

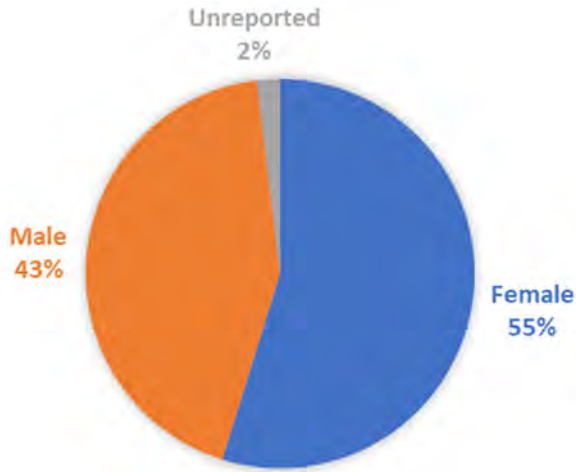


Jonesport Community Survey

2021

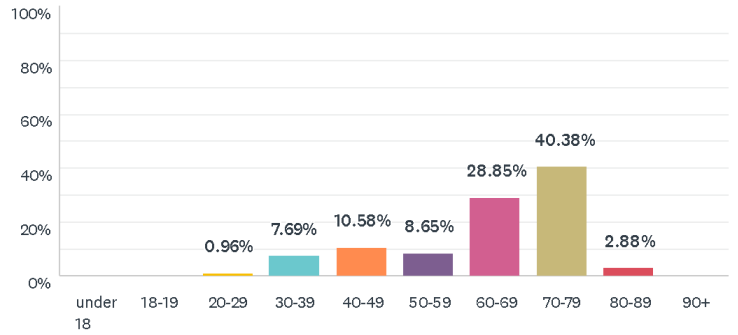
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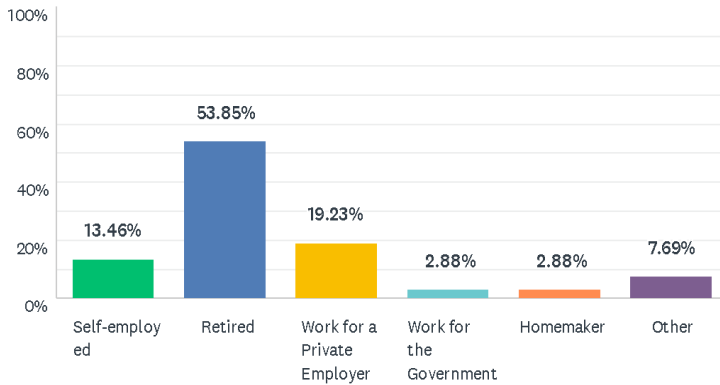
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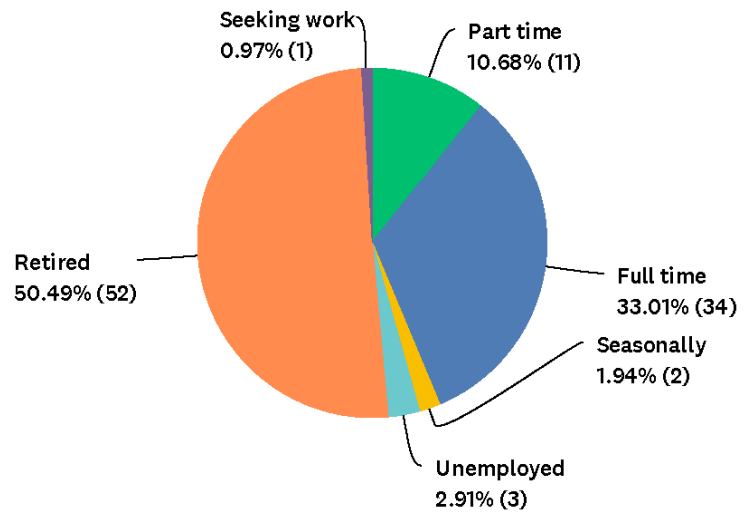
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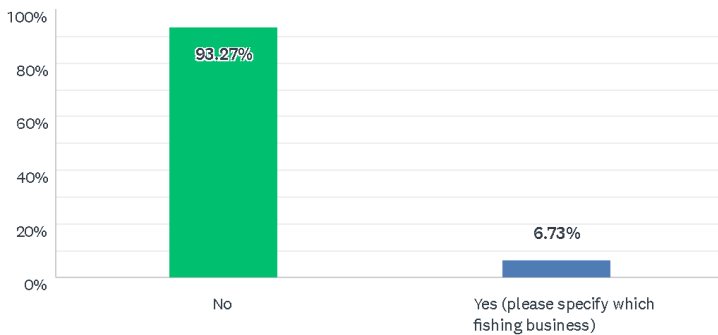
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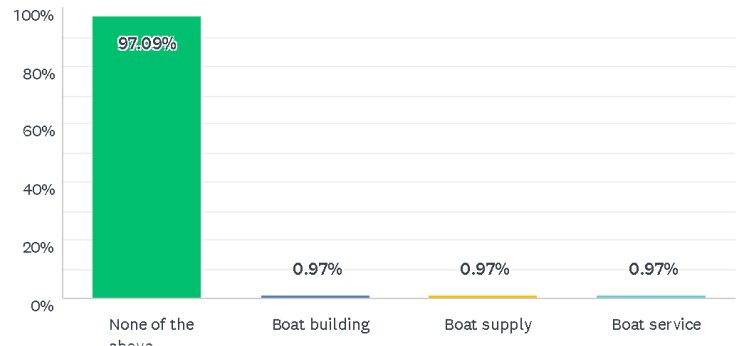
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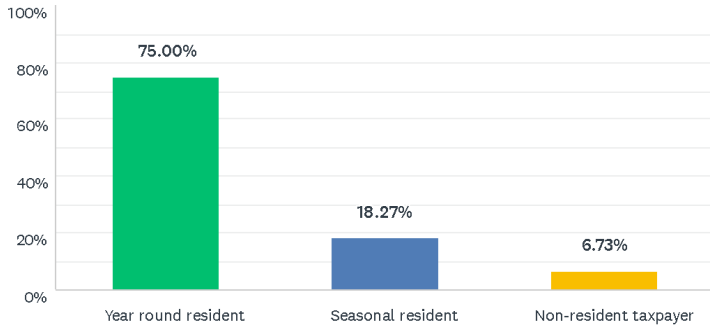
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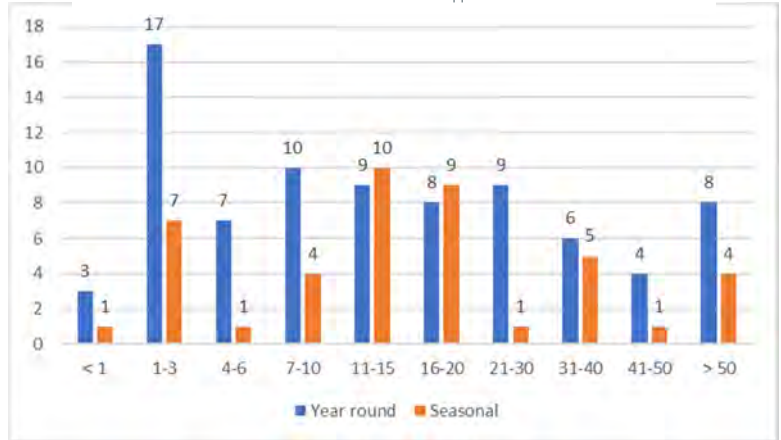
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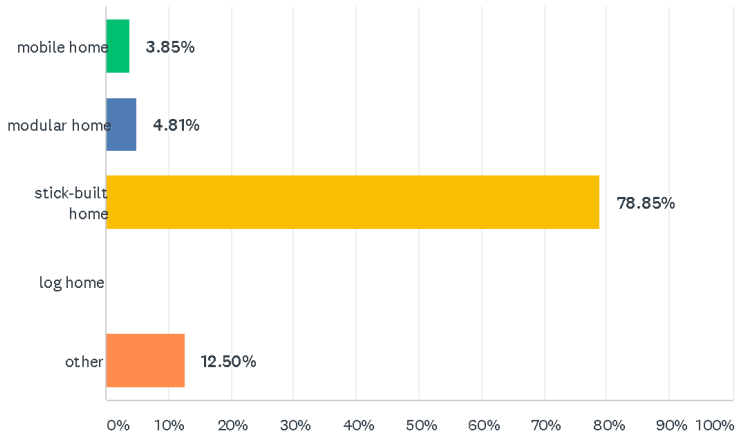
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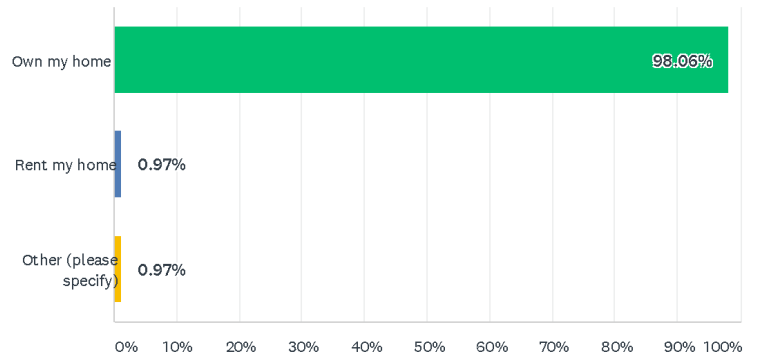
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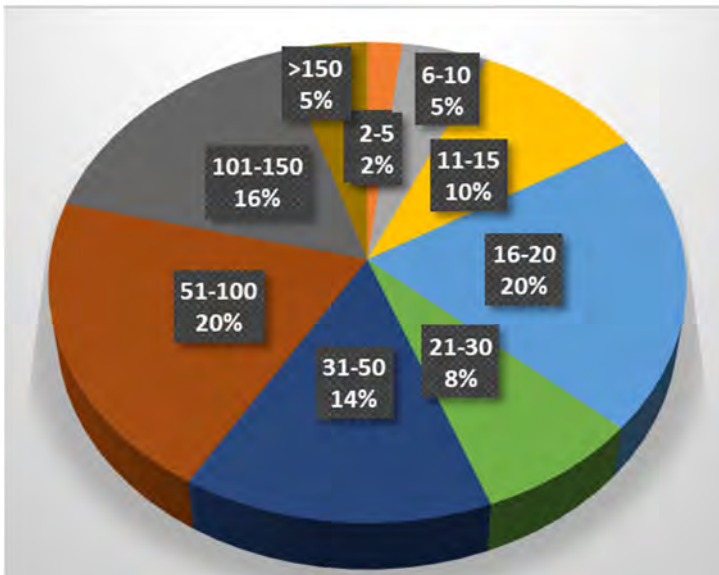
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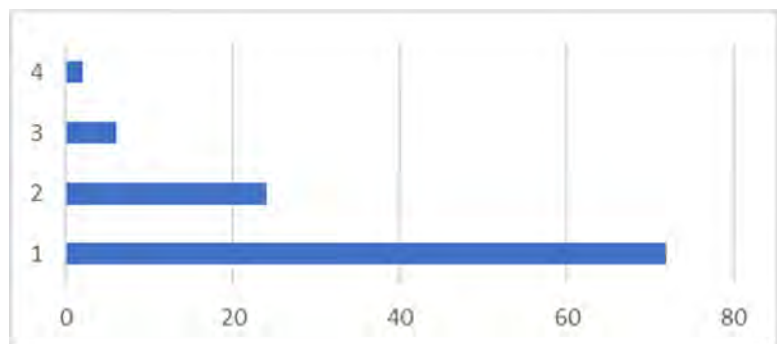
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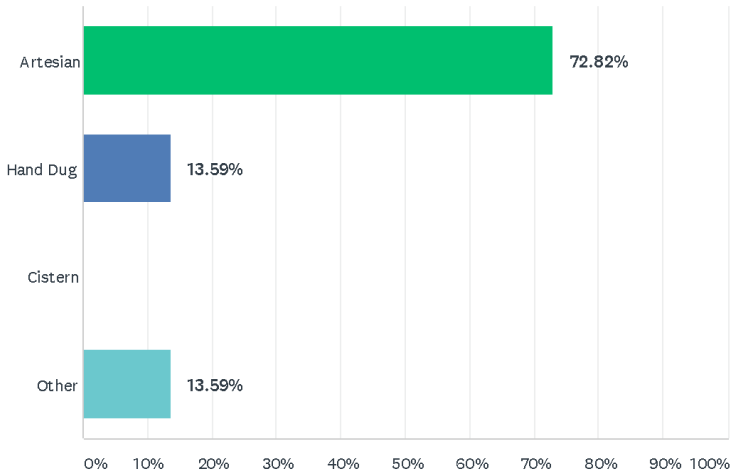
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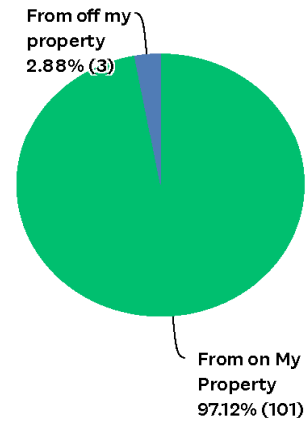
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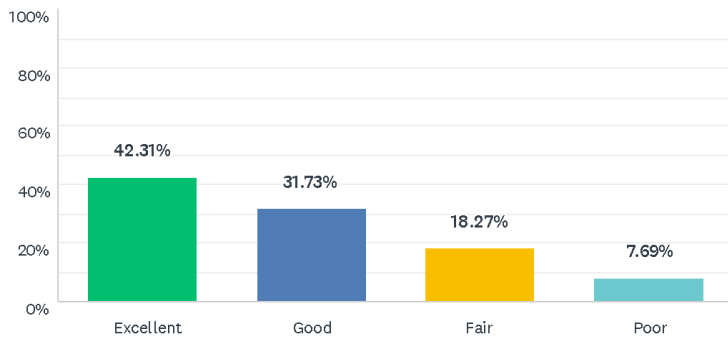
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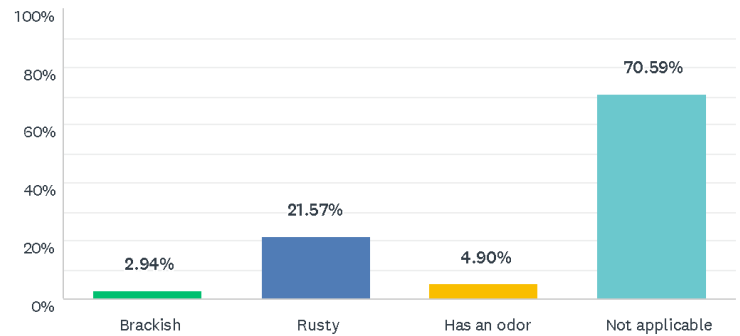
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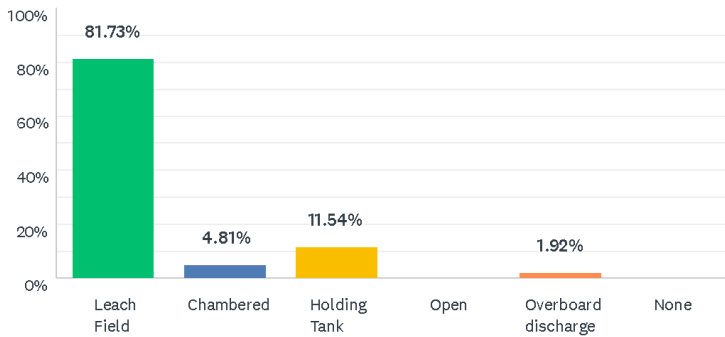
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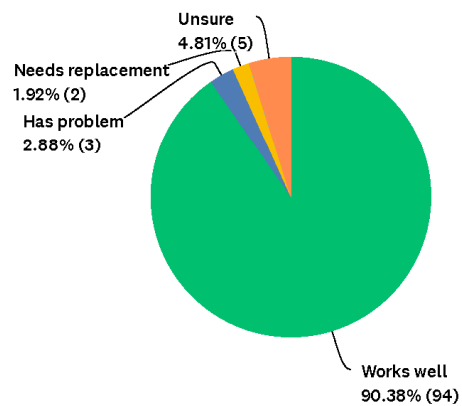
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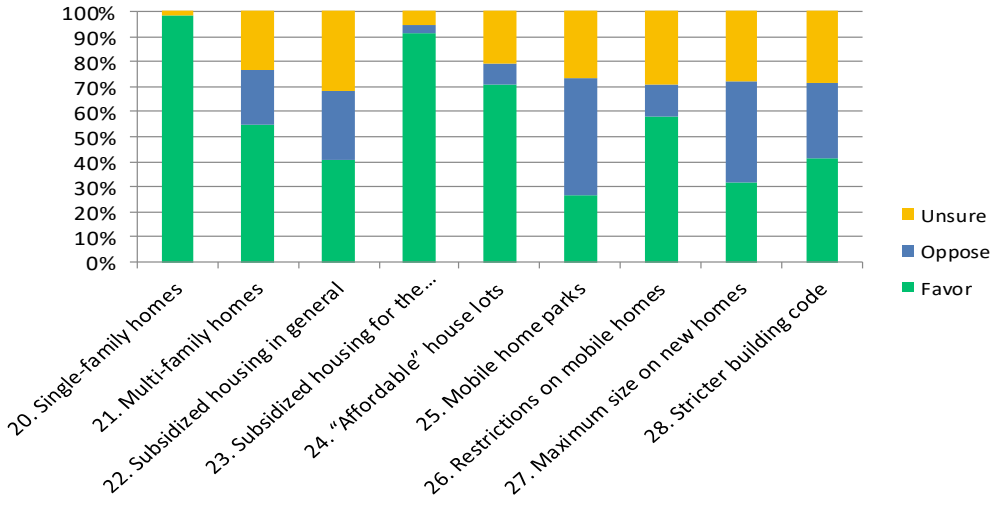


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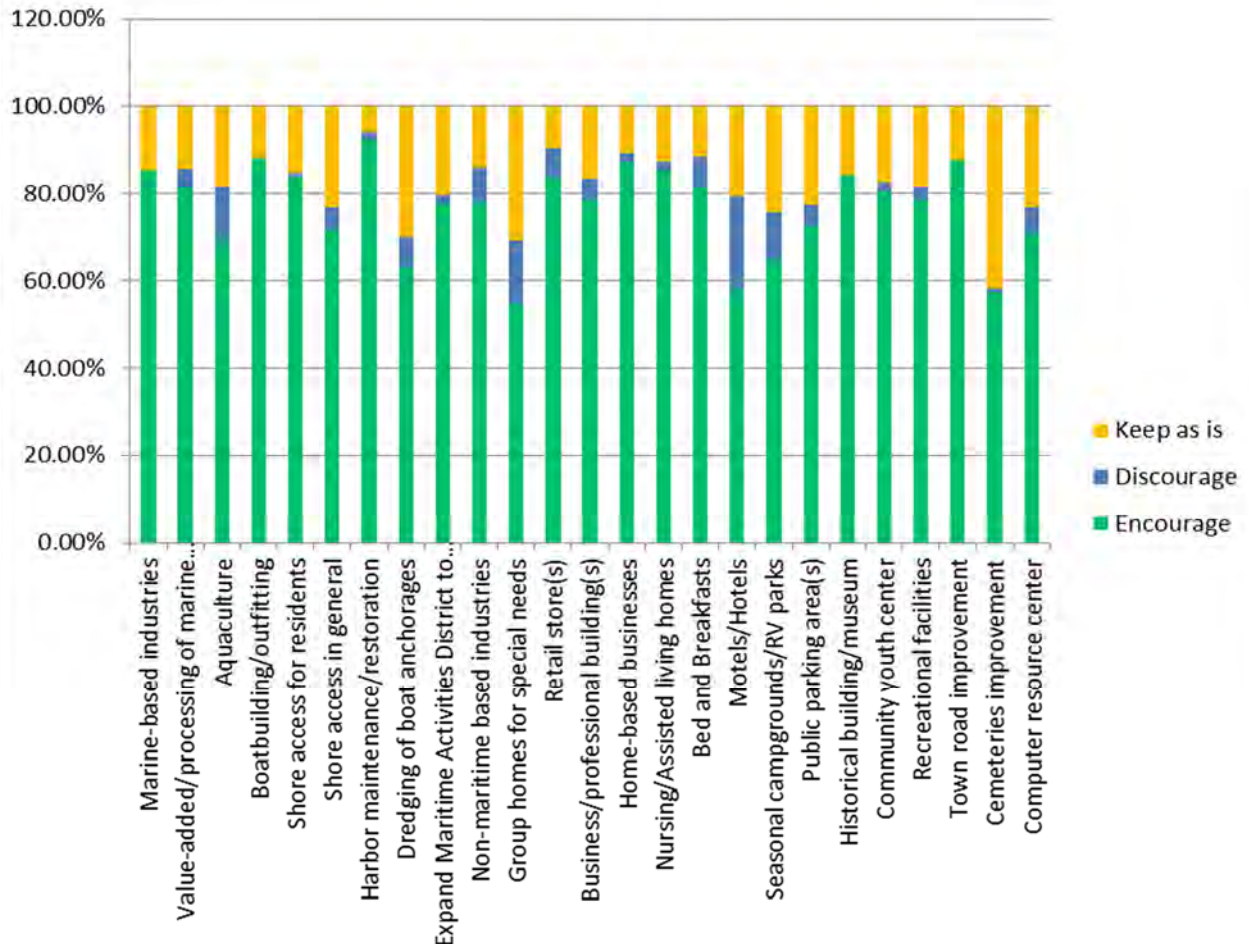


B. Housing Development: How do you feel about...



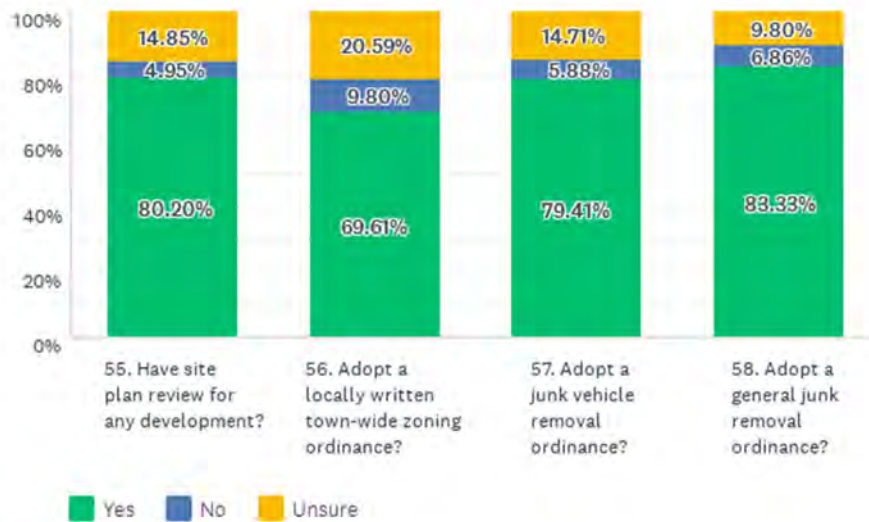
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Q21 General Development: Should the town...



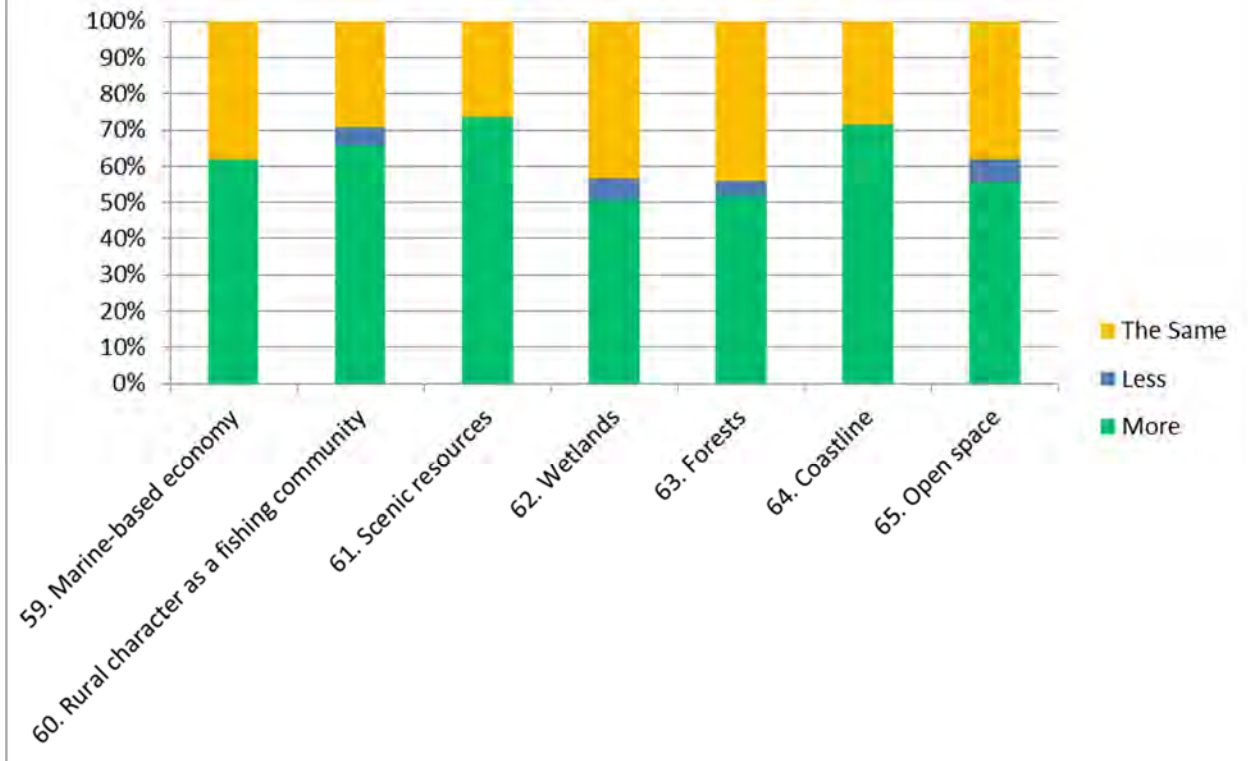
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Q23 D. Preservation, Planning and Land Use: Should the town...



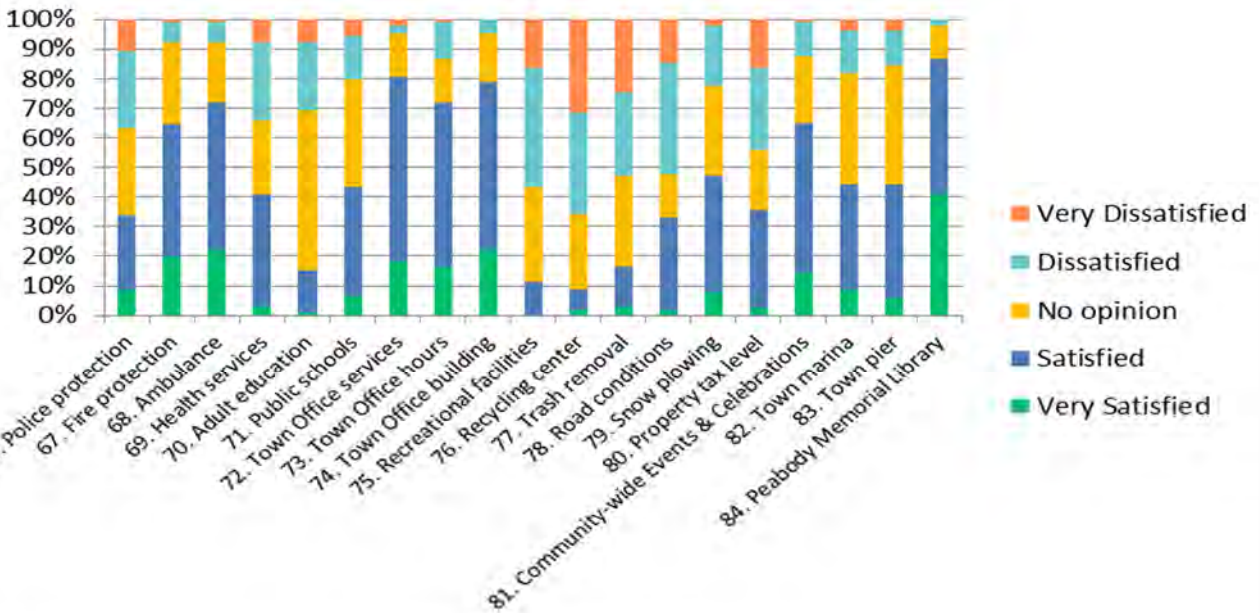
Q24 Please comment on any questions 55-58 or type "none"

Q25 Should the town do more, less, or the same to preserve...



Q26 Please comment on any questions 59-65 or type "none"

Q27 Level of Satisfaction with facilities and services



Q28 Please comment on any questions 66-84 or type "none"

Appendix A

Comments and
Open Ended Questions

Q20 Please comment on any questions 20-28 or type "none"

Answered: 95 Skipped: 11

None = 61

"Unsure" answers were given where more data would be needed to provide any other answer
22. While there may be a place, or need for subsidized housing, it needs to be carefully planned and located on a case-by-case basis. Too often, govt. housing subsidies lead to lack of personal responsibility, more maintenance, increased crime and degradation of neighboring and townwide property values. This is especially true in large-scale or multi-resident projects.
25 & 26. While mobile homes are often seen as affordable options for many people, they also depreciate rapidly and can greatly affect other property values. Limiting locations and encouraging other options should be considered.
Abandoned mobile homes need to be cleaned up
Age Limits on Mobile homes IN PARKS should be regulated but on private property, top each his own. "Affordable" is a difficult term to use because there are two very different ends of the spectrum when it comes to locals and non-residents.
Building code is too cluttered, too wordy, should be more straightforward and less wordy.
Codes are necessary
Concern that homes are not priced out of range for native resident population
Considering the average age of Maine is on the elderly side, I would expect to see an increase in housing and planning to accomodate this demographic.
favor continued village concept of single family homes-
I do think that it's very important to consider future impacts of development. I am glad for this survey and this discussion.
I hesitate to check "favor". I don't believe the town has done a good job with regard to buildings on our Main Street which is Bold Coast route and should be beautified to some degree and cleaned up. Building codes, trash etc
I would be in favor of helping seniors from Jonesport find a home and I would be in favor of help them personally. I would NOT be in favor of new constructions for subsidized housing for out of towners. Happy to help those in town get into a home.
I would like to see folks have the option of tiny homes
I would like to see more subsidized housing for the elderly
If the aim of the town is to encourage people to settle in Jonesport then super strict building codes and restrictions on types of homes is not the way to go in my opinion.
It is getting too expensive for natives of this town to afford to stay! There should be a grandfather clause of some kind for long term residents that have been here for generations ..
Jonesport is a cute town. It should require for their owners to maintain their "vacant homes". I have noticed a lot of run down homes. It is a shame that these cute homes are not maintained. It would be a good idea for the town of Jonesport to require an upkeep on the grounds and structures.
Jonesport needs housing for everyone. Building construction and other related projects should be subject to building codes, set back rules, as well as other regulation. Residents are doing construction without permits. Mobile homes are being placed on lot with houses and plugged into existing water and septic with no regulation, creating, in some situations, unhealthy conditions. We have a code enforcement officer who is ineffective and has no interest is enforcing existing rules and regulations. Jonesport needs a town sewer system and public water. Many homes are neglected and are sometimes abandoned because there is a lack of sewer/water. There should be a chance for these people to keep family property instead of it being sold to those with the financial means to do so. Many will oppose and ignore the inevitable as they have in the past but every year the costs rise. The town has suffered because of apathy and poor management.

More housing availability is very much needed in Jonesport with a greater need in the near future
My father tried to offer low cost lots to help out young people and the Loon Point subdivision became an eye-sore.
Need more affordable, energy efficient, and elderly housing. It's difficult to house one sole occupant.
No idea what "affordable" housing lots means.
People need to take better care of the homes that already exist. A little paint goes a long way.
Prefer housing improvements on already-developed lots rather than new development on remaining forest land. Water is not quite brackish, but slightly salty and has a sulfurous odor before treatment. Two neighboring wells are brackish and unusable.
Rather than "oppose" or "unsure" I am neutral/indifferent towards #24, 27 & 28.
Restrictions vary widely and implementation of restrictions vary.
Subsidized housing will increase crime rate and lower property values as has been proved time after time.
to be determined for each application, etc,
We need more affordable houses for the elderly and disabled people
We need more affordable housing for the elderly. We might also need this for low income folks. We do not need more trailers and trailer parks. These things have a short life span and are not a quality or ultimately affordable answer for folks looking to purchase a home. If Jonesport had town water a small well planned subdivision of affordable housing could be built in a number of possible locations. Along with this there should be stiffer building codes and zoning and covenant laws to preserve a standard for an attractive community.
We need more housing in general and especially with a large employer heading our way in the near future. Jonesport needs an apartment building again
Would like to see some standard codes for upkeep and cleanliness of home properties
Would love to see more housing opportunities for those who are unable to purchase homes. We need more housing!!!
Would prefer a mix of home types rather than changing Jonesport into another Camden

Q22 Please comment on any questions 29-54 or type "none"

Answered: 97 Skipped: 9

None = 59

#30, 31, 32, 38 What value added/marine products, boat building/outfitting, aquaculture, "non-maritime industry? Some might be beneficial to the town; others (involving noise/pollution/or that are destructive to quality of life) I would not encourage. #40 depends on the type of retail stores ... not in favor of Dollar Type stores, Walmart, chain stores/restaurants #39 & 43 What is available vs need? #48 where would parking areas be located? What businesses would the #38y serve? #52,53 What, if any, improvements are under consideration as necessary?
#31 I strongly believe more and thorough vetting of the proposed aquacultural project by foreign entities in Jonesport should be conducted to ensure there is no harm to the environment of lobster fishing industry.
38. Invasive industries such as additional commercial gravel and sand mining should be prohibited or carefully limited. Commercial wind turbines and wind farm projects should be prohibited. Such industries trade limited short-term value for long-term property devaluation and would stop visitors/vacationers or new residents from locating to Jonesport.
54: visitors should have access to wifi and printer; they probably won't need a bank of computers. 51: what does this mean? 45: motels/hotels would be fine but they would need a reason to be here and they need regulation. 37: the town needs to be good for both fisherman and non-fishermen.
Boating access and parking are limited by commercial fishing. More trailer parking needed
Childcare establishment is needed with a significant increase in need in the near future
Dredging question is unclear: I chose "keep as is" assuming that means maintaining usable anchorage. Approve of extractive aquaculture only (i.e. not fed).
How about improving the town sidewalks. Stop using possible town sewer and water as an excuse.
I do have concerns about waste management and septic systems with development growth, how that will be handled.
I do not know enough about maritime industries to answer.
I would like to see a Community Youth Center in Jonesport
I would love to see growth in our area. However, the cost of land/homes aren't feasible for young families.
I would support small retail, but not box chain stores.
If we are to attract new residents and keep our youth here, we need more activities, business opportunities, etc.!
Jonesport is in need of a commercial fish pier where fishermen can load/unload gear and space where mobile seafood buyers can buy seafood
Jonesport is of course known as a fishing community and that's fine but a diversity of businesses and community opportunities should also be encouraged. The fact that there isn't a restaurant is a real negative. The food truck at the park has been a wonderful plus. It wouldn't be if trash was allowed to accumulate and if the business did not practice a good neighbor policy when in operation. This business owner should be commended.
Jonesport needs a restaurant, a hotel, a sewer system and a water system. It can't only be about lobstering, because in 10 years that could disappear.
More businesses and resources are needed for current residents, and future residents
more cafes/ speciality foods offered
My husband and I love the small town feel of Jonesport. But, we feel this town can offer so much more. And can benefit from tourism. There's no need to bring big box retailers or franchises. But, as parents of two boys, ages 13 and 16 years old. We would love for them to have a teenagers place where they can hang out. Have a youth center where teenagers can gather, play pool, ping pong, listen to music, watch movies, etc. We would love to see a small sit down restaurant, small retail stores and a gym.
Would be great to add sidewalks and a bike trail so people can be active.
No reason to discourage the fishing industry, however, the town should recognize that sustainability of any single industry is highly dependent upon changing environmental and economic conditions. New industry and

business that preserves the character of the area should be encouraged, as well as service improvements funded by something other than constant property tax increases.
Our town needs growth in many areas to survive.
Peabody Memorial Library already services as a computer resource center.
Promote clean businesses that offer careers to our kids.
restaurant, eateries, boat rental
Some private 'retail' improvement would be good, gift/ small business, but no chain stores or large complex type business.
Specialized group homes are already in place thru agencies in other nearby towns
Support marine based activities but also feel town definitely needs to diversify to actively engage in attracting other businesses. A balance is important to keeping the town from becoming overwhelmingly a tourist destination and maintaining it's charm as an authentic lobster fishing community.
The more that is offered within the community, the more involved residents will become. This will also increase tourism for revenue.
The town marina is supposed to be for recreational boats and it's been taken over by the fishermen. They need their own access.
There are many things that could improve Jonesport. Right now a worker shortage is a huge one. Stewart's can't reopen inside dining due to a lack of workers. If the aim is to attract more families, younger adults to remain in town, we need industries/jobs.
There is a dire need for a restaurant/pub in the center of town area
visitors to Jonesport should have signage to know where to buy lobsters, scallops,mussels,etc- a seafood store with local offerings on main street would be good if wharves do not want public access- we are a proud seafood producing community
We constantly hear from "Jonesport Natives" that they don't want the town to become another Camden. Not to worry, we are at least one hour too much to commute for the southern NewEngland weekend group. The town needs to diversify so that it can attract tourist dollars to supplement the maritime industry. If Jonesport is to prosper, think Eastport, the town needs to to have restaurants, motel, and interesting things for people to do. We just lost the Coast Guard personnel because there is nothing to do in town. Clean technical and manufacturing industry could be complements to ocean based tourist draw. These would nicely complement the marine focus that is currently have.
We need more things for young people to do cause there is really nothing for them to do and we need more group homes and services for the disabled and elderly
While Jonesport has a rich fishing history that needs to be supported it needs a broader base for employment and growth.
Work on a priority list
Would reduce congestion from seasonal users

Q24 Please comment on any questions 29-54 or type "none"

Answered: 95 Skipped: 11

None = 59

57 & 58 these can be too subjective, as a project vehicle could be cited, or complaints could be made about properties with stored fishing gear. Would lean more toward health and safety issues as determinate
57-58. Existing land-use junk and junk-vehicle rules are not being enforced.
58. should include removal of dangerous, unsafe buildings. should be able to do this in a way that can still preserve a footprint for later use.
Big yes on the junk removal Ordinance!!
Excessive junk on private properties hurts the overall image of the town and reduces property values and interest in attracting new residents or business activities
Generally, any property owner should have the right to run their property as they see fit, as long as it is not a health hazard.
Got to clean up abandoned trash in Jonesport
Have to be careful about the definition of junk - one man's junk is another man's treasure.
I am unsure about limiting land owner rights over their own land.
I do believe there should be a zoning plan for specific areas so that is a larger picture of what the town could be. The coastline is our asset and our Main Street should be zoned accordingly. It is so mixed, mobile homes with trash, boat lots etc etc
I don't know if this qualifies for junk removal, but there are some homes that have been abandoned and are falling down and are complete eyesores. I think the owners should have to demolish them and remove the debris. It is not fair to the rest of us who are trying to have a beautiful town.
I hope that future water quality, shoreland and wetland preservation are considered top priorities in any zoning updates.
I often say, "If I drove through Jonesport for the very first time, how would I feel about it?" We have a beautiful town, but there are MANY eyesores that need to be improved!
I see Jonesport becoming a dumping ground for fiberglass boats that nobody else wants. The disposal of these hulls is a problem and an eyesore.
I'm not sure that local residents can afford junk removal
it would benefit everyone
Jonesport is beautiful but could be so much more beautiful if we could help people deal with their junk removal.
Jonesport needs a written town-wide Zoning Ordinance
Junk has a negative on all aspects of life for most people.
Make homeowners responsible for junk around their homes is a must!
Many lots in Jonesport look like junk yards.
Many of the Jonesport lots have numerous easements and shared boundaries - these are not the places for junk cars and junk piles - eyesores
Need more ways to get rid of junk and clean up peoples yards need services to help people clean up their yards
No. 58 "one man's junk is another man's treasure"
One man's junk may be another's treasure
ordinances to encourage building, home upkeep, or removal of buildings/homes that are unkept and have been unoccupied for years.
Owners of "junk properties " should be required to have fence.
Provide garbage pickup for town
Responsible management of growth and resources is necessary to support the development of the town.

<p>Sometimes, residents in this area have junk vehicles set aside to use for parts for another vehicle to get them by, but should not be allowed to stock pile "junk" in their yard as a general safety hazard and rule in the area from an environmental standpoint.</p>
<p>The left over cars, trailers, falling down buildings,etc etc should absolutely be removed by the owner within a reasonable time frame. The town is not a garbage dump.</p>
<p>The look of our town has really suffered under the lack of comprehensive planning. Junk cars and accumulated trash and castoff furniture etc is ruining what could be a beautiful town. It's been a sad thing to see this downward trend over the past few years.</p>
<p>There are many areas that are in need of a nice clean up. And junk cars is one of them. Also, trash bags should be removed from the premises.</p>
<p>There are still many unsightly items in town that could be removed, although some progress has been made in this regard in recent years.</p>
<p>We need more than a junk car ordinance. Yards are full of appliances, abandoned lobster traps and fishing gear, houses are run down and yards are nothing to be proud of. There is no excuse for this. You cannot use lack of funds as an excuse because most of these place have cars and trucks parked in the yard that are worth a huge amount of money. Take a ride around town and look. You probably already have and see what I see. There is no pride of ownership in Jonesport and it shows. In some cases, everything that has broken or been discarded, is still in the yard from many years of accumulation. It takes very little money and effort to clean a yard and do a little landscaping or planting. Many residents have flowers and shrubs to give away each year. I always have things to give away myself. Maybe it's too much work to mow and trim and weed. Jonesport is not the quaint fishing village that we think it is and hasn't been for many years. We make no effort as a town. No place to stay when visiting, no where to eat, and on and on. things have not always been this way but with each generation it gets worse. As a lifelong resident I feel that Jonesport makes no effort and is not encouraging these simple things. There is no "Village of Jonesport" as we like to portray to the people that reside here or visit here. The town looks like crap!</p>
<p>Within reason ... establish policies to protect quality of life & property value.</p>

Q26 Please comment on any questions 59-65 or type "none"

Answered: 93 Skipped: 13

None = 71

59 and 60: The town should be for both fishermen and non-fishermen.
Again, preserve what we have but look to other possibilities.
Biking trails and more ocean view/ kayaking parks would draw younger visitors to Jonesport and appreciate the beauty here- tax incentives for those that want to donate open land for public use could be created
Don't know what the town is currently doing in any of these categories so is a little hard to answer.
I think that the character of Jonesport, as a active fishing village should be preserved in a way that honors local traditions and the fishermen who continue the tradition.
I wish some allowed "unsure"
I'm very supportive of preserving Jonesport as a fishing community but it can't be at the expense of promoting other businesses. Just look at Lubec it has some sense of diversity and it really takes good advantage of grants out there to improve the quality of life in town. People in Lubec are willing to think creatively to come up with solutions for improvement.
It would be a shame to lose any of the natural beauty here. New growth needs to be balanced with protection of our resources. Sadly, the fishing industry has caused a significant amount of litter on the local coastline. This should be addressed as well as the general litter around town.
Let's look ahead to when global warming and warming oceans limits lobstering. What will the town look like then??
Let's not become a little Bar Harbor
Lobster fishing is a large and vibrant industry in jonesport with a strong future and should be protected and encouraged in any and all decisions made in town management
Love it the way it is
More public access to green spaces would greatly increase the quality of life and appeal for new/continuity of residents.
Need more development, not open space
Need to development of fishing industry to keep the economy Of the town goingandhave a future for the you g people to have jobs
People often come here initially for the views. But the people should also be preserved. The fishing character, and local character are as important as the landscape.
Save beautiful Jonesport
Single focus on fishing in all likelihood will lead to the same disappointment as loosing the canning industry 50 years ago.
the town already strongly supports it's rural character and marine based economy. More emphasis on general preserving of the environment is important
The town and surroundings have a wonderful feel to it, but the center of town needs rethinking on a par with what Eastport has accomplished without compromising the "fishing village" atmosphere.
What is the town doing to protect the marine based economy & rural character as a fishing community? Not sure if should do the same or more ...
Why ask these questions if it never goes anywhere. Of course everyone wants these thing but is always just empty rhetoric. Jonesport needs to realize that it cannot base everything on a marine based economy. The town needs to encourage other types of business/industry to develop. We need to develop a workforce that is reliable to meet the needs of these other, non-marine related businesses. At this time we have no such workforce. Fishermen and women are having the same difficulties with finding reliable workers. With climate change lobsters are moving into cold waters and in a few years we will see a dramatic change in catches. This happened in Casco Bay and unfortunately, will also happen here. This is not speculation but based on catch amounts, as reported by fishermen/women and science.

Q29 What are things about the Town of Jonesport that you like and would preserve?

Answered: 87 Skipped: 19

Like rural nature of town and support of fishing industry
QUAINT HISTORIC BUILDINGS, FAMILY ORIENTED ACTIVITIES (4TH OF JULY)
WORKING WATERFRONT, PUBLIC BEACH ACCESS, HISTORICAL BUILDINGS AND PROGRAMS
SMALL TOWN ATMOSPHERE
MAKE SAWYER SQUARE THE HISTORIC DISTRICT AND HAVE MANDATORY HOUSE AND BUILDINGS WELL KEPT, WITH A CODE TO PRESERVE AND BEAUTIFY THIS AREA
I LIKE LIVING ON A SMALL TOWN ON THE COAST
History, traditional industries, character of the people
Its appearance and function as a working waterfront community
Historic traditions, 4th July parade, lobster boat races
small town atmosphere
Preserve the coastal beauty. Love the library. Historical Society is great. Church's/Hamilton Marine and T. A King are wonderful.
small town flavor
I like the older homes and tucked away residences that look out on the water and remind us all of the past wealth and grandeur that was Jonesport 100 years ago- I am proud of what used to be " Jonesport- the lobster capital of the world" and how many local docks, trucking companies, seafood processing facilities have maintained their businesses and have even grown larger- I would like to see all of us" own" that and share it with the Maine world through signage continued festivals like of July 4th, and through luring folks to come eat and buy lobster , crab and mussels in Jonesport
Quaint, rural, small town, small independent businesses
Less rules & regs than other places = more freedom here. Don't over tax the commercial shore front so the fishing industry can survive. Jonesport is pretty and gritty, not phony like some other places on the coast.
Our heritage!
Small-town, seacoast character and quiet rural open spaces. Friendly, helpful people who respect their neighbors and who care for the town and the place.
General friendly attitude of towns people.
Local family/ fishing cafes/restaurant cuisine, campground, old homes and businesses that line the streets fixed up and occupied. Nice sidewalks and or bike paths. Small schools, would love to see a consolidation of the grammar schools with Beals to accommodate more trades and activities to offer. The Reach sells this town and we should build up unique opportunities to include access to the water and on the water to promote our fishing and tourist industry.
fishing community with working waterfront
maritime history, small town quaintness and closeness to sea life
it's a true fishing community
The coastal beauty, small town atmosphere. Lobstering life we have. Maintaining the recreational dock and I think the campground is a significant asset. Access to all the beautiful beaches
It's scenery and shoreline.
Small town pristine living with various private housing options. Friendly and caring people
It's quaint beauty and community spirit.
A mix of year round and seasonal residents
That it is a fishing village.

I like that it is a historical victorian town with a beautiful view of Beals Island. I love the coastline, the Historical Society, 4th of July celebration. I also love that it is not "touristy" (e.g., with a bunch of gift shifts, etc.)
I like hearing the boats start up early every morning. I like seeing the lobster boats sailing back in every afternoon. I like being able to enjoy a working waterfront and Downeast Maine without being a millionaire. I love my neighbors. I love my job, my employer, and my co-workers. I like walking in to Byron's store and knowing everybody. I like seeing folks drive down past my house to check on their boats.
Rural Fishing Community
Caring culture - folks are friendly & band together to help one another out in a difficult time/emergency
The tight-knit community and it's character as a traditional fishing village.
Small fishing town
Historic buildings
Small town character, Not tourist-y!
It's beauty, history, and small town fishing village charm.
Older public buildings; cemeteries; make sure new buildings are on a maintenance schedule; public access to the beach and shore (May include a look at deeds)
the working waterfront
The small community feel. The traditional fishing industry
The land, shoreline, natural history, and lack of dependence on tourism.
Priority should always be given to catering to the fishing industry, especially lobstering
Water access, community events,
Small town atmosphere
The natural beauty of the ocean. The amazing water views from Main Street. The community events. Historical society and library.
Small-town feel, little traffic... very friendly...
Peaceful
Nothing! Change is the future
Character
shoreline, rights of lobster fisherman
Coastline, the tennis court area for the youth, beach area
Schools, West Jonesport Park, Library, 4th of July celebration, maritime character, open spaces to see the ocean, access to the shore.
access to the shorelines and beaches for residents
The small town atmosphere
Charm/local flavor, quite/calm pace, natural beauty
Community feel; natural beauty; historic charm
My list is too long to mention and would be ignored by those that wear blinders and cannot see.
The friendly atmosphere
The small town feel. The slower paced life of a fishing village. I moved from a busier area to Jonesport specifically for the smaller community and slower paced lifestyle. Please do not change that.
Quaint , low population density. I like the folks here.
I like the small town, 'look after each other' attitude. I would like more supportive businesses, but not to the point we become 'bar harbor' and become a tourist trap. I love the summerfest. Would like the local high school band to play in the parade! Love the fireworks.
local pedestrian business, the town library, the warm helping tolerant nature of our people, the town meeting
small fishing village, location, friendly people, view
The way of life here.

local history
The sense of community.
The community charm and small town feel. The deep sense of pride and community that we all possess and the willingness to help one another when in need.
I am glad we finally own the campground and have beach access at Sandy river.
Ease of reaching town officials.
The way it is
Beauty, a place where you can relax as it is quiet here
The town government seems to be functioning well, the town office and town services seem to be running well.
Our heritage and small village qualities
Fishing town character, Downeast friendliness. Clean environment, availability of locally-procured seafood, historical maritime charm, quiet living.
Fishing heritage and the rural character
Sandy River Beach access, good neighbors, town spirit, Peabody Memorial Library, Arnold Memorial Medical Center, ambulance services
library, historical society, summerfest, campground, scenic ocean view, beach access
People, character, setting
Small town feeling of community. Freedom from unwanted outside influences.
Scenery
The small town feeling. Love the school and library.
The fishing industry and the health center and the library we need to have cause it can be a important education place to help educate you g people so they can find employment
old style feel in center of town
Pass
The natural beauty.
Rural character. Proud to live in a blue collar town.
I believe that all property the Town owns should be preserved for future projects i.e, recreation center for children, more resources for fishermen and additional access to the ocean before the property is all gone with no room for growth.

Q30 What are the things about the Town of Jonesport that you would like to see changed?

Answered: 89 Skipped: 17

Better roads -- some sort of recycling -- better parking in front of pizza shop
1. IMPROVE FIRE AND AMBULANCE SERVICE 2. REMOVE ABANDONED BUILDINGS AND HOUSES
A center or area for activities for the kids and teens, community area clean up of the roads
A couple of restaurants. Perhaps the town could subsidize a start up or two. It is ridiculous to need drive to nearby towns to go to dinner. Machias, Millbridge, etc.
Add safe sidewalks and bright street lights!
Alcohol restrictions for restaurants, more restaurants, sidewalks, regional schools to lower taxes
An investment in recreational boating and recreational boating tourism.
As above--a real police dept., garbage pickup; more small businesses and services--how about an ice cream and bakery place? NO MORE 'antique' junk stores! Maybe a nice modestly priced year round restaurant. I guess a drug store would be too much to ask! a real beauty parlor, a dog groomer.
As more seasonal residents are buying properties in Jonesport, more basic services are needed especially a pharmacy, a larger food pantry with improved space.
Bad roads and speeding on Mason Bay road. Its dangerous!
better balance between school budget and other as well as a way to have better fire protection due to distance from fire station which causes homeowner insurance premiums to be MORE \$\$
Better roads
BIKE LANE ON STREETS
Clean up the drug situation.
Complaining about a person's success.
Consolidate schools
Derelict buildings
Dilapidated buildings removed or upgraded or repurposed. Enable or encourage restaurants. Develop a public garden / green space on the old high school site. Fix up the ball field behind the library. Revamp the old IGA into a social center for adults and teens.
Economic opportunities limited by archaic ordinances I.e. liquor license for food establishment
Elimination of septic fields and development of sewer system
Encourage the renovation of the downtown area.
Garbage pick up, better road maintainence, cleaner roadsides, publis parking
good sidewalks with better street parking and the place cleaned up. less junk. more pride in how things look.
Greater availability of small restaurants/diners. Better maintenance of the sidewalks in town. Mandatory junk removal from areas where there is high visibility.
greater consciunes of our Main Street- fix sidewalks- create a bike way, landscaping- signage to direct folks to lobster wharves, historic society, takeouts/ lobster pound restaurants, historic features- more centralized visitor information centers to give out the current great brochures and advise about parks, hikes, events, etc.
Greater pride and interest in higher education; quick check of town roads for repairs needed
Have a farmers market. Nice restaurants. Clean up of abandoned buildings/homes.
I think with careful consideration, some new businesses which support the tradition this village might bring new energy. Perhaps an expansion of the library as a cultural center and some cafes and restaurants which are aligned with Jonesport's tradition.
Improve roads. No on street parking. Businesses provide parking or the town needs a municipal parking lot near business district.

Increased town landing/marina access.
Investment in town water/sewer, walkability, and the ability to site diverse restaurants.
lack of restaurants, public toilets, and town sewerage.
Lasting road repair with sidewalks and guard rails where appropriate for safety. Affordable housing. Offer training to the families to maintain & sustain an efficient way of living. "Places to go" and "something to do" 2-3 full time police officers fully committed and involved in our community to serve and work with our school, businesses and publicities to accommodate safety, trust and timely help.
Less litter tossed along the roads.
less littering; limit heavy trucks
Loud night time gatherings at the marina.
Lower property taxes, less dependence on taxes for school budgets and SAD participation, less road aggression.
Making the area more affordable for young families.
Meals on Wheels for Senior Citizens or shut ins
More activities for children
more diverse economy and population. There is too much dependency on lobster making the local economy vulnerable to a downturn in one industry. Sidewalks would be nice.
More economic development and long-term planning.
More funding to library. Better internet access
More housing, bustling Main Street, new businesses, more strategic marketing around local sites to see/things to do and local businesses
More housing, youth development, new businesses, and active Economic Development Committee
more restaurants
Need for a few more retail establishments
Need something for the young people of this town to do to keep them out of trouble and of the streets and more places for them to gain jobs
Needs to be some sort of municipal sewer system or systems otherwise a lot of other goals cannot be realized. Also, too many of the old houses are just falling into disrepair. Could the town establish a fund to rehab them or sell them to young people to rehab at a low cost and/or have a property tax moratorium for a certain number of years.
New sewer system in town. I know personally that new businesses are discouraged due to the lack of a proper sewer system. We need more activities for our young people. We need full-time housing opportunities for our residents that are affordable. Restaurants, bed and breakfast, apartments, "nice" trailer park. We need proper police protection!
new sidewalks
No comment
none
None other than we need a public commercial fish pier
Nothing
Nothing
Nothing. Love it here but possibly more activities for children and the new marina that hopefully will be provided for the fishermen.
overall improvement of infrastructure and buildings
People leave the big cities and the popular urban areas for a lot of reasons, to find a new simple lifestyle ... and then they try to change their (Jonesport) into what they just left.

property taxes for elderly
Provide more support services for the growing elderly residents and youth of the town. Encourage small businesses to locate to the area which will create much needed jobs while maintaining character of the town.
Recycling and trash disposal run by the town.
remove blight, clean up the town
Roads, snow plowing, garbage collection, add a town celebration maybe
ROUTE 187 SHOULD HAVE A WALKING/BIKE LANE. (BOLD COAST IMAGE) - DIFFICULT TO SIGHTSEE. ANYONE VENTURING OFF ROUTE 1 WILL HAVE A DANGEROUS RIDE.
Schools should be providing a higher measurement of education. Cost of the system is too high for the results, should be more in line with state guidelines.
Septic and water issues need to be addressed.
Sewer so we could have a restaurant. Better enforcement of speeding thru town. Improved sidewalks.
shore access
sidewalk improvement
Sidewalks are dangerous and in need of repair
Street lights and sidewalks are long over due. Acquire some land for public use. fis the tennis court area.
The ability for non-residents to come in and change our way of life and close off our shorelines and means of living for many families in this area.
The amount of trash, litter, and junk that spoils an otherwise beautiful town.
The sight of abandoned or poorly maintained buildings is an eye-sore. A stronger presence of evening/weekend entertainment (pub, restaurant, dance/music hall) would be an improvement
THE TOWN IS DYING FIFTY YEARS AGO THERE WAS A DYNAMIC DOWNTOWN. NOW EACH YEAR THERE'S A BIT LESS. IF YOU DON'T CHANGE FOR THE BETTER, YOU'LL CONTINUE TO CHANGE FOR THE WORST.
The town needs a vision. In the nearly 20 years we have been coming here, it has gone downhill. The only restaurant and B&B closed. Boat tours to Machias Seal Island ended. Houses and buildings have either fallen town or been torn down. There is no vision for the future. The blueberry prices have collapsed, and someday soon the lobsters will move away. What will the town become then?
The town needs more services: restaurants, retail, youth center, recreational activities, small clinic and a better supermarket. Keep the quaint nature of the town intact.
The trash and junk that is accumulating beside the roads and in peoples' yards. Fix the sidewalks. Create a town sewer system. Create an atmosphere where a diversity of businesses are encouraged and supported. Make a comprehensive plan, and zoning plan. Create and implement a broadband internet plan.
There are more and more buildings that are eyesores - old homes that have been abandoned and now are beyond repair, and I think the owners should have to demolish them and remove the debris. It's not fair to the rest of us to have to look at these delapidated buildings. I would also like to see fewer trailer homes - I would hope that there are better housing options for lower income residents. I would also like to see more restaurants or cafes, a few more businesses, maybe more cultural activities.
There is a lot of drug use within the community. That needs improvement. But I love Jonesport just as it is, mostly.
TOWN MANAGER TYPE OF GOVERNMENT
Unfortunately there is a mentality that things are the same as they always were and that is what the community think they want. In reality a great deal and changed, there at one time was a lively business center that was supported by a canning industry. There is a mind set by the community that if things change the change will be slow and linear. In fact it is well know that things change exponentially and if you are not part the change you will be left behind. Machias, Eastport, and even Lubec are working on aggressive plans to change and move forward. If Jonesport does not move forward, it will move backward because everyone else is moving forward.
Water and related infrastructure for restaurant. Zoning to keep junked cars, ec out of yards
We need a good water/sewage system for the downtown so we can have a restaurant or two
We need town-wide Zoning Ordinance. We need sidewalks that are safe and accessable for everyone to use.

Would like to safe sidewalk/hiking/biking "paths" along our roads; especially Kelley Point Rd that is used by many walkers and bikers, every day. I would like to see Campground Point used as a commuity resource (picnic tables, etc.) rather than just as a summer home for a few.

Would love to see a public town park instead of the ball diamond behind the library. It could be made so appealing. Something like was proposed many years ago. Or somewhere else in town. Parking on the street in front of the pizza shop has long needed correction.

Zone board agenda should be fully noted in a timely way on the town website with the results of such meetings immediatly posted. install sidewalks, add curbside trash pick-up, add a town parking area so business can flourish safely, bring the town office back into the central area of the town, Plus: Hire a tech/media person who can set up a youTube channel for the town and maintain its website

Q31 Describe how you see the Town of Jonesport of the future

Answered: 80 Skipped: 26

I would love to see a community park for children and a community youth center. This would show our young people/families with children that the Town of Jonesport values our young people.
a centralized area where people can congregate to enjoy food, drink, work and play on a daily basis
A lobstering/agriculture community
A quaint lobster fishing village as it is with more services. Eyesores should be built out of site.
A safe place to live to raise a family or retire. With a small town atmosphere
a small prosperous village
A small working town that has services and stores to provide for its citizens. A town that takes pride in its upkeep and appearance, which has anyone driving through saying : 'that's exactly what I always thought New England was like". Have low key places for visitors to stay and just enough supportive businesses to accommodate them.
A small, walkable, bustling town with nutritional and cultural resources and public access to green space.
A town that everyone can be proud of. Until changes are made to what exists now the future will not change.
Add some tourist business
As long as the federal and state governments leave the lobster fishing industry alone jonesport will thrive as a community
As much focus as possible on the fishing industry. It's what put the town on the map. Make it work cleaner, with walkable sidewalks, possibly a park and regular maintenance of Main Street buildings. Otherwise, I love it the way it is!
Continue as a fishing village with essential services such as groceries, hardware, building supplies, maybe a restaurant or two.
Depends on action taken to improve.
Dying
Eastport is a good model of what a fishing village could become without giving up its main mission to the fishing industry.
Fully committed to training and mentoring our youth; helping families thrive, taking great care of our elderly; well kept homes and business, roads with sidewalks and well kept, excellent communication and collaboration between town officials, schools, medical facilities, police, fire and ambulance depts - working together for the good off all. A thriving fishing community where the monies circle around into our community to be constantly making it better. Drug free with residential treatment center to help us get there. Tougher restrictions on alcohol and marijuana distribution and consumption. Education and prevention training easily made accessible to all.
Growth. Need to move forward and grow and stop living in the past of rules/restrictions put in place decades ago.
Hopefully about the same as it is now.
Hopefully have a restaurant and a more welcome feel to town, Sidewalks and shops..
hopefully it will remain basically the friendly place it is with access to our beaches and clamming areas
Hopefully more things for the young people and the elderly seniors to do like the free meals that used to but here butno longer and more services for the our young people and more help for education to inecourage our young people to stay in school and get an education
hopefully same but with some restaurants
Hopefully still a friendly, tightly-knit lobstering community...
HOPEFULLY THE SAME SMALL TOWN FEEL.
I am new to town, so I feel a certain humility in regard to this. I feel the vision of the future should embody what the wishes of the community are. I would love to see new energy and ideas come in, but be aligned with the history the village and preserve it and the beautiful surroundings.

I don't expect much change with further deterioration.
I fear Jonesport is headed for unnecessary commercialization. The town of Jonesport will fall cater to non-residents while forgetting the needs of resident families in the area. This town is quickly becoming more about how to "impress the out-of-staters" than worrying about the needs of it's own people. Soon, we will be overrun.
I have lived here 62 years and I am saddened each year how much of Jonesport has been "lost." We need thriving businesses, opportunities for people to actually stay here. And without proper police protection, I see Jonesport totally losing everything.
I hope it doesn't become another Bar Harbor, or a small coastal town controlled by out of state money people!!!! We need to do more for the school aged kids!!!
I hope not to industrialized or commercial
I hope the future does not change the town of Jonesport much. I relocated here for a reason - because I love Jonesport as it is. Too much change would force me to sell my house and move elsewhere. I would like to see a few more dine-in options and more local jobs offered. A place for kids to go would be beneficial too and help curb the drug issue within town. A skate park or a rec center. Town clubs for them would be nice.
I see the aquaculture bringing jobs and rapid growth to town. It could make changes that need to be controlled.
I would like to see old buildings and character and history of Jonesport well-maintained and appreciated. I would like to see an economy that also included some tourism (hotel, restaurants/cafes) although not excessive-
If current trends continue, this will be a ghost town in 20 years. With some effort -- the new fish factory, a sewer system, a restaurant, a hotel -- the town could thrive.
Increased and more diverse population, increased # of small businesses, youth center, small business hub/center, effective broadband/infrastructure utilities, more opportunities for youth K-12
It is and should remain a fishing town
Just did above
Just like it is now ... but, with newer vehicles.
just the way it currently is
Keep the old and adjust for the new
Maritime industries steady or increasing so people can work. Minimal regs and services will attract independent minded people.
Middle and High School, but particularly the High School consolidating to lower the tax rate and provide more opportunities for the older students. Some restaurants in town. Preserve the working waterfront.
More balanced working environment, with both fishing, tourism and recreational income, more balanced property tax allocation in town budget for public works instead of just school support.
MORE DOWNTOWN STORES
More modernized, yet maintaining the small town atmosphere.
More remote workers as this is a quality of place.
More retired folks moving into this beautiful area to help support and maintain the working waterfront and marine industry. Better ambulance and health care services for the aging population and more initiatives and energy to create a thriving town
More younger families becoming more active in our community.
need a town with water, sewer and restaurant's and maybe a motel would be nice
NO COMMENT
No major changes
Not changed much
Not sure.
NOTHING WILL CHANGE (NOT GOOD)
Preserve fishing industry and expand ecotourism; Think Stonington/Deer Isle as a model rather than Camden/Bar Harbor.

Questionable due to the warming oceans and the subsequent loss of a thriving lobstering industry.
SEE PREVIOUS COMMENT (86)
Several more small businesses, a reasonably priced sit down restaurant, expanded activities/work opportunities for the young people, recreational/community activities for all ages. Environmentally aware.
Some of the neglected homes purchased and improved which would add to the tax base. I see a cleaner, more scenic town where people want to live and work. I'd like to see all residents embrace opportunities for new economic development, especially development that takes preservation of natural resources seriously.
Successful
The same
The same
The same, depending on the state of the fishing industry. If fishing remains strong, things will be the same. If fishing declines, Jonesport has nothing else.
Thriving Main Street, more options for youth, young people staying here to start businesses/work in their community, bringing local career pathways to the table just as scholarship opportunities are presented by guidance counselors
Thriving waterfront, better use of all currently abandoned old warehouses and former canneries into seafood selling shops, gift shops, seaside museums- access points to the waterfront for boat kayak rental in West Jonesport- away from commercial center Older homes being used as b&b's or air b&b's Thriving takeouts with happy energized citizens that want to share their world for a few moments with those who come in to see what Jonesport is like on their way up Hwy 1 - Jonesport is a quaint, classic seafood producing town- proud of her history and wanting to share it!
To see it remain pristine and preserved. A true fishing village.
Tourist destination based on fishing and lobstering and nature vistas
Town could be better off due to increased pricing for marine produces and the projected fish plant becoming a reality. But property prices, taxes and the schools could be a detriment.
unchanged
Unless things drastically change Jonesport is going down a very bad path. There is an enormous amount of apathy and inaction to clean up the glaring problems. Keeping things the same will only lead to not only things not staying the same but getting much, much worse. We should be forward looking and making positive plans for Jonesport's future. If things don't change we will see towns around us making improvements and thriving while Jonesport continues to go downhill.
Unsure
very little change
We are already seeing some positive changes in the repair of homes on Main St., the growth at the Downeast Institute, the development of the Yellowtail business, and the much needed technical school. If we can grow the employment base here with good paying, year around jobs the kids won't have to leave the area and the tax base will improve.
We drive by Main Street and see that there is so much potential to empower the residents to open small businesses in the town. We would be interested in opening a small youth center and a gym.
Welcomes visitors, yet supports its own residents
With town sewer and water attracting new investment. Then there would need to be affordable housing so that development wouldn't price some from staying or moving to Jonesport. A lobsterman can't live in Stonington proper due to the high cost of housing.
Would be nice to see more of the old homes being restored/renovated. Would be nice to see continued improvement of the appearance of in town business buildings.

Q32 Do you have suggestions for improving the land use ordinances?

Answered: 62 Skipped: 44 No/None/Unsure: 34

a mechanism to maintain roads in developments.
Clean up your property, be mindful and considerate of your neighbors and the town. Don't pollute! Go after people who aren't following existing ordinances. Ordinances aren't enforced equally.
Do they really have such ordinances ?
Encourage home based businesses , clean up old abandoned homes and lots
Enforce what already exists.
I am not sure that this can be improved, but use of private land by others. There is a 4 wheeler/snowmobile trail that goes across my land. Nobody asked if they could go through there. Basically if you say something, there will probably be retaliation.
I believe we should listen before making assumptions and judgement; as well as encourage and inspire people with possibilities to be considered before knocking down or refusing an opportunity that one would like to try and cant simply because the current ordinance states that.
I don't know enough about them.
I don't know enough to comment
I don't know enough about the current ordinances.
improvements in land use should always be about preventing any pollution causing elements- preserve the water quality of the harbors and the MOosabec reach and let NOTHING endanger the seafood in our waters- ECologically pristine-
Is there a zoning plan? There should be both working together.
Keep it simple
Keep them basic and weigh freedom vs. necessity, always give freedom some extra weight! Otherwise, these laws become tools of coercion and corruption for politicians and Karens.
Long-term resiliency is incredibly important. I hope that affordable (but not necessarily restricted) land and housing options, and addressing geographically vulnerable areas of our community, such as West Jonesport, are considered when drafting land use ordinances.
Make it a little easier for people to have a house so they can not be homeless and for year around people too but still keep the rules fairfor all of us
not familiar enough with current
Not sure what you are asking. Should we allow a bait factory on the the main road as you enter our town? NO. Do we want recreational drug makers in our near our kids/town - NO
Not very familiar with this as of now. Really can't comment.
Perhaps a comprehensive plan could help to bring order so that when we drive through we can witness local pride.
Really, people should be allowed to use their own land as they wish. Public health and safety should be the only major concern.
Residents should ALWAYS have grandfathered rights to ANY shoreline to ensure the sustenance of livelihoods.
restricting sand and gravel mining and solar and prohibit commercial wind farms, junk yards.
Some of the properties here in town are abandoned and a real eye-sore. Some yards have a lot of junk in them. It would be nice if Jonesport could pass some ordinances that will restrict the amount of junk in people's yards, especially visible from the road. When company visits, I hear comments about how one property is pristine and the neighbor's property is awful. Cleaning up Jonesport would make it a prettier town to drive through & might attract some tourism or businesses. Right now, for those who don't know better, it looks like a dying town.
Town meetings with prepared agendas
Walking trails that are pet friendly. No hunting ever.
WANT STRICTER ENFORCEMENTS
We don't know what those are.

Q33 If you favor new business, what kind of new businesses would you like to see?

Answered: 87 Skipped: 19

The word "Restaurant" is used 41 times

#1 restaurants beauty salon variety store.
A bakery would be terrific. Perhaps a cafe or restaurant honoring traditional food.
A car wash. A year-round sit-down restaurant.
A co op grocery store with community volunteers for fresh produce , cheese and such
A community center to help young people have something to besides walking the streets and help them want to learn to get jobs that they can improve themselves especially after school
A DRUG STORE, A VARIETY STORE, A RESTAURANT
A restaurant that is open in the evening would be nice. A coffee shop (not a fancy one). Maybe a lunch counter that wasn't a store.
A year round, full time, family restaurant and a fully accommodated motel, or a hotel
Any
Any and all
Any and all. Restaurants / dining in particular.
Any business as long as they are not injurious to commercial fishing such as aquaculture (land or water based) or other businesses that discharge into our local water or take shore access away from local commercial fisherman
Any retail that could provide basic supplies (i.e., socks, pants, towels) or value-added manufacturing of products that are sourced locally (fruit, fur and fish)
Any type
anything good
Anything sustainable and realistic that would bring some jobs and traffic to the area.
Aquaculture is OK, but should not infringe on public access to water resources. Farming is fine. There is a lot of water here, why not take advantage of an abundant resource? Fishing is great as long as it is done responsibly and sustainably. If you have more residents, even the seasonal ones, you will have more demand for services-based business and retail.
Better grocery and essential markets, ones that can't capitalize on being the only one in town.
Businesses that attract and retain visitors. Boat tours, sports fishing, hospitality. With more infrastructure and better high-speed internet, more remote workers would locate here.
Businesses that attract transient tourists that wish to enjoy the coastal atmosphere, motel, restaurant. Clean manufacturing and tech would also complement the marine industry.
Businesses that respect the small-town and rural nature of the town and the environment and do not create noise, emissions or other harm to the land, the, the wildlife or the residents
businesses that utilize local seafood- crazy that we ship out all lobsters caught to middleman who resell them again in markets and to processing plants! Local restaurants that look out over the harbor fleet and allow folks to enjoy their Maine lobster village experience- and maybe have a reputation for it being more reasonable to come here to purchase lobsters since you are right at the docks! Trenton Lobster pound is one of the only visible lobster eateries when you thumb through the newspaper or Downeast-- they have nothing on us!
Call centers would work here. Photography and art symposiums, kayaking tours, boat tours, whale watching, fishing, puffins. A real marina with facilities for a full range of boats/vessels would be exciting.
clean, environmentally safe
Computer based businesses. Restaurants,
Dine-in options. A bar would be nice, but an upscale bar. Not a dive where drunks are allowed to hang out. Some of us residents would like a nice place to go to have a drink and meet with friends in a safe and respectable establishment. Small businesses of all kinds would be welcomed. But I hope Jonesport keeps the big

chains out of town. Jonesport has a quaint appeal to it, and letting big chains in would make the town similar to Machias - that is not favorable.
Environmentally conscious and limited in size which will provide additional good paying jobs
Eye Doctor
Fishing based
fishing related, B&B
Food and hospitality, recreation center, business development center, local development non-profit
food, lodging, computer services, general stores with a little of everything you might need in a pinch including clothing. Spa, small movie hall, playground, skate board park, basketball courts, swimming pool, trampoline park, campground, motel, bed and breakfast, lodging, boat cruises
Grocery store, variety store, restaurant
Gym, coffee shop, farmers market, small retail shops, restaurants, youth center, recreational center for senior citizens and adults, internet/printing services.
health gym with walking track, beauty salon, sports bar with food and drink, on-going flea market
I would avoid "rubber stamp" appearance type chain businesses, especially fast food chains, which take away from the uniqueness, and tend to create quantities of litter
I'd be happy with a nice restaurant, cafe. A retail seafood market or two perhaps like Chipman's in Milbridge. I'd go more often to the local grocery if they offered better quality produce. DO NOT allow a Dollar Store or the like.
I'd like to encourage any business or cottage based venture to move into or be developed in Jonesport. These businesses should be environmentally adapted to our area. We do not need industry that will harm what we already have. Again, nothing will happen without a trained and reliable workforce. To develop this workforce it is necessary to provide an affordable child/daycare center - one that parents can rely on and trust.
Independent local service based: car wash, lawn care, plumbers, electricians, carpenters, etc
Laundromat, Car wash, Recreation center
Maritime value added businesses
Mixed
No change
Pharmacy, Bed and breakfasts....tourists and visitors contribute to this town.
Please never a Dollar General or a fast food joint it would destroy the character of the town.
professionals, a restaurant
Restaurant
RESTAURANT - BREAKFAST/LUNCH/DINNER, BOAT TOURS
restaurant motel and bar
Restaurant, basketball court
Restaurant/bar. Lodging. A reason for people to spend money IN this town. To much money leaves jonesport because we have nothing here.
Restaurants
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restaurants boat tour business with bathroom and food services. things that would draw travelers with places of interest encouraging them to spend time and money.
Restaurants, Shopping
Restaurants, bed and breakfast, trailer park, seasonal tourist businesses, daycare
restaurants, bed and breakfasts.

restaurants, cafes, specialty food stores, maybe more recreational activities.
Restaurants, coffee shop, small grocery in town. Bed & Breakfast again. Lobster, puffin tours.
RESTAURANTS, DOCTORS
Restaurants, gift shops
Restaurants, retail seafood, produce/grocery, art galleries, arts/cultural center, antique/tool shops.
Restaurants, specialty like bakery shops, hairdresser, pet grooming, vets, general dentistry, small home repair-- where you could find an electrician, handyman. Lets make Jonesport, "Mayberry RFD"
Restaurants, the proposed fish farm, an open fishing day based on the model of Maine Syrup Sunday & open farm days. Maybe a scenic boat tour company
restaurants, variety stores
Restaurants. Farmers market where you can get Fresh vegetables, crafts, plants, food truck.
Restaurants/food trucks, businesses that make things such as hand tools for gardening, cottage industry type businesses, Ecco tourism, value added fish and seafood related businesses. Look around at what other towns are doing to create success.
Restuarant
Resturants, cafes, takeouts.
Retail, but not big box stores, owned by local businesses.
Retail, eateries/bakery/coffee shop, brewery, community marketplace, childcare/after school center, Moosabec-specific non-profit for local economic development
Shore based fishing related business would make sense and it would be good to see more farm based business with local retail outlets.
Small and private business. Nothing obtrusive. Business that respects the nature of the town.
Small bakery,
Small eating establishments... gift shop...
Small restaurants or diners. A local pub where you could stop in and have a beer or sandwich would be nice!
Small, local area shops. New local eateries.
The town needs a larger restaurant, not huge. Why go to Machias to go out to eat? Takeouts. The downtown is beginning to come back, I see a couple of new places.
the type that would flourish in a small town with a modest reliance on tourism: galleries, pub/restaurant, shops/emporia that offer a range of goods connected with maritime lifestyle and the architecture that would reflect it.
tourism, accommodations, attractions for the art community, entertainment, tours to educate visitors on the local industries
TOURIST ACCOMODATIONS
What do we need to keep more money spent in town ?
With not much here, almost anything would be good.
Would like to see more things for the kids to do

Q34 Would you consider changing the town government to a town manager form?

Answered: 79 Skipped: 27

No without comment: 8, No comment/no opinion: 4, Yes without comment: 4, Unsure: 6

A town Mgr would provide continuity, but also would increase the budget.
Generally, I think if something isn't broken, don't change it. I do not see many town governments functioning well these days, with or without a town manager. Jonesport seems to be doing fine.
Hmmmm????? Good question???? I think we should explore the benefits of both, as to which would better serve the people
I do not see a reason to do that at this time. Growth could drive that decision at some point in the future.
I don't know enough about our current system.
I think it works as it is.
I think the selectmen have been doing a great job and I'm satisfied with that.
I think Town officials should be voted in on a 2 yr term and be judged by their accomplishments
I would. Provide a professional person where the buck stops. Not sure there is enough money or that person could survive longer than a season
I would; selectmen work long hours, largely volunteer, and try to keep up with changing laws, etc. while working at their own businesses.
If a town manager will not be elected and will remove some of the legislation from the selectmen's hands, then I vote "no" on a town manager. Having selectmen and elected officials keeps the community involved and town issues in the hands of the residents.
In my opinion the Select-person system is a failure. In most progressive towns in Maine the town manager is a better alternative. I think that residents would be happy to be rid of an antiquated system.
It is always better to have full time officials if you are serious about creating a more vibrant community - Part time selectman do what they can, but are limited by their other businesses- If Town Manager would be full time with staff and a comprehensive plan to steer the Jonesport growth by- that is more purposeful
Leave as is.
Maybe at some point. The day will come when there won't be overworked persons willing to serve as selectmen.
NO CO\$T
No -- we have lived in areas that had a town manager and do not see the purpose of that role -- not really needed.
No ... the folks that are running the town now are doing a good job.
No because that is just another layer of government to get through in order to get things done. It will turn into a political office and not necessarily even someone familiar with this area.
No comment..don't understand what a town manager form would entail
no town runs well as it is.
No, matter of difference in opinions are important, but the residents also need to be properly notified of meetings and agendas to have a solid platform for important decisions. Too many are made without anyone knowing.
No, selectman system works much better.
no. It would be too costly, would raise taxes.
No. The town does not have the business/activity to justify this.
NO. Too much expense.
no. too open to criticism. selectman board is varied enough to share the criticism
No. Don't want a small town dictator!
No. This type of municipal governance has a history of exclusionary practices. We need a board of selectpersons to allow continued community government participation.
No. Town managers are expensive and would likely tend to govern from a universal style of thinking rather than local

no; even though as a seasonal resident I feel I have little to no representation, I believe a representational type Gov. is best.
No... we're seasonal and probably shouldn't have much to say about town government
none
NOT AT THIS TIME
Not sure of the advantages/disadvantages of doing so
Not sure what that would entail. Do Jonesport citizens know the difference?
Possibly. Someone in "charge" with a plan for the future and how the town could be improved
Seems to be working
Town Managers tend to be expensive. I would not favor that option until the town was operating on a higher budget level and had other revenue sources other than just residential property taxes.
Whatever structure is more inclusive and gets things done is what I am in favor of; residents and town leadership need more back and forth communication aside from town meetings where the loudest voice gets the floor.... more equitable communication streams are needed
When I moved from Connecticut, I came from a rural town that originally had a selectman style of government. They changed to a Town Manager with a revolving door....nobody stayed in that job long enough to be familiar with the town. I felt like it was a step backwards.
Why not because we donot have the programs for that but if we did yes then maybe it would be for the better and to help the poor people of this town have the help they end to b et funds to fix up their homes like me that need it in oder to stay in our houses that would be very helpful to me
YES I'D CONSIDER IT - NO STRONG PREFERENCE AT THIS TIME
Yes, I think it would ease the burden on the selectmen and perhaps be more objective than what we currently have.
Yes, a town manager would pay for their salary by bringing a variety of grant opportunities. They would be dedicated entirely to serving the town and special interest and personal influences would be out of the picture.
Yes, but there should be a board with a member from each support service to be heard and offer sound direction to that manager to enable them to make the wisest and best decisions to benefit the entire community.
Yes, if it betters communication and more equitable decision making. It feels like the same voices are heard/implemented over and over....we need reform in decision making
Yes, it is time
Yes. I feel a professional qualified and well paid manager would provide more motivation and commitment to identify, develop and manage options to support the future of Jonesport, verses the part-time motivated and laid back uncommitted selectmen.
Yes. I town manage could help with economic development,
Yes. Lets have more opportunity for community involvement and expansion of ideas.
Yes. The town manager will be required to reside in Jonesport to see exactly what issues the town faces and how those problems can be resolved.
Yes. A town manager would be working full time to promote the town. B ring in business and insure that things got done.
Yes. The (part-time) selectmen can't be expected to keep up with all the details that a full-time and professional town manager could/should handle.
Yes. The selectmen are not qualified to make the important decisions that face them.
Yes. We need to switch things up. Having the same people be in the same positions for many years doesn't invoke willingness to change.
Yes. It can be more efficient, and just as accountable. It would also provide a single representative voice to Augusta

Q35 Would you like to have the town build a downtown public water system if it could increase the opportunities for new businesses to open?

Answered: 91 Skipped: 15

No without comment: 5, No comment/no opinion: 3, Yes without comment: 7, Unsure: 6

If it is essential to allow businesses to open, yes. If not, change the ordinances that stifle growth!
A water system alone is not going to increase opportunity without the sewer system to go with it.
Absolutely
Absolutely! Like... yesterday!
Absolutely. We need to attract businesses to downtown to provide jobs, goods and services.
ABSOLUTELY!!!!!! This has prevented many business opportunities thus far. In my opinion, this is the number one thing that has to happen!
As long as those that did not benefit from it do not have to pay for it.
Better control of water quality.
Costs would need to be paid by the users. Not sure it is feasible here.
Depends on the project goals. It might prove too cost prohibitive for a small town like Jonesport
Downtown public water system would be a financial burden for property tax owners who wouldn't have access to a public water system. I understand that in order to get businesses to operate downtown they need a public water system. Higher property taxes are a concern that I have as I look at retiring from teaching.
Hmmmm ...
HOW MUCH?
How would it increase opportunity for new business?
I think this is well worth considering because any more development might stress the water system. Also, with sea level rise, there may be salt-water inundation of private wells and this may cause enormous problems.
I would be very concerned about the impact on the residential property owners. (i.e. financially, structurally-change to their property)
I would; safety issues for drinking water
I'm sure public water an sewer would open up opportunities for attracting and allowing more businesses. New varied business would be welcome in my eyes.
If it could increase the opportunities for new businesses, then yes. Would it, though?
If it increased the chances for a stronger business presence, yes.
If it would help the town, yes
If we need a public water system to help maintain the town and help it grow, I think we should do it.
I'm open for discussion
It would be great, but probably cost prohibitive.
It would be nice to have fire hydrants in Jonesport. Not just downtown. They would help with wild fires, as well as the fire department fight house fires.
No keep the charm and beauty of Jonesport and it would increase our taxes
No. Private water system is better for independent opportunities. Each person responsible for own upkeep
No, I feel the artisan well suites its purpose for this town and its homes and future businesses just fine.
No, only if paid for by the users. Plus there isn't enough space for new businesses to open.
No. I used to think it would be good but having worked in Machias, Milbridge and Lubec, I am very aware their town water is awful, expensive and always a problem for the town. There are no large water-dependent businesses that have moved into Milbridge or Lubec as far as I know so I do not see that being the kind of draw that makes it worth the expense.
No. Most of the population of the town's taxes that would be paying for this will not benefit from it at all because they live out of the "downtown" area.

No. Town water systems are very expensive to build, run and maintain. Jonesport as a whole has excellent water
Not at this time. The town needs more business tax revenue before it can take on this sort of long-term budget commitment.
Not if it increased my taxes
only if the businesses could support it since it would be very expensive
Only small businesses need apply so no public water system is required. The area is void of people with the skill sets required to open any manufacturing business. The demographics do not support anything more than retail businesses.
That would be great! Quality water is everything and it helps small towns thrive. The home we purchased a couple of years ago had high levels of iron, manganese, coliform and hardness. Horrible odor and poop color. We spent a significant amount of money to purchase a water filtration system. People should have access to quality water.
THIS TOWN SHOULD HAVE "SEWER" AND WATER INSTALLED FOR BUSINESSES. NO S&W NOTHING WILL CHANGE
Too close to sea front. Too expensive.
Unsure like the idea, not sure if the town people could afford it.
Water and waste water need to be addressed downtown.
who will pay for it ?
with few town dollars and "free" state or fed dollars, yes!
Yes because it would give everyone cleaner water to drink and help keep people to have good drinking water and promote good health yes we need more business to create more jobs
Yes because we need to have more restaurants and shops.
yes only way we can get new businesses
YES! Absolutely and a sewer system!
YES! And build a sewer system as well. It is criminal that some houses sent raw sewage directly into the reach.
Yes! My experience here with water in the village has been as a trustee for Sawyer Memorial Church and talking to town residents over the years and the water is dreadful. I also worry that any septic system issues in town could cause serious issues to the problem.
Yes! Town water and sewer would allow for increase in businesses also better quality of life for residents.
Yes! We could have a couple of restaurants and make Jonesport a destination with restrooms--don't want to make it into a Camden, but it's difficult for people to travel this far from Route One without many food/restroom facilities.
YES! YES! YES!!!!
Yes, as noted earlier (it's a big barrier for eateries)
Yes, better physical plant for new business development.
Yes, current limitations on sewer systems etc mean some business cannot continue or reopen. Without new business, the town will eventually cease and become basically a bedroom community.
yes, definitely
Yes, if prices to connect & routine fees are affordable, or some sort of subsidy is available for those who really can't afford the extra expense.
Yes, if that was required to get new business to flourish in the town.
Yes, lack of water hampers restaurants
Yes, please. Acknowledging the value of our water resources and holding them in public trust is essential to sustainable community development.
Yes, the time has come for some public works- but the "downtown "water system would not aid any of those with bad wells in other areas of the Jonesport peninsula- Citizens should come first- not considerations for new business
Yes, this town does not have "good water."

Yes, we must increase the tax base so more of can afford to stay. The schools are unaffordable and draw too much of the tax base.
Yes, welcoming new business is always great for the economy of the town.
Yes, with out public water and sewer there it is not possible to expand opportunities in the village.
Yes. To encourage businesses.
Yes. Also for public health and safety, there are still places dumping into the open ocean!
Yes. I believe that would be a good idea. Especially if residents could be tied into the public water system. Our well water is not great. We have an expensive filtration system in our home that requires monthly expense and routine maintenance. It gets quite costly. A public water bill would be much cheaper than our current situation, and would provide better water.
Yes. I worry about possible ocean pollution and feel that a new system would protect from that. Carefully chosen new businesses could breathe new life into this great community.
Yes. Including sewer.
Yes. It is the responsibility of the town to provide basic services of water, sewer, fire protection, sanitation, and education.
Yes. Local well water is terrible
Yes. That will be the only way new businesses will be able to locate there.
Yes. The downtown needs to grow. If that would improve opportunities for new business then do it.
Yes... for the very reason stated here... more opportunities for new businesses...
Yes...for restaurants, shops etc that need sewer.