

Q2 Please add any other comments or information that you feel are important to the sustainability of our Island community.

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#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	all these issues are so deeply interconnected to me - they point to a core conversation that we, as on island need to have! How do we move into the future in joyful, sustainable ways while holding onto the core parts of our identity that make this place so special? A clear sense of community identity could provide great --- for these conversations about our future	10/9/2017 7:33 PM
2	Protection of the island's natural resources and environment as continued development pressures degrade drinking water supply/quality is needed. The lack of community waste water treatment and increasing higher population density and buildout is stressing already fragile environmental conditions. Increasing over use of public lands like the beaches and island trust properties has also degraded wildlife and human habitat at an alarming rate. The current course of buildout, overuse and environmental stress is non sustainable!	10/7/2017 5:20 AM
3	Sustainability is all about job opportunities and attracting young people. Many of the other issues will be resolved as a result of success in these areas.	10/6/2017 11:53 AM
4	This Island cannot flourish without the ability for young families to move here, which would include childcare (Kids Place is truly amazing but could use a shot in the arm financially so that it can continue to grow and keep the high quality care) Without accessible open space we may as well will in the city. Sunset would make a lovely park! There just aren't enough year round houses that families starting out can afford. Most of the kids who grew up here can't afford to stay here. You gotta have at least 2 cars, paying for parking is a burden for a lot of people, and that's just one example. It basically costs 30 % more to do anything on this Island. The staunch supporters of no growth will regret it someday when all the Island services provided by younger generations are no longer available because we can't afford to live here.	10/5/2017 2:08 AM
5	being aware of the costs v. benefits of a rapidly growing community	10/4/2017 9:19 AM
6	It's hard to choose which will provide the sustainability But without adequate affordable Year round housing & employment opportunities both on & off Island for young families most of the rest won't happen. Finally involving individuals in the running of the many services & organizations is a necessary component to successful development. The need to communicate between individuals & groups will always be a work in progress.	10/3/2017 8:18 PM
7	Nurturing an environment of mutual respect and caring .	9/28/2017 12:12 PM
8	It was really, really hard to choose just 3 options! I think many of these issues are interconnected; it is challenging to create a sustainable community with many islanders experiencing burnout (and new families and individuals can help take the load off, but with few housing options that are affordable, etc). Part of what I see at the root of many of these issues is the question of who we are as an island community - who we want to be and how we seek to create a culture together.	9/27/2017 11:06 AM
9	Is Chebeague's government functional? If not, addressing the other issues, is impossible.	9/27/2017 8:34 AM
10	Attract young people, including singles to have a viable young population on the island. It is always about young families who should be targeted, but you need to increase the target.	9/26/2017 10:23 PM
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14	I believe we should make strong efforts to create an environment which allows residents to earn a liveable wage on the island.	9/25/2017 10:09 PM
15	all of the items listed are all very important! Hard to pick three!	9/25/2017 6:18 PM
16	I wonder if there is something that can be done about protecting view sheds.	9/25/2017 2:17 PM

17	All of the aforementioned components of a community are required for attracting and retaining people, I chose the 3 that I believe are currently LEAST present on Chebeague, which is not to say that any of the others are less important to support and maintain. I also believe that food security is a big, upcoming issue and that development around projects that support island-grown food would be crucial to long term, sustainable community.	9/25/2017 11:59 AM
18	all of the above are important for long term sustainability.	9/25/2017 6:40 AM
19	Improved road maintenance	9/25/2017 6:38 AM
20	Next time please operationalize "sustainability ". The island can be "sustained " in a number of different ways.	9/24/2017 4:57 PM
21	re: on-/off- parking ... -- adequate/appropriate/safe/winter-workable, all of which are NOT supported at the Stone Wharf and, to a lesser extent, Cousins/Blanchard lot, NOW	9/24/2017 4:28 PM
22	There will have to be limits - we're a small space and our resources are limited. We'll have to make choices. We can't keep expanding the summer community endlessly if we want to remain a sustainable diverse community; but, the summer community expansion is where today's socio-economics will lead us. So, how to prioritize?	9/24/2017 2:31 PM
23	Community cohesiveness and community spirit.	9/24/2017 12:27 PM
24	Climate change/sea level rise	9/24/2017 12:23 PM
25	Law enforcement	9/24/2017 11:27 AM
26	The Island Shool Stone pier /Ctc Broadband Continuing priorities for chebeague island They will propel the island to move forward to attract young families and to stabilize our connection with transportation system with the mainland These are the core of sustainability	9/24/2017 8:41 AM
27	Eliminate cliques, factions, and social self selection - the shunning of certain demographics. If things are so bad here why do people move here? Is it an altruistic mission to "transform" the community into a mainland "burb"? There is a fine line between sustainability and transformation/gentrification. Marine transportation, affordability jobs (mainland, on island and on the sea), and housing options are essential for island sustainability.If you have these the rest will follow.	9/24/2017 8:01 AM
28	This is tough. We need all of this!	9/23/2017 8:02 AM
29	All are important.	9/22/2017 6:14 PM
30	I do feel connectivity is important, especially for an island community, so had difficulty not making this one of my choices.	9/22/2017 5:24 PM
31	Recompense	9/22/2017 5:02 PM
32	I am taking Business and Job Opportunities as a proxy for economic development. I think the issue is bigger than business and jobs. For example, the island Commons provides jobs and also addresses healthcare. It is not a business. People working from home, relying on the internet, is another category. I think property taxes are an issue. I also think transportation is an issue and the transportation infrastructure is an issue.	9/22/2017 11:06 AM
33	How to manage growth sustainably within the carrying capacity of the island	9/21/2017 6:12 PM
34	housing needs to be affordable.	9/21/2017 1:24 PM
35	Shared transportation to island events: a van	9/21/2017 7:22 AM
36	I think preparing for and adapting to a changing climate is important. I have been impressed with the work done so far to image impact to the stone wharf and to explore supplements to fishing/lobstering like aquaculture. I am hopeful that the community continue to work to support lower and middle income islanders.	9/21/2017 6:38 AM
37	Housing, housing, housing. Education, education, education. A fast and dependable internet system. Without these we will lose young families and make it impossible for new families to move to Chebeague.	9/20/2017 3:01 PM
38	If young families can't survive the island will become a summer \retirement community.	9/20/2017 12:07 PM
39	Land preservation and marine good health are symbiotic to long-term sustainability. Any community's top priority should be wellness for all and steadfast transportation is the key to viable island life.	9/20/2017 11:53 AM

40	Need to keep in mind the role that convenient eldercare has on working families sandwiched between kids and elder parents.	9/20/2017 11:31 AM
41	Financial incentives to upgrade from cesspools and dug wells to septic systems and drilled wells.	9/20/2017 10:59 AM
42	police all year	9/20/2017 10:49 AM
43	Controlling invasive species Reducing tick population	9/20/2017 10:36 AM
44	Providing education (and financial assistance, if needed) for maintenance of septic systems, oil storage tanks (home heating oil) and removal of other potential groundwater pollution sources. This would include junk vehicles, illegal dump sites, etc.	9/20/2017 10:35 AM
45	Volunteerism is an important thread in the tapestry of Chebeague sustainability. Who will replace the many elders who now offer so much assistance in so many ways? Or, will the services they offer disappear?	9/20/2017 10:06 AM
46	Others equally important are recreation, internet, elder care, transportation.	9/20/2017 8:55 AM
47	The sustainability of Island Commons relies on donations to keep day-to-day operations going. The Commons has many fixed costs associated with state and federal rules. Promoting the idea that a single grant to help buy new carpeting or even a van can "sustain" it or other nonprofits with physical plants, fixed costs, and little or no capital reserves or endowment is misguided at the very least and potentially lethal at worst. Don't forget that a rising ocean may lift all boats, but it will eventually swamp everything on the shore as well.	9/20/2017 8:55 AM
48	Our fishing economic base. How can we keep it alive and well - through good times and bad, with income opportunities for families. It is the marine base of our community - it provides more jobs directly and indirectly than any organization or business on the island	9/20/2017 7:37 AM
49	all twelve boxes are important but transportation and leadership will ensure the sustainability of our community. Change is OK but we need to protect our land and sea	9/20/2017 6:37 AM
50	Civility in public discourse	9/19/2017 9:53 PM
51	No one really knows what it takes until they move here. It can be hard to make all the pieces fit. Some of my biggest challenges since moving to the island have include those that I identified above. I believe that we need to address affordability and methods to decrease the financial burden for families (especially in regards to things like healthcare, heating, transportation).	9/19/2017 7:56 PM
52	democratic process. Law enforcement need to demonstrate impartiality, and enforce existing laws.	9/19/2017 5:25 PM
53	Attracting young families.	9/19/2017 4:34 PM
54	Families move to the island to connect more deeply with their children and with the community. Volunteering comes at the expense of time with family. If businesses were sustainable with paying jobs, families wouldn't feel the extra pressure and opportunities would exist to live.	9/19/2017 4:09 PM
55	No fast internet = no future for a viable year-round community that attracts (and keeps!!) new young people. In the 10 years between 2000 and 2010 census studies, the island's median age grew by 9 years... aging in place!! A death knell for the year-round community if not reversed or at least mitigated.	9/19/2017 11:41 AM