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- 1 I am concerned about increased traffic on 116
- 2 More sidewalks and bike trails.
- 3 Somehow rein in wastewater costs. That issue strikes me as the one expense that is way out of line. (School costs are also concerning, but that is not a Hinesburg-level problem.)
- 4 Less regulation & zoning
- 5 I know there aren't many houses, but a sidewalk down Silver St that connects to the school would be amazing and improve the town's walkability.
- 6 I would like to see a noise ordinance like Shelburne has especially on 116, the dump trucks using engine brakes before 6 AM, wakes people up and destroys quiet nature of the Town.
- 7 town management
- 8 Adding a community center
- 9 Reduce governance
- 10 Get more individuals invade in the process of government, attending meetings, asking questions, seeking support, etc. The people speaking for and making decisions for Hinesburg is limited to those who volunteer to be on committees/boards and work for the town.
- 11 I would reduce zoning on small contractors and Forestry based business. With the real estate market the way it is, finding land to house a business is nearly impossible without significant scaling up. It feels inequitable when small business that relies on equipment and machinery is restricted while remote computer workers are left alone. With the shortage of skilled trades people in our area it seems like we should be encouraging small trade business not hindering it with strict regulations. Especially when large industries like the cheese factory, gravel pit and well company get a free pass to because their ancestors stole land far enough back.
- 12 The main feedback that I hear from others is imbalance of power between selectboard and town manager, rude and vindictive treatment of residents by town officials.
- 13 The traffic through the village. We live on Pond rd and the increased fast moving traffic is notable. We think it is due to the overall increase of traffic through our area but is also strongly tied to people avoiding going through the village.
- 14 Control property taxes
- 15 Community center with winter activities
Like a pool and indoor sports. Play areas safe for younger kids Supported by usage fees.
- 16 To not get too big, too soon. Police, Fire, growth... We're just a little town and should take our time on this stuff.
- 17 More growth, specifically businesses. More growth friendly in general for everything, Including housing. Hinesburg is currently anti growth.

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| 18 | Lees over reach on vernal pools. |
| 19 | The town government does not listen to residents and only pushes forward their own agendas & takes care of each other in the "good old boys" club. |
| 20 | I'd like to see community gardens/allotments created in the village area and also near Triple L on Richmond Rd. |
| 21 | More/improved recreation facilities. |
| 22 | Probably not cost effective, but I would like to see the buildings along 116 in the village spruced up and the power lines buried. |
| 23 | I support housing development, but am worried that housing is increasingly being built/permitted in floodplains. This is particularly true for more affordable housing, and I'm concerned it will ultimately mean that lower income households disproportionately experience the impacts of climate change |
| 24 | As someone who is out on the road with my family and pets very often, I'd say there is no reason for the ridiculously low speed limits except maybe downtown. Let's all spend less time in cars, please. And don't put in unnecessary stops like the new one on north road - what a waste of time! |
| 25 | Housing options for 55+ which would help to free up single family homes. |
| 26 | Increase transparency by keeping town website more detailed, more details in FPF, and reporting on real data for police, fire and EMT services. |
| 27 | Shift the focus away from the idea that things must always grow (development, services, infrastructure) and towards a model that sustains, diversifies, and supports a Town of 5000 into the future. |
| 28 | Slow village growth. I wouldn't be so concerned if we had gotten the Hannaford and all the traffic requirements that came with it. Now we have a huge influx of homes and 95% will be driving to Williston or So. Burl to shop. Short sighted of us. Not good for our carbon footprint. Lot of new residents but no local jobs. |
| 29 | I would restrict the amount of multifamily buildings larger then duplexes and cookie cuter developments. We do not have the infrastructure to support it. |
| 30 | Traffic flow |
| 31 | Ranch floor housing for over 60yo residents |
| 32 | Have more of a pedestrian oriented village area. Concentrate more new business right in the village center. |
| 33 | Affordability, taxes and housing. |
| 34 | I think we are going generally in the right direction. I would just emphasize that people seek out Hinesburg as a foil to Williston or South Burlington. We should seek to make our community look and feel different, instead of walking blindly into a growth trap that leaves us looking like a New Jersey strip mall. Dense growth of multi-use facilities in the village center is key. |

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35	Never going with the Town Manager model OR better vetting the current TM. I'm sorry, but Mr Odit is horrible, not just as a TM, but as a person. He's a toxic person, he mistreats people and is bad for this town.
36	too much plowing/sanding mowing side of road
37	Road congestion and traffic patterns. The 116 and Silver Street intersection is stressful, as is 116 between Lantman's and CVU Road. There's just a lot of vehicles commuting south that way in a condensed period of time - it can be challenging to navigate.
38	I would like to see more open-minded options for the whole town. I like the environmental concerns growing trees but it feels like the conservationists are controlling the town issues. This makes higher taxes and doesn't allow for a Broader tax base.
39	More growth, support and promotion of the business community, including an effort to encourage people to visit Hinesburg: shop in gift shop, visit brewery, stop for lunch or dinner.
40	Completely stop village development until waste water and traffic issues are resolved! By stop,, I mean now!!
41	One of the problems for Vermont and honestly the whole country is how car centric everything is. I really think nearly all the development should be concentrated in the city center and all other transportation other than cars should be highly highly encouraged. A long term investment in common and dependable bus and rail services is really needed for the future.
42	The parking lot and area around Aubuchon, 116 Fitness, Paisley Hippo, etc. It resides directly around the central area of town, and has convenient shopping facilities, however looks unpleasant and should be remodeled. This same comment applies to the short strip of road on Route 116 containing the car dealership and Giroux Body Shop.
43	I would add a pool
44	Add more sidewalks and biking paths away from dangerous narrow roads. Link these bike routes with other towns, particularly Charlotte and Shelburne.
45	Limit the large developments, which I feel will change what I love about Hinesburg
46	Road plowing
47	Complete village growth
48	The lack of ability to communicate with 10 officials in a proper and respectful way to be heard to reduce taxes and stop pushing longtime residence out of the town as it is becoming unaffordable
49	Stop raising taxes
50	I would give less control/power to the Town Manager who is not elected.
51	need more gathering spaces.

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52	Enforce existing regulations, for instance regarding signage or need for permits, etc.
53	I see lots of speeding on 116 north of the village, it would be really helpful to have a regular presence to help curtail people speeding.
54	More focus on smart growth and sustainable growth practices to encourage new families to move here
55	Don't like large developments coming at all.. The traffic, water, sewer, schools, etc. etc...How many more children can be added to the schools??
56	The vision of the people on the select board/zoning board that want to change what Hinesburg was built off from. They left their previous towns/states and now are pushing harder than ever to turn Hinesburg into the areas they left.
57	The entire town government
58	Slow down development
59	ambulance needed
60	slow down the village growth and leave some for the future generations
61	Reroute 116 out of village.
62	people move here because they don't like where they came from, change Hinesburg, retire then move back where they came from causing Hinesburg to loose it's original identity
63	More senior housing options.
64	Give the Police 24/hr capabilities! It's absolutely ridiculous that Kinney Drug employees have notes reminding early openers and closers to not go outside alone. We used to never have to worry...it's ridiculous that at 5am the obtuse speeding begins on mechanicsville rd. Quoted from one of HPD officers "They know when we have no coverage" criminals and speeders
65	I would love a community pool
66	Create a higher-density village center that would allow one to live a car-free lifestyle and connect that village center with regular public transportation to Burlington and other local job markets
67	Consider changing rural zoning to allow for responsible growth and subdivision of parcels that are greater than 10 acres.
68	Better planning and provision of essential public works infrastructure and less regulation of development
69	Younger generations have no future I Hinesburg if things continue the way they have been. The older population will remain because they have the means to do so and the town is built for them. I would like to see Hinesburg create safe and accessible spaces for families. Look at the elementary school for example, you have a place where children spend the majority of their day placed directly on a busy road close to an intersection without a light and a blind curve.
70	I would have more celebratory community gatherings.
71	Less development

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72	Create a town sales tax to relieve some of the burden on us. We have a lot of projects that need to be completed.
73	Development plan is awful. Residential and business sections right on top of each other. Town seems confused in direction it is going.
74	Control spending and reduce property taxes.
75	Better town center (more places where people can casually gather). Fewer strip mall looking buildings.
76	I think it could have more of a village and a couple of fun family restaurants where you can see more people from the town.
77	keep it open rural. Less new growth.
78	Put a camera at Silver street intersection to write tickets for failing to stop! Soooo many offenders!!
79	noted that Hinesburg has an aging population but there are rarely any type of activities or events other than soccer and t-ball at the Bissontte Field so most of the population in Hinesburg are not
80	Close CVU and turn it into a community center and use all the buses to transport us to work. The kids can go online and get their diplomas.
81	Actually two things: a bigger grocery store and a much more extensive sidewalk or bike path system.
82	Would like the local paper advertise jewish houses of prayer knowing that there is none in hinesburg proper but there are close ones
83	Better care of the roads
84	Too much emphasis on increasing new development
85	Pickleball courts for public use Develop the Villiage Center - shops, food, the commons park, parking ... and fix the horrible traffic problem on 116 at rush hour times
86	Town government trying to ruin the village by adding unsupportable number if dwellings. Lighten the burden for townspeople that don't use water, sewer or any of the recreation facilities. Cut the town manager salary to be more representative of the median salary of hinesburgers.
87	Execute projects in a timely manner, rather than continue to push off needs to the future.
88	less government control, stop decreasing building sites outside of village, stop letting one group rule our town
89	Less crime. Less theft, car breaking/vandalism, less theft of property, etc. and more prosecution of criminals and please throw the book at repeat offenders.
90	Figure out what school property is owned by school and what by town and make a true recreational area with fields parking tennis ciurts
91	End the hold "responsible growth Hinesburg" on the town, the town's boards. We need to fast track housing.
92	More focus on improving sidewalk system. As our population ages it becomes more and more important to have a safe and comprehensive sidewalk system

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may sound silly, but I think the citizen committees are doing some harm by making proposals without understanding the issues thoroughly.

example: south wall glazing requirements in the building energy standards. As a passive solar home owner, I wrote a lengthy email of the overheating problems this will cause homeowners. Alex

93 received it, but apparently the committee ignored it.

In the same way, increasing the energy standards for new construction beyond the already strict State levels simply makes housing more unaffordable in Hinesburg. Without saving significant energy.

94 Make it more walkable and bike-able for families

95 more careful, informed and higher quality clear cutting on the sides of the roads so the trees and plants are not ravaged

96 traffic congestion on 116

97 Traffic route alternatives. Housing developments are coming and there is too much cramming houses into minimal routes options.

98 Town committee representatives, planning commissioner and town manager

99 stop all the consultant surveys. It's wasting money that the people don't have

100 Have a walkable town center that was well planned from over 100 years ago for all of the newcomers that want to be able to walk to everything while living in the "country". Look at Bristol for example.

101 Better speed control, more sidewalks (Pond Rd)

102 Property taxes lowered

103 Taxes are making the town unaffordable

104 Make the village denser and more walkable. Better coffee shop and bakery

105 expanding the zoning office and allowing for more oversight as property is being developed, not just fining after the structure is built and it is too late to correct the issue(s)

106 The traffic on 116 at certain times of day!

107 School administration

108 Do what is best for the majority, not those with the biggest checkbook. Need to repair infrastructure (water/sewer lines, town hall) instead of town green or another sidewalk or a bigger town hall.

109 There's no real way to do this, but it would be great if 116 didn't run right through the village.

110 taxes! Stop trying to be everything to everyone. We can't afford any more bright ideas like a "Town Common." It's pretentious and fake.

111 Sidewalk needs to be added from NRG to community bank.

112 Eliminate planning office

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113	We have already outgrown the elementary school. As a parent, there is not even a space to have a teacher meeting. We also need another gymnasium.
114	Better sidewalks and paved trails for strollers and bikes.
115	some type of public playground! bigger and better grocery store and more dinning options.
116	Town center- library located in municipal building (build an addition)
117	more attractive village streetscapes; more roads to shift some traffic around the village area
118	Too much housing!
119	Have a larger selection of small starter homes for young families. Ones that are affordable for young families. And NOT big multiunit/hotel looking/New Jersey strip urban housing development looking box structures (as in Williston & S. Burlington) that are 4 stories or more high.
120	Improve HCS - expansion, better recreational space for kids.
121	Taxes are too high! Less paid employees at Town Hall. Other towns our size do not as many paid employees.
122	More walkability. Need sidewalk to continue from village to library, or trails to walk or ride in to town that are maintained and not flooded
123	larger police department
124	It seems like the town makes decisions but then almost intentionally relies on red tape to make them take forever (water limits, etc)
125	Better water system so more affordable homes/apartments could be built in the village area.
126	Property/School taxes are far too high. They need to be reduced.
127	A new town manager
128	Police chief
129	attitude of some of the boards could be greatly improved as they do not listen well and are not supportive of applicants - too many times pushing an individual issue with little respect for the applicant - always looking for what is wrong and being negative
130	Traffic
131	Slow down the growth, housing, etc. Way too many houses in the works..Water, Sewer, School system, traffic will be too much...ridiculous..
132	More attention to our response to climate change
133	We need way more respect for the private land owner, their rights, and appreciation for what they provide. I noticed earlier questions were heavily slanted toward more rules and regs for the natural areas, but forgetting many of these are privately owned and already privately managed. We have 17,000 acres ish and a population of 4900 ish, but the private landowner seems to be the place everyone wants to control without regulating themselves.
134	I would ask the Giroux's to tear down or completely remodel the abandoned buildings it owns on the east side of 116. What are the waiting for?

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- 135 Fire town manager and the police chief.
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- 136 A. Damn. Grocery. Store.
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- 137 Not letting people go on witch hunts trying to out targeted individuals who don't seem to support the social justice cause of the month. Reasoning and setting a good example works much better.
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- 138 Build less housing especially in wetlands.
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- 139 Improve traffic
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- 140 Reroute traffic to the west of 116 so reduce thru traffic in town
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- 141 residents not expect funding for everyone's club/project... mainly the large developments expected are poor idea due to town infrastructure including schools would have to increase which will add MORE TAXES and we are already way overtaxed as Vermonters
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- 142 Focus on growing too many services and rules like Williston and So. Burlington without developing the tax base to support the costs of those services and rules.
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- 143 THE MAIN ROAD THRU TOWN
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- 144 redevelop the village area-- bring in more small businesses, and a manageable amount of new housing. I would not allow fast food, or large corporate businesses. Think Bristol.
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- 145 We need our ambulance service that the town voters approved of and hasn't been addressed as to why we don't have one or what the hold up is.
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- 146 Town leadership and representation.
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- 147 Stop housing development in the village. State requirements for water and sewer systems are already overburdened. It is unaffordable to expand and keep property taxes at bay.
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- 148 Another gym in the school. Fields that aren't mud-fests for the school.
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- 149 Slow down the commercialism and building.
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- 150 Remove the town manager whose only goal is to create another town to operate his way.
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- 151 This town needs places to gather besides churches and schools. Where can teenagers hang out, where's the senior center, where's the Farmers Market, where's the theater??? Residents need reasons to spend their money, and visitors need reasons to visit! There's NO actual down town village, it's just a few scattered businesses and churches....NOT VERY WELCOMING TO VISITORS.
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- 152 Too much growth! Losing the small town feel that attracted me to Hinesburg in the first place.
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- 153 Sidewalk from CVU to North road
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- 154 pipedream....reroute 116, realistic...get serious about water quality, require people to fix their private roads.
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- 155 Taxes need to be lessened! Pricing folks on a common income are moving out. Can't afford to live here.
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- 156 Need to expand emergency services. This doesn't necessarily have to be solely on Hinesburg. Regionalization with neighboring towns may be a good option while limiting tax burden.
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Manageable growth. Both HCS and CVU are at capacity! Road traffic through town is getting worse.

158 More affordable or free activities, especially for seniors - daytime classes to workout and keep in shape.

159 The disregard of current and future flooding in village areas where development is being planned is deeply troubling. As is opting out of Act 250 for village development.

160 Property taxes too high

161 Zoning rural properties

162 Less housing and business development in the village along rt 116

163 Stop the local government from ruining our town. Slow down the overdevelopment which has lined some pockets and made our town overburdened.

164 needs lots more bike lanes

165 Sidewalk up Richmond Road past Iroquois Trucking. The blind curve poses a serious danger to kids walking to/from CVU

166 Good coffee shop/bake house hang out. Improved action regarding dog bites.

167 I would remove the Chief of police and pull our officers out of the ridiculous situation he created in Richmond.

168 NIMBYs who are opposed to and are afraid of development

169 I'm always amazed that roads are in much worse shape than the other towns around us in the winter.

Less development. Especially the big neighborhoods projects.

170 Get rid of police

171 Upcoming housing in the village area which will begin to lose the small town community and create more traffic, and other issues leading to more business construction like williston

Communicate with school bus drivers how roads are.

172 Town center even if it is a covered pavilion or picnic tables to start. A place to say "let's meet in town" and know what we mean.

I wish we had a coffee shop and bakery

173 Get School spending under control.

We are planning to get out of here because of the school budget

174 Ambulance service

175 More space for community events.

No more development allowed in the floodplain! We saw what happened around Vermont in July.

176 It's truly unfathomable that we are considering more development along the Patrick Brook! We need development along Mechanicsville Rd in the higher elevations, but done in a way that doesn't impact the current residents already living downstream.

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177 I would reduce the taxes by reducing the town management staff (keep both staff but perhaps do a job share), and I would make government more responsive to people's concerns and more invested in DEIB rather than paying lip service to it but undermining DEIB values.

178 Is it possible to regulate home size? There is zero need for 3k sf homes in the village, where it's zoned for high density. I assume that smaller homes = less expensive (especially in terms of construction & energy cost). Can you require a maximum home size - no larger than 2k sf in the village?

179 Get rid of the ugly strip mall, auto lots, and burned out buildings on 116 between commerce and mechanics. roads.

180 traffic flow

181 Noise from High School should not be broadcast from game practices...

182 We need to conserve ecologically important areas that are outside the realm of agriculture or town forest.

183 As stated before, please expand the bus service! In particular it would be exceptionally useful for me personally to have direct access to the nearest Amtrak stations, e.g. Vergennes and Essex Junction, timed with train arrivals and departures. Greater frequency to Burlington would also be very helpful, including expanding service to weekends.

184 Terrible traffic on 116 in village at 2 rush hour times

185 Stop Village growth yet add a grocery store

186 Less traffic congestion on Route 116. I would also bring back town meeting,
More support for the aging community that has supported this community there entire life

187 Community transport to appts

188 Amount of property taxes

189 There's a huge divide between lower income neighbors/neighborhoods and higher income neighbors/neighborhoods. The trailer parks in town are not walkable to town/disconnected, the police respond there often, and those neighbors are going through some pretty tough things. Seeing that those neighbors don't have the services and amenities they need makes me worry about bringing new lower income housing to town without some plan to support folks and make sure they are connected to needed services.

190 Add more businesss for a better tax base

191 Build a nice, big grocery store so I don't have to drive to Williston every weekend.

192 Plan ahead for infrastucture

193 The scale of the new developments pending in the village seems extreme. Adding 400 plus units of new housing will fundamentally change the community, add to the demand for services which always increases the tax burden on all residents, and will create increased traffic in an already highly congested town center. We need housing, admittedly, but the scale seems out of whack.

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194	Too much traffic coming though on 116 and people driving too fast
195	Provide options for long time resident and landowners to have flexibility in land development that allows preservation of their heritage.
196	Get rid of town manager and zoning administrator. All the do is think of ways to spend money we don't have and messing with things that are best left alone.
197	3-4 bedroom co-operative homes built for elders and those with mobility issues.
198	Not build new housing in flood plains.
199	more sidewalks and bike lanes.
200	We need to drive a lot to get to the village
201	Fast development without constant spoels
202	Lower price of houses (ridiculous how much they say my house is worth, my adult children could never buy a house in Hlnesburg) and (yes, more than one): UNIVERSAL STATE SPONSORED HEALTH INSURANCE, this would lower school and town taxes and bemore equitable for all. Itmakes no sense to me that Vermonters go bankrupt, lose their houses paying for healthcare for teachers and town employees, while they do not have health insurance themselves.
203	Renewed focus on mitigating/ preventing effects of extreme weather, adequate staffing of road crews
204	Beautifying the town core. There are numerous derelict buildings around Giroux Welding on both sides of 116. This is an area all of us see on a daily basis. The village center needs to be revitalized and beautified. It is the heart of our town.
205	Build out the village, allow development (residential and commercial). It will help with economic growth, appreciating we need to ensure our infrastructure can support the growth, and if not, proactively plan.
206	Dump or at least reduce the DEI nonsense. Treat everyone the same (respectful) and there will not be that kind of problem. Of course we will still have to CYA due to folks trying to get something for nothing.
207	Reduce taxes. Only people who can pay are planning to leave soon
208	I wish some of the people who Have lived here all their lives would not be so offensive to newcomers
209	Need community rec center
210	Improving visibility to the existing destinations that commuters are unaware of. I.E does Hinesburg have a Post Office? Where is it?
211	Streetside landscaping, general clean up of the business parking lots that front Main Street (rte 116) in the village. These businesses contribute negatively to the village asthetic.
212	Improve 116 streetscape through the village.

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213	Focus on the village being a destination for people to spend an afternoon or weekend. Town common is a positive start but focus on businesses being placed to visit instead of office space. Replace tow companies and warehouses with multifamily units with great restaurants and places to spend time like Shelburne village has done
214	Layout of village center in a more traditional NE village with pedestrian oriented streets and a center
215	I can't think of just one right now....
216	communities. It is not offering our students the opportunities that other community schools are providing.
217	The amount of growth happening. Our infrastructure can't support it and it will drastically change the town.
218	The cost of living and rising taxes, the extent that we can control within reason.
219	I'd work with Charlotte to create an elementary and middle school separate from each other.
219	Paid ambulance service available 24/7With the largest high school this is a necessity
220	More housing
221	Take credit cards for water bills online or telephone
222	Build a grocery store.
223	More Police Coverage No Town Manager
224	Additional park space for children and dogs to play
225	The police chief. Not aligned with proactive community policing or creating positive connections with citizens.
226	Stop telling people what they can do with their land. Allow more building outside the village. Don't require 5 acre lots.
227	Town Manager is NOT right for our town!!!!!!
228	More recreation for families, esp children. I'd love to see basketball courts that are taken care of and lit at night, swimming pool, more fun community places to be, esp outdoors.
229	More sidewalks! I'm a runner, and many roads are unsafe.
230	More village common area and sidewalks to library!
231	Less hours on expansion. Let's improve what we already have.
232	I wish Hinesburg was more open to chain business's large or small. Not always trying to push those candidates away.
233	Sometimes I feel like it's really hard to build something new in town, there are a lot of delays that can be brought up on new projects which can really delay or fully stop new projects. We are not a developer friendly town.

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234	Add a town common outdoor gathering area with parking, add bike path down Silver Street, more businesses in the village
235	water/sewer costs in village. More regulation to keep the charm in the village (i.e. Giroux Barn on 116 just leaves bad impression coming into town).
	Bike path down Silver Street
236	From the outside, it looks like there's a lot of pontificating and could be more action and doing.
	Also, 24/7 police coverage and faster fire response times. I don't get why single police officers aren't dispatched 'to protect their safety' when the alternative are town members who aren't trained or equipped at all to protect themselves.
237	Add more affordable housing with sidewalks
238	Make it more walkable (sidewalks and attractive lighting).
239	Dog park
240	Too much zoning and planning
241	Political discourse
242	Too much industrial in south Hinesburg. You can hear the noise 1 mile away from lumber mills and gravel pits. They have all expanded too much too fast for the size of their property. The DRB board approves everything and anything.
243	Stop the growth, you took a village and are trying to make it a Winooski
244	We need more homes in the village, a safe walking/biking path around village, and a community swimming pool (at cvu or within walking distance of cvu).
245	Traffic reduction
246	Flooding behind my house ;p
247	Change any and all intersections possible to roundabouts. Improve all the muddy/impassable 'trails' with simple drainage and surface improvement (gravel/pavement).
248	Would like to see a more bustling village - more businesses and more housing. Not tons, but it doesn't seem that we've reached a sustainable, critical mass.
249	The rate of building. Building means more services such as schools, fire, police and as such more taxes. We need more businesses to help. Not more housing units.
250	Certain areas have arbitrarily low speed limits that don't reflect common sense safety concerns.
251	Garbage cans and dog waste bags
252	Allow representation on the town boards that have diverse perspectives not just allow those that think alike. Stop the overdevelopment of town and stop changing the zoning for other areas to compensate for your poor decisions to overdevelop.
253	More affordable housing for young families
254	Maintain and improve roads. Create roundabouts.
255	Reevaluate spending priorities.

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256 There needs to be more affordable housing!

257 Stop listening to the 25 - 30 people who have their nose in everything. You want folks to participate more? Then approach people to join a committee even if it is only for one year or temp. People don't join because they 1)don't want to compete against the 25 - 30 usual folks; 2)no one as ever personally ask them or even talked to them about it;3)they have never felt like their voice mattered; 4)time commitment. No one should be on more than one committee / function.

258 Police actually asking for help and informing us of issues, we don't need so many police

259 Stop pouring money into outdated buildings such as the town hall and vestry. When they acquire an old building such as the former police station because it's condemned and agree to tear it down to be replaced, then they should follow through!

260 I feel the town should allow more businesses in to lower the tax burden on existing residents.

261 No have a huge housing development built - concerned that we become another Williston

Be more careful about approving development on undeveloped land. Currently I do not favor the idea of making Hinesburg a bigger tourist destination. The rural quality of the village and

262 surroundings is good enough. Find ways to incentivize developers to build MORE and MORE affordable units. Preserve/ conserve as much land as possible. That should be our common gift to our young people.

263 I think it would serve the town well to develop a "brand" that would engender pride and consensus in the residents. We are doing so many things well and we should all be proud of what we've accomplished.

264 116 traffic

265 Stop it from becoming Taft Corners or Shelburne Road, which is where it feels like it's heading. Stop it from continued unmitigated, uninspired development.

266 Fix the traffic. Specifically the lantmans light. That seems like the source of all the traffic problems.

267 Create affordable housing ownership opportunities. Not just affordable rentals.

268 Go back to regular town meeting

269 In the absence of bike lanes on any road in Hinesburg, sidewalks must be multi-use paths designed for pedestrians of all ages, as well as users with mobility aids, people pushing strollers, and cyclists. Don't want cyclists on your multi-use path? Then add some bike lanes.

270 Allow full intervention of Lyman. Meadows into the water system or give it a discount for unused functions. And lower property tax

271 Remove people from Town offices, select and planning commission boards that are not qualified to be making decisions and/or do not live in Hinesburg. Most are promoting their own beliefs and agendas vs. doing what is right for the Town.

272 Aesthetic of the village. Don't get me wrong, it is great - it is very functional, just doesn't have the 'vibe' of some of the surrounding towns.

273 Rush hour traffic

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274 Traffic congestion

275 Stop all the building in town.

276 More town meetings

277 limit small building lots in rural areas
