerpiece Summer/Winter
The quietness and less traffic compared to the other lake towns	The bandstand and concerts	Easy to use landfill
Lakes	Mountains	Wildlife
Still retains small town feel.		
The tax base. Alton manages to keep real estate taxes lower than the surrounding Towns	Municipal employees are very reactive to the needs and wants of the public	The Highway Department manages the roads beautifully
the rural character	the rural character	the rural character
Being on Lake Winnepesaukee	Alton Bay with its waterfront, restaurants, etc.	Small town community feeling
Hannaford being close	A lot of hardware stores	Nice Bay area
Low tax rate	Not over commercialized. Home town feel.	Access to the lake and all activities. Proximity to Gunstock mountain.
Near the water	People are kind	Good school system
Small town atmosphere	Winter festival	Craft fair
Grew up here so it's home	Nice people	Feel safe
Small size	Lakes and open spaces	
low real estate taxes		
pleasant small town	so different	from big cities
entry to Lake W. and the White Mountain Region of NH	small town feel and touch	Sunset Lake
rural nature	rural nature	rural nature
Friendly people	Great hiking trails	Low taxes
Lake	People	Restaurants and shops
A good school system overall	Small town atmosphere	Engaging community
Nature	Friendliness	Nature
Location	Nature	Lake access
Lack of density. Rural nature	Support of police and fire	Outdoor activities available
Small Town Vibe/No too commercialized	location to the lake, parks, trails and hiking areas	Community pride
Small town feel	The number of residents that volunteer for various organizations in town	Natural Beauty of area which should be protected!!

A lakeside community	Perfect location to many cultural attractions	Low tax town
Traffic flow is well routed to avoid congestion	Ample parking around the town dock area	Town government appears to be doing a good job
Small town	Knowing your neighbors and community members	
the lake	not as busy as meredith or laconia	its quaintness
family-oriented, friendly community	the amazing school system	low taxes
Rural Character	privacy	The sense of belonging the community has
Alton Bay area	Central location in the state	Natural resources -- hiking trails, lakes, etc.
Open space	Lower taxes	Scenery
No traffic	beautiful bay area on Lake	small town environment
The lake	Small town feel	Garden clubs involvement
Alton Bay	Town Government and services	
Convenience of basic shopping needs	South end of lake convenient to access east and west	Friendly business owners and locals / very friendly and helpful municipal employees
Alton Bay	slow growth	
Quiet	Summer concerts	Nice lakefront
Small town	Friendly residents	Wonderful recreation area
Hiking/walking trails	Half moon lake	Country roads
Small town feel	Low taxes	Good schools
Small town feel	No big box stores	
Quaint NH lake town	Friendly local people	Local owned and operated businesses
Sunset lake	People	More business
I like that Alton is a small, rural town with lots of shoreline on Lake Winnepesaukee.	I like that Alton has a good school system, Selectmen that care about the Town of Alton, a wonderful fire dept, library, Town Works dept and many conservation tracts of land for hiking & fishing/recreation.	I am very happy that Alton's Zoning Board of Adjustments has stiff requirements that need to be met before a variance can be considered. This is very important for keeping unscrupulous developers from over using/abusing and/or polluting our natural resources.
Beautiful Shoreline	Easy access to Rochester, Concord, Laconia	Tax Rate
Relatively Low Property Taxes	Majority Republican	Great outdoor recreational opportunities
Rural nature	Small town "feel"	Friendliness of population
small size	not too far from mountains and coast	Lake Winnepesaukee
Trees	Lake	Quiet
Rural character	Low taxes	Access to outdoor recreation
The friendliness of the people	The low taxes	Swimming in the bay
quiet	friendly	lake
access to outdoor actives (ie hiking, boating, etc)	proximity to amenities (like 15 mins to Laconia/Rochester)	small town feel

Small	Close to a lot	Caring
Living Rural and having land - hoping it remains this way without too much building.	Low taxes	
Community	Small town	
Low tax rate	Large in size, low in year round population	Small town community with low crime rate
The way the community pulls together in time of need.	Gilman Library	Low taxes
the general lay-out of the town	proximity to water	it is quiet and peaceful
low taxes	Nice location on the lake with access to nature	Quiet life and low crime
The natural beauty of the area	Only 1 traffic light	Not too crowded
Great restaurants	Town activities (Ex: Town wide yard sale, parades, holiday festivities)	Clean and nice outdoor activities
Small town feel	Plenty of shopping/restaurant options	Outdoor recreation (ie lakes, hiking, etc)
Generally a quiet, friendly town.	Alton officials, Town Hall, helpful.	Majority locally owned businesses in Alton.
Size	Most residents are friendly	The lake
Low taxes	Small intimate school setting	Small business
Beautiful	Community-minded businesses	
Small town.	Not overdeveloped yet	A few nice parks
Feeling of community and people helping people	Small town feel	
Peacefulness	Beauty	Low taxes
The largest area of lakes and ponds of any town in NH	Surrounded by mostly undeveloped hills and mountains	Very strong community volunteering ethic
Natural beauty	Quiet	Uncrowded
Security	Location	Low property tax
It's safe. Crime where my home is down south, if horrible.	It's rural and relatively untouched. The changes over the last 25 years aren't glaring.	It's friendly and courteous.
Low Taxes	Quality School System	The small-town feel and no major housing developments
recreational opportunities/parks and rec department	well-maintained roads	a variety of businesses
Good school system	Nice Bay area	Quiet neighborhood
The People	The School System	Peaceful Crime Free
It's serenity and slower pace than Wolfeboro	The mountains and trails	The roads department keeps things in great condition.
Small town feel	Picturesque scenery	Friendly people
Quiet little town	Lake	
Small town feel	no big condo developments	Relatively conservative, politically
Small town atmosphere	Very friendly people	Not overdevelopment
low tax rate	access to lake	
Quietness	Lots of conveniences around	The lake
Small town feel	School	Small businesses
Geography, Lakes, Hills, seasons	Community support	Convenient location

Location to lake and mountain living	Small community	Low property taxes
Sense of community	Small town atmosphere	Privacy
Low taxes	No street lights	
Quaintness	Not overdeveloped	Local businesses
It's small	It's quiet (mostly)	The year round people
Support	Small town feel	Halloween
Small town	The lake	Low tax rate
Lake	Southern most point on lake	Ice runway is a unique gem, also find a way to embrace Gunstock winter skiing.
Small businesses		
Alton Bay	Lake Winnepesaukee	Community
The lake	The people	
Community Spirit	Schools	Scenery
proximity to lake	remote	bay area so quaint
Lake Winnepesaukee	Forests	Fresh air
Location	Low taxes	Small population
Small town feel	Locals are friendly	Easy access to concord Laconia rochester
Small	Quaint	Quiet
The small town feel.	No red lights in town	Great weather most of the time
Small town feel	Not overdeveloped	Quiet
Small town community with down home values.	Lots of small privately owned businesses.	Good schools and the town does not spend a bunch of money on unnecessary services!
Friendly people	Low taxes	Strong community spirit
Low taxes	its beauty	that small town feel
The Bay		
The lake	Access to the dump	Community events
Low tax rate	Lake Winnepesaukee	School district
The quiet natural environment	The sense of community	Community's respect and care for our natural resources
Small town feel	Parts are undeveloped	
Conveniently located to mountains, lakes and ocean	Strong sense of community	Small classroom sizes
Sense of community in the Town		
Small population	Good roads	Semi rural atmosphere
low taxes	rural nature	community organizations and services
Small town feel	Privacy	But also a sense of community
People	Business	Restaurants
Tax base	Hiking trails	Community involvement
The lake	The beauty	My home
People	Restaurants	Hospitality
The lake	Small town feel	
Access to the lake	small size	close to amenities
Being in the Lakes Region, in a Town and out of the city.	Beauty of the countryside, farms, natural woodland, etc.	The beauty of the Bay.
its natural beauty	its quite small town feel	community
Small town	Lake Access	Friendly

Community, school	Lake	Trails and beaches
Community	Town pride	Alton business association
Beautiful Bay	Great restaurants	Small town feel
Privacy	Small Businesses	Rural Town
Lake	Parks, open areas	McDonald's
Reasonable to live here	Caring community	A lot of nature for use (lake, rivers, trails)
Quiet	Lake	Neighbors
The lake	The people	The increasing places to shop for our needs.
I like that while offering conveniences like Hannaford and a few fast food establishments, we are still small and quaint and not overgrown like rochester or laconia. I like that while we offer things its not totally in the form of chain retail.	I like the family feel and community involvement in decisions like this, by reaching people in ways that I might not otherwise have a voice, time or chance to share! Thank you :)	I like that I feel the property I own has legitimate value for down the rd because the town has not be compromised by commercial overgrowth
Small community		
Lake location	Restaurants	Lower taxes
The lakes, rivers and ponds	The high school	The walking trails, boat launches, and limited community facilities.
Quiet conservative town on lake Winnepesaukee	Reasonable property taxes	Board of Selectmen & town workers are prideful to keep town clean & running smoothly
Size	Friendliness	Beauty
Low taxes	Lake Winni	Small town feel
Lakeside	Small-town feel	Easy travel south to Portsmouth, concord etc
Lower taxes		
Low taxes	The lake	Our home
Our public safety departments	Our school	Being a lake front community
Large rural areas with very few tragic lights	Most people are friendly in town but with good differences of opinion	We enjoy he lake and all it has to offer
Flag lined Main Street	Walkable village	Great schools
location between ocean and mountains	small town	
Scenic, rural, forested character with a relatively healthy environment	offers great outdoor recreational opportunities while close enough to city, urban areas	
Lakes and Mountains	Schools	Trails/Parks
Parks and Recreation	The bay	The hiking paths
Small town feel	rural character	LAKE
It's a quaint town	Summertime on the lake	Beautiful homes & farms
Geography	Affordable taxes	Community
Friendly people	Beautiful scenery	
Low crime	Nice people	The bay is beautiful, the water is nice.
Close community	Good balance of taxes to services	
The Natural Beauty of Alton	The Beauty of Alton Bay and surrounding Mountains	The People

Access to Lake Winnepesaukee	Rural atmosphere	Town employees are work well together and are helpful to the public
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Question 3. What would make Alton even better? Please list up to three issues or needs you think should be addressed in the Master Plan.

Individual Responses (Some typos corrected for readability)		
Low water pressure	Traffic congestion during summer months	Power outages
Downtown revitalization/fix septic issues downtown	More government open mindedness	Community house/center/fields for events
Traffic, esp. summertime. I live on School St. Sometimes I actually have to turnaround and go up Church St. to get out. Traffic light is needed.	Many times I have gone to the Bay to see an event or even just to enjoy the view and have had to come home - no parking areas!	Also, cars being parked in front of the apartment house at the end of School St. You cannot see cars coming down Main St. Should have no parking in that area. There will be an accident eventually.
Do not wait to see any further chain retailers, i.e., Dollar General, Burger King...	No big box stores	Golf course or orchard would be a positive use of a large acreage lot. Love to have a rail trail.
In the "downtown" area(s), when streets and infrastructures are improved, attention to the streetscape should be given. (Take a tree, plant a tree)	When parks are maintained and/or upgraded more attention to their original charm should be considered, i.e., stone and mortar vs. precast concrete.	When town facilities are modified and/or upgraded, professional architects/engineers should be commissioned for the best outcome, both financially & aesthetically.
Parks & Rec	Water	Signage "Welcome"
Parks & Recreation	Water ways	Boating
Parks & Recreation	New stores	Churches
Parks & Recreation	The Lake	Food
Parks & Rec	Boating lanes & speed	Feeding the poor
New businesses		
Parks & Recreation	Town employees	Good food
Parks & Recreation	Trails	Water issues

Active enforcement of ordinances, i.e., single family homes, no trucks, noise	Given that private roadways are an intrinsic fact of lakeside living, extend to those living there the services of police, fire protection and emergency services by keep road open in winter	Rural character is not 50' wide, state spec roadways, town need to plow roads and provide the services to all taxpayers.
Bike paths	Enforce "no trucks"	More musical events or concerts, not just "bar bands."
More social events	Clean Lakes	Country Store in the bay
affordable housing for families	community center of sorts, kids need something to do and there aren't a lot of playgrounds or winter activities for all	development in the right ways
Additional development to add more beach, docks, dining and/or retail at Alton Bay	Set commercial marina businesses further back from main Bay water's edge.	More historical preservation/history signage/acknowledgements
there needs to be a community center for community events - centralized locale	Parks & Recreation - time of events for adults can be improved + not passing management of kids sports to other programs	how to get more people involved with the community on a regular basis
emphasis on conservation, lake impact and minimizing climate change, bring back full recycling program, educating school age children on these issues	emphasis on preservation, keeping it small, undeveloped	addressing the issue of providing low-cost housing
Restriction of rentals having loud drunken behavior	Restriction of fast, big, noisy boats in our narrow bay	More frequent litter pickup drives (not just Earth Day)
Water quality of lakes, rivers and ponds	Conservation land	Recreation
Bowling alley	Power lines	Leave me alone
Public Sewer	More Shopping/ boutiques	Main Street Christmas decorations
A better skate park	A dog park	More family friendly events
No big companies	No condensed building, urban	
Town Beach	Affordable Housing	Main Street Development
too much land is being cleared	we're losing our forests and that country feel	becoming very congested
Police and fire protection to the islands	Police response to the islands	Town services that include the islands

A town owned beach where all residences could utilize. Our miles of coastline and limited beach area is embarrassing. Look at Gilford and Wolfeboro (it has three beaches open to residences.	Continue to encourage small businesses and utilize existing architecture.	A Landfill which would separate plastics, newspapers, small cardboard, etc which was formerly separated, but now is just sent to landfill.
Protecting Homeowners rights and property	Encouraging Restaurant and Entertainment development	Traffic and speed limit enforcement through the bay and waterfront
24 X 7 ambulance service		
Reduce Water Front Taxes	More restaurants	Stricter zoning laws (hoarding, abandoned boats, cars to be removed)
It is important for visitors to respect laws designed to conserve forests, rivers, and lakes for futures generations to enjoy as well	As new homes are built, it is important that regulations are enforced to protect water quality and other community considerations	
More products recycled at the transfer station. Other towns are still doing cardboard and certain plastics.		
"Encourage" some property owners on Main Street to clean-up their properties. The condition which has gone on for years and lowers property values. This community is the entrance to the Lakes Region and it is sad to see such a situation continue.	Design of a new Traffic Circle area to accommodate the traffic flow by Aubuchon Hardware/ Dunkin Donuts into Alton and beyond/	Design new area for Traffic flow at the "Busy Corner" area of Alton Bay
A nice town beach for those of us not on the water	Additional small businesses reusing existing buildings to maintain small town atmosphere	
Preserving nature, maintain the beauty	Keeping the small town feel, quaint	No apartment buildings
How to make the commercial downtown more vibrant	How to make the commercial downtown area more visually attractive	How to make the commercial area around the lake more vibrant and attractive
Someone needs to do something with the old Alton video building.	More places (businesses) for kids to go.... Movies, bowling, batting cages, driving range	Sidewalk all the way from downtown to the bay

Road maintenance/improvement of local roads	Incentives to keep small businesses/restaurants open year round	Improvement/addition of town owned properties adjacent to Lake Winnepesaukee
attract more restaurants	lower taxes	
Activities on the Lake		
more affordable housing	more downtown stores and shops	more restaurants
Keeping the tax rate lower than the previous year?	it doesn't need anything to make it a better place you don't want to make it like what other people are moving away from.	control the growth if possible
reopen the corner store in the bay for simple grocery items	Dump open everyday	
A large Barn style music venture would be wonderful	An Irving Gas Station/Convenience Store on the Route 11 East section.	A bicycle/skateboard park. I am glad to see kids are apparently are now allowed the ride in the Bay area.
Uniform zoning on future projects; some lots are "trailer trash" an others are really nice.	Establishing a better "beach" for residents.	
Police. Need more traffic stops to inform public of safe driving practices. Possibly retrain current Police Department. Any interactions we have had have shown the Police Department is below par.	Town closes up too early. Lots of year-round residents have no access to services after they are done working for the day (7 p.m. or after).	Rental availability. Workforce housing. Lakes Region in general has a lack of workforce housing which is directly related to lack of workforce. No one wants to drive 30+ minutes to seasonal or full-time work. Stop closing the boat launch in the middle of boating season. I know it's the State but still.
Enforce speed limit on 28A (East Side Rd) 30 mph (cars & trucks going by doing 50+ every day)	Enforce speed limit on Bay, speed limit on Lake 45 mph (boats do 65+)	
Alton was distinct, unique, a place where people desired to love. Restore that. No more outside corporation. No more outside businesses. No more blacktop parking lots. We are a small town. Keep it that way, our identity.	Restore our traditions, holidays, Christmas caroling in the park, Memorial Day and Veterans Day at the monument with Selectmen participating, etc. These define us. Close businesses on Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter with respect. More important than money.	Keep us informed with all local organizations listing their events of the week in a column in the Baysider. Possibly include American Legion. Restore candidates nights, Citizen of the Year award, etc. These identify us. We are not a city. We like to gather for local events.

More residents to help care for the cemeteries throughout the town	Keep a careful eye on the growth, population in the town	We do not need sustainable development
Slow its population and business growth.	Keep the taxes low. less programs paid for by our taxes.	Keep the lot size for family homes and businesses at least 2 acres. Stop town sewerage and water from spreading to more homes.
Limit development	Process traffic better	Moratorium on franchise businesses
Update downtown storefront. Create opportunity for small shops along the Bay for shopping for tourists. Coffee shop/T-shirt shop which could be open seasonally.	Purchase waterfront area with adequate parking to create a large public beach for Alton residents who do not have waterfront property. Green Tops Campground?	Update Alton central School grounds, inside and out, to attract young families.
More restaurants that serve dinner.	Gas Station on the West Alton side RT 11 area.	
Municipal Sewer connection very important to consider in downtown district	Limit affordable housing - minimize	maintain existing town strengths to support low crime
A long boardwalk near the water for walking, like the one in Meredith.	It would be great to attract a corporate restaurant, like the Common Man or The Ninety-nine to serve the Town year round	If only the Town and the ABA could get together to re-form THE ALTON H2O WATER SKI CLUB.
Shops and stores	Improve Appearance of village	Arts
Not allowing people with money to come and tear down small camps and put of the monstrous homes which they only use a few times a year.	A Market Basket would be nice, all though I don't know where?	Get more water access for the town's people.
sewer system		
If you don't control growth, growth will control you	Laws in place to maintain the quaint town	Restrictions on clear cutting
Continue to host the winter carnival	Continue to have Old Home Week	Thank you!
More diversity in population	More restaurants and stores needed in Village and Alton Bay	Closer highway access to the town
Accurate information is hard to come by. Local business hours, power outage info, town events, etc. The Facebook page seems to be the best source of info	Traffic and parking at the Bay is a challenge, but only for a few days a year.	Expand the parking at Mt Major

Town Beaches are overwhelmed by increased use...trash, bottles yuck. I believe Town residents are respectful, some folks from away are not as considerate b/c they have no ownership/stake in the Town	Alton is the "gateway to the lakes region" but I doubt anyone really knows that...should that also be a guiding principle and part of the vision of the new master plan	Encourage investment into shops restaurants and local businesses on main street vs. allowing sprawling site development (this type of stuff is great near Hannaford/VFW on the highway corridor...keep it off main street). Traffic is too fast on main street...cross walks are not visible and need to be better thought out with consideration to the pedestrian. A lot of this is noted in the 2007, master plan, my impression is that it (and the regulations) are not really followed. Alton is a desirable place, we can afford to stick to high standards for development and growth, otherwise the rural nature of our Town is at stake
lower taxes	More public boat docking	Trash dumpster available for island residents only
Continue with the dump	Reopen swap shop	
Be nice to see a train return in some capacity	Lower taxes	
pave dirt roads	encourage more small-medium business	provide town dockage
infrastructure investment	continue new business development	
public transportation or "The Ride" for non drivers	a yield sign at intersection of Alton Mt. Rd and Avery Hill Rd	
Better access to the downtown area for parking	More town activities	
A Commercial Plan for Alton Bay.	A bypass route from Rand Hill to Alton.	Lower tax rate
Parking for Echo Point boat ramp.		

Retaining small town atmosphere which is not enhanced by chain stores; it's probably too late!	More police presence during high traffic hours. Dangerous trying to cross street between cemetery & village store. Also on Bay. Great need to slow traffic down.	Parks & Rec could do a much better job with the beach & Bay clean up.
Lighten up on some rules in Alton Bay, like "No sandwich signs" near sidewalk. I'm sure some businesses might enjoy that, like the xmas shop tucked in the back area.	Also a welcome sign at the rotary.	
not cater to out of staters who don't want to travel to shopping and things - not having big retail is why most of us are here.	Go back to horizontal lines for crosswalks the vertical blend in with the vertical yellow and white of the road makes it harder to see	Keep Alton Small - keep out chains and "box" stores--keep it locally owned, locally grown mentality
More restaurants	More recreational activities	Water taxis
Not allowing big box stores- Farmington is close enough	Encouraging aging in place facilities to help aging residents	Stabilize property taxes
A movie theatre would be nice.	Indoor recreational building.	
Improved Business Area(s)	Congested business areas with limited parking	Residential road maintenance
More affordable housing		
A rec center like The Nick for all ages and a dog park	More public parks	Walk/bike path from downtown Alton to bay using old track bridge
Lower the taxes		
Restrict chain business.	Maintain as few restrictions as possible while upholding preservation of natural land/forest/lakes & wetlands etc.	Keep oft-visited commercial businesses near town center, if possible.
Good mixture of zones	Fire protection	Keep lot sizes the same
Boat launch that stays open all summer	Keep Alton pretty much the same	
Larger grocery store	Speed limit enforcement	
More activities/programs offered by parks % recreation, especially in "non-summer" season	More high paying/professional jobs. More affordable (not welfare) housing	Less frivolous warrant articles that spend money without providing true benefit
Local good paying jobs	Expanded commercial zone	Parents that make their kids work

Complete paving on Stockbridge Corner Road		
Indoor recreational and community function facility	A bike/walking route from south to north	More opportunity to meet and interact with others
Amusement/play/arts area at bandstand. Develop Alton Bay waterfront commercial restaurants/pubs/coffee/lodging.	More chains by circle only.	New town beach past Sandy Point. Get rid of tip of the Bay beach! Can't have tea color water. Beach on Echo Point Virginia Court you own it
Main St more attractive	Improve sidewalks to the Bay	Colonial signs that say Welcome to Alton at town lines (like Gilford, Wolfeboro etc)
Variety of businesses	Improve appearance	
Dog park	Limit blinking lights	
Waste center open longer		
There is a SERIOUS issue with the NHEC.	The power continually goes out for no reason.	
More dock space at the town docks.	A way to discourage people from docking at the town pier all day.	
discourage big chain business	encourage small businesses/support	go back to full recycling at transfer station for environment
Need more downs at town dock area	Youth center for kids after school	
Low development	Continue beautifying downtown	Finding ways to ease bay congestion during summer
Open swap shop	No more storage or boat storage	No condos or boat repair
Clean up the main drag. Looks worn and tired. no longer a cute New England town	a weekly farmers market and a better variety of shops so it becomes a destination town and not a pass through town	do SOMETHING with the old laundromat!
Don't over build or let commercial chains move in	Don't let developers destroy the forests	Don't let money make all the decisions
Playground in the bay	Clean up Parker marina	
Roads	Places to earn a living	Cost control for retired people

Some control over Air B&B perhaps limiting the length of stay	More control and careful overseeing of septic systems on lakefront properties	More noise control
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More activities for teens.	I like the arrows in the Bay for one way driving through the parking lot, but it needs much better signage and brighter arrows.	Getting the weeds out of the swimming areas
Bring back Activities Calendar, listing upcoming events	Website - hard to find any information about special events	
A store At the Bay similar to Blacks in Wolfboro. Need more to attract people to the beautiful Bay.	Restaurants, and more then McDonalds for fast food, like Chic fil A	Grocery Store, like Market Basket
Careful development - keep chains and big box stores out	Protect the quality of the lake, continue water monitoring, milfoil abatement, public launch ramp hosts	No tall buildings!
A town that looks like there is a plan in action.	Planned business development- not all business is good	Main street pride from Alton to the Bay. Currently poor!
More defined village with nice shops, eateries, signage, etc.	Upscale dining, shops, activities in Alton Bay location	Better school system
Senior Housing	Local transportation	Meeting location for youth
More open mind on taking advantage of opportunity offered	Keep out personal opinions and follow common sense when making rules	More opportunities for businesses to operate in alton
Improved pedestrian and bicycle safety; signage, lower speed limits on main street and residential roads	Conserving more land to protect habitat and water quality.	Highway department actively controlling invasive species along road corridors.
Bike and pedestrian safe roads- important as rural residents use roadways for bike transport, walking, etc.	Control speed and vehicle size on rural residential roads such as Stockbridge Corner Rd. by using weight limits, 25 mph limit (which means the speed will be 30+ MPH) , and frequent police monitoring	Signage on all residential/ rural roads including Stockbridge Corner that indicate cars/ trucks must yield to pedestrians/ bicycles
Ban short term rentals in residential zone, just like Conway and Laconia	Stop AirBnb and VRBO from destroying my neighborhood	Understand that neighborhoods are for neighbors, not short term rentals which bring in undesirable people every day.
Improve downtown		

require larger lot sizes to build	keep campers off regular house lots	limit the large chain businesses
Improved recycling options	less bureaucracy, more "live free or die"	Rejuvenate Alton Community Center
more extensive, cheaper broadband access,	as the town grows, better definition of rural district uses	more work force housing to encourage young families to move here
Good as is. More restaurants/attractions would be ok.		
Racial integration: my friends of "color" have been accosted several times at grocery store and told to go back to their country!!! This makes me fearful for my and my friends' safety! is someone going to follow me home and attack me? This certainly has an impact. My family has been in alton/wolfboro since the 1700's!!	Maintain and expand common green spaces aka tennis courts, etc if possible get some more shore space for leisurely enjoyment of lake. Keep large motor boats under control. The lake is the most precious element this town has. Don't become commercialized like Rt 93 .	You must publicly advertise the town as a welcoming environment for all cultures and races.
keep zoning tight to preserve neighborhoods and small town fee.	school choice in Alton - alternative opportunities for grade school education	opportunities to promote community service
Improvement of town center business district	needed repair/reconstruction of local roads	more extensive public beaches
Are there incentives in place to attract continued business investment?	Are there plans to create more attractive recreation facilities that might appeal to visitors?	
Improved recreational facilities... rec center, golf course, cross country ski trails	Infrastructure improvements - village septic, electric distribution, Broadband,	Improved town facilities- fire station, town hall, rec department
Lower & enforce speed limits (Route 28A; Main Street; etc.)	Enact more strict planning & zoning to maintain character - keep cottage feel around the Bay	Focus Town development in Town / Main Street & end of the Bay
service your summer lake owners better - police boat etc	more water front activities	better highend restaurants. Compete against wolfboro
Limited growth.	Avoid governmental restrictions on our personal life ie; covid related.	Safer shoulders on the main roads for biking and walking, etc.
lower property taxes		
Nothing!		

Encourage commercial development to keep low taxes	Encourage commercial development to provide local jobs	Give people a reason to stop, not just drive through
quality restaurants	businesses, such as Christmas Tree Shop	better town beaches and parks
Enforce zoning laws	Property taxes should not be so high people can't afford them	Parking on Route 11 at Mount Major
town sewer	expansion of a commercial town center like Meredith, etc.	create more apartment rental zoning in town.
Allowing more development for new business such as restaurants (even franchise)	Affordable housing rental units (townhouses/condos)	Dog Park
preventing over-development		
Continued aesthetic improvements to water-front	More shops and stores, eateries to bolster business of the current establishments	Make Alton more bike and pedestrian friendly; reduce driving speeds
Better restaurants		
The Alton Bay area really needs to be prettied up.	More docking in Alton Bay.	
regulation of air bnb	decrease water pollution due to obsolete, deteriorated and in-adequate lake front septic systems	regulate short term rentals that do not require owner presence
never tar additional roads	add no stop lights	add no street lights
Reduce vehicle noise and ENFORCE IT!	good swimming beach made better	Rental complex for small families. Not sec. 8 or slumlord
Expand the town beach	Descent rental apartment complex. No section 8 but reasonable for those with small families	Put up loud noise restrictions example revving of engines and motorcycles while in town and Jake brakes
Reopening of Sandy Point and William Tell restaurants	Enforce time limits at public docks	Good baked stuffed lobster!!!!!!
traffic management at the end of the bay	fee payment options	Dudley road route 28 intersection
Dirt roads Paved!		
Easier access for canoes, kayaks in Alton Bay	Reopen town water faucet at Levitt Park	Improve sidewalk along Rt 11 from Alton to Alton Bay
Maintain our rural environment and our parks	Protect Lake Winnepesaukee - water quality, wildlife	Public access to Lake Winnepesaukee

Public transportation.	More things for teenagers to do.	We have good building code, zoning, etc. We need more enforcement of town ordinances, etc..
some type of control over Air B&B	more control of septic systems around lake	insuring Alton retains its small town character
Traffic circle seems to be outdated and needs to be improved to move traffic out of town faster	Bring in some competition for larger business, i.e. gas, groceries	Puts some money into the fields used for kid sports
more docks for transients		
Fairer assessment of RE taxes	Traffic/trucks should be routed away from the waterfront for pas through	
Limit on building and developing	Preservation of the land & woods that are still here	Can we do anything in the bay for business development (like the Meredith marketplace shops)? Look into options to make the bay more of a destination?
I am only a part time resident. and have spent years watching our lake become more polluted.	Building on the lakes and on the hillsides creates waste which flows into the lake and will eventually pollute the lake.	
Alton Shores Dirt Roads paving		
1 more fast food restaurant	more elderly housing	transportation bus for the elderly
Work to attract another restaurant, shops	Add parking in the summer months, and a shuttle to the islands	Put on Independence Day Fireworks
Controlling better the planning and development controls; do nothing slack off b/c owner or Develop't offer \$ under table (happened next door to me)	Better water quality through tighter restrictions on lakeside owners who us far too much lawn fertilizer (we have a natural waterfront)	Any other Lake Quality Issues with Winnepesaukee
a better down town with parking and support of local shops	Raise the bridge for river boat access	Support business, parking
Better cellphone coverage		
Water pollution from fish hatchery & runoff from pavement	Better parking & traffic flow for Alton Bay boat ramp	Zoning protection of rural land, esp. farm land
More vibrant downtown, more picturesque	A real drug store	Space new building out so it doesn't become congested

More retail	More restaurants	
Continue to develop and expand outside resources for residents and visitors	Build the future to allow our youth to grown, learn, play, and stay in Alton	Focus on commercial development and smart growth for the community
keep taxes low	have a Christen based ethic	keep the bullshit that destroyed conn. out!
More equitable taxation of Lakefront properties	Ability of non-resident property owners to have a voice in town decisions	
More shopping choices		
More parks and rec offerings for all ages	Sports and arts complex	More small businesses
another grocery store		
Maintain emergency services to Alton Islands (fire/EMT, police). We pay taxes, too!!	Care of shoreline on the area lakes/ponds and streams	Support school system improvements
I don't know which services need to be improved. For vacationers, all seems more than adequate.		
Keeping up access to the Bay and adding activities	Encouraging new businesses around the town center	Ways to meet town residents, especially for new residents like myself.
Finish paving Stockbridge Cor to Dudley	Lower taxes	
Plant more trees! Too much pavement not enough shade in public areas	Large fitness facility/recreation for the winter residents	Expand lot requirement for new homes to 3 or more acres
sidewalks - ability to walk safely on town roads with a dog		
biking trails		
enhanced "commercial cores" by lake and town hall - small businesses, no big box		
Needs of island residents who pay large taxes	Faster police response	Maintain police and fire boats and winter lake transportation
A zoning district for senior housing	Try and maintain a low tax rate as the population ages	Limit low income housing zoning

Island services (Town services for islands)	Restrictions on boat traffic (noise)	Safety, Conservation, clean up
alas, I have no suggestions!		
Paving of certain roads like County Drive	More police presence	Bring back the free house at the dump ***
Manage new waterfront development	Continue local road improvements	Create a more destination downtown
no comment, as a "summer" visitor. Best wishes for your update efforts.		
Keeping it small	Don't bring in big business	Keep development to a minimum
more amenities for islanders(mainland parking, fire services, higher speed internet,)	more marina options and support of existing marinas	more phone towers for more reliable phone services
Better fire and police coverage for the island residents	more parking at the town docks for boats	I am concerned about the quality of the water, I think more and more people are dumping waste in the lake
Improve the school system	Curtail the development on Alton mountain and preserve what trees we have left!	
Not allowing any more detail stores chains	No more boat storage places anything that has fuel	Please protect the lake with all you do
Stop or Curtail Over-Development	Keep Lot Sizes Large, and keep No Subdivision in place	Reduce Taxes where possible especially regarding Seniors
control the spread of knotweed, if you let it "getaway" it will take over the area, town can control the spreading of knotweed on town roads.		
Fix town Beach corner of East side drive. It is full of weeds and will cause problems with the health of the lake.	Slow traffic. Cars fly through the bay area and also up Eastside dr often crossing over the double Yellow line Out walking is very dangerous. Traffic on Eastside drive should be slowed for at least the first mile out of the bay as it is heavily residential and families often cross to get to the lake.	Work on the attractiveness of Alton and the bay. Heading into Wolfeboro or Meredith are much more inviting and attractive to visitors.
More/Better parks, walking trails	Rail trail connector into wolfeboro/adjacent towns	Ease traffic in bay/town area

careful land development that allows for woodland to remain intact		
Safe bike paths / lanes	Steady development of the southern tip of the lake for commercial use, possibly connecting somehow to downtown area	Larger / more town docks
Make downtown more quaint	More business downtown	Make downtown more appealing
Another grocery store to give competition to Hannaford's lack of stock after the tourists get here AND TO help manage their summer price gouging and a more developed downtown w/up-to-date shops, like smoothies, soup/sandwich places, cafes (think Wolfeboro's Bayberry Juice Bar,/North Main Cafe, Gilford's Village Store, Laconia's Wayferer) Basically, a down town that gives tourists a reason to stop & us residents a reason to stay.	A better use of the bay w/Bldg upgrades, docks to hold double the boats, etc. The town just wasn't planned well. That bldg where Stillwells is should have been a market place not a cigar club & a few condos. This town doesn't really give people much reason to stop other than for the view of the bay and for the most part, the same old food offerings	An activity/sports complex for young & old. A place for preschoolers & kids of all ages to take lessons & be active. Great for cold or rainy days. To include a senior center - w/a variety of classes or groups that town members could form. Art class, Tai chi, scrabble, and so on.
Better secondary road maintenance & repair		
protect/increase natural spaces- hiking trails, swimming, kayaking, etc.	Do not let large chain stores and restaurants take over small businesses and small town feel	keep it affordable for families
less traffic	less commercial building	preserving the history of Alton
Enhance the shopping in the stores near the water, more nice boutiques versus t-shirt stores	Enhance tourism beyond summer and leaf peeping, it becomes very dismal in the dead of winter	
It's getting so busy	Parking	Traffic
Encourage mom and pop small business downtown. Bring back fiddlehead farms	No more chain stores/ franchises	Keep it a secret
Access to Lake Winnepesaukee from further up Merry Meeting river?	Public Park with Dog Park along Merry Meeting River as Welcoming/Gathering/Information Location for tourists and locals	My friend knows Alton as place he drove through. Need reasons to stop.
no high density development	control spending	lower taxes

control growth	control spending	lower taxes
The police need to respond to and prioritize island residents as well as mainland. Many people have reported little to no response or help from the Alton Police Department	They should charge more for valet boats at Marinas and public boat ramps to go towards EPA and other lake centered needs and cleanup or fund Marine Patrol to increase safety on the lake. I also think more land should be preserved and stricter building requirements for the areas around the lake.	Hep businesses- especially seasonal restaurants- in Alton to succeed all year round
More medium size business year round	Better grocery store options	Upgrades to bridges and water supplies
Nice family beach away from boat ramp with sand for kids is a must. All surrounding towns have beautiful ones.	Better landscaping along downtown's main street and the Bay. More benches, lanterns, mature trees, flowers, nice sidewalks	Enforce private property clean up along main street. Many homes & yards are trashed and a huge eye sore. "Downtown" represents our town.
Revitalized Alton downtown business center	Better roads	Development of municipal power company
Something for young people to do	Something for older people to do	Places to hang out
More aid and assistance for education	More aid and assistance for local businesses	
get more unoccupied restaurants etc,,in the town occupied	make town more appealing to walk thru via the above	create noise ordinances - motorcycles etc...obnoxious. Get people to slow down!
Enhanced development of business districts		
for the town fathers to be more frugal		
CANOE/KAYAK LAUNCH SITES		
Add more restaurant options	Enforce wakeboard boating rules on the Bay. Causing erosion issues	Expand parking for Mt. Major
More restaurants	Gas dock at end of Alton bay	Update Older buildings in Center - require businesses to upkeep
Develop the Alton Bay area a little more	A few more restaurants	Ideally - a public sewer and water systems

appearance of area when first entering lake winni. First introduction to the lake and should be welcoming and well landscaped .	the information center on the water is a great building that needs a fresh coat of paint and updated. it's an asset but looks tired and unwelcoming	The area along the waterfront that holds all the food and ice cream places could be beautiful and more cohesive in design. it seems to be a big money maker seasonally and should be more charming and also welcoming.
Reduce taxes for seasonal properties	Restrict or Limit use of wake boats in Alton Bay	Restrict Jet Skies hours to 9AM to Dusk
Beautify the appearance	over crowding of dock space	
encourage the development of additional small business in town especially to serve tourist populations	encourage the addition of affordable housing stock through private development incentives	
Limit development		
more public docking in the bay	central sewage around the lake	no more craft fairs in the bay
Additional retail in downtown	Additional days of transfer station access	
assistant for Building Inspector- too many violators of codes	maintain restricted access to main roads	with no access to lake investigate public pool facilities
If it made economic sense I'd like to be able to recycle plastics as well as well as aluminum cans, tin cans, and corrugated cardboard		
Consistent architecture in new development	Make owners clean up their properties by enforce housing code rules	Keep all industry at least three miles from the bay area
I wish that more of Alton was revitalized.	I wish Alton/Alton Bay had a better sandy beach.	It would have been nice if Alton could have invested in the Alton Bay boat launch instead of the State taking it over.
Less development EVERYWHERE!!	Beautification and renovation measures along Main Street	No more big box stores
I miss bingo. Old home days		
Municipal Sewer to improve water quality in the bay	Stricter Zoning to create a more charming 'village setting'	More parking and walkable areas to stores

Concern that neighborhoods along the lake are disappearing. In our area, I knew most families along the shore as well as many along Rt 11 for a mile on each side. Today, I don't. Our little neighborhood is different. Of 9 homes, 5 are owned by the same families that bought land 120 years ago from the breakup of the Batchelder farm. One family has been here for 70 years, another 50 years, and two 2 for 20-30 years (guessing). The escalating taxes are driving out families. Homes used as rental properties, or homes used infrequently has destroyed some communities. Retirement becomes difficult owing to the huge tax burden, driving multi-generation families or their descendants to sell. Loss of community.	Alton does not enforce its existing zoning codes. While this is not a part of the master plan, I presume zoning codes and issues arise from the master plan. Lack of compliance is an egregious failure in Alton.	Damage to the public environment owing to overuse (Mt Major, for example)
stop building	taxes	increased police presence
different restaurants	better roads	
Town Sewer	More Retail	Without town Sewer property taxes should be lower
Zoning	Boat parking at the Bay	
No More Self Storage along 11 or 28	Save The Green space along 11 and 28	Fix the Rand Hill / 11
Signs welcoming folks to town	Library presenting more and varied programs	Clear the scenic areas so they really are scenic
Additional boat docks along the Harmony Park wall. It would soften the look of that monster and many people are willing to walk a moderate distance.	Enlarge the parking area for Mt. Major. People who come to Alton for the hike may also spend money here.	Zoning laws that protect the look of Alton and Alton Bay.
Less commercial development	Keeping home lot sizes 2 acres or larger	Removing milfoil from our water ways
Less Overall Development	Less Commercial Development	Keeping Home Lot Sizes Two Acres or more
Full time firefighters	Make more land sub-dividable	

LOWER PROPERTY TAXES	MINIMAL SERVICES FOR TAXES PAID	LACK OF A DAILY NEWSPAPER
Better Plowing	Keep Building to a minimum	Activity Center for kids
Please don't develop too many open spaces	Better plowing in winter	Keep taxes low
better traffic control during tourist season	youth center of some type for clean-cut activities	
Avoiding pressures to transform it into a suburban mecca	Continue to preserve/protect environment/undeveloped land	Limiting overdevelopment/increased traffic
Athletic/Recreation Complex	Downtown re-vamp with small shops and more food options.	More businesses open year round.
Good sandwich shop not a chain (like Jon's Roast Beef in Laconia)	Ubers	Restaurants that deliver
There could be improved communication with how road improvements impact the people who live on those roads.	The recycling should include paper and plastic. It is shameful that they are not being recycled.	Initiatives should be given to groups to clean up the litter that irresponsible visitors and maybe locals leave on the side of the roads.
Existing properties to have decks closer to the water	More restaurants are	
limit development!!!!	keep taxes low. adjust taxes of lake front properties and residential to be more equal	raise the date of historic propertyies.
Community events & activities	Rebuild main street with attractive business	Building solar farm for providing reliable & affordable energy
Improving the area at Downing's Landing & Town Beach		
More variety of food (like Osteria in Center Harbor)	One more grocery store	Kids playground, tennis courts next to lake
Better/More dining options	There appears to be labor shortages in building and related services industries - might mean lack of rental units or affordable housing	Improvements to power supply - more frequent outages than other towns
Take steps to preserve more open land and waterfront		
Controlled growth	Elderly housing	Sewer for downtown business
trash pick up	internet providers	better cell service

Traffic / lower speed limits / enforcement	More consistency / character in development(s)	More focus on expanding downtown core (e.g. shops / restaurants)
Alton needs a functioning community/teen center for young people	Alton needs quality before and after care for children	
Continue to increase the vibrancy of 'downtown'		
how about community pool to teach our kids in school how to swim.		
Keep Alton small and simple . We are worried that the uber- rich are snatching up all the vacant lots and building Mega- Homes and it is ruining the small town feel.	quiet for the taxpayers that abut those areas. Building areas with more access for outsiders is a problem. to encourage outsiders only causes problems and property damage. more and encouraging "sprawl" will only take the peacefulness	
More Local businesses- organic products	More local restaurants -organic	CSA -farm
sharing the town plan/ budget, etc.	is there a town meeting	
More Commercial Choices (restaurants & stores)	Y-R Rec dept. offerings (non-summer Concerts & events)	Better traffic control downtown (esp. at cross-walks)
NO STRIP MALL DEVELOPMENTS	No overdevelopment	Careful traffic studies
Maintain Roads	Slow building	Lower Taxes
A town beach for residents only	senior / assisted living housing	commercial development out of the downtown
More small businesses along Main Street		
Improve Main Street road condition	Improve (tighten) zoning to reflect historic appearance	Limit political signage
less building please, the town is too congested	repair our roads	more input from the town's citizens
Less Taxes to Part Time Island Residents		
We like it the way it is. Don't screw it up.	More public boat docks	
More Restaurants		

limit development; no large condos, camping parks, etc.	greater focus on sustaining the environment	continue to provide good service; roads, transfer center, schools, etc.
traffic light at Rt 11 and road that is right near JP China	I wish that the Alton Bay Corner Conv stored opened before 8am	additional public beach on the bay
More public docks	Mill foil control	Central sewage around lake. Maybe???
More civic events	Less traffic through bay area	
Re direct traffic and Make the bay residents only cars and walking only	Offer free movies - Friday night flicks at the bandstand	Add more public docks
preserving the town's culture	preventing overdevelopment	
Better boat launch parking accommodations for property owners and residents.		
Lower property taxes	Greater variety of business	
Try to keep the franchise businesses too as few as possible.		
pave the dirt roads, its 2021, not 1960		
keeping developers and business from over developing. keep out cluster housing and workforce housing	keep lot sizes large . with only single family homes, no apartments.	keep taxes low
More family owned restaurants	walking path from Bay to downtown	local organic coffee shop in downtown
Better protection of water resources	Historic Downtown district	Moratorium on political advertising when the election is over.
stop new construction	don't change anything	
A competitor to Hannaford, and more charming shops along Main St.	Light manufacturing (along Rt. 28.)	Lower property taxes for seniors with no school aged children.

Reopen the swap shop at the "dump". It is a shame to have this closed for so long even as things are opening up post pandemic. There are SO many people in need and we have very usable items to donate.. I understand that some people are irresponsible about donating unusable items. I would bet there would be a number of volunteers who would be happy to oversee the donations.	The development at West Alton Marina is an absolute shame. All of the wetlands that have been destroyed and wildlife displaced. Just awful. Why do the laws and restrictions not apply to them but yet homeowners on the water are so limited in what they can do. Obviously money talked somewhere...unbelievable.	Reevaluate tax structure. We own a small seasonal cottage on the water yet pay VERY hefty taxes - similar to what neighbors with mc-mansions are paying. Huh???
Don't know		
Protect the lake and allow more people to access the lake	More town beaches and access points	
Some roadways not well maintained such as Youngtown Rd. which was fixed about 10 years ago but does not appear to be maintained/sealed	Find ways to promote sustainable energy like solar for both residential and businesses	Protect wildlife esp. in areas of heavy boat traffic - i.e. loon nesting grounds
Don't allow development of multi-family homes		
downtown development similar to Wolfeboro	more restaurant choices in town	a pharmacy
More shops	More restaurants	Open the swap shop
We love the dirt roads, but how about dust control.	Keep taxes low	
ensuring no business development or growth in residential zones		
expand our recycling to include plastic and paper if possible	make sure our fire and police get the support they need to do their jobs	make sure our teachers, schools and municipal workers also have our support
Traffic at critical times in the summer	Jobs / Economy	Historic Preservation
improve mount major tourist site	improve all tourist visit locations	improve and utilize town buildings
better usage of the west alton community center	a review of zoning designations in certain areas	attract & add more business on the state roads
More rails to trails	Increased walkability	Improved schools
need power to undeveloped areas	no large development or industry	

a theme for the village/bay signs, buildings	Alton is the gateway to Lake Winnepesaukee	Dress up the access to the bay from the village
More restaurants	More local shops	A bed and breakfast would be nice for guests
Pave Muchado Hill Rd	create more park space	more access to lakes/ponds and streams
Taxes are way too high, especially for older people.	Speed of traffic on backroads is out of control.	Stockbridge Corner Road should be paved to New Durham line.
Streamline expenses	Reduce taxes	Get liberals out of teaching and management positions in our schools
keep the present atmosphere	control expansion	No "superhighways" please
A walkway along the lake or river		
Keeping the town uncongested and small	Not overtaken by "Big Business"	Another supermarket like MarketBasket
Tax Rate could still be improved (lower)	"Dead End" sign should be put up on Frohock Brook Rd so big trucks will know they can't turn around. Most maps and GPS show road as though continuing through the woods!	
we need more small businesses	keep it simple - no tax increases to fund un-needed or un-necessary services	
Limited municipal sewer and water availability	Limited multi-family housing	Reasonable small scale commercial and industrial use
Limit new home construction	Limit cluster housing	
Improved downtown	Improved bay area	
Support for improvements to town - balance of taxes with long term needs of the town	More rental/housing opportunities	
If the beach was gradual walk-in again. No wall. No weeds in the water.	Harmony park wall is too high , can't see the water 🙄	Bike paths off road
A cafe! Lunch/breakfast		

Church in the Bay paying property taxes, time to get with the times and step up to the plate!!!	The Elementary School Administration needs to be seriously addressed. Kids are not being held accountable for their own actions, Teachers afraid to speak up.	We need more businesses to keep taxes low. We just experienced quite an increase.
Bring in a GOOD grocery store.	Pave Muchado Hill Road or at least maintain it better. It's bad most of the time.	Allow fireworks.
Increase Social Services / Recovery Support	Affordable year round rentals	Reopen Swap Shop
Better parking! Maybe more spaces, but specifically spaces that are assigned to tenants that the general public can't take up	Better downtown communication when construction work is being done, just like a heads up on my door because I don't use Facebook	Just keeping up with the scenic beauty of the town and not letting it get taken over by buildings etc
attract more small business	pave dirt roads	increase public parking
the roads could be improved	dirt roads paved	lower taxes by bringing in more small businesses
Lower water bills for seasonal residents. Maybe water meters? Would like to pay for amount of water actually used!		
A museum or street-placed signs featuring its history	A better motel	A footpath or rail-trail that goes further outside town (to the lake perhaps)
Better beach in bay area	activities for families in bay area besides marinas and restaurants	networking among organizations
too many power outages	littering on old wolfeboro road (beer cans)	Bowling alley?
Sustainable restaurants		
Keep the town small		
Alton Bay beach location, size and condition	Alton Bay has nothing to draw people It is a large marina	State launching ramp is a parking lot for trailers
seasonal residents involvement in financial planning	tax breaks for elderly homeowners	tax breaks for seasonal residents
Better regulate Air BnB short term rentals	Open up the Swap Shop at the dump	
No more stores or boat storage or storage units	No gas stations allowed please don't allow esp near lake	Keep rural areas rural protect our lakes

could have different kind of stores like crafts	could have 2 super markets	
continue to upgrade Alton Town Beach and waterfront area	offer trash pick up for fee	reinstate plastic recycling
Keeping small businesses as the primary businesses	Being considerate of beautiful views	
more police presence in western Alton area	more liberal policy on adopting roads (paving)	lower view taxes
traffic improvements		
More attractive downtown for walking, browsing, dining, etc.	More commercial/industrial businesses (jobs) outside of downtown area	
More public trash barrels so people might be more prone to not litter and pick up their dogs waste	Resources for new people that have moved to town	
Keep taxes low	Include plans for school growth	Elder care in the community
It would be nice to have a facility similar to the Glendale Facility in Gilford that would serve as access to Lake Winnepesaukee for Alton residents and residential taxpayers	Keep the town rural and taxes low	
Attract small businesses and quaint facades to store fronts	Bike trails connecting all rural residences to downtown area	Better notices to town events through the year
enact or enforce property maintenance standards	continue support of schools and support vocational training in high school	Lake is a treasure support clean water in every way
Better short term summer home rental regulations		
repair of more streets	another grocery store to compete with Hannaford	
Zoning, Minimum buildable lot size review (1 acre min.)	Review funding for Police and Fire departments (Safety)	Limit Multiple Family Commercial building and Zoning
not so many power outages		
Pave roads (Spring St., et al), improve drainage	Expand year round Town Water into Alton Bay	Town Sewer
Attract quality businesses & restaurants	Cosmetic makeover	Make it a destination instead of pass-through

Parking in the bay		
Put STOP signs at rotary entering from route 11 rather than yield coming from Rochester	Complete the promised paving of Stockbridge Corner road to Dudley	Repay Grandview Lane before it get any worse
Plastic and paper recycling	More restaurants	More workforce housing
Plastic and paper recycling at the transfer station		
Preserving more land, especially in watersheds.	Reduce building pressure around the big lake and others	Improve roadways
A better center of town more businesses down town	Expand Hannaford and make it bigger	More town run events like old home week, fireworks
Upgrade and beautification plan for business district at tip of lake	Expansion of public docks to accommodate more boats and larger slips	
Preserve small town atmosphere	More active historical society	More active zoning .better upkeep of town roads
Clean up the sides of the minor roads, lots of trash especially in springtime	People drive too fast	
There is no sense of downtown/village center. It's just a pass-through to the lake		
lower taxes		
Limit lake front development		
Improve sand swimming area - not dock area	Help improve local businesses	Maybe another family priced restaurant
Greater community cohesion, spirit and less division (having two Facebook communities saddens me)		
make chain stores adhere to a strict policy to match other buildings	lower speed limit is n the bay over the summer	less deforestation
Corporate businesses - more corporate jobs	More restaurant chains to keep cost down in Alton	More department type stores (TJ is only one)
Groups like YMCA, community pool/ events for kids	More main stream businesses	Local perks- local only town beach/ discounts at restaurant for residents

Improve roads where new homes are being built	Control the amount of building permits so as not to	Over populate the town and lose it's charm
Help small businesses get into downtown	Keep big corporate businesses out of the center of town	Improve downtown to attract more tourism
Full time firefighters		
Less power outages		
A nice town beach would be awesome !	Business architecture like McDonalds, not Dollar General	A nice business where the junky old video store is. Eminent Domain ?
More businesses	More town beaches	
More diversity/variety of businesses brought in	Better recreational facilities for children/families	Pavement of Prospect Mountain Rd as a shortcut to the Rochester area, which would help alleviate summer traffic for year-round locals
I have not lived in the area, but plan to some day. I trust that the citizens will develop the area with caution to maintain its uniqueness.		
Bring back the swap shop!	Bring back the fireworks	More community events
a few more docking spaces		
Less road signage at the Bay, no additional traffic/crosswalk lights	If old video store on Main st is uninhabitable, demolish it. Maintain quaintness of historic downtown	Good school system
Enhance the attractiveness of main st	Continue to improve the Bay waterfront	Add walking and bike trails
Support small businesses and build up the commercial areas (it would be nice to have more businesses/shops at the bay or in town)	The grounds of the town cemetery should be improved and maintained with respect for the deceased. There is hardly grass to speak of, mostly weeds and poor quality fill (looks like sand)	Public access to an island(s) for Alton residents
Cut back weeds at road intersections for better sight lines.	Beautify Main Street even more.	
More development in Alton Bay - restaurants, shops, etc	a Walkable area in Alton bay accessible by boat.	spruced up Main Street
bring back the swap shop!!	affordable housing	bring back the swap shop!!
Lower property taxes	Lower property taxes	Lower property taxes

Better street lighting on main road	Make Main Street more attractive with less trashy buildings	Consistency of design in town and commercial buildings
keep bay clean	fewer police	better educate the students
Do not allow places to expand like West Alton Marina	Do not allow building in wetlands areas	Limit house size on lake ( McMansions)
Better traffic management downtown on weekends	More medical facilities	
Open up the swap shop again.	More conservation areas as opposed to building	More flowers, but the garden club does a great job!
making sure that school facilities remain upscale	keep quality people in governance	maintain infrastructure in good condition
Lower taxes		
More diverse representation in our government and town employees. Ethnic and political diversity is a strength in a community. Also a youth services dept/director to provide a safe space for marginalized tweens & teens.	More thought to the displaced wildlife when trees are cut, land is cleared, for new developments. I see a lot of new building and worry for the displaced creatures who were here first.	A town beach that isn't near boat fumes/oil slicks, with ample parking and services.
focus on quality of lake water	outdoor areas for recreation	allow for growth of small businesses, but not overly commercialized
Less development.		
Reduce Spending	No Zoning for workforce housing	Keep Alton rural
Dead Tree removal around town		
expand / upgrade shopping and dining options downtown	expand commerce on Bay	
Sidewalks or wide shoulder on 28A	No parking on 28A, vehicles in Road !!	Uniform building appearance in Village and Bay
Redevelopment of Alton Bay		
rail trail connection to surrounding towns.	more athletics fields	more town beaches for lake. we have the most miles but no beaches
Town beach so that all residents can enjoy beauty of the lake safely	Community center so there can be more activities for youth	Central location where community members can access, purchase, and support community agriculture

Sidewalk on Rt 28 from Highschool to Library & Town Down (student safety)	Improved Access to Lake for swimming (more beach property)	Governance (too much power given to powerful few)
Lower property taxes		
a more varied and prosperous business center	secure land and water preservation	more beautification as recently done in Alton Bay
Better maintenance on town properties	Keeping historical properties.	Keep taxes low.
Restrict shoreline cutting	No wake zone starting at Sandy Point	Less chain businesses, more small locally owned
The amount of tourists on the bay in summer is ridiculous. As year round residents we can't enjoy it in the summer.	Make at least one of the town beaches residents only	Mt Major can't be enjoyed by us in the summer. Make a week or even a weekend be for in state residents only
More focus on Laws for Neighborhoods		
Town sewer		
Downtown revitalization	Updated overhead electrical downtown-less overhead wires	Better upkeep of roadways that need painting for visual safety
I think Alton can use a few more shops at the plaza.	Something between the bay and Main St regarding a speed limit. Cars speed down Main st. Also to add more businesses.	Affordable apartments, Alton is expensive.
sewerage system		
Better public beach/parking at the lake for residents(possibly multiple beach areas)	Nice new Playground for residents	Longer and more Biking/walking trails possibly connecting to surrounding towns
Additional ethnic diversity	Progressive social service attitude	
Pick up trash on main roads	Beautify public spaces	Disallow multi family zoning > 2 family homes
More commerce in downtown area	Better control of managing traffic, specifically speeders from downtown Alton through the Bay. It is completely out of control. y	Summer recreational programs for children
go after people who clear cut land without permission	a more thriving business district	full recycling options (plastics!!!)
More business options	Better water infrastructure	More high end grocery options

More restaurants	Would like to see the bay area with more shops (charming like Wolfeboro)	Would like to see Sandy Point Restaurant utilized
Keep taxes low	No new development. Such as condos at marinas	Not allowing liquor licenses on floating restaurant/bars
Promote businesses on Main Street	Enforce no fireworks!!	Pave existing dirt roads, i.e. Lockes Corner Rd, Stockbridge Corner etc.
Traffic on Rt 11 , from the bay to Gilford, too many trucks	Main Street could be more like downtown Wolfeboro	We no longer recycle paper and plastic/ swap shop closed
true accounting of school expenditures	village beautification	new location for town beach
Building community (community activities)	Build work, play and stay in Alton	Ensure town buildings & Human Resources are maintained
Residents only beach	More affordable housing, rentals, clustered housing, creative communities, etc. Move away from these 2-5 acre lots with giant homes	Walk/bike trails throughout town - CONNECT PMHS to the village
Infrastructure/ Town Sewer plant for downtown and the bay		
Alton Bay could use a facelift/more small businesses, but do not want it to have traffic like Meredith	Resident only boat ramp or ramp with more trailer parking. newly constructed ramp was poorly designed-Terrible angle!	Every other dock could be made longer to accommodate boat more parking without it being too narrow.
Fix whatever makes the power go out for no reason	Limit political signage	Sidewalks. Impossible, but walking is dangerous
Don't zone workforce housing	Continue the old NE village look	Do not expand local government
More vibrant "downtown"	Town dump should accept plastic & paper recycling	
the Town Planner & Board must know and uphold the Plan	septic	Revitalization / Beautification of ALL Town owned property
Fiscal attention to gov spending	Keep the town as is	Elderly housing facilities
More shops	More small higher end restaurants	More cafes - less storage facilities
More business		

Greater accessibility for people without cars to increase tourism - Maybe a daily bus to Boston	A state liquor store	Ferry service around Lake Winnepesaukee
More little gift shops or boutiques	More restaurants and places to eat	More affordable lakefront properties
lower taxes	limited government	
Alton downtown needs a more focus downtown center		
Additional Senior housing	Control gov spending so retirees can live in their homes	Review illegal accessory units that exist but no action is taken
Do not consider low income or workforce housing	Consider senior housing	Control gov. Spending so retirees can stay in there homes
Parking on main street	get public trash pickup	activities for youth
Business/Industry to keep our younger people here	Community oriented space- complex. Arts, theatre, athletics	Water and septic update/overhaul so that businesses do not have to shoulder these issues
Keep and protect rural qualities	No workforce housing	Increase minimum lot sizes for building
Recreation for youth	Continued small business oriented community	The town access needs and only ask for what is essential. No frivolous reserve funding that increases the tax bill
Open the Swap Shop back up	Stop the power outages ( I lost power 5 times in the last month)	Restrict short term rentals.
spending needs to be curbed, town managers should own homes here	need to make the downtown someplace people want to come to	need more businesses in town, more yr round restaurants
Keep The Tax Rate Down	Continue To Be Business Friendly	Retain Small town Charm
Improve recycling efforts	Removal of political signs from downtown	Improve image, Trump country not an appealing image
Growth of the downtown - strategic initiatives	Town sewer for downtown area	
With such beautiful water frontage, in the Alton Bay retail area, I wish the are would continue to be "spruced" up for curb appeal and shopping, etc.	Since I am not a year round resident, I'm not sure what other areas are in need	

maintaining rural and small town atmosphere	controlling development	
Keeping it small, not allowing any big box stores	More beaches	Finish side walks
more activities for families.	make Alton Bay more inviting for families	No more McMansions - keep the cottages
Bring back Sandy Point restaurant... as good as it used to be.	Incentivize and support local businesses so they thrive, without them there is no town.	Support our Police Department.
Development is important, but keep it small & in character of New England.	More public access to Lake Winnepesaukee.	Make commercial property owners more accountable for clear-cutting their property!
It would be better if there was a way to stop it from growing bigger	It would be better if there was a way to teach people from other places not to litter because we don't have street cleaners	It would be better if there was a way to keep the taxes from going higher
Removal of offensive and disrespectful political signs	Adding preservation/protected lands in order to maintain rural character and access to natural areas	Improved rec department that offers better programming to all members of the community
reduce development	encourage more stores in the downtown area	
Slower speed limit	More sidewalks around the lake/28A	Encourage different businesses besides ice cream. Fresh local produce would be amazing!!
Market Basket on Mount Major Highway		
Stated conservation of the landscape/scenery	Commitment to a small town feel	Improved park areas for children
Continued Upgrade/Investment in the Town	Push for Further Site Beautification	Select Residential Development
Better town beach availability in West Alton		
The empty buildings such as the old laundry mat, video store etc. that have septic issues should be appealed with the environmental department to somehow allow use rather than sit empty becoming a hazard.	Doing more for our kids and our schools improving it for future families to want to live in our community and work here.	Keeping our tax rate lower so that young families can afford the cost of housing and the tax rate.

Its great the way it is.		
Extended days open at landfill	Email notifications of events and local news	
To enhance tourism, limit housing development in wooded areas	Eliminate gas powered boating on small ponds to reduce pollution and invasive species choking lake life	Lure business to unoccupied store fronts, such as Alton Video—talk with owners of that building, perhaps?
More activities through park and rec	Restaurant delivery	Road maintenance
Town boat ramp on lake winnipesaukee that only people that live in Alton can use	Pave Stockbridge Corner Road and North Road	
We need to keep the small feel	No large business	Maybe a non high end place for local families to go to eat year round
More restaurants	More use of merry meeting River for town events	
We need state reps that actually represent us instead of radical right wing idiots	We should be recycling. It's smartest y	
Sports programs offered at PMHS! (Hockey, lacrosse, field hockey, football)	Cleaning up Main Street/curb appeal	
Community rec center	Clean up some of the unused businesses and buildings on Main Street.	
less crime	better town beach	
More beaches	An amusement park	More parks
Better public access to the lake	Improved sense of place or better "downtown feel"	
Better organized sports for kids	Beautification of the downtown area	More walkable business fronts in town
Restaurants	More community events	
Rec facility- sports fields/complex	Better beach access	Restaurant selection/delivery - NOT fast food or chains.
Clean it up physically and disband the "good ol' boy network"	Bring back the small village charm	Give residents an initiative to display pride of place

More investment from town government into community	More resources for young families	Better developed parks and programs (more funding and staff)
Town Sewerage in the Bay Area	Smart Growth (don't over expand the area and lose its charm.	Teen Center/SkatePark
Increase what is allowed to be recycled at the Dump	Re-open the dump donation site	Maintain affordability
Better town beach	Reopen dump "swap shop"	Attract more small businesses
The park and Rec program needs to support more activities for kids. Poor quality in comparison to neighboring towns	There needs to be a center for activities for kids K-8	A better town beach for residents who do not live next to the lake or have beach rights
Letting the rec sports teams use the school facilities. It takes months and a ton of work to get a few practices on school grounds despite them being town property. The rec department had farmed out all the sports to other organizations and does little to help or organize anything for our kids.	We don't have an indoor facility for activities in the winter, we have a huge lake and one small hockey rink near the fire dept., other towns have community centers for sports or to rent out in the winter. We have to travel for those things	There isn't much to do if you're a kid in Alton, we have the senior center and things for our senior population which is good but not much for the younger generation. Since we have a large demographic area it's also difficult for kids to get around town unless they have a parent to drive them during vacations.
We need a much nicer beach for residents	Revitalize north end of Main Street	Make Mt. Major parking lot bigger and stop roadside parking
Improved/expanded town services	More choice for internet service providers	Better Maintenance of secondary roads
A quick serve restaurant such as ChickFilA	To stay quaint and not be overdeveloped with tons of houses	Sidewalks on both sides of Main St all the way from the circle thru town, and a sidewalk down Frank C Gilman Hwy to the park on Letter S Road
A better beach that is not right by the boat ramp	At least one updated playground	A third space (ie coffee shop, community center, etc.). I would love for families to have spaces to gather in Alton rather than having to go to other towns to do so, such as the Nick in Wolfeboro or the beaches in other parts of the lake.

Indoor Aquatic Pool for the winter/summer	Condos	Paving of any dirt roads
Municipal sewer system	Redo intersection of Wolf. Hill Rd. and Main St.	Covered ice skating rink
-easier business development	A real town beach w/o boat gas floating by	-more beautification downtown
Maintain rural architecture, limit signage	No high-rises, in town or apts in rural area	Maintain rotary as is, no lights, expansion. If a town welcome sign is elected make available for all town people to review, have input and vote on.
Controlled growth	Aesthetic commercial buildings	Enhanced traffic control devices
A department store bigger than Dollar General	Liquor store	Asian Paradise
Keeping taxes low	Improved or new swim beach	Continue development of main st for foot traffic
Bike paths	Hiking trails	
Preserving the past and expanding for the future.	Supporting new and current businesses.	Making sure that the lake area is not overburdened.
the fortress like wall near the beach should have been real stone to match the bridge near Irwins	shopping and restaurants	there should be a fence next to the town docks. I am surprised no one has fallen in
Police department enforcing traffic law. There are way too many people driving extreme fast in residential neighborhoods.	We need a Chinese food take out restaurant.	I think the town needs more small business. No large national box stores. No wider roads. And only single family housing, no condos or apartment buildings. Let's keep our town free of traffic signals.
Increase of commercial development	Improvement of historic downtown area	Better promotion of winter aerial activities
More dock space		
Maintain natural resources while planning for areas of affordable housing	Increase cell tower coverage to decrease current gaps	Consider EV charging stations
Crosswalks that people abide by and don't fly downtown	More community based events (hopefully since covid is more manageable)	

Lower taxes		
Public sewer system on Main st and around lake	Commercial zone on 28 so we can have more convenience and restaurant choices	rules to get rid of ugly signs and keep new business looking very New England.
Public sewer system for commercial areas and around lake	Commercial zone on 28 from stockbridge corner development to 28A	Standard zoning rules for design and signage to keep village feel and allow better restaurants and stores.
Reopen Swap Shop	Music in the Gazebo on the Bay	
Clean water	Less land stripping	Less development around the lake.
Spend more money on the smaller roads	Make downtown area look like a historic area	
Attract more restaurants	Keep taxes as low as possible	Employment opportunities
Limit growth	Improve infrastructure	Expand conservation land
Keep taxes low	Keep taxes low	Keep taxes low
I really like it the way it is	Not over developing around lake	I can't think of anything 🤔
Less events in the Bay Area, ie craft fairs. Hurts business due to lack of parking and hurts the businesses instead of helping.	Move events to Prospect where people can park and walk around easier.	
More preservation of land	Limited development	Fewer marinas
More restaurants	No large retail stores like Walmart or Target	Community advertising for local businesses
Careful and thoughtful limitations to developments	Promoting historical significance	Sprucing up Main Street, ole style street lights etc
A Chinese restaurant	Recycling of plastic and paper.	
New Chinese	Bakery	Jersey Mikes
Restaurants - that you can go to for dinner	Entertainment - Bar Spaces with entertainment	Apartments
Less building (residential and commercial) and tree removal	lower taxes	less people
More restaurants with more availability (bars and live music)	More places to go out on the water (in Alton Bay)	An apartment building for living year round
More recreational activities	Road repair	Summer programs for kids

Better back roads	More police patrols on back roads	Plow trucks in the winter taking out mail boxes
Limit development of major stores	Limit substandard housing	Keep spending in check
Expand and improve the beaches on the Alton bay	Put traffic light on the corner of route 11 and Tash road	Build embankment near the intersection of Rt. 28 and Rt 11 on Merrymeeting river
Keep Plot sizes large / Don't allow small lots or apartment or multi-family housing developments	Power outages every winter / Long term solution to bury power/cable/fiber optic	Community Rec Center with Pool or Invite YMCA to build in town; Would be used by all ages
Roads repaved	Restaurant deliveries	More parking in Alton Bay for boaters
More public art	Better restaurants	Limit political signs (looking at the place across from Alton village. What an eyesore)
Better postal service	A sidewalk from Prospect to circle	Another public beach away from boat launch
Control real estate taxes	More down town shops	
Target	Trash pickup	
Bike/walking trails	Don't let town become over developed with new homes.	Protect what lake front the town has - don't clear cut trees on shore line
Don't allow excessive retail/commercial development		
Lower taxes	Less regulation	Legalize fireworks
allow more business	more affordable housing	
Slow the development	Stop changing zoning laws to promote business/development	
It seems that there's not a cohesive plan for new buildings and businesses, it all seems very willy nilly from a location and esthetics standpoint.	Not sure if it's something that can be addressed but some of the older homes on the way to the bay are derelict and genuine eyesores.	We have a serious litter problem. It really makes our great town look like a landfill at times.
Clear cutting of Lakeside vistas.		
School choice	School Vouchers	Protection for local home buyers

Business Development	Support for Small Business	Ability to grow without losing small town feel
STOP BRINGING ANIMALS IN LAKE - PEE - OWNERS NOT CLEANING UP DOG POOP.	OUT OF STATE PEOPLE NEED TO RESPECT LAKE WINNE AND STOP POLLUTING THE LAKE WITH POURING ALCOHOL AND USING IT AS A TOILET FOR THEMSELVES AND DOGS.	WE NEED MORE MARINE PATROL AND POLICE ESPECIALLY NEAR THE IRWIN MARINA BOAT LAUNCH PEOPLE ARE DISORDERLY
Revitalize downtown	Expanded recycling	
Better control of traffic--has always been a problem.	Has the Fire Dept. improved?	Reading the water quality analysis is disturbing.
more activities at the bay	see police engage more with the people	
Faster turn around times from building dept	Better and more restaurant options	Food trucks
A bigger push to support local businesses,	There seems to be a few projects left unfinished Mt Major hwy	More businesses
Speed boat not allowed in Alton Bay	Better Summer Internet options	Better Cable options
Controlled retail development	Maintain rural atmosphere	No cluster housing
Public boat docks need major expansion	More restaurants and shops at waterfront	Perhaps a boardwalk along rt 11 shoreline, make Alton more like Wolfeboro
Do not increase land density	Lake and Rivers maintenance/cleanliness	Continued upkeep of roads and bridges
Limit congestion along shore of Alton bay preserving Lake Winni	Continue to limit Condominiums	Leash laws
Slow development, particularly in view lots around lake	Better policing of island properties	Some winter time commercial businesses open
clean up properties such as Green Tops especially	clean up property on corner of Old Wolfeboro Road	repave the rest of Robert's Cove Road
community news outlet	parking in Alton Bay area	
affordable housing for young families	affordable housing for retirees	workforce housing
Electric	Internet	Natural gas
sewer	not enough attractions /shops	
More security during off season		

Better support of island taxpayers	Enhanced partnering with Wolfeboro for mutual support	Better cost control of town and school expenditures.
Remove a couple parking spots across from ramp to facilitate launch	Revitalize downtown shops	
More dining facilities	Bigger beach	Concert hall / musical theater
Professional fire department and ambulance service		
More restaurants		
A Market Basket	Ban on tourism	Recycling plastic again at dump
update roads	change some private roads to regular roads maintained by the Town of Alton	
More public docks for boats	Concerts stop promptly at 10 o'clock	
More public places to dock a boat a boat at the Bay	Help with a Tic control problem	Alr boats for rescue on the ice badly needed
town sewer & water	trash pick up	business credits for opening a business in alton
More town dock space and parking	More restaurants and shops	
Support Restaurants	Keep snowmobile trails activities strong	Aquatic environment - milfoil and general health of lake
over develop & how it effects ground water supply	over development & how it effects Fire & Police providing services	
Larger grocery / box store	Music events	One great (better) fine dining restaurant
Larger variety of retail activities that would draw people to visit Alton	Hotel at the Bay	
more public parking	more places to eat	a walking trail around the bay
A few more restaurants	Addition of a retirement home	
use less sand on the cove roads	more places to eat out	
Centralization of Public Safety resources!	Keeping businesses especially chains in certain areas - keeping the small town feel throughout most of the town	5G and better Internet speeds and providers focused on reliability

People drive WAY TOO FAST through town: Need auto speed detector to slow people down	Crosswalks are DANGEROUS: Need flashing crosswalk signs	Encourage the Republican Headquarters to relocate off Main Street: Their hate filled signs and flags are a drag on the whole town and are bad for business.
New home construction to be built on no less than 2 acres	More shopping options	For the police/town to crack down on people lighting off illegal dangerous fireworks in wooded neighborhoods
Tip of the Bay, Busy Corner area, needs a full stoplight system	Mt. Major is a big attraction, but needs more parking	Public boat trailer parking near tip of bay is limited
Slow growth	More services for seniors	Keep up the good work
More restaurants and stores	A gas station for boats	Businesses locations NOT owned by the town so people can come in with a fresh set of eyes and develop what they want and not be controlled by town selectman don't like change. It's time to revive the town and compete with other towns that are thriving around the lake like Wolfeboro!! Step it up!! Who needs a cigar shop next to an ice cream store?? Meredith and Wolfeboro are perfect examples of what Alton SHOULD look like but it's still stuck in the 70's and 80's down near the water. It's sad!
Help residents and visitors to learn more about and enjoy the natural beauty here.	Cultural events.	Safe bike paths.
A gas station on track 11 near loon cove	Fix eyesore of dock area near public beach in Alton bay	
Making some of the old run down houses look better.	keeping the roads cleaned up (who drinks all that Bud Lite in cans??)	
Town water front area. Dress it up significantly more.	More great eating options	
Walkable town center with more businesses	Community park with courts, playground, playing field	More town sponsored activities

keep commercial development away from lake area and down town	additional public boat docks to support local business	
Improve the town center - making it more welcoming and more of a town center by making it walkable and encourage businesses that will make folks want to go there to shop, eat, etc.	Create additional business opportunities at the bottom of lake so that a great coffee shop, book store, gift shop, etc. could find a home there	Keep taxes on individual properties as low as possible
Carefully planned commercial development of Alton Bay / town dock area	Keep taxes low	
Road improvements	Minimum lot size for homes	Public lake access
A few more commercial options in Alton Bay	Better pedestrian walk ways in Alton Bay	A successful corner store in Alton Bay!
Incorporate massive improvements and upgrades to the waterfront areas	Extend boardwalk and better upgraded retail outlets at the tip of the Bay.	Increase Winter festivities and greatly improve the Winter Carnival
More restaurants	A more robust downtown with more small owner businesses	
More & better restaurants		
Controlled growth. Seems that the pace has increased substantially in the past few years.		
Reduce the speed of cars on Rte 11 approaching the Gilford Town Line.	Attract more commercial properties, ie Whole Foods etc.	
curb the building of homes and the destruction of land	upkeep on some of the buildings along main street	no more chain restaurants or stores
Limit development (condos, marinas)	Make more of a connection between center Alton and waterfront	Lower waterfront taxes and stop being a donor town
Clean up the downtown area	Pride in ownership	
What is the town doing to support weed control in the lake? The vitality of the lake is critical to the community.	Homestead or some tax ceiling protection for seniors.	Support and encourage local/private business versus chain/corporate enterprises.
Traffic light / addressing safety at corner old Wolfeboro road and 28	Dunkin donuts drive thru traffic (out in road, crazy in and out and wait time).	
More dock spaces	Bread/bakery	Boutique shops

Road maintenance/back & gravel roads especially	More public swimming that isn't gross from milfoil	Better signage at circle so out of staters know when it is a double lane and when it is not. Almost crashed many times due to this.
A community center/public safety complex	And having lines and all the blacktop roads in town.	
ban personal/private fireworks	ban personal/private "so-called" target shooting	ban all outside burning
surfaces of secondary roads too often dismal and dangerous.	view points! Does anybody ever care about them? Cut bushes and trees. Resurfacing never lasts long. You will not find country in Western Europe with such pitiful road care... s	Do not prohibit parking along lakeside during fireworks! It was alright in earlier years - and now it is not anymore? Think of viewers, also tourists.
Large Welcoming Sign at Turnabout on Rt 28/rt11	Sell Alton as a destination town	
There should be a really nice town beach/park. What we have is a swim deck and a little sandy beach right where boats/gasoline are milling around.		
More live music	Better duck control at beaches	
Walking trails	Movie nights	Food trucks and farmers market
Downtown revitalization, cleaning up side walks telephone poles	Never make roads as narrow as Wolfeboro Hill Rd. With granite curbing	Fix parking on Main Street by town hall
A downtown with places to hang out, trees and green Instead of just black topped parking lots	Something like the Nick in Wolfeboro with all different sport options and a dog park	Make East Side Drive one way and have a bike/walking lane
Improve the scenic views by trimming trees more.		
Bike path	No funnel development	Continue supporting trail head and snowmobile plow lots
Modernized community center for families	updated parks for kids	more town mgmt with upkeep of the town, increased budget and personnel for Parks and Rec

The numerous properties with lots of junk in their yard that the town does not seem to enforce. It detracts from appearance especially on Main Street. To attract visitors and residents this needs to be addressed	Allowing a "storage business that allowed in the lakeside residential zone despite abutter opposition. Residents of the lakeside residential zone pay very high taxes to be in the protected zone and that type of property is not supposed to be allowed. Why do we have zoning laws if they are so easily overruled despite opposition from those most affected	More stringent conditions on the look of new commercial properties that are built to make the town look more appealing. Some recent commercial construction looks "cheap"
Minimal zoning regs. to avoid traffic congestion which business and industrial concentrations cause. Handle each case on an individual case. Will also lead to a more pleasing visual perspective. As a larger land owner I dislike interference in landowner's rights. Taking into account abutters' rights should be a major consideration as well as environmental concerns. ss and industrial zones do.	Encourage a healthy business climate to provide lots of quality employment opportunities	A senior housing plan that provides a high quality of living standard.
Lower tax rate seems heavy on seasonal residents	Town water and sewer	More reliable power grid, constant outages
Rec center		
more restaurants	another grocery store	better sidewalks
more restaurants	more downtown shopping options	more options for things to do for the kids (especially middle & high school age)
A few more business opportunities	Local jobs	affordable cluster housing (workforce housing)
Recreational facility that incorporates/engages all community members	Formulating a better location/upgrade of our Fire Department/Highway Department and Alton Central School	Business support/Commercial development that provides more local jobs
Maintain open space	Reduce traffic	Maintain water quality of lake(s)
way to attract tourists or skiers to area during winter	education is a priority	continue to upgrade the area around town hall for pedestrians
Maintain as is		

Controlled expenses	Underground utilities ( too many power outages)	Get rid of dilapidated buildings not in use (or require they are made presentable)
Pedestrians and bicyclists at great risk of serious harm (year round) on New Durham Rd / desperately needs sidewalk or safety updates to include walking and bike lanes	Too much vacancy of buildings in downtown and traffic circle areas. Some buildings and landscape shotty looking / some property owners need motivation to upkeep	Needs longer safe walking trails and needs residents only beach
Making downtown more small business friendly	Keeping the rural zone actually rural - larger lots?	
A nice town beach	Improve the to Alton town beach	More park and rec events
More services		
Clothing stores	Family restaurants (non chain)	Community clubs, activities
connect volunteers to seniors who need help	determine what families want help with basic necessities	bring back the swap shop
Reducing the school budget	Keeping taxes low	Offering incentives for Alton business owners
Our road has a million potholes. Fill them.	Our road has a million potholes.	Our road is Sunset Shore Drive and an ambulance or fire truck would not make it safely.
I think the Master Plan should have more 'authority' than just being a 'guideline.' As it stands now the MP can be ignored or circumvented if an entity can persuade the Planning Board or Zoning Board of Adjustments to okay something that is truly not in Alton's best interest.	We need to be very vigilant about the pollution coming from New Durham Fish Hatchery in the Merrymeeting River. This is our very important water source. We must be involved in and contribute to efforts to stop this egregious pollution. If we allow the Merrymeeting River and our lake to continue to become even more poisoned we lose EVERYTHING. The Lake is a precious natural resource. We could lose our drinking water source, property evaluations, tax dollars, and recreation. We need to rethink everything, including the pollution from the fireworks displays, pollution from all the boats, pollution from old, unregulated septic systems, drainage runoff, etc.	I would like to see a system of Voting By Mail instituted for all the residents of Alton and not just the handicapped or for catastrophic events such as COVID19. There are many safe and humane systems in use in this country as models.
Increased road maintenance- Roadside mowing-tree trimming	Paving of high travel gravel roads	

Economic Opportunity with higher-paying jobs	Revitalization and sprucing up of "downtown" Main Street	Ridding Alton of the Democrat incursion
Year round swimming pool	Enforcement of noise laws (fireworks, boats and motorcycles)	No large businesses or shopping malls
control development	more walking trails and conservation land	speed bumps
Don't advertise it.	End Bike Week,	Shhhhhh...
Increased monitoring of speed on town roads	Maintain rural character (care with zoning laws)	Satellite police office for quicker response times
An indoor recreation center for winter walking	Indoor pool maybe	Many ideas but very little progress not sure what happened to "All in for Alton"
taxes	schools	need more (different) businesses
housing issues	job issues	places to run/own a business
School building updated	More camps and staffed activities for kids	
A more attractive downtown with a few more shops	A community center for all ages to come together as a closer town - living rurally we don't know many of the people in our town - feel separated from everyone.	Events where the full-time residents can meet people who actually run the town. And not so much focus on The Bay which seems to be more focused on the summer visitors and not the full-time residents.
Stop building development	Keep the town small	Stop adding amenities we have enough
More speed enforcement on side roads (mobile radar trailer included)		
Water	Sewage	
Housing and/or condos for the elderly.	Traffic control on Main Street.	No more building of store fronts until what we have are filled.
parking on road should be permitted at fireworks time.		
making Alton more of a tourist stop like Meredith or Wolfeboro by beautifying the town and adding shops	More public/citizen engagement	we need a Market Basket store

Better application of zoning laws. the town seems lax in this area	Taxes.....property values are taxing some people out of their homes	Set aside more undeveloped acreage
Alton Facebook page—probably not something you can fix but holy cow do the busy bodies and nosy nellies on there drive me crazy	Housing shortage and need for rentals	
Lower taxes		
More volunteer based opportunities to improve public spaces	Recycling to be returned to full capacity	To ensure that Alton stays rural and does not become over developed
Enforcing fireworks ordinances (it is very distressing to animals in town)		
Less development	Re do ugly wall at Harmony Park	
More police and fire	Allow down building	
Another large grocery store	A full service pharmacy	A bakery
Our emergency services (esp. ambulance) needs to be strengthened	More housing for growing young families	More emphasis on preserving natural resources
Trash pickup where we live	Public road where we live, plowed	
Less new construction	Less cutting of trees for new construction	Beach passes for alton residents or military. More parking spaces for town residents.
Projects crafted with quality over cost. Hard to do in any governmental project, but certainly doable. Less can be more.	Low income housing. Again, finding the right balance of design and economy. Even deserves a decent place to live.	Recycling of all items at the city dump. This is very important for numerous reasons.
A recreation center	A childcare center	Improving the esthetic a the town boat launch area (beach)
survey for interest in public transportation (to Concord/seacoast)	after school activities for children	consider a yearly maximum of building permits so town infrastructure can handle all residents
Vegetation removed from swimming area in town beach	Sand put into swimming area in town beach	
Nothing. Do not change a thing.		
A more walkable downtown w more shops		

Clean up the bay area, the ALTON BAY letters on the hill are not maintained or are perhaps dated. They look tacky	The gazebo area downtown is lame. More can be done to make this area more welcoming.	The public beach should be maintained. Add sand so the water doesn't look so dirty.
Improve sidewalks in the bay area	No condo developments	No big box stores
Instead of voting on every warrant article each year—have a budget with short and long term spending priorities (budget)	The current warrant article process does not lend itself to long term planning	Development of the downtown area
additional restaurant options that are open year round	additional retail in general (other than just gift shops)	support for businesses so they can survive here year round
Sports complex	Babysitters/after school care	
Recreation facilities with playing fields	Combined/more efficient public works dept.	Improved school system
Provide better kids recreation	Improve the quality of the town beach	Establish ordinances to regulate the "junk yard" look of some of the properties along Main St...aka we need more community pride in our appearance.
Noise ordinance	Leash law for dogs	Create more opportunities for young people
Preserve small town qualities	Preserve greenspace in the bay and uptown.	
More year round restaurants, just a couple.	Slow down on the building of new homes.	No section 8 housing
Community events	Kids activities	Bay revitalization
Post office who follows the rules and works with its customers	Full time fire dept.	More boat access for town residents
Historic Hotel restaurant development in bay. Do it with New England Charm.	Create/improve tourism district in southern area of lake (Meredith & Wolfeboro are kicking our butts)	Bring back historic charm of Alton bay, post cards show what was lost
Enforcement of the speed on main st	Locals only beach	
Revitalize Main Street	Restaurants	Co-Op store-meat/ poultry/fish veggies/breads/artisan products

More businesses	More recreation/ cultural opportunities	Less complaining by nay sayers
Summer traffic issues		
way too many signs in Alton Bay. ridiculous	control expansion/ limit businesses to keep it remote	
Recycling should include plastics, paper, swap shop.	Improve gateway to Winnepesaukee.	
More/better quality sidewalks	More long-term rental properties	Reopen swap shop
It's perfect		
Trash pick up	Community center	Senior center
In the current tax plan, money should be set a side for the fire dept.	Other than a dedicated percentage of the current tax code for the fire dept.	I like Alton just the way it is.
Keep it as unpopulated as possible	Make Alton Bay businesses responsible for the TRASH thrown everywhere like it was during town yard sale	The town beach is a disgrace and we need a better one
A decent town beach.	Another gymnasium for to be used for indoor sports.	A youth center with regular actives for the youths in town.
More Restaurants	Municipal Sewage in downtown	Shopping Mall
school board needs work	more economic growth without losing its small-town charm	More after school programs for the youth.
Better Rec programs for kids aka baseball		
Roads need work	The lake area needs to be more attractive	Walking paths for all ages and abilities
Public beach on Lake Winnepesaukee with a park for kids	Attract restaurants like a Tuckaway ,99 etc for example	Community center like Gilford, Meredith has..Great for elections, renting rooms out for functions etc..
Continued low property tax rates	The amount of trash left by visitors to the area has been appalling!	Requiring local businesses to take responsibility for trash/garbage left in and around their businesses affecting the beauty of our town and its natural environment.

A recreation center for children and adults		
childcare service (infant-5yo and after school)	Enhanced park/playground for kids and/or a place for adults to do outdoors workouts	Efforts to help residents reduce plastic and single use items. Shop that offers eco friendly products and fill stations for soaps, cleaning, etc.
Cleaning up rundown properties especially on Main St	More affordable senior housing	
roadside maintenance / trash pickup - especially along route 140 - it's a gateway road into Alton from Route 93 and it's an eyesore	investment in beautification and maintenance of public access areas of the town other than just Alton Bay	a long-term recycling plan that recycles plastics even if it's at a cost to the town - the throw-away mentality needs to go away
Some of the roads are in pretty sad shape	a solid, stable stairway into the bay at the location by the boat ramp...it is extremely hazardous the way it is.	Fewer signs at the Bay...not welcoming
Keep taxes low		
Nice, clean, private town beach	Walgreens or riteAid	Off street parking for Mt. Major
Center for teens		
Ore business downtown	Festival	
Keeping it small town feel	Something more for kids	
keeping the tax rates low	keeping small lake access points	keep up the good work folks!
More control on all residential, commercial and industrial growth.	Stronger environmental and conservation protections.	Fulltime Fire/EMS Department.
resident only beach		
How town projects are awarded (bids/quotes/justification on what was selected)	Town park. Currently there are a couple, but there is no draw to them.	Capitol Improvements to town infrastructure. Projects will only become more expensive as time goes on, and it is the feeling among a lot of taxpayers that the town has no plan for its buildings and equipment.

Public lake access	Don't allow new buildings until old building are filled. Such as the village plaza.	Remember we are a small community. Don't allow new building and establishments that will only survive for summer months and then go out of business and create eye sores.
More sidewalks	More traffic signs in hard areas	Better septic system in the main part of town
Rec center with pool & activities for young kids & teens	Large playground for all ages	Better organized & advertised events throughout the year. Not everyone is on Facebook or on-line.
Recreational sports not run by Revolution United. Direct involvement from the recreation department with recreational sports.	Before and after school programs for school age children for working parents.	Larger/better town beach for residents.
Burger king	Chicken restaurant	More public beaches and land
Upgrade Pre-k - 8th grade school.	Good quality outdoor activity park (paved walking/running loop, playground, picnic area)	Better beach. (Somewhere away from the bay)
More Restaurants needed	Reduce taxes	Street clean our roads after winter
Septic availability for business	I feel the town water system needs expanding	Expanding the commercial district. To protect the look of main st.
I would like to see more outdoor recreational offerings for families so that we are not just a bypass left or right around the lake... like miles of bike/ walking trails like neighboring towns offer, that can take kids all over town safely.	A bigger public beach!!! with zero level entry for little ones who need to splash at the edge and cannot just jump in over a sea wall, even a shallow one... shade! Trees! a dock for kids to run n jump from... something like Albee Beach in wolfeboro. Our town beach is tiny and noisy, has lots of weeds, and in the center of congestion, its not a relaxing refreshing escape unfortunately.	A drive in theater would be so cool ! Things like that... If we expand the town in a commercial/ retail sense I would love to see it in the form of fun recreation that brings commerce to town, provides jobs for our younger kids and families, and continues to make this town fun and safe while maintaining its integrity, rather than expanding in an overgrown retail chain sense that can often bring down the desirable value of the town.

More town owned forests and larger ones open to hiking year round	Best to keep the Town as is!!	
More retail	More food options. Bakery, coffee shop	Bike trail paved
More community facilities for kids and adults (recreational center with a pool)	A larger community swimming area for residents only	More sidewalks and crosswalks on main street the traffic is much more prevalent and they don't slow down for pedestrians.
We seem to lose our entire electrical grid anytime one tree branch falls on one section of telephone line. Could this be explained by power provider?	Charge for boats being put in on personal trailers at Downings Landing then use those funds to help pay winter plowing, snow removal costs of elderly	
Control lakeshore development	Improve swimming facilities	Upgrade school academically
Cooperation from town for snowmobile/ATV access	Lower taxes	Less government micromanagement
Better traffic enforcement	More town dock space	Winter recreation facility with an indoor pool!
Sewage plant for downtown, so we can grow.	Updated water mains	
Some more dining options	Updated public safety buildings	Something to attract those from other towns
Sewer and water in Alton bay for good and reasonable business growth	Affordable housing for our younger generation and older generation	Balance growth with small town feeling and look
A municipal recreation center with pool	A few more year round open restaurants	
establish zoning and land use regulations to protect natural environment and resources		
Better infrastructure - roads, broadband	better zoning -- don't allow so much commercial in rural and residential areas. Zone to keep development in or near the village	Alton is a recreational, residential town - build on that, don't create "urban" amenities, concentrate on the outdoor activities
Trails and sidewalks for commuting/walking to schools and businesses	Better access to Lake Winnepesaukee for Alton residents	Ballfield complex with more fields and basketball/tennis courts

Defined commercial area	Small Businesses	Town Sewer (for commercial areas)
Sidewalks developed and maintained	Street lighting in the area of crosswalks at Main St & Monument Square	Alton Bay Farmers Market
Full time fire and emergency services: Police fire and EMS	Addition of town buildings into CIP planning	strategic addition of larger business to help off set the tax rate
Remove SB-2	protect winni/merry meeting watershed	control sing. fam res. growth/impact dev. fees
All roads get paved, no class 5 roads	No more big business just small local	I like small and quaint
Proper facilities for town equipment	Future planning	More trails for recreational use
To encourage New business	Preserve our Rural feel. And development, Housing.	New HWD. Location, building and Fire Station.
Community septic system	Year round recreational facility/child care	Affordable housing (owner occupied/rentals)