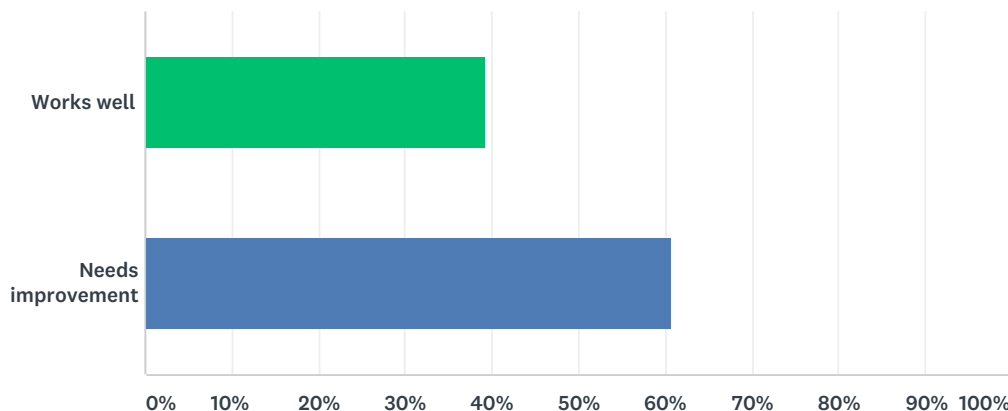


Q1 Article I: Incorporation, Form of Government and Powers: The form of government includes a Representative Town Meeting, Selectmen, and Town Manager. The powers of the Town of Falmouth under the Charter shall be construed liberally in its favor.

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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Works well	39.39% 13
Needs improvement	60.61% 20
TOTAL	33

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	lots of people have commented that town meeting needs to get younger, and that old members stay too long.	12/1/2018 7:23 AM
2	Too much of the business of the town is left to volunteer committees and boards. Though devoted, these people often have no expertise in the field in which they are making huge and important decisions. Also, the limited time they can devote to each issue is often inadequate. Open meeting laws, short meetings, and limited time these volunteers have, make it difficult to have meaningful discussions about issues. Too often we have seen boards, especially Selectmen, Respond to and make policy based on a handful of squeaky wheels, rather than what is best for the whole town. They often shy away from making decisions, probably because they need to worry about being reelected or reappointed.	12/1/2018 4:50 AM
3	TIME FOR A CHANGE , TIME FOR A FULL TIME ELECTED MAYOR , TOWN MANAGER WORKS FOR THE SELECT PERSON'S , NOT THE PEOPLE , TIME FOR ELECTED CITY COUNCIL ONE FOR EACH VILLAGE SO UNLIKE NOW EACH VILLAGE HAS A VOICE , AND IF THEY DON'T REPRESENT WHAT THIER DISTRIC WANTS THEY CAN BE REPLACED.	11/28/2018 9:07 PM
4	Get Rid of overpaid Town manager and no Town Meeting Members, all residents should vote	11/28/2018 4:06 PM
5	I believe we should require that a town manager must live full time in town. If one person has the ability to make important decisions about the town, he/she should reside here.	11/28/2018 3:08 AM
6	What is the population requirement for mayoral representation? Our existing Selectman system allows for far too much buck passing and finger pointing.	11/26/2018 1:38 PM
7	The responsibilities of the various entities needs to be better defined. The Town Manager in particular needs to be evaluated on a work plan that includes effectiveness of the various town departments.	11/26/2018 10:31 AM
8	Elaborate construed liberally (what it means) - maybe??	11/20/2018 5:47 PM

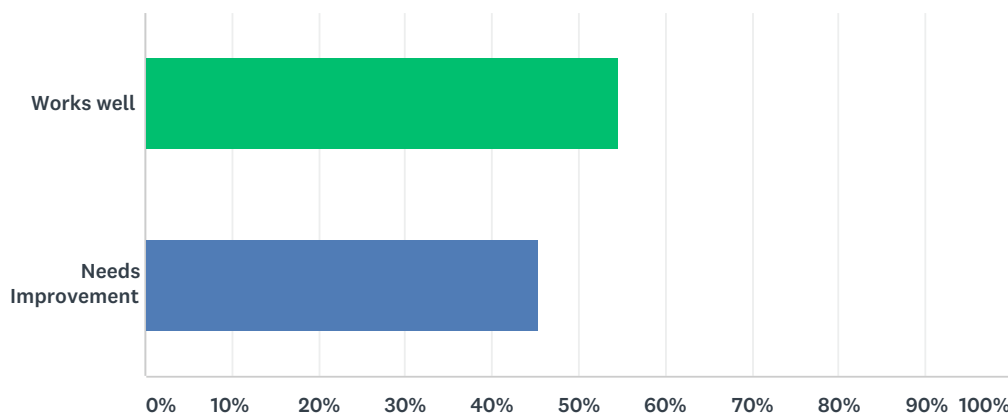
9	Mayor and town council needed to speed up processes and hold ineffective parties accountable	11/13/2018 8:03 PM
10	It is time to move towards a mayoral form of government. We are to large a town to continue wexurrently do. Also having volunteers who put in numerous hours serving our town limits who can serve to retirees or those who can make their own hours and I think we are overworking them.	11/13/2018 8:02 PM
11	I support the existing form of government.	11/10/2018 1:19 PM

Q2 Article II: Representative Town Meeting: The Representative Town Meeting: Town Meeting shall exercise all legislative powers of the town.

Town Meeting members are elected by Town ballot for 3-year overlapping terms from equal contiguous precincts with the total number fixed by special legislation. Capped by charter at 252 members, the town currently has 243 Town Meeting members, 27 from each of 9 precincts.

Two Town Meetings are held annually: in the spring to act on financial and other matters and in the fall. Attendance records of Town Meeting members are posted as a public record. Vacancies are managed by the Town Clerk, as are excused absences. The Moderator presides over Town Meeting and is elected by Town ballot. The Moderator shall appoint ad hoc or temporary committees of Town Meeting and also a standing Rules and Procedures Committee to make appropriate recommendations to Town Meeting, including on voting procedures. The Town Clerk's role at Town Meeting as well as the Watchman of the Warrant's role are defined.

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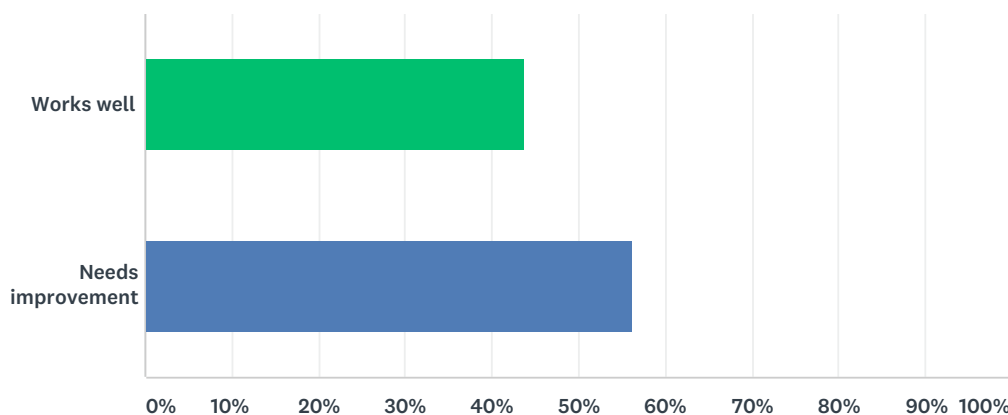
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Works well	54.55% 18
Needs Improvement	45.45% 15
TOTAL	33

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	maybe town meeting members could better represent the youth that we export	12/1/2018 7:23 AM
2	While the idea of town meeting works well, we need to encourage younger people to run for seats as the current median age of town meeting members is about 70. I don't think that accurately represents the younger demographic of the town.	11/28/2018 3:08 AM

3	We need a way for precincts residents to interact with their elected representatives as part of this process. Right now precinct meetings seem to be a way for precinct members to learn about and ask questions about the warrant. We need another or an expanded format for intra precinct communication.	11/27/2018 9:34 PM
4	Voice vote and show of hands is antiquated and has no accountability. This should be computerized so that we know how our town meeting members have voted.	11/26/2018 1:38 PM
5	Many town meeting members come unprepared. Articles are often poorly explained by staff and sponsors.	11/26/2018 10:31 AM
6	Too big, meets too infrequently, progress is too slow, general tenor is too abrasive, moderator exerts too much of his partisan views into the debate.	11/13/2018 8:03 PM
7	Again I think we have outgrown this small town form of government.	11/13/2018 8:02 PM

Q3 Article III: Board of Selectmen: Five elected Selectmen hold three-year overlapping terms and receive minimal compensation set by Town Meeting. Board serves as the chief executive goal-setting and policy-making board of the town; and appoints Town Manager and other town officers and town boards.

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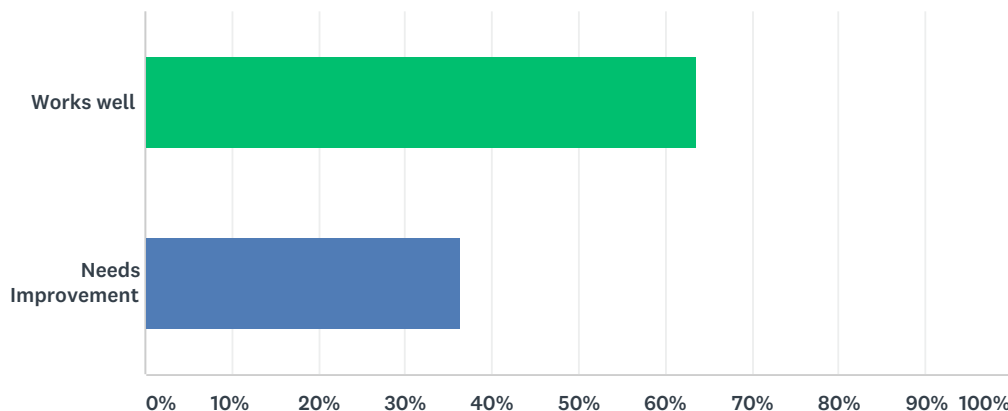


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Works well	43.75% 14
Needs improvement	56.25% 18
TOTAL	32

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	See my comments from #1. I have seen little appetite to go against the wishes of town manager or town employees. That's loyalty or unwillingness to rock the boat sometimes flies in the face of good evidence and good decisions .	12/1/2018 4:50 AM
2	I am unhappy with the current BOS and think that the chairman has acted unethically and in the best interest of herself and not the town.	11/28/2018 3:08 AM
3	Town Manager position is laughable over recent years. If a mayor isn't possible then this should be a fully elected position.	11/26/2018 1:38 PM
4	Provides little or no oversight of day to day operations.	11/26/2018 10:31 AM
5	Go with a mayor and town council	11/13/2018 8:03 PM
6	They should be paid as full time or else we need to go to a mayoral form of government. This expectation on volunteers is unreasonable.	11/13/2018 8:02 PM

Q4 Article IV: Other Elected Town Boards and Officers: Boards and officers elected at annual town election are: School Committee (9), Library Trustees (7), Planning Board (7), Housing Authority (four of five, with one appointed by State), Town Moderator, and Town Clerk.

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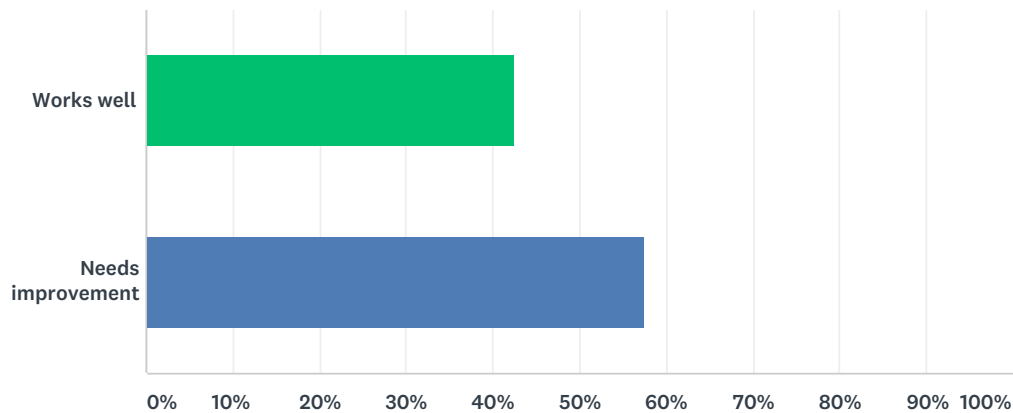


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Works well	63.64%	21
Needs Improvement	36.36%	12
TOTAL		33

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	See comments from question 1	12/1/2018 4:50 AM
2	Value of elected boards should be fully publicly vetted - does the electoral process allow for a better performing board or committee in each instance. Is there a need for Library Trustees (what do they add to a professionally managed library). Difficult to determine how some boards are performing unless there is a crisis or controversy.	11/26/2018 10:31 AM
3	Kudos to our town moderator and town clerk who do an admirable job on our behalf.	11/13/2018 8:02 PM
4	The school committee should be reduced in size to 5 or 7 members.	11/10/2018 1:19 PM
5	Library trustees probably don't need to be elected at the town election. Could be appointed by town meeting or BOS.	11/9/2018 3:10 PM

Q5 Article V: Town Manager: The Manager serves as chief administrative officer of the town, responsible for administering and coordinating all employees, activities, and departments under his control. The Manager shall implement the goals and carry out the policies of the Board of Selectmen.

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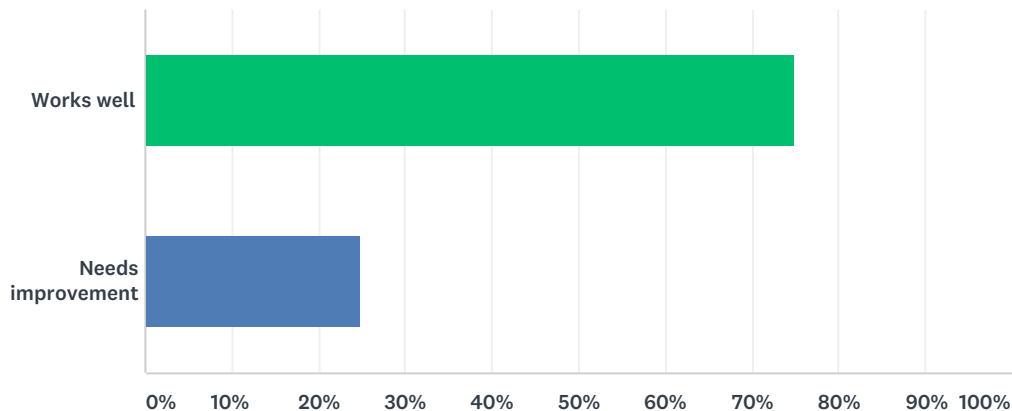


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Works well	42.42%	14
Needs improvement	57.58%	19
TOTAL		33

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Remove and up date with Mayor and City Council. Both elected	11/28/2018 9:07 PM
2	It is very dependent on the person in the position. Currently he and the office are not functioning well.	11/28/2018 7:58 PM
3	We absolutely need to change this. The position has too much power overall and is not an elected position.	11/28/2018 7:50 PM
4	He has too much power	11/28/2018 4:06 PM
5	As mentioned previously, a town manager should be required to live here full time.	11/28/2018 3:08 AM
6	It seems like the Town Manager is doing a fine job. There may be another place for this but the Town needs a good Communications person to let people know what is happening in Town Hall and working our Town Government. Information transfer happens in so many new forms and articles in the weekly local paper are informative but limited and not timely.	11/27/2018 9:34 PM
7	Improved communication	11/27/2018 8:27 PM
8	Reasons above, plus this job is way too overpaid for a mere overseer responsibility.	11/26/2018 1:38 PM
9	No accountability for departments answering to the town manager.	11/26/2018 10:31 AM
10	Scrap it for a mayor	11/13/2018 8:03 PM
11	Move to mayoral form of government.	11/13/2018 8:02 PM

Q6 Article VI: Citizen Participation: Town elections are non-partisan, with dates established by by-law. Citizen initiatives are special Town Meetings, petitioners' warrant articles, referenda and recall.

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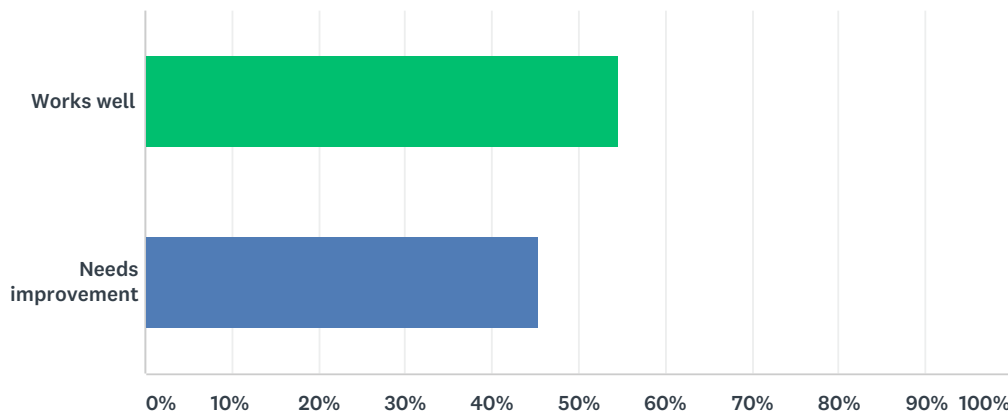


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Works well	75.00%	24
Needs improvement	25.00%	8
TOTAL		32

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	More Citizen's Academy meeting and maybe a webinar or online format. The process of how to put an article together and which departments or committees should be contacted would help prevent petitioners articles that are not coordinated with or aware of existing efforts. It wastes a lot of time at Town Meeting to no good effect.	11/27/2018 9:34 PM
2	Awful. Citizen participation is often discouraged and greatly limited. When used they are asked to take on responsibility without authority, untenable.	11/26/2018 1:38 PM
3	Petitioner articles need better vetting process - almost always not in the public interest.	11/26/2018 10:31 AM
4	Last sentence needs to be clarified. Grammar? Citizens can initiate special Town Meeting; petitioners' warrant articles; referenda and recall.	11/20/2018 5:47 PM
5	Town meeting moderator has a huge conflict of interest and should be forced to resign	11/13/2018 8:03 PM
6	Increase the number of signatures required for a petitioner's article to 25. This should help reduce non-serious articles.	11/10/2018 1:19 PM

Q7 Article VII: Appointed Town Boards: Numerous Boards and committees appointed by the Board of Selectmen include: Assessors (3), Conservation Commission (7), Board of Health (5), Council on Aging (9), Historical Commission (7), Recreation Committee (7), Waterways (7), Beach Committee (5), Human Services Committee (9), Zoning Board of Appeals (5). Term limits apply.

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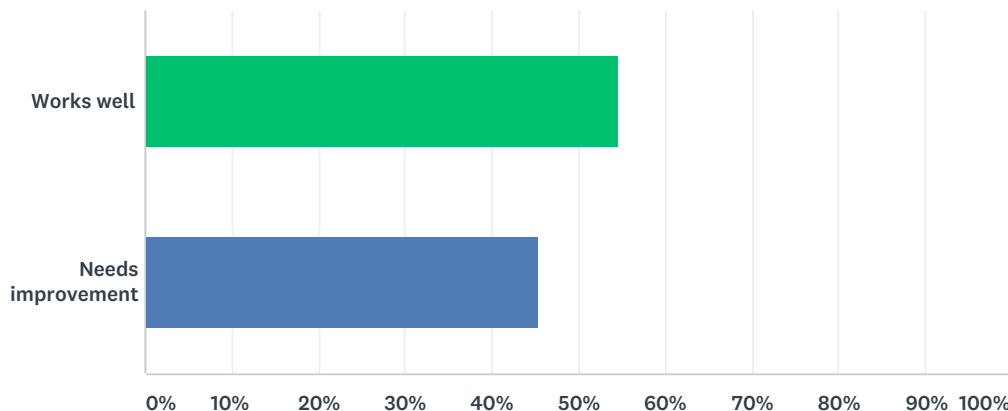


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Works well	54.55% 18
Needs improvement	45.45% 15
TOTAL	33

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Ken Foreman has an agenda. That is a zoning problem!	12/1/2018 7:23 AM
2	In addition to my comments in question one, too often I have seen these boards be out right hostile to citizens coming before them. The conservation commission is particularly guilty of this. The process for being interviewed and appointed, as volunteers, can also be hostile and intimidating. I don't understand this attitude, except as petty people wielding their small amount of power. It is not conducive either to citizen participation on these committees, as evidenced by the number of vacancies often difficult to fill, or for citizens needing to come before these boards.	12/1/2018 4:50 AM
3	Selectmen appoint according to their own agenda	11/28/2018 4:06 PM
4	Hey, you forgot the Agricultural Commission 😊 Can we rethink Term Limits in situations where committee seats aren't filled.	11/27/2018 9:34 PM
5	For certain committees membership is limited.	11/27/2018 6:41 PM
6	Used as an excuse not to make necessary decisions in a timely manner. If citizens are burdened with these decisions what purpose is our representative government serving? Ask for guidance yes. Expect the boards, councils, etc. to do their work and make their tough decisions - humbug.	11/26/2018 1:38 PM
7	Selectmen should issue report cards on various boards - are they doing job. Enterprise recently reported on how ZBA not doing its job, planning board does no planning, recreation fields in terrible condition (as found by town meeting) etc.	11/26/2018 10:31 AM
8	We need to do more to engage people to join committees including perhaps offering benefits to these volunteers. If we can't find new ppl the term limits need to go. Hard to fill positions	11/13/2018 8:02 PM

Q8 Article VIII: Financial Provisions and Procedures: A Finance Committee (15) established by by-law (currently nominated by Moderator and elected by Town Meeting) reviews the annual budget submitted by Town Manager and Board of Selectmen and recommendations to Town Meeting. Town Manager develops and annually revises a long-range general financial plan and prepares a five-year capital improvement plan.

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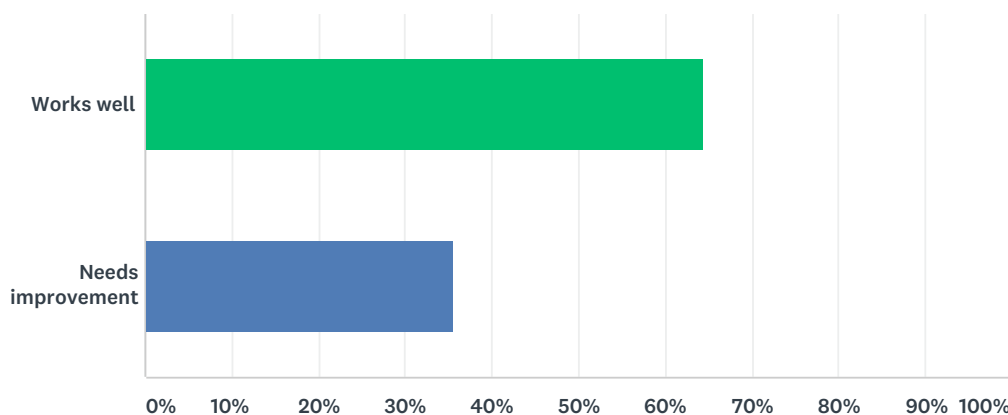


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Works well	54.55% 18
Needs improvement	45.45% 15
TOTAL	33

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Try reducing the budget	12/1/2018 7:23 AM
2	No followup by our town officials regarding budgeted actions. Selectman arbitrarily attend to or don't attend to a wide variety of issues at their own discretion? Why then budget items if the Selectmen can shift funds and ignore agreed upon actions?	11/26/2018 1:38 PM
3	We still don't plan for know expenses e.g. police cruisers, dpw equipment, fire engines - need better use of reserves and less on borrowing.	11/26/2018 10:31 AM
4	The committee has been hijacked by the town manager and his finance director	11/13/2018 8:03 PM
5	Our finance committee works very well. Serious and smart Committee	11/13/2018 8:02 PM
6	Reduce the number of members to 9. It has been too difficult to find qualified and motivated members.	11/10/2018 1:19 PM

Q9 Article IX: General and Transitional Provisions: At least every seven (7) years, the Board of Selectmen shall appoint a Charter Review Committee for the purpose of recommending changes to the Charter, based on suggestions from the public and town officials. Complaint process about Charter violations is defined.

Answered: 31 Skipped: 2



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Works well	64.52% 20
Needs improvement	35.48% 11
TOTAL	31

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	The charter should mandate less cars on roads, and no Vineyard cars can come over the bridge to park in Falmouth	12/1/2018 7:23 AM
2	I don't know	12/1/2018 4:50 AM
3	OK	11/26/2018 1:38 PM
4	We shall see.	11/26/2018 10:31 AM
5	Changes need to actually happen this time	11/13/2018 8:03 PM
6	Not sure	11/13/2018 8:02 PM
7	It is very important for communities to keep long-range strategic visioning in mind. The CRC forming every 7 years is a key way of ensuring constant feedback on how government is working, not just waiting for a problem like in many towns.	11/9/2018 3:10 PM