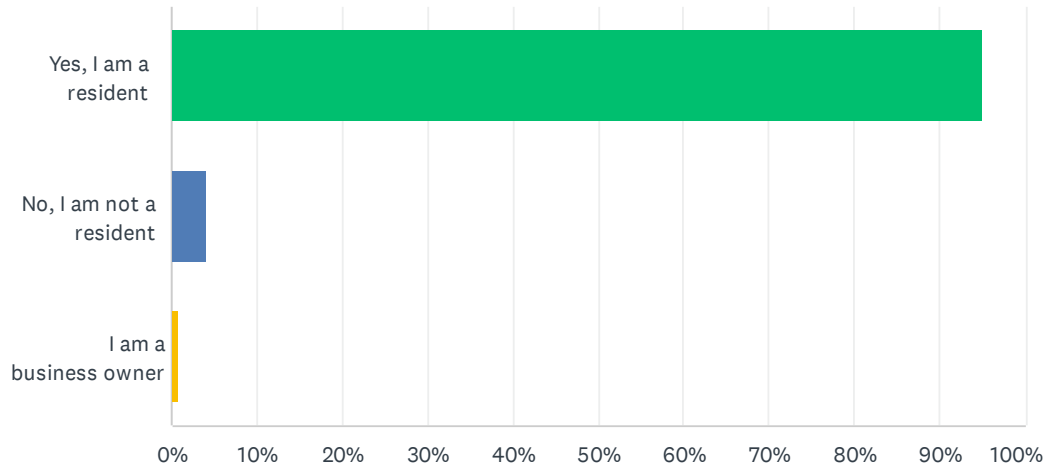


Q1 Are you a resident of Kennebunkport?

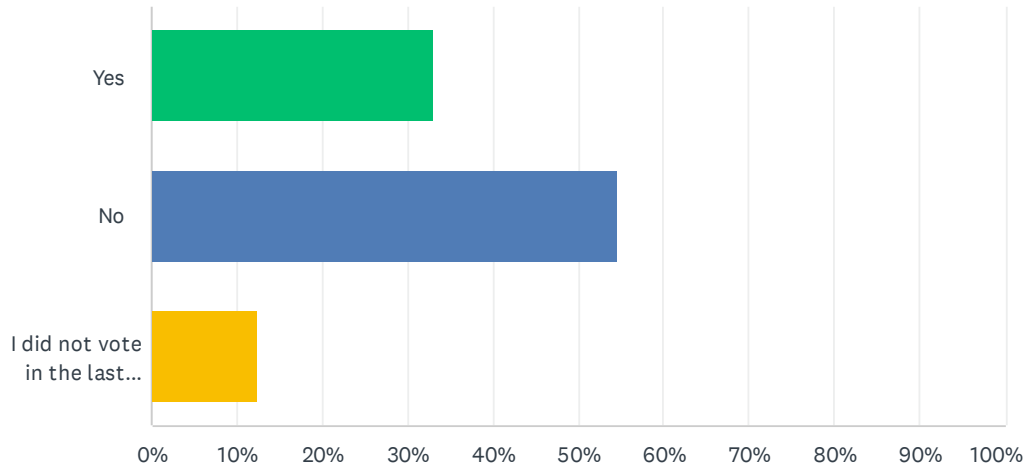
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes, I am a resident	95.12%	312
No, I am not a resident	3.96%	13
I am a business owner	0.91%	3
TOTAL		328

Q2 If you voted in the last November 2023 election, did you vote in favor of the Town Hall project?

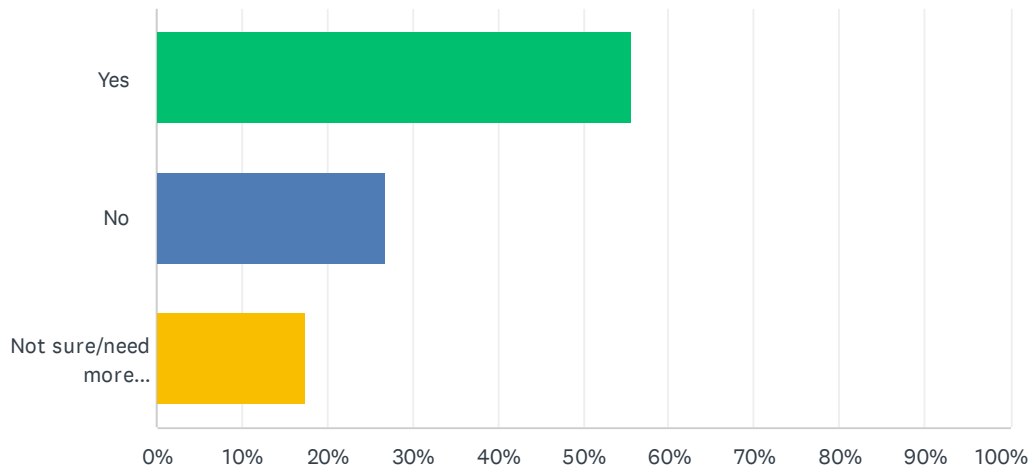
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	33.13%	108
No	54.60%	178
I did not vote in the last November 2023 election	12.27%	40
TOTAL		326

Q3 Do you think we need a new town hall building in Kennebunkport?

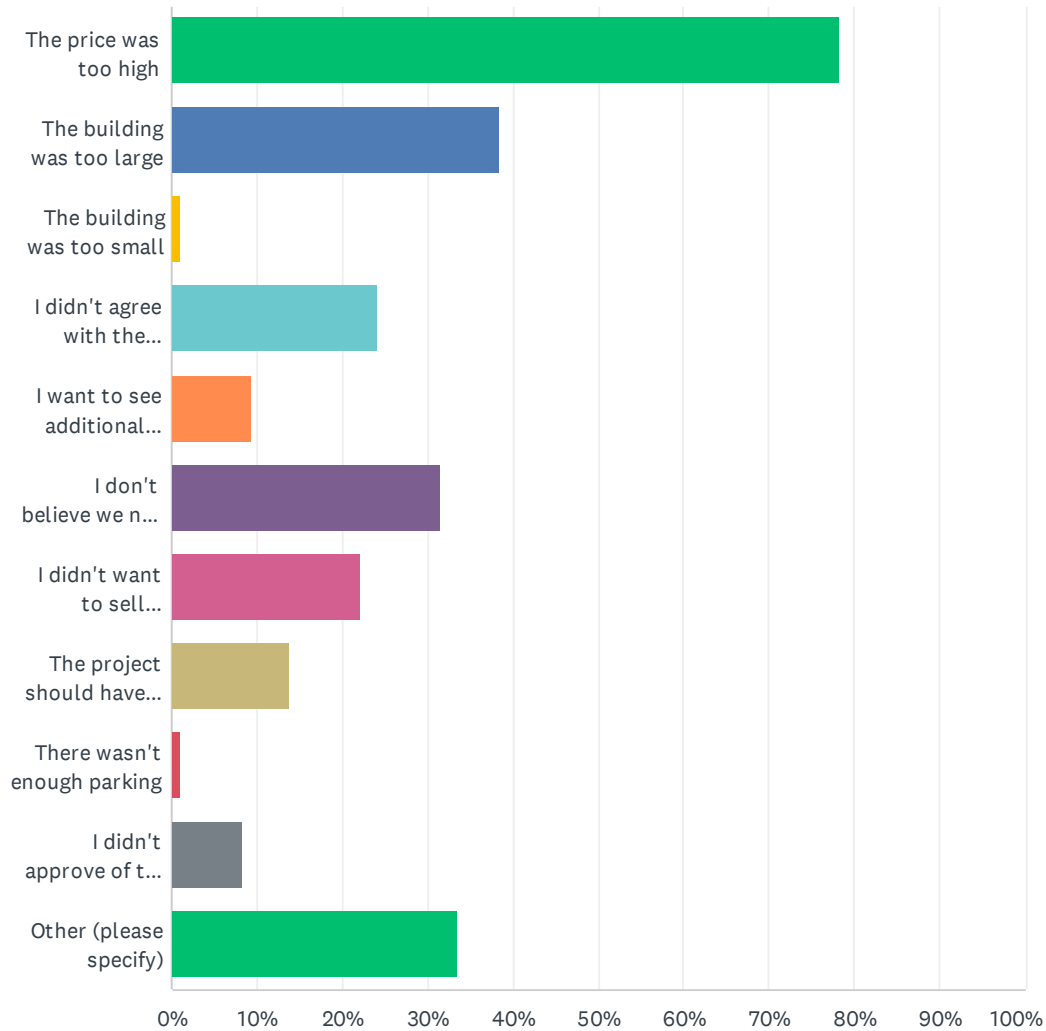
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	55.66% 182
No	26.91% 88
Not sure/need more information	17.43% 57
TOTAL	327

Q4 If you voted no on the town hall construction project, please select up to three reasons why.

Answered: 203 Skipped: 126



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
The price was too high	78.33%	159
The building was too large	38.42%	78
The building was too small	0.99%	2
I didn't agree with the location	24.14%	49
I want to see additional community uses in the project	9.36%	19
I don't believe we need a new Town Hall	31.53%	64
I didn't want to sell additional property	22.17%	45
The project should have included more green energy	13.79%	28
There wasn't enough parking	0.99%	2
I didn't approve of the design	8.37%	17
Other (please specify)	33.50%	68
Total Respondents: 203		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	It was a total surprise on the ballot. That was the first time I saw what the cost of the town hall would be. I may have missed some public/town discussion on the topic but it was a big expensive surprise for me. If I had heard previous discussions to justify the cost may have voted yes.	2/7/2024 8:07 AM
2	Tired of being told the town is spending millions on real estate. Fix the town parcel debacle by selling it, credit property taxes for wasting our money on it, and THEN we can talk about a new town hall.	2/6/2024 1:51 PM
3	I would like to see more green space and trails	2/6/2024 9:39 AM
4	Build a core/hub that is needed today with the engineering/plans included that will show how spokes/ells can be added/deleted as needed in the future. The physics of building structures does not change much. This is not future-proofing, it's economics of need.	2/5/2024 7:04 PM
5	We just need a basic office type building. We do not need anything lavish, it is just an office building. A large parking area near north street is needed. We are promoted as a tourist town, however do not accommodate it side effects. I am life long resident and think our town government has grown larger then this town needs.	2/4/2024 9:12 AM
6	I have seen a proposal submitted by a town resident that moves construction-related services (code enforcement/permits) and storage to a to-be-built building near the police station/public health office. That would free up a substantial amount of space in the current town hall for modifications that would accommodate the remaining departments and add meeting space. This sounds more cost-effective, and I would like to see the town actively consider this option, with a report enumerating unbiased and substantiated pros and cons.	2/3/2024 11:00 AM
7	The cost of a new Town hall appears to cost more than I would expect of a town the size of Kennebunkport. At the present time we are already paying 10 million * for land that is a tax burden on the residents. Has the town considered keeping the existing town hall and building or leasing a smaller building to expand the total space for the town.	2/2/2024 3:40 PM
8	The sale of prime town property was included as a condition in the vote. I was more against that than the town hall itself: -The open are next to Consolidated should be kept like that - or be developed into something that benefits the children and citizens of Kennebunkport. Make a sled hill as a replacement for what was taken away when the Consolidated was expanded. Or add a pump track or BMX track for biking. We don't need to see that open field be developed into housing for mostly non-residents. -The current town hall lot could be utilized for parking and a parking garage. That will be a valuable addition for businesses in town to get more	2/2/2024 1:18 PM

parking, and it should be able to finance itself and generate income to the town in the future from parking fees. Instead of the properties suggested in the proposal - why not utilize and sell the \$10M property the town bought a few years ago where the town hall is planned? To monetize that property would be a lot easier to sell to the voters. The price isn't necessarily too expensive - but it seemed expensive compared to its size.

9	I don't think the town bought the property in an honest manner. The towns attitude towards any project has always been that we are going to do this no matter what the residents want, its just a matter how to deceive them until we get what we want. Tax payers are stupid and their money is free to us to use as we want. The National Debt is 34 Trillion dollars going up at a rate of 18 Billion dollars a day. I'm sick of the Federal Government, the State Government and the Town of Kennebunkport including RSU21	2/2/2024 11:26 AM
10	Initial design by Graham Architecture for the RFP for bids by architect/builders was for about 6,000 feet**2. Final design was for about 9,000 feet**2. Why this increase in size occurred was unclear. At \$1,000 per foot**2 that increase in size resulted in a final cost increase of about \$3,000,000.	2/2/2024 11:16 AM
11	Town has been spending too much on real estate related projects, such as the town hall building and the \$13 million for land (overpaid for this by a lot).	2/2/2024 9:40 AM
12	Green energy options weren't spelled out. The footprint is very large. Perhaps we don't need a big meeting room at this time. Perhaps it could be built later as an BBC addition. I'd like to pay down the money we still owe for the town parcel.	2/1/2024 5:43 PM
13	The estimate was too vague A more detailed estimate and plans should have been established before asking for tax payer approval	2/1/2024 5:20 PM
14	The town offices should be separated. Utilize what we have or put an addition onto the fire station on North St.	2/1/2024 2:50 PM
15	I would have liked to see a townhall that was smaller in footprint at least 4,000 to 5,000 Square feet smaller, better use of space, use of other town owned buildings to offload some of the office space needs. The community hall in the proposed building was too large. There was a lot of redundant and wasted space. I would like to see the town hall combined with the current North Street Fire Station. Do not want to start building on the Village Parcel. Want to save that for future generations, decades from now. I do not want to see town government grow within the administrative department. There are some jobs that are being added to the administrative side at too high of a salary with no real need/benefit to the community. Want to ensure any green energy used is not to just make some in the town feel good, rather it is cost benefit for operating costs. Want the new town hall committee meetings to be open to the public.	2/1/2024 10:25 AM
16	Find more efficient and reasonably priced utility options. More public information on the building details.	1/31/2024 7:25 PM
17	I do not trust the board to do this project. I want to wait on major debt decisions until the land is paid off. Too many risks given the pending climate issues.	1/31/2024 4:48 AM
18	It was a concern of the high cost of the proposed new town hall. Question 4 shows that the cost was a true concern, the vote passed for selling town land to bring the cost down.. I personally do not agree with selling town land. Climate change is taking town land so we should hold onto what we have.	1/30/2024 10:14 PM
19	I felt that the town had overspent on the Village Parcel and didn't want to be railroaded into another expensive project. Not sure the timing is appropriate either.	1/30/2024 5:48 PM
20	the overwhelming majority of voters voted against the new town hall for a variety of reasons.	1/30/2024 1:00 PM
21	Put money towards a family community center with offerings for the people who live in town year round.	1/29/2024 8:40 PM
22	Just stop spending money for a town of less than 4000 residents. Use what you have.	1/29/2024 4:59 PM
23	we are going more digital less need for brick and mortar The final cost would be much higher than the already high estimate.	1/29/2024 2:02 PM
24	I thought it was a good idea to separate the offices and utilize the police station for the code. Why don't we use the back storage room/old fire station for office space? Another thought is to move the important historical documents out and have them go to the Graves Memorial Library	1/29/2024 1:50 PM

or the Historical Society to allow for more space and protection. I voted back in the 90's to have a new town hall at the new fire station on North St. This should have continued as the taxpayers voted yes.

25	At what point will you accept the fact that the residence of Kennebunkport voted NO on a new town office? NO does not mean keep asking or keep reworking the price or design of the building. NO means NO. The people have spoken. NO new town office is needed. The Elm Street town office is fine as it is and where it is! If you need some fancy new office chairs and desks then just buy them already and put them in your Elm Street offices.	1/29/2024 11:02 AM
26	The plan presented is way over the top. Other ideas should be considered, such as, the police station lot on Route 9. It could easily fit a new building to house the code enforcement and planning department building. The existing town hall building can be then modified for the other services.	1/29/2024 10:20 AM
27	I would appreciate your addressing the Bill Case proposal; he detailed how millions of dollars could be saved. He deserves a public response. The town owns other various parcels of land that could be used. The parcel at the Mill Rd police station would be ideal for Code Enforcement/Planning/Assessing. Another lot next to North Street Fire Dept could be used to expand the Fire Dept and leave the meeting/voting hall in place. Town administration could stay where it is with a total over-haul and update. During 2023 Prelude, the overflow of cars parked at the entry of the North St. land parcel demonstrated how congested this location for the town hall would be. My sincere thoughts, Beverley Soule	1/28/2024 1:22 PM
28	We don't need to be in the property development business.	1/28/2024 12:23 PM
29	It seems to me and others that the new town hall is a waste of funds and the concept as proposed is misleading. There is room at the firehouse for meetings and also at the police station for smaller meetings. We as taxpayers don't need a Taj Mahal to boost our egos.	1/28/2024 7:58 AM
30	Heating and cooling specifics were not included. The tax rate should not have to go up to fund this.	1/27/2024 8:46 PM
31	Remodel existing building with addition	1/27/2024 6:45 PM
32	Style/design/look wasn't appealing / or look like Kennebunkport	1/26/2024 5:43 PM
33	Costs were too vague and open ended with a lot of hopeful finance scenarios.	1/26/2024 5:21 PM
34	surprise item with little notice for gathering information before the vote. why not use what we have and redesign it. Otherwise it becomes a vacant building to heat all winter Time to use what facilities we have available to us throughout the community.	1/26/2024 4:10 PM
35	Don't see the need for a large meeting room for once a year Town Meeting. Tax payers are already paying for a large meeting room at Consolidated School which has served the town well for decades.	1/26/2024 3:54 PM
36	I think there are ways to reconfigure the existing Town Hall and use existing space in a more efficient manner. I also think the space that was presented for a vote was more than is needed to conduct Town business. I do not come to my position naively. I have experience rehabbing, reconfiguring and repurposing space for office-based work. There is a difference between desired space and needed space. I will support a new Town Hall when there is a plan that better represents needed space rather than desired space. I'm also interested in what a building like the Arundel Town Hall would cost today. It is an attractive and functional structure, with lots of space.	1/26/2024 3:48 PM
37	I think the town needs to address other issues before deciding to put money into a new town hall. Let's work toward protecting our town from ocean surges and figure out that process before we do any more building. We can't do this piecemeal. We need to evolve a long term plan to make the best effort we can to preserve Kennebunkport. A new town hall should not be where we spend our money right now.	1/26/2024 3:30 PM
38	I also didn't agree on selling town property.	1/26/2024 2:32 PM
39	Completely pointless and an offensive waste of taxpayer money	1/26/2024 2:32 PM
40	In the age of online transactions and remote work, there should be less foot traffic in the building and less space requirement for employees. To me, this means that more general space should not be required. Every time I have gone to the office to pay a tax bill or to vote,	1/26/2024 1:21 PM

there has been adequate parking and short or no waiting times. Instead, I would suggest remodeling the current building if necessary and abandoning a costly taxpayer burden.

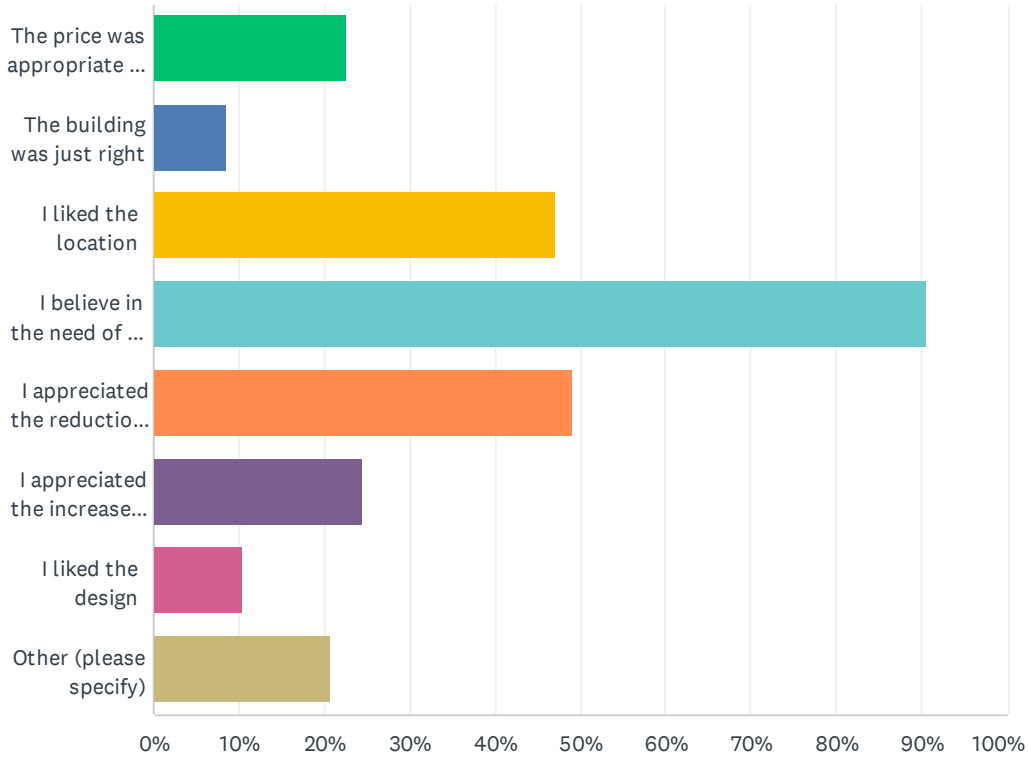
41	The people who represent the town at the front desk are grouchy and not friendly (Rose). Town hall does not feel like a place I can go to make small talk while I register my car or to ask a question. Maybe if the staff were friendly and welcoming, people would be more likely to engage with them. If the front desk people were engaging, perhaps a resident would feel more sympathy for their "lack of space". As it stands, every time I leave town hall after an interaction, someone out front was rude to me. This does not engender good-will towards a nicer space for people who seem miserable.	1/26/2024 12:54 PM
42	Other options not fully explored (offsite storage, technological applications, splitting off current aspects of present Town Hall into other space, feeding frenzy, love grows in small places). And, I believe that you have very little interest in resident opinions and beliefs. Don't I get it? WE want a new Town Hall! The options seem to be new Town Hall or nothing, which is a very narrow view. You are working on getting a new Town Hall and nothing else. Plus WE do not need 140 parking spaces for 10 events/year and I do not care about who care/cannot see a lovely large building from the road. Many of the reasons given for a new Town Hall have nothing to do with Town Hall operations.	1/26/2024 12:06 PM
43	We should invest in renovating some of the areas in town that need improvement. Police, fire, and public health should receive new buildings	1/26/2024 11:15 AM
44	The community had not had enough information about the development of this project. It is unfortunate because I think with good communication the community would've even voted for it at the higher price tag. I am also upset that after so much community, planning and surveying of residents , who repeatedly say that they value open space more than anything else, the town selectman decided to sell property and move ahead with something which is not a top priority For the residents	1/26/2024 9:43 AM
45	You should not sell the McCabe property in order to do this.	1/26/2024 9:38 AM
46	The proposed building looked like a CITY hall and inappropriate to the character of Kennebunkport. The price was extremely off putting. It looked massive. Can we not continue to use the North Street Fire Station and Consolidated School for voting and large meetings? Shared use of town buildings imparts a stronger feeling of community (an "in this together" spirit).	1/26/2024 9:17 AM
47	It's not that I disagree with the location, but I am worried about water levels in that area, lots of swamp and with all the rain/weather changes, we could be paying through the nose for a long time.	1/26/2024 8:46 AM
48	No new town hall until Village parcel is developed. The VP was \$10m. You made promises to develop. Keep your promises. Use \$\$ from the VP development to offset new town hall costs	1/26/2024 8:44 AM
49	Itemize out, distribute, and make very public the millions of dollars that will be used to build this "needed" expense for our small resident population.	1/26/2024 7:44 AM
50	I do not want my already high-enough taxes to go up a dime to pay for a new town hall. I would love a bigger house and a new office too, but I can't afford it so I do without. The town hall that was on the ballot was just too much money. If I recall correctly, there was supposed to be over 50 parking spaces. Seriously? I have never had a problem parking at the current location, and I have lived here over 20 years. I can not see a need for that many parking spaces, which needs to be maintained, plowed, striped etc. Come in with a reasonable proposal and I will consider it. NO NEW TAXES!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!	1/25/2024 10:18 PM
51	Too large and grandiose	1/25/2024 7:53 PM
52	Although I voted "yes", the most frequent comments I heard against the purchase were: 1. Not in my backyard (folks near North Street) 2. It costs too much 3. Don't put any buildings on the property that the Town purchased.	1/25/2024 7:36 PM
53	Present building should use the garage for expansion. Meetings can be held in consolidated school. Move some offices to an addition on the police department.	1/25/2024 5:31 PM
54	I don't think there was adequate openness to the planning and approval process (prior to the Town wide vote), and it seems that lack of openness may be re-occurring. An issue of this magnitude, from cost, financing, location, size, etc., should be transparent. Meetings should be public: minutes should be posted. I appreciate that you may want to narrow opportunities for	1/25/2024 4:48 PM

public input in order to avoid disruption, and that is understandable but it is not a reason to keep so much of the process closed. It has an air of secrecy. If you want town wide support, and you do, then let everyone at least see what's going on, and let everyone read what has been and will be discussed, what the issues are, what progress has been made. It is, after all, our money! You have a new committee formed of good intentioned people, let's open up and share what they're doing towards the goal of a new town hall we can all be behind.

55	There are other more viable options	1/25/2024 4:32 PM
56	We should optimize what we have. Our town is not big enough to have a municipality building. I also believe that there was staging during the walk through to make it look as though we need a new building. Every other time I've been inside to speak with the team there is plenty of room. Utilize spaces we have and redesign. Leave our land to stay as public non-developed land.	1/25/2024 3:37 PM
57	this building should not be a priority given all of the other challenges we face (as evidenced by recent storms). we should reuse what we have. move some departments to police station or firehouse space as fire dept is consolidated.	1/25/2024 3:37 PM
58	Room for non-town groups unnecessary. Town meeting should stay at Consolodated. Replacing fire station meeting area with comparable space is all that is needed.	1/25/2024 3:35 PM
59	I didn't want to sell additional property- old McCabe specifically. The project should have been more explicit about green energy- such as geothermal and solar	1/25/2024 3:14 PM
60	I didn't feel the project was communicated well and that the process was not transparent. The meetings of the town hall committee should be noticed and open to the public.	1/25/2024 3:13 PM
61	I think town should be more creative in seeking use of town buildings and property to get the most out of them, and not spend money on adding infrastrucute to maintain, insure and will add more costs	1/25/2024 3:11 PM
62	We should look into expanding the present town hall	1/25/2024 3:04 PM
63	More pressing needs such as a comprehensive plan to address climate change and vulnerability of Dock Square	1/25/2024 3:03 PM
64	In my opinion, this town needs a municipal complex that would include Police Headquarters; Central Fire Station; separate space for EMS, unless EMS combines with the Fire Department; and the Town Hall. And, this complex should include classrooms and a meeting hall.	1/25/2024 3:01 PM
65	Antipathy towards the Selectboard for the 40+ acre land purchase for \$13 million, and feeling that under utilized Consolidated School could become the Town Hall for much less cost.	1/25/2024 2:58 PM
66	The total dollars were extremely high and out of control We don't need a palace	1/25/2024 2:53 PM
67	Compared to the cost v Arundle's new town office the proposal for Kennebunkport's new building was nearly 3 times higher, Why?	1/25/2024 2:45 PM
68	The effect on the tax rate.	1/25/2024 2:42 PM

Q5 If you voted yes on the town hall construction project, please select up to three reasons why.

Answered: 106 Skipped: 223



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
The price was appropriate for the size of the building	22.64%	24
The building was just right	8.49%	9
I liked the location	47.17%	50
I believe in the need of a new town hall	90.57%	96
I appreciated the reduction in cost by selling other properties	49.06%	52
I appreciated the increase in parking spaces	24.53%	26
I liked the design	10.38%	11
Other (please specify)	20.75%	22
Total Respondents: 106		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	I think Kennebunkport should have an appropriate building for Town business. We have certainly outgrown the current one.	2/6/2024 8:45 AM
2	Frankly I thought the town did a terrible job of selling this project to the community. I also was really upset about the idea of using McCabe property to finance it,	2/3/2024 5:59 AM

3	Professional preparation of drawings.	2/3/2024 12:39 AM
4	I think a town committee, which is now working to design something for the town, is a good idea. Making the building as energy efficient would be a big priority in my view.	2/2/2024 4:22 PM
5	I thought the cost was a good value	2/2/2024 11:50 AM
6	I know the price could be lower once bids are actually put out and the sale of the other properties are deducted. Would like to keep the big meeting room.	2/2/2024 11:06 AM
7	I trusted those who suggested the need to be correct. I assumed those in charge of planning and designing had gone through the considerations such that this was the appropriate thing. However, in light of the recent issues with flooding, I can see why resources may be needed elsewhere.	2/2/2024 10:55 AM
8	I voted yes but am relieved it did not pass because it was tied to the sale of the school street property, which I voted against. Please separate out the questions in the future. I also voted yes because I believe town leadership when they say we need a new town hall!	2/2/2024 10:26 AM
9	We need the space for our town gov to manage our increasing population. We need meeting space as well and a large community room for Town meeting.	2/2/2024 10:16 AM
10	The proposal did not solicit sufficient information from the public as to uses needed and cost tradeoffs. I felt as if the select board was asking the town to approve a bond for a lot of money with no clear understanding of how they got there or what the building could be used for. I voted yes anyway because we need a new building (better public gathering space that does not smell like diesel fuel, for one, as well as more efficient working environment for staff), but I know many reasonable people who voted no for that reason. In addition, to build a brand new building without including renewable energy is simply backward, in my opinion.	2/2/2024 9:57 AM
11	Solar panels excluded from project. Windmills excluded from project.	2/1/2024 1:17 AM
12	I trust our local leaders know what we need.	1/28/2024 11:26 AM
13	The Village Parcel is the future for Kport. Global warming and rising water will eventually force Kport to build on higher land. Building the town hall on the Village parcel is the the start of looking to our future. Delaying building will only raise the costs down the road. Cost to the tax payers is very reasonable. Don't be penny wise and pound foolish.	1/28/2024 11:19 AM
14	The cost of the building was jaw dropping. The publicity for the building needed to justify why the cost was so much. Also, justification needed to included why some of the other municipal buildings could not be used to lower the cost.	1/26/2024 10:51 AM
15	Kennebunkport needs a new Town Hall. In my opinion, it should be a top priority.	1/25/2024 8:28 PM
16	Might suggest building a smaller building with a future phase 2. Could get a small modular building for fire department to house future staff when needed and continue to use the meeting room for town meetings	1/25/2024 7:03 PM
17	The plan was in best interest of the community	1/25/2024 5:49 PM
18	Better working conditions for the employees.	1/25/2024 5:21 PM
19	Costs will just go up	1/25/2024 4:07 PM
20	The Parcel is the perfect place for a new Town Hall. A few suggestions say to move it up to, or next to, or within the North St Fire Station. No no no. Where are all of the TH workers+ visitors, fire business + firefighters, town meetings, and seasonal tourists supposed to park?!	1/25/2024 3:57 PM
21	Need the space for growing community and better functioning of our town hall. Current building is too small for the towns needs.	1/25/2024 3:05 PM
22	I think the vote was short sighted. We desperately need a new town hall. The amount stated was the maximum that would have been spent. Tax increase would have been minimal. I was extremely disappointed with the results of the vote, and am sure the committee can tweak the current plan (which is fine) and make it more palatable to the residents who voted against it.	1/25/2024 2:57 PM

Q6 Additional comments:

Answered: 114 Skipped: 215

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	I am a property owner in Kennebunkport but not a Maine resident. I am Extremely offended that the Town would consider selling the McCabe pasture land by the school. It is a beautiful space, creates oxygen for our town and to get a few \$100k by selling the land is Offensive and Obnoxious. And it is beyond RIDICULOUS to suggest tht bitty lil K'Port needs an \$8M Town Hall!!!!	2/6/2024 9:30 PM
2	All energy saving sources should be applied to this construction: solar, Geo thermal and windows to protect bird life.	2/5/2024 7:49 AM
3	In my opinion: Why didn't it pass? Bottom line: too much money. And maybe spend additional time evaluating who in town hall needs what? and why? Office vs cubicle vs shared spaces vs meeting spaces. Will it we outgrown the building in 10 years? 20 years? Is it welcoming to the public?	2/4/2024 11:47 AM
4	Town residents are currently paying for a very expensive bond incurred for the town parcel. Pay that off before adding another multi-million dollar expense. If we want to make/keep Kport affordable for the less affluent, that has to include taxes, not just the cost of housing. Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback.	2/3/2024 11:00 AM
5	There has been considerable public input into how that parcel of land is to be used and there has been little or no input to use it as a location for a new town.	2/3/2024 10:13 AM
6	Consider the following : 1. Rezone the 5-acre area for the townhall to permit 4-story construction. 2. Build the 12,000 ft2 town hall on a single level without basement. 3. Construct affordable housing on three levels above the town hall ground level. 4. Include dining facilities for both townhall and affordable housing on site in the 4-story building. Site the building towards the interior of Kennebunkport, perhaps in undeveloped Farm & Forest area. 5. Solicit proposals from contractors for the whole building so that cost of townhall is largely borne by purchasers of affordable housing. Thank you.	2/3/2024 12:39 AM
7	I want to say thank you for the efforts to bring people along by having current town hall site visits, etc. I have faith that, despite the setback from town voters, a new design will be the best one in the long run, and with more of the town involved in making those decisions, it will be endorsed by voters. Keep the faith!	2/2/2024 4:22 PM
8	Save the town parcel for the next generation!	2/2/2024 4:07 PM
9	The current Town Hall is too small to sufficiently house the staff and needs of a growing town.	2/2/2024 1:26 PM
10	keep it in scale. We know that we need a town hall and we will be growing but it was just too expensive and we should NOT BE selling off land. We need to keep as much public land as possible before we are over run by Mac mansions and frankly quite ugly affordable housing which does not include enough storage so there's junk everywhere.	2/2/2024 12:03 PM
11	Just became a resident	2/2/2024 11:56 AM
12	We are a different town now. Whether you like the changes and growth or not, the reality of our community today demands an appropriate building to accommodate the running of the town. Some locations are appropriate being charming. Not the town hall.	2/2/2024 11:50 AM
13	The location selected is probably the best available. Unfortunately the town did not purchase the McCabe property on School St that President Bush used for landing helicopters when it was available. Would have been a perfect location.	2/2/2024 11:16 AM
14	And - I hope there will be funds for solar once bids are in. We need to not be cheapskates! Thank you for serving on this committee.	2/2/2024 11:06 AM
15	These meetings should be public! I would like to attend, and I'm sure other community members would too.	2/2/2024 10:40 AM

16	Meetings should be public!!! The lack of transparency was a big part of the problem the first time around.	2/2/2024 9:57 AM
17	I am very much in favor of building on the Village Parcel, and using the new town office as a stimulus for implementing the planning work that has already taken place - perhaps tweaked given that we will eventually lose some of Dock Square. We need a place to help build community for residents in this town.	2/2/2024 9:57 AM
18	Town leadership need to avoid its edifice complex. Use the underused Consolidated School for some Town hall functions.	2/2/2024 9:40 AM
19	We should have a green building that is energy efficient an attractive. But no need for high ceilings and big showy entry ways ect. I want people to have comfortable, efficient, private work spaces but it doesn't need to be a showplace.	2/2/2024 9:36 AM
20	Current town hall is too small, badly organized and has inadquate parking	2/2/2024 9:32 AM
21	Don't understand why we need a new Town Hall. I thought the current one works just fine?????	2/1/2024 8:59 PM
22	Make better use of the property we currently have. I don't want want to see another building left empty	2/1/2024 5:43 PM
23	I also felt that the new plan was being shoved down our throats as a fait accompli. I didn't like that.	2/1/2024 5:43 PM
24	I would like to preserve more open space in Kennebunkport.	2/1/2024 5:11 PM
25	Our quaint small town should be preserved. The town land should be held onto. We are loosing land to the elements so we should hold onto town land.	2/1/2024 2:50 PM
26	Want to see the new town committee meetings open to the public. Want to see options for offloading some of the office needs to current town office space.	2/1/2024 10:25 AM
27	Consider other sites for the building, including somewhere on Gravely Brook Rd or on some other interior KPT location. Help town expand to cheaper areas away from current town center.	2/1/2024 1:17 AM
28	Please continue to include alternative energy (likely solar) and climate change consider (Efficiency, no fossil fuels) in the design. It becomes more clear every day that we must do everything we can to reduce GHG emissions and this can be done in a fiscally responsible way. Also building costs are only going to increase so doing this sooner than later would benefit the town.	1/31/2024 7:09 AM
29	Solar should be included in the build. Arundel town hall was an eye opener.	1/30/2024 10:14 PM
30	I'd respectfully encourage the committee, and the select board, to stop thinking about ways to expand town government and start considering how to contract it.	1/30/2024 8:16 PM
31	I like what we have and where it is. We're a small attractive old town. A new big building isn't necessary or better.	1/30/2024 7:24 PM
32	Let's not make the Town Hall contingent on sales of different properties or town assets that may have other political alignments and implications. The town hall should be affordable within the scope and operating budgets of the town, moving forward, just like the Cape Porpoise project (standalone bond funding, if I recall correctly) and other fiscally responsible projects over the years.	1/30/2024 5:27 PM
33	Just stop spending on big ticket items the community doesn't need. This is a want not a need.	1/29/2024 4:59 PM
34	1) The current town hall could be reconfigured for much more efficient/effective use of space if it was gutted and redesigned, and it has ample parking (there are always spaces when I drive by daily) 2) Please remember that 74% of residents who responded to the Village Parcel survey want it to remain natural/not developed 3) We have several underused public spaces that can be used for meetings/voting including KCS, library, Rec building - we don't need another big hall 4) We don't need a "showpiece" town hall, as the architects described it 5) We don't need 16' wide "concourse," 12'x12' offices for every employee (which is larger than most offices), etc. The proposed town hall was massively overbuilt, even taking into consideration possible growth over next several decades. 6) Town hall employees said on tour that many file cabinets hold paper that needs to be digitized. Perhaps that should be prioritized and then taken into consideration re: space needs. 7) Please make sure this new process is very transparent and solicit resident feedback throughout process. Thank you.	1/29/2024 2:00 PM

35	I try to stay involved and would appreciate more transparency in the process. Please televise the meetings and let us see the discussions.	1/29/2024 1:50 PM
36	The people voted NO! Just accept it.	1/29/2024 11:02 AM
37	I feel the public should be allowed to attend these meetings (with or without comments), and I would like to see the minutes posted on the town website. Thank you	1/29/2024 8:57 AM
38	We are a small seasonal town and can easily access various locations of town services. We don't need to incur the debt of the proposed town hall.	1/28/2024 1:22 PM
39	We need to make sure we don't sacrifice things like green space and open fields that add to the quality of the town as a short term solution for town halls/ municipal needs that should be affordable within our budget limitations. Just like any other business.	1/28/2024 12:35 PM
40	I pay taxes on my summer home , and I feel that this project is more than what the town needs in order to perform their duties. This project is too much money . Let's get back to a more realistic approach to what we really need get this project moving forward.	1/28/2024 12:23 PM
41	Very concerned about the increase in real estate taxes for this project and others in the near future.	1/28/2024 12:07 PM
42	See above.	1/28/2024 11:19 AM
43	Stop wasting money. The town needs other things. For instance the erosion on Beachwood Ave, the need for sidewalk on Beachwood as most people want to walk and cannot do to the narrow road, bikes and horrible drivers	1/28/2024 11:00 AM
44	We don't need to sell property to build the town hall. That approach was overly and unnecessarily complicated.	1/28/2024 10:48 AM
45	I am a recently semi-retired property owner and nearly full-time resident of K'port (71 North St.), though it's not yet my domicile. I participated in last year's Citizens Academy and came away very impressed with the Town's officials and convinced that a new Town Hall is needed. However, and I say this very respectfully, I do not think that the North Street location is optimal. One of the key lessons of the "Blue Zones" series (offered this past fall at the Library) is the importance of open natural space in a community – for recreation (walking, jogging, cycling, birding, etc.), of course, but also for the peace and quiet that it offers. When I jog now in this area, I go to the Kennebunk beaches. When I bike ride now in K'port, with its narrow roads, only occasional bike lanes, and busy Dock Square, I feel vulnerable. Why not make the Village Parcel a dedicated recreational area with trails, a public garden, maybe a tree canopy walkway, etc.? Why add more traffic to an already heavily-trafficked street? Why disrupt the look and vibe of a pleasant country road (as you travel out of town) with one more municipal building, however well designed? Why should we feel compelled to "develop" an open space – undeveloped privately-owned land will almost inevitably be built on so don't we need to ensure that our limited undeveloped public lands remain open and natural? With only about 4,000 residents in almost 50 square miles, isn't there a better place for a new K'port town hall? Simply put, keeping the Parcel as open space will make a bold statement about who we are today and what we want for future generations.	1/28/2024 8:12 AM
46	Stop making efforts to lose or change the character of this town. People here used to be a single friendly community. You're making it separate communities based upon affluence all within the town.	1/28/2024 7:58 AM
47	Please don't raise our taxes any more. I'm all for selling land to private investors to offset the costs of new facilities.	1/27/2024 6:10 PM
48	Bonded indebtedness of village parcel should be paid off before town commits to another huge debt.	1/27/2024 2:34 PM
49	Although I voted yes it was with some reservation. Not having completed plans(re solar) was concerning. Having high ceiling in large meeting room didn't seem very energy efficient. Having said that I am very appreciative of all the work and planning that went into this- thank you to those who worked so hard on this.	1/26/2024 10:15 PM
50	I have never heard an explanation as to why the current town hall didn't expand into the vacated fire station when the new fire station was built on North Street. The current location is ideal because so many can walk to it.	1/26/2024 8:04 PM

51	The price seemed ridiculously high, not just a little high.	1/26/2024 5:13 PM
52	I believe the work environment is changing. People especially if given the choice would rather work from home or part time even. If working remote was look into more deeply by the town there would be no need for enlarging our town offices. Truly solves all the problems. Perhaps a proposal for money to freshen up the existing town office if really needed. Take a poll, people love to work remote and all tax payers benefit. Thanks	1/26/2024 4:51 PM
53	Plus found no information on the increased cost of utilities and maintenance for the building vs the existing building	1/26/2024 3:54 PM
54	Thanks for the opportunity to proved input. I hope the new committee brings a more acceptable plan forward for consideration.	1/26/2024 3:48 PM
55	The town officials must take seriously the concerns of citizens around flooding and threats to town and personal property. The businesses in town, private homeowners can only repair and rebuild so many times. Let's address the big issues	1/26/2024 3:30 PM
56	I'm very distressed that this did not pass in November and feel strongly that for the next vote we need to do more to build a group of supporters who can help extend the communications and outreach efforts for the town. The opposed group was better organized, but I don't believe they truly represent the majority. Hopefully this time it can be managed like a "campaign" prepared to counter misinformation and rally supporters. The focus should be on whether we need this or not (and the realities of cost to meet future needs), without getting too sidetracked by squabbles over location, size, layout, etc. I think fewer voters felt we don't need one at all. But hopefully more will understand that getting a new town hall may not mean they'll get everything they want with the project. It requires trust that the committee and our leaders are working hard to balance cost with needs in everyone's best interest. Some folks will never believe that no matter how hard you try to education them, so the task will be to energize the many more voters who do understand the challenges, respect the process, and will support the next plan. Fingers crossed!	1/26/2024 3:16 PM
57	We should have seen the town hall process in a televised meeting. Introducing chat to a televised meeting would be a good way to get real-time feedback without interrupting the meeting. The Board should not be giving weekly updates to us, sharing what they want to share. We should see for ourselves.	1/26/2024 2:32 PM
58	As a Kennebunkport resident, it is appalling to see the obvious manipulation at play here. Clearly the board is unhappy with the vote, so they are bringing this up again to force the issue so they can have nice new shiny offices and furniture at the town's expense. I would be happy to vote yes on a spending bill that would provide actual utility to the town, but not something whose sole purpose is to stroke the ego of an entitled very few people.	1/26/2024 2:32 PM
59	Alternative power sources (i.e. solar) need to be drawn into the design and priced from the very beginning. Promising it will be part of the building wasn't good enough. I also do NOT think we need to sell properties in order to build a town hall. Those two topics should have been kept completely separate from each other.	1/26/2024 2:06 PM
60	The committee is awesome and did great work	1/26/2024 1:18 PM
61	I don't agree with the impact on real estate taxes from the original land purchase and subsequent construction of a new town hall. Work to modernize the existing space and use technology to optimize storage.	1/26/2024 12:57 PM
62	See above - front desk people need to be more friendly.	1/26/2024 12:54 PM
63	See above	1/26/2024 12:06 PM
64	The price was way too high for our little town. We don't have that many full time residents. We don't need a fancy big building. But we do need a new building.	1/26/2024 11:48 AM
65	It is important that the McCabe parcel be used as the donor intended - as an open space for the benefit of the community. Not sure how the town hall project meets those donor's wishes	1/26/2024 11:35 AM
66	Thank you for your work on this project.	1/26/2024 11:08 AM
67	Open spaces of nature need to be preserved like the school st land next to soccer field. A sale of this should not be used to pay for a new town hall, once gone we can not get that space back!	1/26/2024 10:05 AM

68	Rising water is the most pressing problem for the town. We are going to lose a lot of land. We need to plan for it first and foremost. Businesses, homes, infrastructure.	1/26/2024 10:02 AM
69	Do not rush the vote. Take time to educate the community. This will need various approaches. Do not sell the McCabe property. The town needs a new Townhall, you just need to do a better job of convincing us that that is the case. I think if people understood the process that you have gone through, they would actually pay the higher price.	1/26/2024 9:43 AM
70	Please consider using the McCabe property for the new town hall or at least make the McCabe property for recreational use (like a KBK Waterhouse) and NOT commercial or residential use.	1/26/2024 9:38 AM
71	You need to communicate more information to residents. A mailing may be necessary to let them know the needs of the town and, most important, it won't add to their tax bill.	1/26/2024 9:08 AM
72	Thanks for sending this out!	1/26/2024 8:46 AM
73	You hit voters with a \$10m village parcel purchase followed by another \$8m new town hall!! And may there be other major investments needed from climate change? We taxpayers need to see the whole picture	1/26/2024 8:44 AM
74	Would like to see an option to remodel the existing town hall vs building a brand new one. Would like to see a run down of how many offices are actually needed. Open concept and shared spaces are more efficient and dynamic. Understood there should be "huddle" rooms for private conversations with employees or residents but It's an artifact of the past if everyone needs their own office. Makes team more connected too. Definitely keep dedicated spaces for registration and code but don't think we need as many as we do now. When I go in we have three bays and no one is in there. Not understanding the comments of how the town hall is "outgrowing" it's current space.	1/26/2024 8:30 AM
75	Like most things in this town nowadays, it was pushed through quickly without enough resident participation (beyond the typical barkers). The town is consistently focused on the wrong endeavors.	1/26/2024 7:42 AM
76	I have been in the town hall recently. It is evident that they have outgrown the space due to the number of employees being cramped into small, shared workspaces.	1/26/2024 6:54 AM
77	Is there an opportunity to utilize a school for larger meeting space for board or committee meetings with town citizens vs. building space in the new town hall.	1/25/2024 11:34 PM
78	We shouldn't sell property that can better serve the community as open space and recreational land .	1/25/2024 10:50 PM
79	People I talked to compared the cost of the KPT town hall to the cost of the new Arundel Town Hall.	1/25/2024 10:01 PM
80	While I'm supportive of the location, I know other residents who support a new town hall but are concerned about the town being responsible for the development of the Village Parcel	1/25/2024 9:45 PM
81	Build the new one on the current site on Elm st and make it look like the old school house that was there.	1/25/2024 9:15 PM
82	I also voted no because of the lack of input from the public. I believe going forward that we should have the meeting noticed with official minutes taken and published. Thank you!	1/25/2024 8:59 PM
83	Consider the following : 1. Reduce size of basic office to 10'x10'. Overall building size should decrease, and may require reconfiguration. 2. Eliminate / reduce width of central hall, which takes space & will facilitate loitering. Reconfiguration may be required. 3. Consider placing building on property closer to town boundary line near Arundel. Instead of assigning foreclosed property to KHHT, assign such property to Town Hall. Eminent Domain could apply. Thank you.	1/25/2024 8:10 PM
84	We need low income housing for seniors and families on section 8 housing. Disgraceful that our snobby, nimby town pushes out working poor and elderly poor people. Poor people need to be housed first then worry about working class families being housed on every piece of land the town owns next. Then talk to me about a town hall.	1/25/2024 8:04 PM
85	I believe that many people were not convinced that all other Town properties were identified, considered, thoroughly explored and why they were rejected by the Town. Which is not to say, this is true. Perhaps a succinct comparison of the pros and cons of each option (cost) would be helpful. It would have been helpful to explore and identify other funding opportunities	1/25/2024 7:36 PM

(fundraising and donations, grants?, energy efficiencies/production) prior to voting that could further reduce the cost of the Town Office.

86	STOP spending our tax dollars for your trophies. We do not need a new town hall, put a second floor on the hall we have. We do not need any more parking spaces either. Get some exercise and take a nice walk from downtown or the North St lot. It will be good for you! Some of the folks in town hall could probably be remote like everyone else in the world and files are all electronic now so no need for any storage space. NO NEW TOWN HALL	1/25/2024 6:34 PM
87	Although I voted in support of a new town hall, I do agree with some of the residents that opposed the project for the reason that the proposed plan was too costly.	1/25/2024 5:20 PM
88	Unfortunately, I was unable to vote for a new town hall last November because I came down with Covid two days before the voting date and was quarantined for 10 days.	1/25/2024 5:08 PM
89	I'm concerned that many of the folks who voted against were being penny wise and pound foolish. While the dollar amount originally proposed was not a small number, it seemed to me that the incremental tax burden was minimal and that what was proposed was not exorbitant. As one Selectperson put it, "it's not a Taj Mahal". The location and use of part of the village parcel makes excellent sense for a number of reasons - particularly in the long run. A starter use of the parcel for the town hall could also pave the way for further use as affordable housing. I would hope that the second run a this will be something not far from the original. the parking spaces and meeting room were especially needed features.	1/25/2024 5:07 PM
90	The working class community is tightening their belts due to the high cost of everything. The town should too.	1/25/2024 5:02 PM
91	How is the old fire station section being utilized?	1/25/2024 4:42 PM
92	PRICE TAG STILL TOO HIGH	1/25/2024 4:33 PM
93	It will take a lot of time to build this therefore we should start construction as soon as possible.	1/25/2024 4:31 PM
94	I believe strongly that we must engage in climate change remediation now...if funds for the new town hall must be diverted to these efforts, we need to do so	1/25/2024 4:28 PM
95	Stop spending.	1/25/2024 4:23 PM
96	The cost was simply too much and the building far too large for a town of less than 2,000 people. Additionally, the building should be net zero.	1/25/2024 4:18 PM
97	You spent 10 million \$ on land with VERY few peoples input. Wrong from the start! Then you propose exactly what you want not what we the taxpayers want. We are tired of you spending our money like a drunken sailor! Put a second floor on our charming town hall and in this day and age, we know not everyone need a huge office. Lots of people in town hall could probably work remote at home! As for no storage, that's a bunch of bologna, everything is on the computer stored in files so you DO NOT need more storage space. Meetings can be held at North Street as well as housing firefighters if it's true that they will be full time like you say they will be! You made a big error Laurie, you are NOT a real estate developer and never should have purchased that land to begin with. Leave it untouched for the people of our town to enjoy nature thru hiking and biking. Bottom line is don't be a pig, you do not need a big fat office for yourself!	1/25/2024 4:18 PM
98	I voted yes, reluctantly, because I do think think that town employees deserve sufficient space to do their jobs. I understand that the current location doesn't meet the town's needs and that because of structural reasons cannot be expanded. Neighbors have mentioned that we pay enough in taxes and that they don't want to pay more to fund a new building -- and I'm inclined to agree. I also felt the proposed building wasn't in line with the town's character, and wasn't sure that the location, and removal of green space, wasn't the right site either. Would recommend driving more education/awareness about the current location's shortcomings to the public, and also thinking creatively about solutions - for example, are there existing buildings in town that could be repurposed or retrofitted? could some departments work in another location nearby? could some employees work remotely on certain days?	1/25/2024 4:12 PM
99	Thank you to those who have put time and effort into this up to this point	1/25/2024 4:07 PM
100	I did think the proposed selling price for the present location was low considering the value of properties now in town	1/25/2024 4:03 PM

101	As we invest in our town, we need to balance the need for green space and buffer with building new municipal assets. Green space and balance was once important to the town, but now comes across as a political convenience to sell properties (current green space) to fund a project that the town couldn't really afford. We should build a town hall that we can afford within our current budgets and fiscal projections, not through contingencies.	1/25/2024 4:00 PM
102	Distressed that taxpayers are carrying the debt of \$13 million on the purchase of village parcel and that public sentiment now seems to be to not develop that land. Perhaps there is a buyer willing to relieve taxpayers of this burden.	1/25/2024 3:59 PM
103	I will never vote for a new town hall if it is over a \$2,000,000 cost. EVER. The current town office is ok with some update.	1/25/2024 3:48 PM
104	Though I voted, Yes, I believe the building was too expensive. I agreed with selling other properties, but other things need to be done, so as not to burden the taxpayer.	1/25/2024 3:44 PM
105	There is not need for a new town office. Redesign the current, add a second floor. Our Police Department has been under staffed for years. Our sewer plant is out dated. The public works department has been scabbing trucks together. The money should be spent to improve buildings that already exist.	1/25/2024 3:42 PM
106	what will the full costs of resiliency projects be? what other infracture must be improved. give us a full picture of that before we consider optional projects like town hall.	1/25/2024 3:37 PM
107	I would like to see a more transparent process- felt blind sided by announcement in June that we'd be voting on a plan in November. Hope to see minutes of subcommittee meetings available for public.	1/25/2024 3:14 PM
108	The meetings for the current committee should be noticed and open to the public, minutes should be published and available In the town website.	1/25/2024 3:13 PM
109	See comments contained within #4 above.	1/25/2024 3:01 PM
110	Select board and Town Manager should avoid an edifice complex. Finish the pier work first.	1/25/2024 2:58 PM
111	I am a part time resident but do not vote in Kport. The old town hall is demonstrably too small for all the work and personnel who have town hall offices. The new plan seemed appropriate for the current staff and had room for additional expansion which will certainly be needed at some point. I was aghast at the votes against the new building and will be curious to hear what full time residents object to.	1/25/2024 2:49 PM
112	I knew nothing of the proposed new town hall. I would be happy to consider and vote accordingly if afforded more information. I'm on the mailing list for the town which is my primary way I get my info, but didn't see anything come through along these lines.	1/25/2024 2:49 PM
113	I have a seasonal home in Kennebunkport. I would like to see a new town hall but cost and accessibility to the building(ie parking etc) is important.	1/25/2024 2:40 PM
114	The people have voted on this issue. Stop wasting tax dollars forming committees to convince us otherwise. We already told you we don't want it. Respect the votes of the community!	1/25/2024 2:40 PM