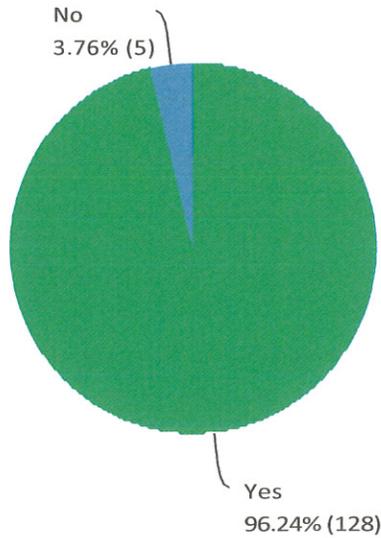


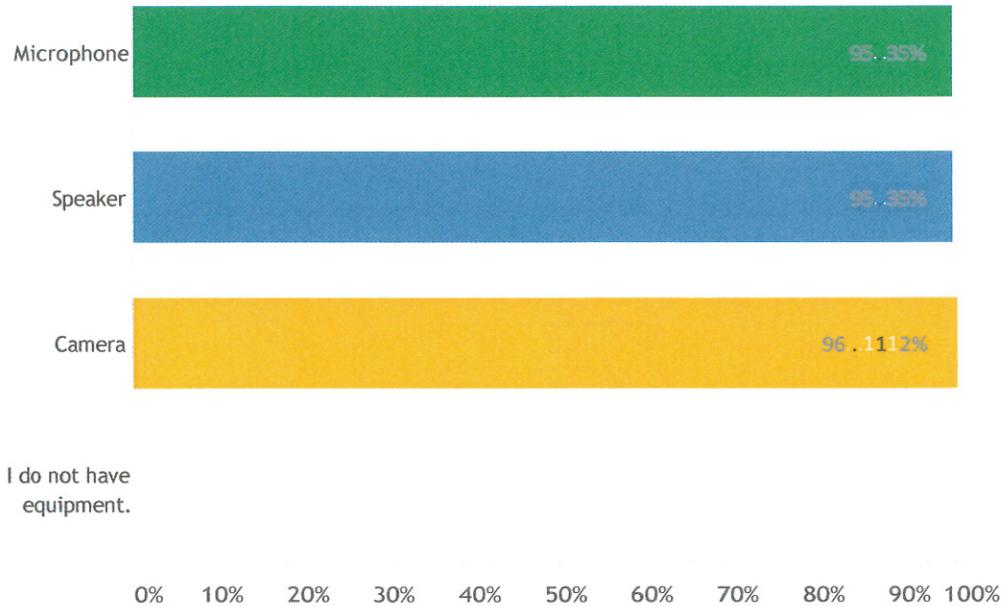
Q1 Do you have access to functional equipment (computer, laptop, tablet, or smartphone) that would enable you to participate in an online meeting?

Answered: 133 Skipped: 0



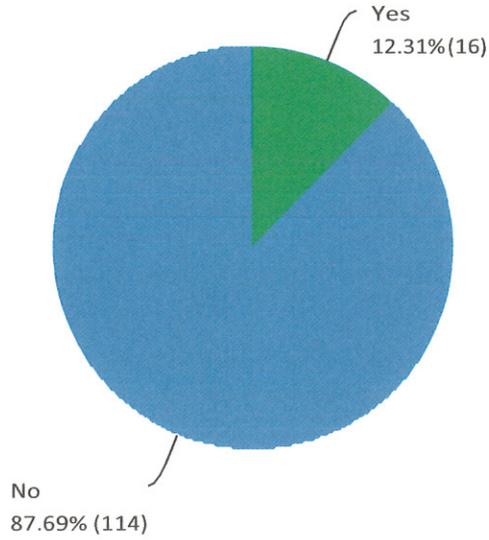
Q2 Does your equipment have the following hardware? Check all that apply.

Answered: 129 Skipped: 4



Q3 Are there any technological issues that might prevent you from being an active voting member of an online RTM?

Answered: 130 Skipped: 3



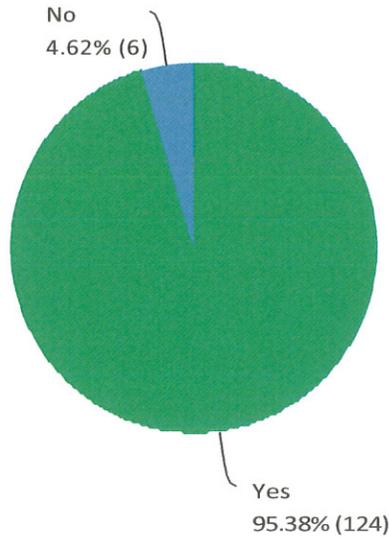
Q4 If yes, please specify what those issues may be so we can determine if the Town can help you overcome this particular hurdle. If no, please proceed to question 5.

Answered: 21 Skipped: 112

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Old computer, marginal video chat performance with one on one chat.	7/17/2020 8:26 AM
2	Equipment and skills	7/15/2020 10:54 AM
3	Older , unupdated technology , limited experience using it , but willing to work with this.	7/14/2020 12:57 PM
4	Not familiar with this means of communicating	7/13/2020 8:55 PM
5	I don't own a computer.	7/13/2020 3:12 PM
6	Gotomeeting had been slow and glitchy and freezes and my camera image is upside down; Zoom has none of these problems for me except at times it's briefly slow. Also, the audio is somewhat quite and when I have headphones in the microphone doesn't work.	7/13/2020 11:59 AM
7	My computer sound is poor	7/13/2020 10:46 AM
8	N/A	7/11/2020 1:08 PM
9	My web access is at times "unstable". That is the word in the message that at times pops up during a Zoom meeting. So far, "stability" is restored after a half or whole minute or two. Other participants are able to tell that I have lost the thread to the meeting and someone is kind enough to tell me what I missed. These are small group meetings so I don't know how it would work in a large meeting such as RTM. I'm willing to try.	7/11/2020 11:49 AM
10	No	7/10/2020 8:08 PM
11	no issues	7/10/2020 6:51 PM
12	maybe slow internet connection	7/10/2020 5:33 PM
13	Computer ignorant.	7/10/2020 2:47 PM
14	I don't have a computer or smartphone that would be used in a virtual RTM.	7/10/2020 2:06 PM
15	zoom/go to meeting/other forums occasionally, calls drop/kick members off/crash and then they miss out on listening and opportunities to participate to voting and the discussion	7/10/2020 1:45 PM
16	I've never used Zoom. my computer has a camera maybe, but I've never used it	7/10/2020 1:44 PM
17	Depends if Consolidated is having problems - so far that has not happened during the handful of online meetings our household has participated in this year.	7/10/2020 12:48 PM
18	I don't know for sure because I'm new to this	7/10/2020 12:21 PM
19	None	7/10/2020 11:27 AM
20	1) Using a Chromebook - sometimes it's quirky as to speaker & microphone, even though the speaker checks out within the platform & the microphone checks out on https://www.onlinemictest.com/ 2) Just not used to being on-line, processing and reacting in timely fashion.	7/10/2020 10:45 AM
21	N/A	7/10/2020 9:40 AM

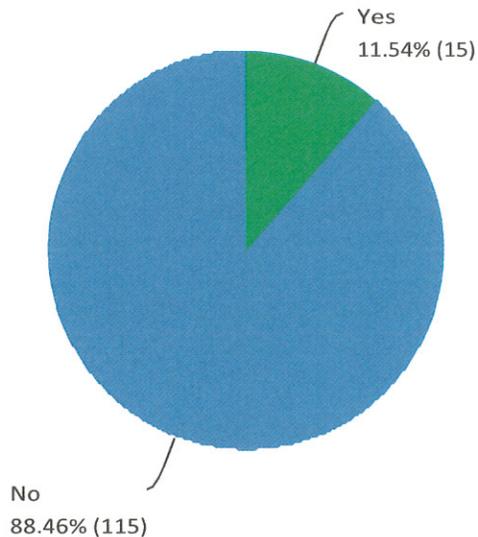
Q5 Do you have sufficient internet connection in a location where you can spend several hours in an online meeting?

Answered: 130 Skipped: 3



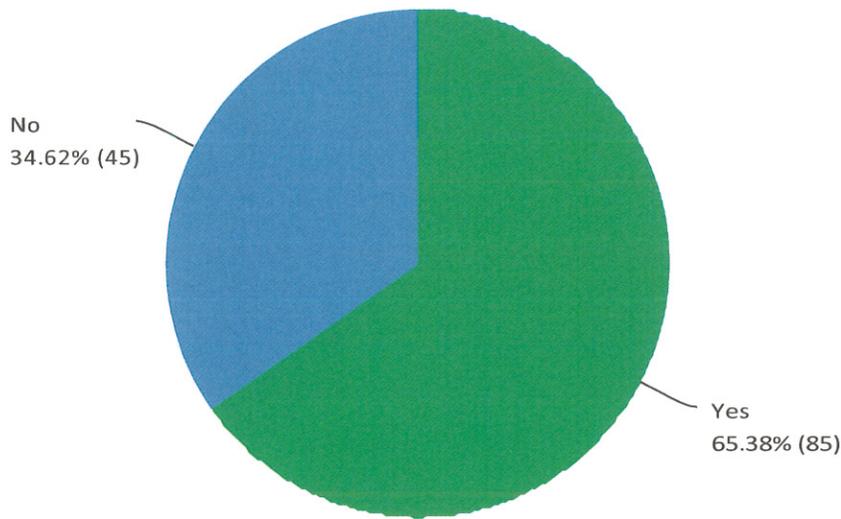
Q6 Would you need any training or other assistance to feel comfortable participating in an online meeting?

Answered: 130 Skipped: 3



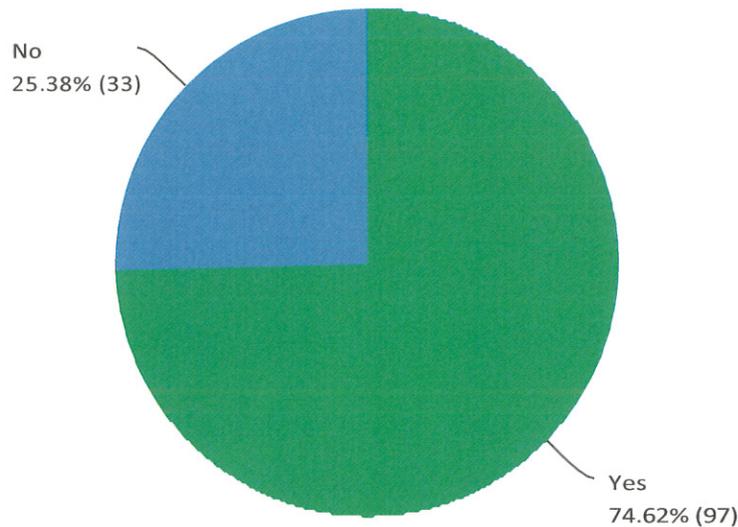
Q7 One idea that is being considered is to have members gather in groups of 25 or less (wearing masks and practicing social distancing) with video and audio production by BCTV at each location and with the locations being connected via an online platform. Individuals at each separate location would assist the Moderator in making sure that everyone gets an equal opportunity to participate in the meeting. Are you willing to participate in an in-person meeting as described for this alternative?

Answered: 130 Skipped: 3



Q8 Another idea is to have participants discuss all of the articles in an online meeting and then vote on the articles by Australian ballot. An advantage of this is that people who lack access to equipment or internet service or who feel uncomfortable participating in an online meeting for several hours, could watch BCTV (and call in with comments if they wished to speak to specific articles). A disadvantage of this alternative is that voting by pre-printed ballots would prevent RTM member from amending any of the articles; all votes would be "yes" or "no" articles as phrased in the warning by the Selectboard. Are you willing to participate in an online meeting and then vote on the articles by Australian ballot?

Answered: 130 Skipped: 3



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Q9 Do you have any suggestions or concerns regarding RTM this year that have not been addressed by this survey?

Answered: 73 Skipped: 60

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	An in person meeting is essential. Video conferencing will have a very poor result. Last years meeting took double digit hours to conclude, adding the complexity of video conferencing will undoubtedly add a significant amount of time to the meeting.	7/17/2020 8:30 AM
2	May need to rethink meeting in person; would feel more comfortable if it is an outside meeting	7/16/2020 3:51 PM
3	None	7/15/2020 5:32 PM
4	I'm concerned about RTM becoming even less relevant and primarily being used to "rubber stamp" articles and budgets. Many of the concerns that I have were voiced during the last online Selectboard meeting - I was unable to chime in because I was simultaneously putting my children to bed, but they resonated for me!	7/15/2020 2:12 PM
5	Note to technological issues: I am 92 years old, not too swift with technical issues, and may not be aware of technical issues that would prevent participation.	7/15/2020 11:00 AM
6	No question above has addressed how votes can be counted online. It is very important to do so.	7/14/2020 10:38 PM
7	No questions	7/14/2020 4:29 PM
8	I think trying to include the number of individuals needed would be nearly impossible.	7/14/2020 3:02 PM
9	I would like to see separate breakouts over several days on particular issues when those that people want to talk about come up. This should happen around ALL town meetings. The past form was not good to gain consensus -- or even clarity on issues.	7/14/2020 2:40 PM
10	I'd be more inclined to meet in a group of 25 if that meeting happened out of doors. Thanks	7/14/2020 1:57 PM
11	More consistent communication	7/14/2020 1:00 PM
12	Nope	7/14/2020 12:09 PM
13	NO	7/14/2020 11:54 AM
14	thanks for putting out the survey and finding out the preferences & capabilities of RTM reps!	7/14/2020 11:32 AM
15	I think it will be very difficult to have this meeting on-line. I see confusion, frustration and an unsatisfying feeling all around.	7/13/2020 8:50 PM
16	I like the option in #7 except that the ballot cannot be amended. I would prefer that if there are suggested amendments then a new ballot be provided, or that we could alter the ballot with the changes agreed upon.	7/13/2020 8:39 PM
17	Lets make it as simple as possible. We all understand (or at loeast should do so) hat it is a very exceptional year and that ime is running hort.	7/13/2020 7:34 PM
18	We must address Town Meeting with no more delay.	7/13/2020 4:50 PM
19	Thank you for your dillegencee and care in preparing this survey. I am open to all the alternatives offered.	7/13/2020 4:32 PM
20	I prefer the Australian Ballot . While #6 sounds conceptually good; it is subject to Murphy's Law/technical difficulties. I view this as an "exceptional" exception. It is not business as usual. We may need to take the most practical method. It is not clear what things will be like in March 2021 so this can either be a one time way in challenging circumstances or a lesson if we need an online meeting in 2021. I'm very appreciative of the Town Manager's Office reaching out to members in this way.	7/13/2020 4:08 PM
21	Very new to RTM and want to make sure that I do it right. She said that she has health concerns and a low immune system but would still rather option 6 over 7. She would do 7 but worries how it would work.	7/13/2020 3:19 PM
22	I am just not comfortable participating in an online meeting. Don't have the computer abilities.	7/13/2020 3:07 PM

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23	Number 7 is particularly attractive. The Warning should have been attached to this survey. Too late now. When/where/how many times will the Warning be sent out?	7/13/2020 2:35 PM
24	no	7/13/2020 2:24 PM
25	I feel very badly that we would not be able to amend any of the articles, but the pandemic necessitates this. However, it should be understood that any of the articles passed this year would be subject to review in 2021, post-COVID-19, we hope.	7/13/2020 12:47 PM
26	I think people are much more engaged in-person; doing it remotely/digitally is going to result in less active participation.	7/13/2020 12:02 PM
27	Having participated in legislative debate and voting by zoom I would say that it is imperfect but it enabled us to consider, debate, and pass legislation. However we had the IT assistance of the legislative IT department and one question I have is would there be adequate tech support. Before we started with this we had small group meetings to get comfortable with the procedures. People without internet access were able to phone in and speak and vote. The advantage of this approach is that everyone is together on screen. For voting we had an app on our phone, or for those without, they could vote by voice or email. I am happy to discuss in more detail.	7/13/2020 11:31 AM
28	I would be willing to do the 25 person gathering but with a lot of space for social distancing (more like 8-10 ft btwn people) and also maybe split up between two days to reduce the amount exposure time.	7/13/2020 11:16 AM
29	I appreciate the attempt being made to have RTM happen.	7/13/2020 10:33 AM
30	Not at this time	7/13/2020 10:24 AM
31	I am open to all possibilities. I do have some concern about in person (even just 25 at a location) indoor meetings. Town meetings sometimes take up a very full day and wearing masks that long can be very challenging. If representatives were to take masks off, it would be an unsafe situation for others. I also have concern about the use of Australian ballot. I have agreed to it, but not being able to make amendments is a concern; I had a hard time deciding between "yes" and "no" for my answer to that one. I am sticking with "yes" simply because of the high safety in that scenario.	7/13/2020 9:03 AM
32	I would not be able to wear a mask for several hours without getting a severe headache. I do not feel comfortable sitting in a large group of people during the corona virus pandemic.	7/12/2020 7:36 PM
33	Rtm need to be able to have input which could change an article and ddc then vote. To vote yes or no does not give the best results for Towns people.	7/11/2020 9:59 PM
34	no	7/11/2020 1:08 PM
35	Having RTM Members address comments and questions for each article before RTM and allow all reps to read those comments and potential amendments . Possibly make this all Public before the meeting so reps could get feedback from The community. Then have the remote in person locations. Would the seperate groups be arranged by zone or would they be random or some other determinant	7/11/2020 7:00 AM
36	On at least two questions, I wanted to make a response that was not available. On the question of training, it would depend on the platform chosen. I use Zoom as an administrator and train people in our church on how to use it, so I don't need training on that. But if the platform chosen is one I don't know, then some basic training, or opportunity to practice would be helpful. As to the 25-person idea, I said "No" but wanted to say "Maybe." It would depend on how comfortable I felt about the location I was assigned to.	7/11/2020 12:02 AM
37	No	7/10/2020 9:51 PM
38	No	7/10/2020 8:08 PM
39	Have in person mtg at the gym plenty of room for seating and use the bleachers.	7/10/2020 7:17 PM
40	Suggestion: 1) In advance of RTM, send a survey to all RTM members asking them to "pre-vote" on each article. For each article, options should be yes / no / amend this / undecided, and include open ended space to express why and to suggest an amendment. 2) Share the results of the survey with all reps, so that they can see what everyone else said. This will allow everyone to read what their peers have to say, and to reconsider their own view, in advance of RTM. This will require everyone to invest time in the process in advance of RTM, but should reduce a lot of the frustration that is likely to occur during suggestions in #7 or #8.	7/10/2020 6:51 PM

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41	<p>Question #7: I answered Yes, but that is a qualified yes. If the meeting is indoors, I'm not sure I'm willing. If it could be outside, under a tent with open sides, I would be more comfortable. If not, I probably would say No. I don't know what the best option would be--I am not thrilled about being at an online meeting for several hours. I have been on a 1 hour 45 minute zoom meeting and am very ready to get off at the end of that length of time. But I don't have cable to be able to watch a meeting on BCTV. Is the idea of the Australian ballot option to hopefully make the meeting shorter? It's not optimal to not be able to amend, but if the majority of RTM members are OK with it, then I would be too.</p>	7/10/2020 6:03 PM
42	<p>If online it may need to be two days limiting the time to 5 hours each, if possible. Time is my concern for online participation. If in- person, then no longer than 9 hour. A second mtg to follow if necessary. It is a lot for how stressed and isolated many have been.</p>	7/10/2020 4:43 PM
43	<p>It is important to remember that whatever plans are made to have an in-person meeting may be upended by events related to the pandemic. For example, Donald Trump is supposed to be in New Hampshire sometime soon. Will that lead to a localized Covid surge, as in Tulsa? Will it reach Windham County? There's simply no way to know at present. Rather than guess, I think we should have a plan we can rely on.</p>	7/10/2020 4:17 PM
44	<p>While I am willing to participate in an in-person meeting if that is what the Selectboard chooses, I would feel much more comfortable with an on-line meeting in one form or another.</p>	7/10/2020 3:31 PM
45	no	7/10/2020 3:24 PM
46	Would any of the methods contemplated allow for amendments?	7/10/2020 3:07 PM
47	Could we gather at Natowich field or other ball fields with mask and social distancing? I would really like to meet.	7/10/2020 2:47 PM
48	No.	7/10/2020 2:06 PM
49	I would prefer to be able to amend articles if possible. Could some schools be made available for people to use if they don't have a spot to be with internet for more than a few hours? Also, childcare may be an issue for me, depending on how RTM happens	7/10/2020 1:45 PM
50	The Public needs equal vote counts as the Representatives to the ballot articles and budget, with online access, and to record all representative votes to online profiles so the public can view the representative voting history so as to educate their selves on whom the politicians are and how they vote as part of their campaign to be elected. Defining Public Electorate: includes 14 year old with work certificates, non resident commuters for work/study who may register in multiple regions regardless of green card, nationality, felony, or identity status.	7/10/2020 1:45 PM
51	No	7/10/2020 1:44 PM
52	Re: #8 - Yes I am WILLING to do the meeting and then vote by Australian ballot but I feel that it's a vastly inferior method that limits the agency of the representatives which is the whole point of this method. If we're just going to vote by Australian ballot then why even have town reps, why not just allow everyone in the town of Brattleboro to vote.	7/10/2020 1:03 PM
53	Whatever app you choose to have the meeting on, if you could email the link and allow some back and forth help and time for the kinks to be worked out. I currently only have used GoToMeeting once so I have that ap. I chose no on the Australian ballot option because making amendments is important but if that is what is happening of course I will participate.	7/10/2020 12:21 PM
54	No	7/10/2020 11:30 AM
55	No	7/10/2020 11:27 AM
56	I very much hope that we can figure out a way to discuss AND vote without it being Australian ballot, because the discussion is so important to participation. But given that the circumstances now are so different, I am willing to discuss and then vote via ballot if that is the only way possible - for this year only.	7/10/2020 11:25 AM
57	NO	7/10/2020 11:23 AM
58	no	7/10/2020 11:16 AM
59	Re: Question #5 - Internet connection appears adequate, but I do, intermittently, receive a "high CPU usage" warning, or words to that effect. Re: Question #6 - Perhaps a "test" session before the real meeting would work out bugs?	7/10/2020 10:45 AM
60	I think option #8 is the best way to go. COVID-19 safety should be more important than	7/10/2020 10:41 AM

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amending any of the articles. A Yes or No should be sufficient.

61	One member has complained to me that she cannot participate in any computer-based meeting. ALSO It is not necessary to preclude amendments. The ballots can be printed AFTER debate and amendments.	7/10/2020 10:28 AM
62	I appreciate all the thoughtfulness that is having to go into this year's RTM! And do not envy you all having to balance making a critical public health choice with retaining the power of RTM. Thank you for this survey and for seeking a solution that best balances both. I am confused by the lack of option to both have an online meeting and make amendments and vote on them. Can we print ballots after the meeting with amendments made? I would love to have a better understanding of why there is not an option to hold the meeting online/virtually as described in question 8 and also have the ability for making amendments. I am willing to participate in an online meeting and then vote but I would strongly urge, if at all legally possible, that ballots be printed after the meeting or that we vote during the online meeting and that those on the phone register their vote by voice. Another option could be to have amendments made and then online and voice voting all occur at the end so that callers are only calling in once. With tools other than GoTo Meeting, there are many polling and voting options as well as the ability of the facilitator to mute/unmute individual callers and to rename callers, etc. Is there a reason we must use GoTo Meeting?	7/10/2020 10:28 AM
63	Just to say, you're doing a great job considering alternatives. I can live with not being able to amend articles this once.	7/10/2020 10:05 AM
64	regarding australian ballots, there should be a way to include amendments. perhaps certain votes shelved and delayed, or space on ballot to indicate proposed amendment and tally can determine if any particular vote had enough commenting on amendments to trigger re-vote.	7/10/2020 9:58 AM
65	No	7/10/2020 9:48 AM
66	I'm still gathering information on the matter if there is or will be any obstacles.	7/10/2020 9:42 AM
67	No	7/10/2020 9:40 AM
68	I'm concerned that the people unable to participate via video are the same people who will be unable to complete this survey.	7/10/2020 9:39 AM
69	no	7/10/2020 9:39 AM
70	Recommend advisory vote to approve SB's action on budget (y/n).	7/10/2020 9:37 AM
71	thanks for exploring creative solutions	7/10/2020 9:35 AM
72	I am not willing to participate in a small gathering indoors. If it would be possible to have them outside, I would consider attending.	7/10/2020 9:33 AM
73	Given the inability to modify articles and the limits on public debate and participation, the Select Board should investigate its ability to approve all articles under the emergency legislation and cancel this year's meeting.	7/9/2020 3:10 PM