



Town of Concord - Annual Town Meeting Feedback

Please share your opinions and ideas about your experience of 2024 Annual Town Meeting. Your responses to the questions below, and any additional comments, will be valuable to future Town Meeting planning. Survey is also available online at the link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/24ConcordATM>.

1. Which nights of this year's Town Meeting have you attended so far? Please select all that apply

- a) Monday, April 29, 2024
- b) Tuesday, April 30, 2024
- c) Wednesday, May 1, 2024 *Special Town Meeting

Thank you for attending Town Meeting. The next questions are to help Town Meeting planners understand factors affecting participation in Town Meeting

2. What motivated you to attend Town Meeting this year?

- a) I always try to attend Town Meeting.
- b) I had the time this year.
- c) There were specific Articles this year that I wanted to vote on.
- d) Other:

3. What typically works against your attending Town Meeting? Please select all that apply for you.

- a) Town Meeting is scheduled at an awkward time for me.
- b) Town Meeting is too long.
- c) It's difficult for me to attend in person.
- d) It takes away from family time.
- e) I am usually too busy or have conflicts.
- f) I don't enjoy attending
- g) I don't usually have a strong opinion about any of the Warrant Articles.
- h) I tend to agree with how the majority tends to decide.
- i) None of the above. I am typically able to prioritize and attend Town Meeting.
- j) Other:

The next questions are to help us understand the impact of the deliberative process of Town Meeting.

4. How did the presentations and discussion at Town Meeting affect decisions you made about Articles?

- a) For the most part, I knew how I would vote before Town Meeting.
- b) For the most part, I hadn't really thought about how I would vote until I was actually at Town Meeting.
- c) On some Articles, I was undecided, and I wanted to hear the different arguments.
- d) On some Articles, I'd thought I was going to vote one way, and I changed my mind during Town Meeting.
- e) Other:

5. If there was an Article that was a difficult decision for you, what helped you decide?

6. How valuable was it for you to hear opposing perspectives on some Articles at Town Meeting?

- a) Not very valuable. I could have done without it.
- b) Somewhat valuable. There were some good points I hadn't considered.
- c) Very valuable. I don't think I would have understood how to vote without it.

The next questions are intended to help us understand how participants get informed on the issues before the Town.

7. How much of what you heard or read at this year's Town Meeting was new to you?

- a) A lot of it was new to me.
- b) Some was known but there were also some real surprises.
- c) Not that much was new; for the most part it was similar to previous years.
- d) Very little was new to me; I was able to get informed beforehand.

8. Prior to Town Meeting, which information sources did you use to get educated on issues before the Town on the Warrant? How valuable were they for you?

	<i>Essential</i>	<i>Useful</i>	<i>Not Helpful</i>	<i>Didn't use</i>
a) The Warrant for Annual Town Meeting				
b) Attending or watching recordings of Pre-Town Meeting hearings (e.g., Select Board, Finance Committee, School Committee)				
c) Attending or watching recordings other forums (e.g., League of Women Voters)				
d) Articles in the Concord Bridge				
e) Editorials in the Concord Bridge				
f) Town News & Notices service				
g) Town Website				
h) Town Facebook				
i) Town Twitter				
j) Flyers posted in public locations (Townhouse, Libraries, Beede Center, etc.)				
k) Other mailings, handouts, or emails from Article advocates or opponents.				
l) Friends and Neighbors				
m) Other source(s):				

9. Any additional comments or suggestions for making Town Meeting more effective and engaging?



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