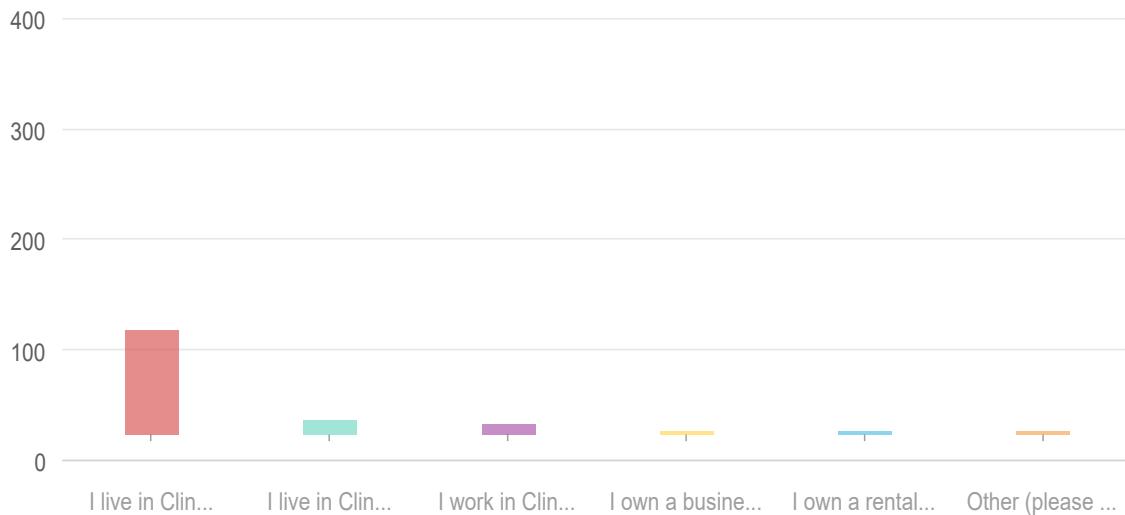


Appendix A. Community Survey Results

Clinton POCD Community Survey

Introduction

- Which best describes your relationship with Clinton?



Answers

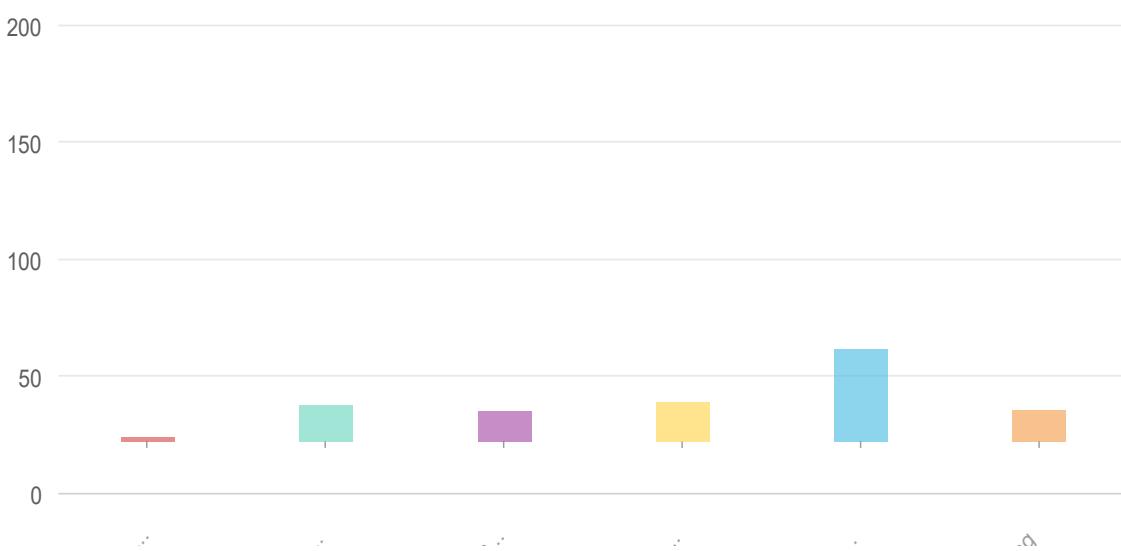
Count

Percentage

Answers	Count	Percentage
I live in Clinton	375	87.01%
I live in Clinton during part of the year	51	11.83%
I work in Clinton	37	8.58%
I own a business in Clinton	14	3.25%
I own a rental property in Clinton	14	3.25%
Other (please specify)	11	2.55%

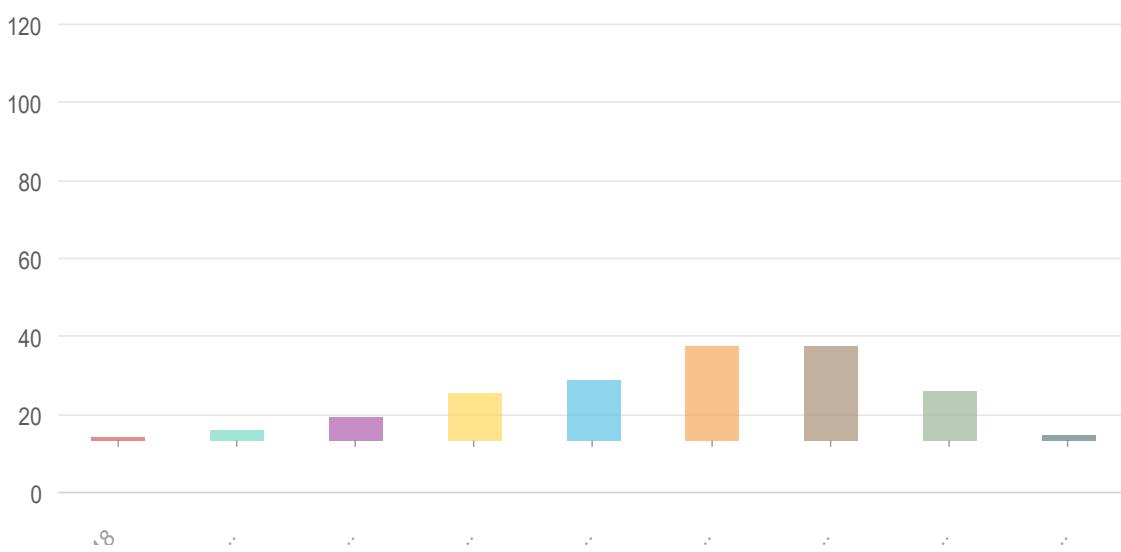
Answered: 430 Skipped: 1

- About how long have you been a member of the Clinton community?



Answered: 430 Skipped: 1

○ What is your age?



Answers

Count

Percentage

Under 18

4

0.93%

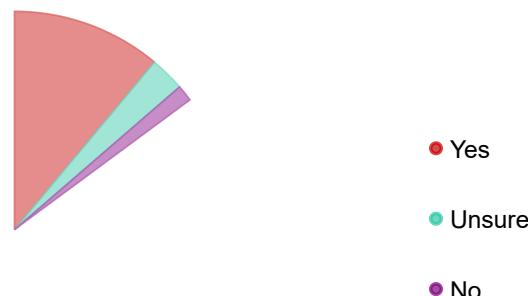
18 to 24 years old	12	2.78%
25 to 34 years old	26	6.03%
35 to 44 years old	52	12.06%
45 to 54 years old	67	15.55%
55 to 64 years old	104	24.13%
65 to 74 years old	104	24.13%
75 to 84 years old	55	12.76%
85 years old and over	6	1.39%

Answered: 430 Skipped: 1

o **What are the main reasons you moved to, and remain in, Clinton?**

There are no answers to this question yet.

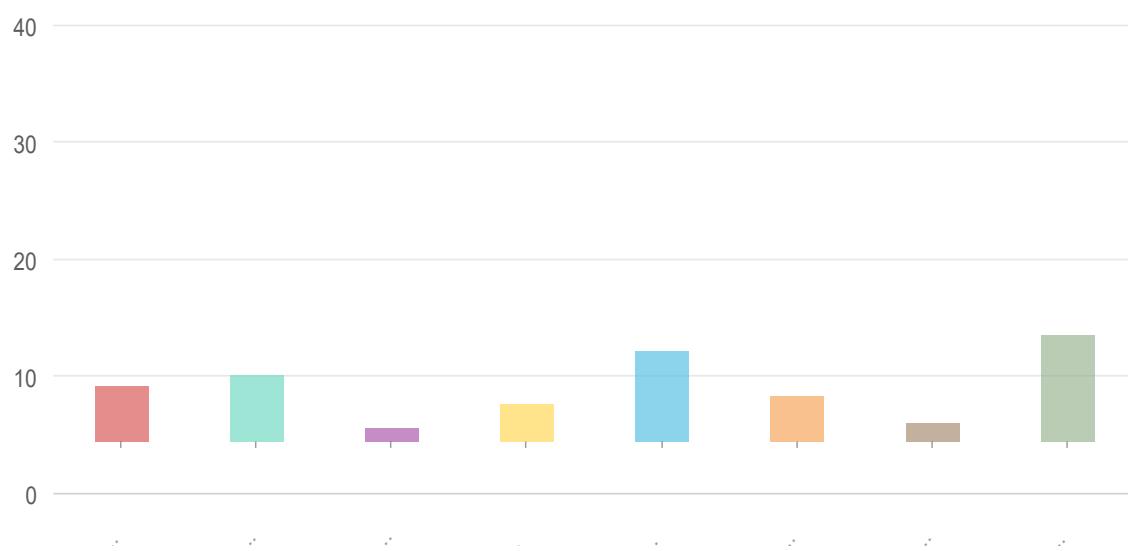
o **Do you see yourself living in Clinton ten years from now?**



Answers	Count	Percentage
Yes	319	74.01%
Unsure	74	17.17%
No	35	8.12%

Answered: 428 Skipped: 3

o **Why might you not see yourself living in Clinton in the future? ***

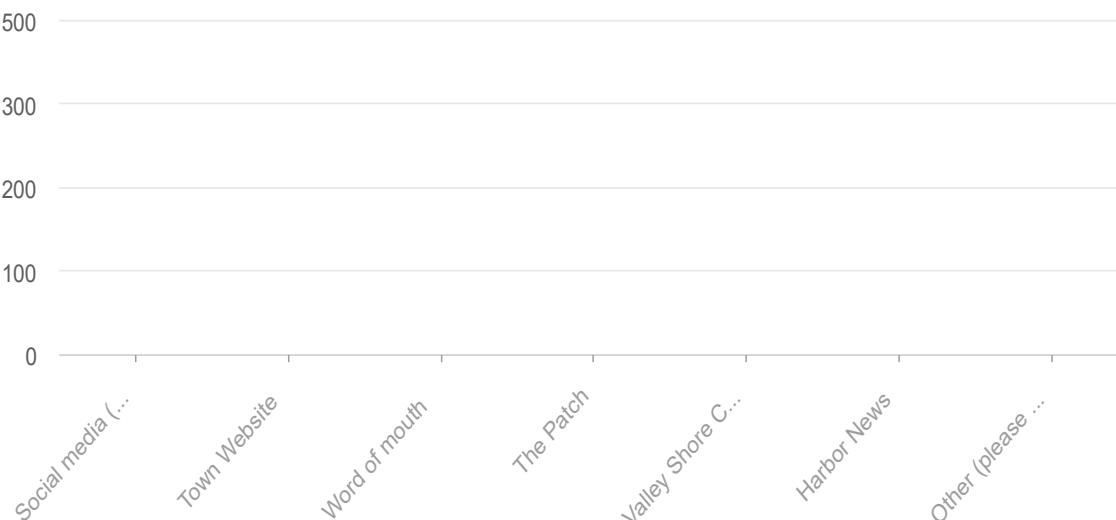


Answers	Count	Percentage
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Move closer to family	21	4.87%
Empty nest (children grown and gone)	25	5.8%
For a shorter commute	5	1.16%
New job/relocation	14	3.25%
Cost of living in Clinton	34	7.89%
Lack of housing options in Town	17	3.94%
Lack of transportation options	7	1.62%
Other (please specify)	40	9.28%

Answered: 109 Skipped: 322

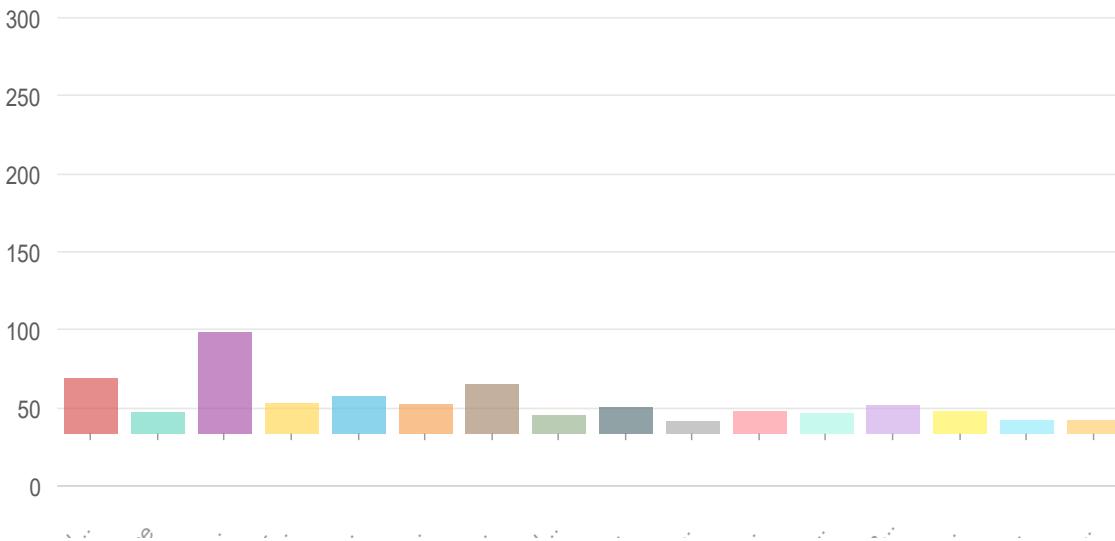
o How do you find out about community events?



Answers	Count	Percentage
Social media (Facebook, Instagram, etc.)	307	71.23%
Town Website	138	32.02%
Word of mouth	272	63.11%
The Patch	65	15.08%
Valley Shore Community Television	7	1.62%
Harbor News	240	55.68%
Other (please specify)	30	6.96%

Answered: 427 Skipped: 4

○ Which do you think should be the highest priority for Clinton over the next 10 years?

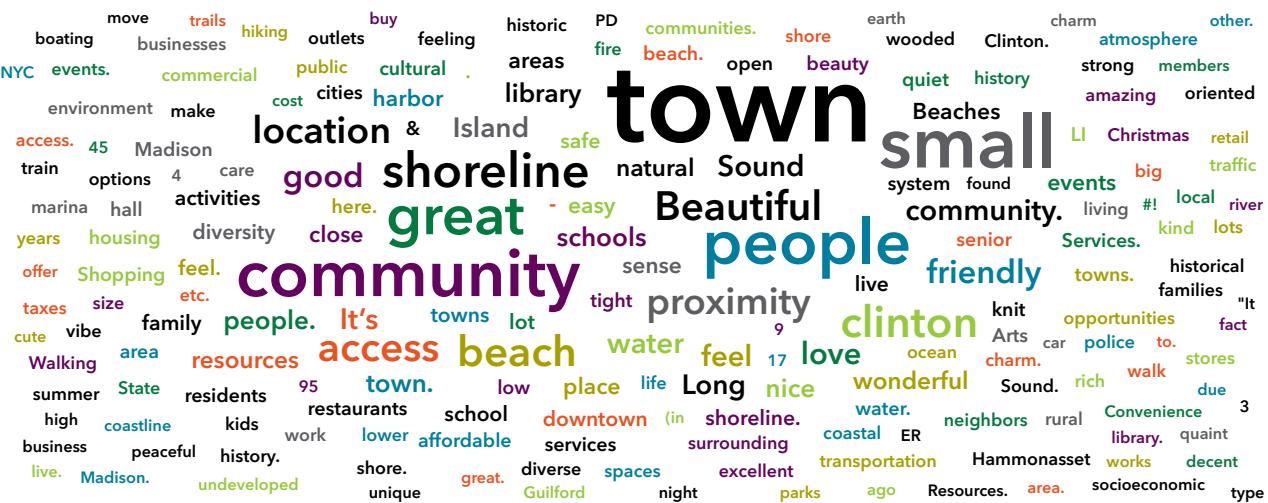


Answers	Count	Percentage
Business development	160	37.12%
Open space	62	14.39%
A strategy to improve and invest in Downtown	294	68.21%
The quality of existing Town facilities and services	89	20.65%
More walking paths and sidewalks	110	25.52%
Traffic/congestion issues	86	19.95%
Appearance of commercial areas	144	33.41%
Bike lanes and bike paths	55	12.76%
Housing options	79	18.33%

Historic and cultural resources	38	8.82%
Arts and entertainment	67	15.55%
Sustainable energy	59	13.69%
Hazards such as flooding and severe storms	84	19.49%
Options for handling wastewater	67	15.55%
Expanded options for solid waste management	40	9.28%
Other (please specify)	40	9.28%

Answered: 430 Skipped: 1

- In your opinion, what makes Clinton a great place to live?



Response	Count
The people	5
The community	4
The people.	3
The shoreline	2
the people who live here.	2
Location	2
Beautiful coastline	2
You have your busy commercial areas with separatikn from the residential areas	1
Yes	1
Wonderful community. Convenience of getting to recreation and work.	1

We moved here just over 17 years ago, and have found a wonderful network of folks. I love the (recent) establishment of the Clinton Senior Connection. We retired just 3 years ago, and it is a wonderful resource.

1

I love having the shore handy, and also wooded areas to hike, bike.

We love the library and use the services there weekly. We enjoy the undeveloped land, hiking opportunities, etc. The town beach is great. Good small town character.

We love the harbor and boating in Clinton. The shopping and commercial business and food options are our favorite. The people that work for the town are amazing and invested. The new town manager is a blessing and someone that brings everyone together.

We love the beach

1

We love the access to the sound in a down to earth community.

1

We have young kids, so we love the playgrounds, beach and library.

1

We have the better restaurants than Westbrook or Madison. The cost of living is lower than in other surrounding towns. We have easy access to open space and state parks.

We have beautiful beaches, friendly people, and great resources. The town works hard to maintain roads and police and fire workers are very nice and helpful.

We have a beautiful shoreline that should be drawing visitors like Guilford and Madison does.

1

We are more diverse than surrounding shoreline towns.

1

We are anchored to the sound!

1

Water/Harbor area.

1

Water access, parks and trails, town beach, historic homes.

1

Water Access for boating, swimming, beaches, etc.

1

Warm, connected, generous citizens. Our location on the shoreline. The harbor area. Quality of our schools,, the library our PD and first responders.

1

Very picturesque and awesome people.

1

Very little traffic congestion

1

Variety of socioeconomic residents. Proximity to other communities. Public beach.

1

Uncrowded and friendly

1

Town beach, wonderful people/close knit community, proximity to other great shoreline towns, easy access to 95

1

Tight night community- still has its small town charm.

1

Tight knit community! And the beach!

1

Tight knit community that still has that small beach town charm.

1

There's lot of community involvement and families helping families (in the literal sense).	1
There are lots of recreational activities to do in Clinton. We have a State Park- Hammonassett that is in the next town over.	1
There are good people, and good possibilities.	1
The water and access to Long Island Sound. The safe and connected neighborhoods.	1
The water access. Love everything about the shoreline. Please preserve it!!!!	1
The unpretentiousness of most people	1
The town library provides a meeting place with many activities for all ages. The new senior group engages the seniors in many activities.	1
The tight nit community	1
The thing I love about Clinton is our relaxed way of life. We are a bit less buttoned up than the surrounding towns, and have less ego and keeping up with the Jones's type of mentality. It leads to a relatively peaceful and relaxing lifestyle that you just don't get in other communities.	1
The strong sense of community is evident every where you go and especially when we have people in need. Our response is always tremendous! I also love the development we have going on (Big Y plaza) and love that our outlets are doing so well. Yet, I love that we are quaint (our beach and downtown) and we can still have a great dinner out!	1
The small-town feel. The beach. The businesses.	1
The small town, community feel as well as the greater Shoreline community accessibility. Additionally the multiple amenities including the beaches, shops, restaurants and coffee/tea shops.	1
The small town feel of Clinton. The fact that most everyone cares about what happens to their neighbors.	1
The small town environment and proximity to the beach is wonderful!	1
The small town community is its greatest strength. The people of this town care for each other. We have many resources for children in the school system and community in general.	1
The small town closeness and safety. Plus great walking trails in designated wooded areas	1
The small town atmosphere, a sense of community, a great school system, dedicated police/fire fighters.	1
The size of the community and the involvement of community members shows a level of encouragement for anyone who is new to town, that the people who live in the town care about the towns wellbeing. Additionally, members of the community who also work for the town government have an added level of engagement, and many town employees reside in the town because they care about what happens to the town and want to better their own community.	1
The size of the community and its proximity to the water.	1
The shoreline.	1
The shoreline, the people and the quaint and quiet streets.	1

The shoreline and great neighbors	1
The shoreline and all of the enrichment and social offerings it has to keep residents engaged and active.	1
The shore.	1
The schools and open spaces	1
The scale of the Community and its geographical, shoreline location.	1
The rich history, cute downtown and the nice community .	1
The proximity to the water.	1
The proximity to Long Island sound and the school system.	1
The people. This town is unique along the shore. It's more diverse with many levels of socioeconomic status. The perspectives of the population needs to be taken into consideration with all decisions. It is not Madison, Killingworth, or even Old Saybrook.	1
The people. Their can be a lot of complaining and noise, but in the end this town supports each other	1
The people. The proximity to the Sound. The Town Hall and beautiful Morgan auditorium. The George Flynn Classical Concerts series. Good and great restaurants. Lobster Landing and the other waterside eateries.	1
The people. It's nice to walk in a store and know someone. I feel the town is personable	1
The people. So many good people who love this town and want to make it a great place to live.	1
The people, still has a small town feel. Yes there is traffic in the summer but not as bad as surrounding towns	1
the people, proximity to long island sound, ample retail, historic village	1
The people, beauty of town, except for blight. Beautiful town hall, having accessible beach, small town feel. So thankful for Senior Connection and all it has to offer	1
The people! and the location to the water. Otherwise I think the town itself is totally uninteresting, run down, has no younger appeal, has no entertainment or restaurants. Just look at Madison and Old Saybrook as useful models.	1
The people who live here. The beach area and proximity to shopping/restaurants.	1
The people who live and work in the town. The services, arts and entertainment are the bonus.	1
The people of Clinton are generally good hard-working families with good values and are open and friendly. The shoreline of Clinton is beautiful and the outlet mall is a good attraction.	1
The people make Clinton a wonderful place to live. They are friendly, congenial and always answer when spoken to. This includes the youth too.	1
The people in the town are kind and caring. Love the easy access to the beach and town dock and restaurants. I love the low key but intense love of the town and its environment. I have lived here for 45 years and am amazed how I do not want to move anywhere else! I am happy here!	1

the people in it the tight knitted community	1
The people in clinton are so friendly and kind. We have a beautiful and inviting shoreline.	1
The people are great, it is small and on the water.	1
The people and the location	1
the people and our history. Many move into Town and try to change things...Change is good but take it easy...you newbies are ready to throw our history out the window...	1
The people and location to the water.	1
The people , the wonderful library our beautiful beaches . The small feel .	1
The ocean, the people, the small town feel	1
The natural beauty of a shoreline town with the recreational opportunities, such as walking, hiking, biking, enjoying our beaches and waterways. Clinton offers us a sense of quiet and friendly neighborhood communities.	1
The natural beauty and there is more socioeconomic diversity than some towns and history.	1
The location to the water.	1
The location and the sense of community.	1
The library, the community, the nature - woods, ocean, etc.	1
The intimate, community feel, caring non-profits organizations like Kidz Konnection, town traditions and events, our library events, and our senior program. Geographically, the beach and coastline can't be beat!	1
The great small town feel but with easy access to businesses and services. Friendly people and amazing access to the harbor and sound.	1
The friendly atmosphere, excellent schools, the development which has been going on, our library resources, shopping, and keeping Clinton a small town run by excellent people in our fire department and police force.	1
The fact you can walk downtown and there is a good chance to see someone you know. The services in town and a great town beach and recreational fields.	1
The events the community the townspeople	1
The community. People really have a great sense of community here. Clinton is a beautiful town. There are many beautiful neighborhoods.	1
The community, there are a lot of life long residents that will, and have, done anything for others no matter the affiliations.	1
The community of people.	1
The community of individuals.	1

The community is nice and there are a lot of community events. Most of the people are kind and there are some great resources. 1

The community events, our neighbors 1

The Clinton shoreline is great. I appreciate the small-town feel and the MANY social events in the town. 1

The camaraderie of the community. 1

The beautiful undeveloped spaces, the wildlife, the people who are still friendly 1

The beautiful harbor and beach. 1

The beach, proximity to other great towns, nice schools 1

The beach 1

Strong sense of community in the town, beautiful natural resources, town history. 1

Small. Family oriented community 1

small town/quaint/no big box stores and "central avenue" small events convenient to 95/near New Haven/ feels like a perpetual vacation 1

Small town/its history/friendly folks 1

Small town. Water access. 1

Small town,dedicated citizens and great natural resources 1

Small town, sense of community, access to Long Island Sound!!!!!! 1

small town, close to the shoreline 1

Small town, beautiful shoreline, relaxing 1

Small town with more diversity than most of the shoreline. 1

Small town walkable downtown affordable pretty town family oriented people help one another good high school 1

Small town vibe 1

Small town that is not overly commercialized. Great location - beach and accessibility to museums, theater, restaurants, etc. 1

small town feel/friendly people 1

Small town feel. 1

Small town feel, friendly community, beaches 1

Small town feel, DPW does a great job during storms 1

Small town convenience, good schools, beautiful natural setting. 1

Small town community in a beautiful location on the shore.	1
Small town community feeling	1
Small town community feel, the town library and beach and the schooling system	1
Small town charm; proximity to the Sound; friendly environment.	1
Small town charm. Hope it is never lost to progress.	1
Small town charm, good schools, great police force & fire department, great public works department, beautiful marina, beach areas.	1
Small town beaching living vibe with modern facilities. It's a great community to live in with kind people and town sponsored activities like summer fest and Christmas in clinton	1
Small town appeal, friendly people, our proximity to Long Island Sound right in our downtown area-beautiful.	1
Small town and located on the water	1
Small town	1
Small size town with much to offer with Arts and entertainment like the George Flynn concerts, summer concerts , scarecrow contest and Clinton in Christmas event. Love that the town has a beautiful beach and town dock and clamming area	1
Small seashore community Community support for each other	1
Small quiet town. Peaceful	1
Small enough to make a difference as a volunteer and know your neighbors. We are the only coastal town with Long Island sound running right up to Main Street. That amenity should be celebrated. Crossing the Indian river is beautiful.	1
Small community. Great business in town. Safe	1
Small community life	1
Small beach community	1
Small and down to earth	1
shoreline new high school outlets marinas grocery stores	1
Shoreline vibes but not stuffy more down to earth population	1
Shoreline town	1
Shoreline experience	1
Shoreline community, residents are generous to those in need (Food Pantry @ First Church Congregational Church), Feeling of community	1
Shoreline community with direct access to Long Island Sound, plus a lot of wetlands and forests in town.	1
Shoreline & wildlife	1

Shoreline	1
Sense of community & local charm, location to be along the shoreline but also ease of access to cities (New Haven, NYC, Boston)	1
Senior Center and activities. I currently use the Estuary in Old Saybrook but would like local options. More activities for teenagers.	1
Really love that Big Y came here. We live off of Cow Hill. It has been incredibly convenient to have a friendly grocery store with anything I could need so close by, especially since we have 4 young kids all under the age of 3.	1
Proximity to water	1
Proximity to the shore; small town feeling of knowing your neighbors; walkable and easy access to public transportation, especially. The Shoreline East.	1
Proximity to the ocean	1
Proximity to shore. Small town feel.	1
Proximity to Long Island Sound. Small town feel.	1
Proximity to Long Island Sound, surrounding towns with vibrant downtown areas, great small town feeling	1
Proximity to Long Island Sound and other Environmental Resources.	1
Proximity to LI Sound, relatively affordable housing, very moderate climate (for New England), good public services and facilities.	1
Proximity to beaches - low taxes - retail and Main Street options - restaurants - proximity to other areas - Summerfest!	1
People, location, ease of 95, train station & charm.	1
People come together for others in need	1
People are kind, friendly and it's easy to feel welcome here.	1
Our small town has a wonderful sense of community.	1
Our community. Beaches. Reasonable cost of housing however more is needed	1
Opportunities are endless but they need to be addressed with a greater vision.	1
Nothing.	1
Nothing, at best it's an average small town.	1
Not sure as I do feel it's a great place. It's an okay place. Maybe that the housing market is cheaper than Madison and Guilford.	1
Nice village , harbor, beach areas	1
Nice small town feel.	1

Nice people, Nice water areas, community	1
Nice location, quiet, almost too quiet. could be better with destination type anchor businesses.	1
Neighborhoods, proximity to larger cities and amenities, access to the train, and access to the shoreline	1
Need to address high taxes. Raised taxes after the last revaluation. Why? No improvement of services since then.	1
Near the water. Small town. decent schools.	1
Near the water	1
Near the beach, close to New Haven and New London, nice forests for walks, several stores	1
Natural resources and access to same. We have open views, a beautiful beach and marina, and are fortunate to have a lovely water view in the heart of downtown. All of this should be complemented by a commercial area that is more attractive to passersby in terms of both offerings and curb appeal. Such a waste, really, that we don't leverage what we have.	1
Natural resources	1
Natural harbor, natural environment	1
Natural beauty, good schools.	1
My neighbors	1
My family just moved to Clinton in November 2024, into our first home and so far we have been happy with the town. We have not had too much of an opportunity to explore the town, but we look forward to doing so in the months and years to come.	1
My backyard where I live on the river	1
My back yard on the river	1
More affordable, sense of community, quiet	1
Many people who reside in the community care about our town. Our library, town hall, and schools are top notch.	1
Low cost of living compared to other towns, especially along the shoreline. Safe, caring, diverse community. Great school system and dedicated teachers. Fantastic library. Morgan auditorium is terrific venue for events. Kidz Konnection and gem. Both great to attract people to Clinton. Town has recently done a nice job serving seniors and addressing housing issues.	1
Long Island Sound	1
Location. Small town life	1
Location. Being close to the ocean and also having many wooded areas is very attractive and is what brought us here. Also seems like a small, tight knit community and great place to raise a family.	1
Location, near LI Sound, Parks, Schools,	1

Location, affordability, real people, arts and culture	1
Location, accessibility to beach	1
Location to shoreline. People are friendly. Train and turnpike access.	1
Location to route 9 and I95	1
LOCATION TO 95, SHORELINE COMMUNITY	1
Location on Long Island Sound and small town vibe. Access to I95. Good neighbors!	1
Location near the water, town beach is beautiful, restaurant options including the winery, small town feel, trolley services	1
location btw New York and Boston, people, proximity to water, marinas, Hammonasset state park.	1
Location between big cities	1
Location and community	1
Location and beach access	1
Location Access to Hammonasset Lower housing costs	1
Local community members	1
Laidback shoreline charm. Sense of community. Access to shoreline activities, boating, fishing, marshes.	1
It's the best of both worlds - woodsy and rural, yet on the waterfront and minutes to more developed areas.	1
We like how undeveloped Clinton is compared to other communities. Not as many national chain retailers, less traffic, schools are smaller.	
It's small town feel and it is less pretentious than other shoreline towns.	1
Its proximity to Long Island Sound	1
It's possibly the least expensive town on the shoreline, with a mix of water and woods.	1
Its people, small town charm, beaches	1
It's natural beauty, great schools, and blend of great restaurants and culture.	1
Its location on the shore and its vintage maritime atmosphere	1
Its location	1
Its coastal resources	1
It's a small town near L.I. Sound, has fascinating history and three National Register Historic Districts and is affordable	1
It's a nice, tight knit community where most people know each other. It's a great place to raise kids, safe and good schools.	1
it's a naturally beautiful little town.	1

It's a beautiful shoreline town with a people from all different backgrounds. I think we have a wonderful school system and decent town services.

1

It's safe, quiet and beautiful.

1

It's positioned well to get to surround cities, it has good access to the water, it's more affordable than Madison.

1

It's people.

1

It's clean, friendly, on the water, has great restaurants and so far I've been very happy with my children's' education

1

It's beautiful. The Grove is walkable.

1

It's an okay place

1

It's a small town with citizens and groups committed to its well being.

1

It's a small community with (mostly) friendly people. I would like to see it remain that way. I know a lot of people think that commercial development will lower taxes, but that has proved wrong many times, remember the mall? It was supposed to lower taxes by a lot - never happened and now the traffic flow is bottlenecked several times a year

1

It's a good size, it's not riddled with chain businesses, and the old homes are beautiful

1

It's a friendly community which offers great family programs through the town and local businesses and organizations such as summer fest, Christmas in Clinton, the arts district, etc.

1

It's a family town! Beautiful town beach and playground, great library,

1

It's a beautiful little shoreline town with lots of potential

1

It's a beach town!

1

It still maintain a community feeling, and I would like to see it to continue to improve

1

It isn't Madison.

1

It is the best cross section of people on the shoreline, it is a family oriented community and people are respectful of one another.

1

It is on the shore, and the physical beauty of our open spaces, its size, the diversity of its people, commitment to our schools and library, our Town Manager/Town Council form of government, our police and fire departments, historic homes and buildings, museums, access to rail transportation and growing bus system, Town Hall theater and support for performance and visual arts, shopping for new and used, grocery stores and eateries and vineyard, doctors' offices and nearby ER and urgent care, marina, proximity to Hammonasset State Park, churches.

1

It is an unassuming and beautiful small coastal town.

1

It is an ok place We lack a cohesive and vibrant restaurant and boutique shopping

1

It is a small town with a rich historical past and deeply committed volunteers within the community. We have the most amazing shoreline line to enjoy...both the Clinton Beach and the Clinton Marina. Just sitting in the Gazebo behind the Town Hall is like going on a mini vacation in your own town.

1

It is a shoreline community with easy access to cultural and business venues.

1

It is a safe, attractive community. Wonderful facilities, and programs. Neighborhoods that are delightful to walk in and meet neighbors! Community events are great, love the beer and food event, love senior connections, love the library! I dont have children, but it appears the school facilities are very nice.

1

It has always felt like a nice quiet and peaceful town.

1

It has a small town vibe, great natural resources, near other towns that have theater and other cultural resources, and trains to NYC

1

Incredible shoreline/ natural resources Town Small town lifestyle Relative affordability Proximity to larger cities

1

I really like the balance of the rural nature of the town while having enough amenities that one doesn't feel it's a struggle to access those items/services that make life easier. I've always been annoyed by those that move here and then say "It would be perfect, if only there was a big box store." And though it's not really noticed an a day-to-day basis, being on the shoreline with the Sound "right there" is rather appealing.

1

I love the small community.

1

I love living in Clinton because it is a small, tight knit community with rich natural, cultural, and historical resources

1

I love Clinton! It is a beautiful area filled with such precious nature.. I have found incredibly nice people.

1

I grew up in Madison and I love the shoreline. Just wish Clinton would have downtown would be more appealing.

1

I do not think that it is a great place to live.

1

I do like the small town appeal, however people need to accept the fact that we cannot remain a viable community unless we adopt change. I do not want to loose the small town feel, but we do need to have some growth.

1

I can walk all across town, any place, day or night and feel safe.

1

hiking trails, beaches, great walking areas, small town feel, safe environment

1

Having access to Long Island Sound

1

Have always found people friendly. Ok experience with school system

1

Harbor and access to the water and LI Sound

1

Great small town, benefits of shoreline town without the snootiness of Madison or Guilford

1

Great small town

1

Great seasonal town. Safe.

1

Great schools, town beach and water access, close to highway, access to trains.	1
Great schools, family events	1
Great People, waterfront community	1
Great location and friendly people	1
Great library, public schools I have confidence in, chill vibe, proximity to the Sound	1
Great community with really wonderful people.	1
Great access to the water (rivers, harbor, LI Sound), I-95, and trains.	1
Great access to beaches, water rec and open space.	1
Good mix of those who have and those who don't have as much. Easy access to daily needs and services.	1
Strong neighboring towns. Clinton harbor is our strongest asset making the town of Clinton a destination.	
Gives a relaxed home vibe	1
Friendships	1
Friendly town which has a good share of committed people working to improve things and to be involved with many different aspects of community organizations.	1
Friendly people, great location and lots of fresh salt air.	1
Friendly people, good schools	1
Friendly people and a great library and shops	1
Friendly people	1
Friendly community, wide range of housing prices	1
First and foremost, the people. After that, the proximity to other places available by train	1
Diversity in our cultures and income levels. Numerous options to participate in town planning and town events. Our library is a great resource	1
Direct access to Long Island Sound resource. Without that, it's just another mediocre town.	1
Convenience to many things	1
Concernedresidents	1
Community and senior program	1
Community	1
Comfortable	1
Close to the sound and wooded areas. Has a boat launch but it needs improvements.	1
Close to the beach. Between two major cities.	1

Close to shoreline and major cities but rural enough to not feel over crowded.	1
Close location to the water, "hometown feel", great neighborhoods, plentiful businesses.	1
Close community, excellent services.	1
Clinton isn't a town it's a community. Our diversity, our education, our sports, is what I grew up on and have thrived on as an adult.	1
Clinton is unique to the shoreline with a relatively affordable combination of diversity, arts, recreation and cultural history. It's got great transportation infrastructure to other great cultural centers like New Haven, New London and NYC. The town beach is amazing.	1
Clinton is the secret of the shoreline. It has great proximity to NYC and Boston, close to highways and trains/Amtrak. A diverse community of working class and some wealth. Not pretentious like some other nearby towns. The beach, Clinton antiques, and Aqua!	1
Clinton is an unspoiled shoreline town that still has a small-town feel.	1
Clinton is a wonderful, charming, small town with amazing residents . I volunteer for a local nonprofit and the generosity of our towns. People is amazing.	1
Clinton is a small town with low crime and access to water or hiking.	1
Clinton is a small beautiful town by Long Island Sound. It has lots of places to shop. Walking at the beach, fireworks and Christmas events. I want to keep Clinton small.	1
Clinton is a great shoreline town. Small town with kind people who watch out for each other. Blue collar people who work hard.	1
Clinton is a great place to live because it's a small, blue-collar town with a strong sense of community. It's a great place to raise a family, offering a safe environment, good schools, and plenty of outdoor spaces for kids to play. The close-knit feel means neighbors look out for each other, and there's a hardworking spirit that brings people together. Plus, being a smaller town, it avoids the hustle and stress of big cities while still providing access to everything you need.	1
Clinton has many resources and opportunities for families, including wonderful outdoor activities, town events, cultural events, and our wonderful library.	1
Clinton has a true sense of community. From it's historical areas to the harbor, Clinton has been built and continues to be occupied by a variety of residents, all up and down the socio-economic scale. It needs to have a central meeting location - like a downtown that is inviting to have people stick around.	1
Clinton has a rich history and is quaint town that is accessible to nature, jobs, and community.	1
Clinton has a lot to offer for such a little town. It's tiny but mighty. It has a Beautiful shoreline between the marina area and the town beach. The historical aspect of Clinton is extremely unique with the historical buildings downtown such as the Stanton house. Activities such as kayaking, shopping at the outlets, and events such as fireworks, Bluefish festival, Christmas in Clinton are assets and activities for townies as well as for out-of-towners.	1
Clinton has a great location on long island sound, a nice community.	1
Clinton Harbor	1

Caring community, diversity in income & cultures, beaches, open spaces, police, fire dept, DPW	1
Being on the water. Our town beach. Diversity of its citizens. Close to 95. Centrally located. Our library	1
Being on the shoreline is great. The town beach is wonderful for activities such as sailing or even viewing a sunset. We have great schools, low crime (other than the outlets and carjacking) and a great community. It is easy to get around by car, although having more businesses in the downtown area would also make it more accessible.	1
Being near the water, living in a very walkable city.	1
Being close to the ocean, parks, and forests.	1
Being a small shoreline town, proximity to services.	1
Beautiful town beach, well positioned between New York and Boston , safe and friendly community, good Arts scene, good events for families	1
Beautiful town beach, marina, Cedar Island, water views from Route 1. Chamard, Nataz, varied topography (woodlands, beach, hills, valleys, rivers), charming gazebos (tho sadly not maintained), stunning town hall, and proximity to Hammonasset, Chatfield Hollow, Madison, and Old Saybrook.	1
Beautiful shoreline.. presence of average middle class residents compared to some other communities. Shopping options at tjmaxx and the mall.	1
beautiful shoreline, vibrant community with excellent restaurants and retail	1
BEAUTIFUL SHORELINE COMMUNITY	1
Beautiful shoreline and easy access to 95. Also, low crime and good school system. Great transportation with shoreline east access.	1
Beautiful location and incredible potential	1
Beautiful beaches, decent restaurants, quiet town, family oriented	1
Beautiful beach and marina. Small town feel, friendly people	1
Beaches , people	1
Beach, town feel, community	1
Beach access	1
Beach	1
An inviting and accessible coastal community.	1
Access to town parks/facilities, Park & Rec athletics for kids, town library, Clinton Human Services. Economic diversity and affordable housing if you can buy a house (renting not affordable). Still would rather live in Clinton than Madison and Guilford due to economic diversity and slightly better cultural diversity.	1
access to the clinton harbor and LI sound	1
Access to the beach	1

access to LI Sound	1
A welcoming and friendly community	1
A town center that reminds me of a true small new England town, but with shore access, proximity to resources like cities, but keeping a rural feel.	1
A lot of potential - and great people.	1
A great location on the Long Island Sound; many opportunities to get involved with town committees and commissions; a great library	1
A diverse, friendly and welcoming community, good schools, relatively low tax rate, shoreline resources, a small town atmosphere making it easy to know people.	1
A appealing coastal town with affordable housing and taxes.	1
#! the people...#2 location...# 3 history	1

Answered: 351 Skipped: 80

- In your opinion, what is Clinton's greatest challenge?

bad do shore Vincent owners year time. spend life long public activities change Appearance development. draw move place base is. feel community. Saybrook mass Blight Clinton. options clean support 81 property run waste making building beach stay fronts don't line main small 3 center homes Madison improve areas in. opportunities summer 2 bring downtown people town. pay 1 kids water traffic towns properties attract eyesore stop downtown. families - lot lots high empty sense west things C. area. fix affordable Clinton lack area residents septic close space Improving Route & great business work Road Street. train local economic young store street St buildings up. challenge it's community development climate live love older Rt. businesses etc. congestion shoreline it. tax taxes rt ? historic growth walking shop commercial developing years be. post vibrant surrounding schools stores make nice Attracting good shops businesses. 30 improvements senior wastewater time 4 vacant care live maintaining younger families. big kid "a Creating issues won't character safe population

Response	Count
Economic development	2
Climate change	2
Business development	2
Woke DEI loving Liberals	1
Well, lets face it, our town center needs some love - it wuld be nice if there was a little more retail there, or activities in the area - the concerts are nice at the gazebo - we miss the First Thursday events.	1
Weather related crisis Ed.	1

We NEED to improve downtown. We need to be able to draw people downtown and business/ shops to draw them there. I look at what Deep River was 30 years ago and look at what they are now. We need to do that. We need more business to support taxes so it's not all on families.

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We need more stuff for kids to do of all ages . Taxes keep going up and the kids are getting less .

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We lack a good enough tax base. We need to have more businesses contributing to the grand list. Our new town planner has yet to contribute and her position should be dependent on how many store fronts are vacant.

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We are challenged by not being a Destination for year-round activities. If a sports area was able to use the old Ponds building as was tried a few years back we would be able to support more restaurants.

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wastewater and stormwater management, overpopulation of the area.

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Waste water treatment, numerous empty stores downtown and along all of route 1. Numerous houses and businesses along Rte 1 unkempt, not maintained, blighted.

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Waste water issues on long hill, rocky ledge and in town where we are limited to adding more businesses because of lack of place for waste.

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Waste water infrastructure?

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Waste water

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Visually improving so people want to move here. Where is the charm?

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Very few businesses that younger families are interested in. We need fast casual restaurants.

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UPDATING THE CENTER OF TOWN

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unifying downtown to have character, walkability, opportunities, and curb appeal WEEKEND TRAFFIC on main and hull streets

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Unifying all the people from diverse backgrounds, investing in our town and our students' education

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Unchecked development of the town center and marinas/harbor. The areas should have their own set of rules and regulations that emphasize good development. An example of development that is not good- the old CVS becoming a vet hospital and pet boarding. That couldn't be farther from the direction the center needs. Certainly Madison or Old Saybrook would have stopped it. Those towns have walkable centers that bring people in. That's exactly what Clinton needs.

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Trying to balance visitors with town resources

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Trying to balance seasonal owners and their needs. We pay a fair share of the taxes and the majority don't use the Schools and services.

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Transportation options and downtown business / restaurants staying open

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Traffic. Downtown is completely clogged in summer. The light at big y is so dangerous to turn left at the exit. Affordable housing; especially for seniors.

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Traffic, SPEEDING. I never, ever see cops policing speeding (yet I see them speeding all too often without sirens). People drive down our road and nearby roads as if they are highways. Walking here terrifies me. Pedestrian safety should be prioritized, and police should do a lot better about that..

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Traffic, bike lanes, sidewalk improvements which are much appreciated!

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traffic on route 1

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Traffic issues

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Traffic is bad on the main road, and there are few side walks, and no good restaurants downtown.

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Traffic in summer

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Traffic in downtown and making downtown accesable

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Traffic and crime near the expanding malls

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Traffic

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Town engagement- encouraging younger folks to volunteer

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Town center needs more for local to go for walk cafes stores

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Too many of the same closed minded people on the boards and committees of this town that do not want any change. If we do not recognize that we need to "grow" & upgrade our town, we will continue to have empty store fronts, dilapidated buildings & homes, no money for infrastructure and higher taxes which will drive out seniors and discourage young families.

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Too many closed businesses. Need job training / emploment classes in Clinton.

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Too many absentee landowners

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To retain sense of a small community, as Clinton is faced with residential and commercial development challenges.

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To keep itself viable and attract important businesses here and then keep them. We have lots of empty buildings that could accommodate a variety of cultural as well as mainstream business .

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Though taxes have nearly doubled in the 15 years i have lived here, i can still manage, but the burden for growth should not be on property owners, but creative financing solutions should be sought. Intolerance - I would love to see civics taught for kids as well as adults, we should re-introduce how to engage in political discussions respectfully rather than the current environment where we are each in our respective silos and theres no educational value to voting. I would like to see the towns beach water be improved so we arent worrying about bacteria after every major storm. I think bullying needs to stop in schools, but as i do not have children, i have no suggestions on how to address.

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There's not enough entertainment for adults and especially kids/teens.

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There is only one way to go through downtown, no parallel roads like other towns, it's impossible to get around and always crowded. There is no center for seniors. Instead of contracting with the estuary that does NOTHING you should have contracted with Madison, which is closer. Property taxes are high, but it's hard to see what we get for them other than paying for the high school. There aren't those small specialized businesses that people like to shop at , that give a town character ,where the commercial activity would help spread the tax burden too. That's ok I suppose, because getting to them and parking would be hard. But a good coffee shop or cafe, a bakery, business that specializes in prepared food, some other unique businesses. When I get the emails from the state senator's office, every surrounding town has some sort of activity listed, or some improvement underway , except Clinton. If the town has a particular community feel - I don't see it.

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The ugliness of chains and the traffic and congestion that goes with it.

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the train tracks are too close to Main Street...can't change that. Blight...encourage people especially business" clean up their front and back areas!!

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The town needs affordable housing that appeals to all age groups. But we also need to attract higher income families that are willing to support programs that benefit young people (eg education)

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The town is not walkable, and this contributes to the biggest problem, which is the business district. We need more cute little shops, but in order to support more cute little shops, we need foot traffic. Sidewalks and additions to make walking more pleasant, such as landscaping and street trees, would make it possible for many people to walk to downtown, get an ice cream, pick up some vegetables at a produce market, get some bread from a bakery. I would love to be able to do those things. Even strategic interventions, like safe walkways to take people from Nod Rd and North High Street to the Post Road (past the train tracks), would make a big difference.

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The seeming inability for people on both sides of the political aisle to come together and work in a bipartisan fashion regarding budgets, resource allocation, and general forward direction.

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The run down buildings and the condition of the downtown buildings.

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The political divide and how nasty people can get. Especially on social media, like the Clinton Facebook groups.

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The people. It's a double edge sword. We have great people and we also have people who want to continue to do things the way it's always been done and we cannot afford to be stagnant. I have personally experienced the town asking for people to bring new ideas forward and new talent forward. But when we try to help out, we are told "that's not what we are going to do". So, it appears the town doesn't want new ideas, just more people to implement the same old ideas

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The parks and rec does not offer enough opportunities for kids or adults. Surrounding towns have many more extracurriculars for people to engage in around town.

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The lack of entertainment options and hotels/motels suitable for visitors.

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The lack of businesses and restaurants in Clinton and the lack of development down town

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The lack of a vibrant downtown area

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The greatest challenge is the filling of open businesses.

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The downtown landlords and lack of sewers. We need to improve downtown to make it a place that folks want to stop and visit, not just drive through. 1

The downtown has always been a little underwhelming. Empty space where restaurants and shops could be. Some things just don't stick and I don't know why. Like the old Malone's... 1

The downtown area needs more businesses and a coherent structure 1

The downtown area needs development so that more and diverse small businesses will want to move in. 1

The downtown area is depressing, the buildings need to be cleaned up and made more inviting. We need to fill vacant space n town and all along route 1. 1

The downtown area could really use a lot of improvement. My husband grew up in Saybrook and we're there much more than we are here - going to their restaurants, walking their downtown/shops, going to their community events. Partly because we have friends there but mostly because of what's offered. 1

The downtown area could be so nice, filled with canopied shops and eateries. If you have ever seen Camden Maine, we have a similar landscape with parking. Ehind the Main Street and some along the Main Street. Quaint and would love to see Clinton look like this with foot traffic in stores and eateries along the main road. 1

The down town has too many vacant store fronts, trashy stores like thrift shops/vape shops, and there aren't many enough good restaurants once Rocky's closes for the season. 1

The down town area and the waste management. 1

The closed-minded culture of the town and the intentional mediocrity of the town schools. Suicide rate is high because of unsupportive town culture—QPR trainings won't fix that. If your kid is outside the defined norm, there are a few individual heroic educators who will help, but the school system only cares about meeting attendance goals and other state metrics and not actually educating all kids. SPEND MORE MONEY ON THE SCHOOLS!!! We need support for bilingual students, students with disabilities, and talented and gifted students. We need an administration that supports teachers as professionals who can use their creativity and expertise rather than wasting time, energy, and money on new curricula every few years that teachers have no input in and that they know doesn't work. We need a town wide culture that shows students they have strengths and value even if they are different. Fix the schools and you will attract more families. We would leave if we could afford to. 1

The challenge is certain subgroups taking over the town and making decisions in isolation. 1

The business growth and appearance downtown. 1

The blight all around the main thoroughfares makes the town look so shabby and rundown, and downtown/main street area seems like it could be such a lovely asset and draw but it is also run down shabby. It is a diamond in the rough! 1

The amount of mental health issues, and suicide that happens and the lack of response to that. 1

Teen and young adult mental health issues have plagued Clinton for the last decade 1

Technology and town records and transparency- searching the records, particularly property records, building permits and variances is a disaster. Invasive weeds and species- the invasive weeds are taking over all green space, roadsides and marshes. We need to buy some goats, organize some cleanups, find some grant money or something to get the weeds under control. We should also have an online police log like Glastonbury and other towns <https://www.glastonburyct.gov/departments/department-directory-i-z/police/interactive-police-dashboard>

Taxes are way too high for small cottages on Shore Rd Shore Rd is extreme noisy from constant construction vehicles Congestion on Main St is bad

Taxes are Highest on the Shoreline It's a disgrace

Taxes and business development.

Taxes

Tax revenue

Taking advantage of water access and improving downtown area. Clinton has such a unique ability to further leverage it's water access and proximity to downtown area. There are some real eyesores in that area and restaurants, inns and housing could really enhance that asset.

Surprised to see there was not a category above specifically about schools and school facilities. Schools bring families and the future into the community. Biggest challenge- how to attract and keep new businesses. Wastewater has been a concern for way too long.

summer traffic, and lack of downtown community feeling.

Summer traffic congestion downtown is on the list

Summer congestion

Stuck in the past. Empty store fronts, horrible traffic.

Speeding on streets during the summer

Space and money

some of the people running it

Solid waste management - waste water management - need sewers the water table too high and homes butting out into the beaches/shores too much lost much shoreline with gigantic homes and retaining walls

Small town with high taxes and fewer services than other towns

Small business and restaurants could use some focus.

Sewage - septic needs to go with water tables our landscaped has changed in past 20-30 years. Sewers must be implemented near shore and causeways

Septic downtown and in the sound water pollution. We need sewage system. Renewable energy and solar and wind. Solar arrays on the old dump site, etc. Route 1 too narrow and lights not coordinated. More Art events.

See above is my #1 concern but the town is in dire need of improving downtown. There is NOTHING appealing about it. No stores to draw visitors, there are many buildings that should be torn down, summer traffic is awful...

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Sea level rise, and especially its impact on shoreline septic systems.

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Schools need to refocus on basic reading, math and science skills.

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Safety

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Rural area, spread out, lack of public transportation , we need a senior center like every other shoreline town.

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Rising sea levels affecting immediate shoreline homes septic systems and harbor and LIS water quality.

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Ridding the blight and making the town center attractive which will lead to more people coming to Clinton.

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Revitalizing downtown. Getting a diversity in business into the empty properties in the downtown area.

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Improving the look of Main st - in particular the view when you enter Main st from rt 81 and High Street.

Creating a recreation "hub" that is unique to our town - ex: the old Pond's building being re-created into a recreation/restaurant/business sector.

Revitalize downtown

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Retaining young families, its downtown area, prohibitive zoning regulations. We lack the type of housing stock that enables a young or growing family to stay in town. Especially after the pandemic where people were forced to live and work from home. The modestly priced homes are ranches, raised ranches or split levels, which all primarily have 3 bedrooms in total to them. There had been some development in the early 2000's with James Vincent subdivision and Lindera Lane. I'm not saying we need to create neighborhoods like that to keep families in town, but we do need more options to fit the needs of buyers. This will strengthen the ties to the town, prolong friendships, and enhance the sense of community, instead of having them move to neighboring towns that have more 4 bedroom homes available.

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Reputation as not being as nice a town as others surrounding it

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Reducing taxes. Clinton needs more industry

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Reconciling the needs and wants of the younger population with the wants and needs of the older population

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Raising our business tax base to take some pressure off of homeowners. Developing more low-income housing.

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protecting eroding Cedar Island

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Protecting Clinton's remaining Open Space

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Properties that need renovation or removal. When will there be progress on properties on High St Tear down or what? Not a good look for folks entering our town from the north or turnpike. It's a very poor view to enter rte one from 81 to see a property that needs removal sitting there year after year. Is that what this town wants to be remembered as, more tear downs? We have lost several antique buildings , while we let these wrecks stand !

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Promoting and marketing the town as a welcoming community where businesses and residents can enjoy the town's offering and opportunities. 1

Progress being halted by older generations. 1

Preventing the remaining large wooded parcels from being developed. 1

Preserving the small town atmosphere while generating a reasonable tax basis. 1

Preserving the Historic feel of our downtown while maintaining buildings and creating a thriving business area. 1

Preserving the environment. Not over-building. 1

Population pressure 1

Ponds redevelopment Affordable Senior housing 1

Polarized community 1

Please clean up the downtown area 1

People waste so much energy fighting development which is badly needed. Trying to stay "quaint" will hurt us in the long run. 1

Overdevelopment. I'd hate to see lots of apartments being built. The streets can barely handle the traffic now. Commitment to bring in businesses - both for downtown and in industrial areas. 1

overcoming the fighting between people's opinions 1

Our downtown improvements 1

One would be the appearance of downtown combined with the lack of well-lit parking. Every so often a cursory effort is made to make downtown look better, but it never amounts to much more than a slap of paint or maybe some low-quality siding. And no attention is ever given to West Main Street from about Pearl Street to the Madison line. Another would be the decades-long tendency to allow historic structures to deteriorate or be torn down even when sound. I've seen this since I was a kid. 1

Old school thinking and lack of innovation 1

nothing to do very boring 1

Not losing it's small town character through over development 1

Not having good local shopping to go to like Madison and Guilford do. 1

Not enough good quality restaurants . But some commercial properties do not maintain the outside appearance. They are deteriorating. 1

Not dividing the town with political agendas, but instead focusing on the potential for overall business development and civic beauty in our small town. 1

Not being accessible to kids 1

no strategic vision for stable long-term development, lack of coordination among commissions fostering development (all commissions have or should have a hand in development), lack of adequate business development to draw both visitors and younger more mobile and affluent permanent population, town government transparency, high taxes

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No enough walking paths, cow hill in particular a lot of people walk/ run/ bike it and it is a hazard to drivers and walkers

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No city sewer.

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No businesses seem to want to come here.

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Need turning lanes on Route 1 especially in summer. Need restaurants too

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Need to go out of town for entertainment purposes.

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Need more venues that offer more and better opportunities for jobs and activities for all age groups.

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Need for sewage treatment Maintaining beach with rising seas

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More needs to be done downtown to make it a destination. There isn't a walking downtown with places to go and spend the afternoon. The traffic is part of the problem. The road is very narrow heading up the hill from the Coffee Break on up towards Madison, until you get past Van Wilgen's. In the summer, the traffic is really bad there, and street parking is dangerous there.

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More businesses? Upgrade dilapidated buildings upgrade our center like Madison Old Saybrook and surrounding towns.

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More affordable housing

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Minimal activities for our youth to do

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Maximizing downtown potential.

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Many who live here can't or won't support our economy, which keeps desirable and sorely needed businesses at bay. These same individuals have little house pride, as well. A little maintenance would go a long way, as well as leveraging the blight ordinance.

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Managing increasing traffic congestion while enhancing its "downtown" vitality.

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Managing development. When I read about all the new apartments I worry about traffic on Route 1 and the drain on police and fire. Slow down apartments so we can see the traffic impact. Stop the big buses from New Haven...they run empty much of the time and contribute to pollution. Improve train service instead. Education funding... to keep young families coming in to raise their families we need to invest in education. Development around the harbor area...we need to manage the trend by developers to scoop up and tear down smaller affordable homes and build bigger expensive homes that will eventually take over the neighborhoods and turn the smaller homes into building lots worth less than a house. Not sure but many of the larger homes belong to snow birds who don't live here full time but vote down budgets.

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Making town government work for everyone. And developing our downtown as a functional resource for the residents and a destination for the coastal region. The fire station is oddly located so close to a tidal river. Relocation of the fire station and developing the site as a commercial or social asset. Architectural context and sound planning principles must be part of every project. We can do better.

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Making the town a more attractive place to live and visit.	1
Making the downtown area attractive, to encourage others to come to shop, stroll and eat.	1
Majority of tax burdens fall on home owners because of limited number of businesses	1
Maintaining the long standing historic charm Clinton has been known for.	1
Maintaining the beach side town vibe with the oncoming climate challenges. (severe weather events, beach erosion, etc.)	1
maintaining socio economic diversity and creating a better downtown.	1
Maintaining our schools and helping our citizens to understand the importance of education.	1
Maintaining economic viability of village center and preserving/enhancing public access to shoreline.	1
Maintain costs keep taxes low.	1
Main street. This is the first impression of our town for all that visit here and it is a mix of odd stores and buildings that are falling apart. Even our new logo and town signs are embarrassing and cheaply made compared to Madison's more historical appearing wood carved signs with gold accents. Clinton has so much potential but we continue to be the eyesore of the shoreline nestled in between towns that clearly have figured it out.	1
Main street and the appearance of "downtown".	1
Looks too run down. Must improve all areas along RT 1 including town center. Building & lot improvements with goal of 100% occupancy	1
Liberals	1
Leadership that has personal agendas. Leadership that isn't seeing their own flaws. A select few ignoring obvious needs of youth.	1
Leadership is ineffective at enticing new business to town.	1
Lack of town authority to require improvement/demolishment of unsightly structures on the Post Rd. Route 1. No doubt other higher priorities of which I have no knowledge.	1
Lack of things to do, downtown is an eyesore, unable to walk/bike most places due to safety concerns.	1
Lack of suitable development of unused property (e.g. Unilever campus) Lack of affordable housing options, partly due to zoning restrictions Lack of safe and functional walking and bike paths - one ends up driving everywhere.	1
Lack of sufficient funds and community support to properly tackle flooding, wastewater management, and business development.	1
Lack of sources of information..	1
Lack of sidewalks and sustained business development (e.g. what happened to developing the Unilever property?)	1
Lack of sewers where septic tank systems are non-compliant.	1

lack of sewers along the shoreline, lack of enforcement of older systems and cess pools lack of downtown development	1
Lack of restaurants and entertainment options downtown; venues/events available in the evening.	1
Lack of participation in Local Politics. and, particularly, the inability of the electorate to understand the present situation and find the means to support changes in Housing, Education, Environmental and Economic Policy.	1
Lack of investment into development	1
Lack of gym/recreational space for youth during the winter months. Plus, there seems to be a lack of engagement toward the younger families in town.	1
Lack of cheap housing and lack of public transportation	1
Lack of business development and need to increase tax base to fund necessary services	1
Lack of affordable housing.	1
Lack of affordable housing	1
Lack of a town center that is welcoming and easily accessed.	1
Keeping young adults in the community.	1
Keeping the town well-maintained. It seems that there are a lot of areas downtown that are vacant or have blight. Additionally, marketing all of what Clinton has to offer into a place where people would want to come and spend time.	1
Keeping the town affordable for young couples to start family's. Attracting talented teachers.	1
Keeping the harbor safe and reducing congestion on the roadways especially during the summer months	1
Keeping that small town charm and at the same time maintaining the infrastructure	1
Keeping property taxes low	1
It's has a reputation of being a "much less nice" shoreline town.	1
It's not a challenge but for some reason it is. Why is the downtown so rundown?? There is no excuse for this. Clinton is the only town on the shoreline that looks this bad. It took several years to get worn out signs replaced in the downtown area. I don't get it??? Isn't there a blithe law?? Why has nothing been done. Get a better attorney to handle the downtown, do something. That house on the corner of Dan Vece Jr Way is a disgrace. Why is this allowed?? Then there is that yellow liquor store with the paint peeling with the attorneys office next door. I hope this gets rectified soon. The downtown is an embarrassment to the town, its officials, and its residents. Put some of our tax dollars on this project now!!!	1
It needs a revitalized downtown to draw people in. A few restaurant options other than pizza and chinese. Also, more affordable housing.	1

It is my understanding that Clinton's infrastructure, namely the inadequacy of downtown's septic systems should be addressed. The center of town is unattractive to put it mildly and new businesses, developed according to a cohesive plan for the whole town center, would be more likely to move into Clinton. A plan for development of the downtown area should include attractive buildings which reflect our town's history, not more like CVS. There is very little appeal to spend much time in downtown Clinton.

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It is becoming congested. I think the unsightly buildings need immediate attention.

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It doesn't have as much to offer as neighboring towns

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Infrastructure. Getting through town on route 1 is crazy. Too many lights. Improve traffic flow and invest in downtown so businesses can move in with updated septic etc

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Inertia. There are many good ideas, but they die. Pick one thing and push it through, build around it. Come back the following year and push 2 things through. Small wins and ambitious ones too.

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Increasing the number of businesses (especially restaurants) while also dealing with wastewater treatment issues.

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Increasing taxes

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Increasing our commercial tax base.

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Increased taxes. Spending that doesn't help our whole community. Political members who are unaware of the needs of its citizens.

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Improving the living quality for all residents to include the development of a more service providing downtown that expresses our historic nature and quaint town origin. Housing, senior service, bike trail extension etc.

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Improving the downtown area

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Improving the appearance of downtown.

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Improving downtown area and bringing business into vacant buildings like Unilever.

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Improving downtown

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Improve downtown

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I would like to see some of our empty spaces filled. I know some are being worked on but some have taken quite some time. I'd like us to promote us as the place to be! We are working in that direction, but I would like to see a greater push. I think developing downtown to be more inviting would be the perfect start.

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I would like to see more places for the teenagers and older kids to hang out. Also more outreach for people in need. Set up a movie night downtown where everyone brings their lawn chairs and watch. Teach a self defense course for anyone who needs it. I think everyone should know the basics. How about a walk/ run to raise funds for Toys for Tots or for someone in need, a polar plunge. People will live and stay in Clinton if they are happy, have a good job, have a safe place to work and to live.

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I would defer to council.

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I think we lack a sense of town - a central hub for shopping, dining, walking where people would gather and build a deeper sense of community.

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I think the lack of sidewalks disconnects our town. Especially connecting the downtown area to the outlets and library. They aren't that far apart but are disconnected. Same with the marina area. The lack of sidewalks is dangerous and doesn't make the area too friendly to walk around and explore, especially the "walkway" between the marina parking and lobster landing. That area is so nice and is a real missed opportunity to make it more accessible and pedestrian friendly. It would help residents and visitors explore more of Clinton and our businesses/restaurants if Clinton was more walkable and connected.

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I think the downtown area, not sure what can be done but it is hard for small businesses to succeed because of parking and layout. More needs to be done to get our part of the shoreline out to the others.

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I think mental health affects a lot of families and people in general not just Clinton. We have high suicide rates and I'm part of the age group who has seen the most; a lot of them were my friends and I miss them terribly. While I don't think there's anything we can do to "save" these people, we need to invest in our kids, and our teens older and younger. Helping the older get ready for college or the work force.

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I think it would be making downtown a desirable place to shop, visit, enjoy. Right now it has little appeal. It is certainly not a place to, say, get your Christmas shopping done - unlike Madison, Guilford, Old Saybrook etc. I realize that these other downtowns are much larger but after all these years there must be something that can be done to entice people to come there. (The art area - Cindy Steven's store, etc - was a good start. But we need more interesting areas, shops like that.)

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I think economic development is challenging. The Main Street is lacking in retail shops. They can't seem to survive and therefore don't have the incentive to come to Clinton. Parts of town look very rundown including stores and historic homes. Sometimes it seems like people are just accepting of mediocrity when there is so much potential.

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I think Clinton has several challenges in the coming years. First, is hazards and start paying Fireman and pay Police more to keep the town safe. Second, keep the kids big and small happy by giving them a safe places to hang out. Third, think of ways to save on energy and water bills so more families will stay in Clinton.

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I think cleaning up route 1 is the biggest challenge. So much space next to McDonald's is unused and can be a vibrant commercial and residential space. Cleaning up the old friendly's and auto shop next to it on Rt 1 at N High street. The entry points on rt 1 from Madison and Westbrook need more attention. Cleaning up clinton and bringing in business and housing would make clinton even better than it is now.

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I think a lot of community resources are under utilized, and I feel as though the sense of community is fractured from the way that the town is organized. Neighborhoods usually have their own set of interest, but I feel as the sense of community is fractured due to isolation and certain areas of the town. Also, I think isolating our children, and not giving them any activities within the town, isolate an entire segment of population that if we as a community wish to sustain and grow, need to cultivate.

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I do not feel that the town listens to requests of citizens. Senior citizens have been asking for a senior center for years, and now the only way that is being addressed is by gaining a portion of the old Pierson School. That would not have happened except through the sale of the building (which sold for a song and a dance). The town needs a community center (like the one in Guilford). Towns as small as Middlefield have one. The congestion on Main Street is difficult. Maybe the lights need to be synchronized better. I also do not understand how some buildings are permitted (ie the big white building on the corner of Route One and North High Street).

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Housing for seniors and special ed

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High taxes.	1
High taxes Deterring car breakins	1
High taxes	1
High property taxes vs median income of residents	1
Having a collective vision for what Clinton is and could be in the future.	1
Have Clinton known for it's history - not the Premium Outlets	1
Handling the growing traffic	1
Global warming Congested Rt 1. Lack of water treatment	1
Getting people to move to town	1
Getting businesses to locate to Clinton to make it a destination for family activities.	1
Getting business in and making this town thrive for families. We need more things that kids can get involved in and do. Business that can help pick up the town. So many empty lots of abandoned business make the town hideous. The old friendlys location, the garage lot next door, old stanely bostich, across the train station. And yet we continue to clear down trees for developments on house that is either age gated, or to expensive for families to afford.	1
gentrification	1
Gaining community support for worthwhile projects in town.	1
Food security- access to agricultural land (our historical roots share the provisions of this land from both land and sea). How can we provide more access to build local food resiliency without land dedicated for residential growing use (outside the SSK garden which is very important to address food insecurity)?	1
Fiscal responsibility by town government and Board of Ed	1
Finding the right balance between the charming shoreline history and the need to bring a new vibrancy to attract businesses, restaurants, culture and recreational activities.	1
Finding a way to keep up with the surrounding communities without pricing out the average Joe.	1
Eyesore or blight, especially along Main Street. Many run down historic homes with neglected yards and gardens. The town should address these pockets of blight as it makes a terrible impression when entering town, especially on East Main Street.	1
Expansion of the malls by the highway more crime No elderly housing More affordable housing severely needed	1
Expanding the grand list and developing run-down downtown properties. Encouraging new development in town is a struggle, considering Indian River landing is still incomplete and development of the Unilever property has gone nowhere.	1
ExistenceofI95 and train tracks limiting town center.	1

Evolving the downtown to make it an inviting space for families or adults to meet (eat out, shop, have a treat, etc.) or have community programs (a la the bustling Guilford Community center that hosts multi-generational programming). Developing opportunities to take advantage of our prime location along the shore as a summer destination (need mini golf, batting cages, bowling alley, etc. activities to do that don't revolve around the beach all the time, or things for families & teens to do when it is raining....). What are activities/ opportunities that are available for FAMILIES to stay in town, invite others to our town, spend money/ generate town revenue, etc.?

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Esthetics

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establishing a solid tax base

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Equity in the way people are dealt with...more consistency and transparency when dealing with the Town officials and changing the role of the Town Planner to encompass all of the areas home owners deal with. Including CRAHD. Someone who is not going to say...that is not my job...you need to talk to CRAHD...or the building inspector. We need one umbrella to help us through the storms we continue to face as property owners.

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Environmental I fear we may be eroding our natural resources by not being tough enough on those who compromise the habitat around them.

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energizing downtown. Getting absentee landlords to care about their properties

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Empty stores (old CVS and Friendly's, etc.) and blighted buildings in the center of town.

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Empty commercial space, specifically on route one and several that are in need of repairs.

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Education

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Economic growth and sustainability

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Economic development. Improve our commercial tax base. Do something with C. Pond's already! Get after the absent landlord of the eyesore lot at the corner of Rt 1 and Beach Park, where Denovellis was located. What about the buildings falling down near the original library site? And then, use those tax proceeds wisely, for ALL members of the community, not just the young families.

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Driving down the tax base off of residents, and turning the burden of a growing community onto commercial and businesses is the greatest challenge. Without re-development and re-zoning of certain spaces that are being wasted, or locations that have an appearance that are unappealing, I don't see new businesses wanting to come to town. There are many properties, 90 West Main Street, or West Main Street as a whole, 266 East Main Street, the properties east of Walgreens, which have no physical curb appeal. The area gives off an appearance of the town being impoverished that I believe would limit possible investors or developers.

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Downtown/Main Street and reputation. I don't understand why our downtown business area cannot be as vibrant as our neighbors as well as why the Indian River Shoppes have not been able to attract stores that neighbors have - such as Whole Foods, Target, etc.

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Downtown needs to be updated Zoning board needs to be fairer to summer residents regarding home improvements

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Downtown needs a revamp

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Downtown is pretty choppy. There have been improvements but the strip still needs love. The town parts are very nice but the properties along the strip need to be cleaned up. Tuff for the town to do anything about though but would create the appearance for people to stop and shop. Flooding along the shore will also continue to be a problem. 1

Downtown has little draw and large empty buildings (CVS, old post office, Friendlys, etc). Taxes are high for little services (no trash, few activities, no community center, few events) 1

Downtown development, old infrastructure, lack of family-friendly amenities and events (i.e. updated pocket playgrounds that are walkable from major neighborhoods and downtown) 1

Downtown confined by presence of train tracks cutting through community, I95 backing up onto route one to the point of gridlock 1

Downtown commercial development & blight from home owners who don't take care of their property . 1

Downtown Clinton is an eyesore. The Town needs to cleanup or remove old buildings and establish enforceable guidelines for new construction and remodeling. The areas of most concern are Rt.1 from Stop & Shop east to Madison town line and & Rt. 81 south of I95. Great examples of good progress are the new Big Y and Starbucks, the new train station, police station and new buildings along north side of Rt. 1 (across from Pica Chica). Traffic congestion at post office intersection is a problem, worse in the summer. Two lights so close together does not work. Logic says to convert the pedestrian underpass to vehicle use. 1

Downtown business vacancies 1

Downtown area. You compare to towns like Madison or old saybrook and we do not have the same pride. We need businesses that will want people to move to the area and give more of a sense of community. We are a young family that would love to see a facelift to bring more younger families to the area. 1

Downtown needs help. 1

Downtown 1

Downscale image 1

Down town development. Too many low income families. Too many run down apartments and too many mobile home parks. Suicide rates. 1

Down town area is dead Lacks a place to gather 1

Development of an inviting downtown with interesting shops and good restaurants 1

Development of a plan to handle waste from the shoreline neighborhoods. The solution in Old Saybrook would work here. All non engineered septic systems should be upgraded and all cess pools absolutely must be eliminated. 1

Developing businesses and making use of empty spaces. 1

Developing a vibrant downtown area, increasing business presence to support tax base and creating better transportation options (more shoreline trains, Ubers etc) 1

Deal with the blighted houses/buildings and improve traffic flows, especially on route 1 in the center. 1

Current homeowners keeping up with their houses - and some of the areas in town, shops, and facilities are looking run down - the trees during power outages, need to bury the lines. Not many walkable areas because there aren't sidewalks. 1

Cronyism 1

Crime at the outlets 1

Creating an attractive downtown. 1

Creating a bigger tax base by encouraging business to come to Clinton. 1

Costal flooding, traffic and emergency response personnel (police) that can drive a boat. 1

Cost of living, taxes are too high, little services for what we pay, No town sewer, little city water options. The location of route 1 railroad tracks and width of route 1 make development downtown difficult. 1

Controlling property taxes 1

controlled growth and adapting the shoreline to stay vibrant in a changing climate 1

Continuing to keep up with the times. Comparing Clinton to surrounding towns, it feels Clinton is stuck in the past with an outdated downtown and not many attractions. 1

Continuing to foster a sense of belonging and ownership of responsibility for the welfare of everyone in the community. With that we can accomplish much more than we are currently doing. 1

Commercial development to improve tax base 1

Cohesiveness. 1

Clinton's greatest challenge is convincing ALL residents and tax payers that investing in infrastructure, for example sewers in downtown, will bring in more businesses and make Clinton more appealing for outsiders to spend \$\$.

Clinton's greatest challenge is the lack of businesses, restaurants, and economic development. While the small-town feel is a strength, limited options for dining, shopping, and entertainment can make it difficult to keep residents spending locally. This also affects job opportunities and tax revenue, which are crucial for maintaining and improving public services. Attracting new businesses while preserving the town's character is a key challenge that Clinton needs to address to support long-term growth and community vitality.

Clinton's biggest challenge is getting new vibrant businesses in and running. Properties remain vacant for many years and improvements take way too long 1

Clinton residents need to expect more of themselves and their community leaders. As beautiful as the community is, long term residents don't see the need to make improvements. despite the fact that all the surrounding communities have been doing so for decades. We are now even less attractive than our poorer neighbor Westbrook because the residents lack even their vision. I have great hope in our current leadership and TM. 1

Clinton needs to accept commercial development, that will be the only way to continue to improve services and stabilize if not reduce the tax burden mil rate for the residents 1

Clinton needs activities. When I was growing up here, Stop & Shop was our local drive-in in McDonald's was our local movie theater. There is nothing for children and teenagers to do in this town anymore. Our main route, one consists of package stores nail salons. We need a small downtown that has businesses places to sit in places for people to gather. If we could close off post office Square and make that a little Piazza that would be great! We don't even have a great little coffee shop in our little downtown. We need an area that people can eat in fun, restaurants and bars, as well as places for kids to hang out. Thank you for asking us for our opinion.

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Clinton is an eyesore compared to our neighboring towns It's time to improve Main Street and the appearance of our town Make more amenities available to families. Parks, a splash pad etc- the existing ones are outdated and poorly maintained

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Climate change.

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Climate change could have expensive consequences, but town growth while maintaining a rural feel will be challenging

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Climate change and coastal vulnerability

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Climate challenges - drought, flooding, wild fires, extreme heat and cold. Keeping it's rural charm while growing. Improving the commercial district on Route 1 while not overdeveloping and becoming full of mass retailers.

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Cleaning up the businesses and appearances along route 1. Things look good near the outlets and "new" BigY plaza, but the area between the center of town and the Madison line is a dump. Need stronger businesses in town to invest. Possible tax incentives to entice investments and established businesses.

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Causeway and Shoreline Road flooding

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Business tend to fail Need to rid downtown of buildings not Taken care of to improve Desire of people and business to invest

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Business development which will in turn jump start our town's economy.

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Bullying in the schools, some unsightly properties(residential and business) congestion downtown in the summer.

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Build up the downtown area and increase the opportunities for business development. For example, when we go out to dinner, we usually go to another town with more options.

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bringing more life to main street but wastewater seems to be the ongoing challenge.

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Bringing business to Clinton while not sacrificing it's small town charm.

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Bringing business into town, we have so many empty storefronts and the ones that are vacant are an eyesore Every other shoreline town is bustling with new businesses. Our Main Street should be inviting instead the west end is dumpy. The parts that have been revitalized are beautiful but places like 109 west Main Street (shacks that people live in) are crime and drug filled. We need economic development to draw people to our town.

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Bored of education and the school so far have proven to need improvement. Not by means of needing more administration, but by needing to give parents and students more support.

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Blighted properties	1
Blighted properties throughout town	1
Blight, the properties that are along main street are an extreme eyesore, and it should be addressed. South of rt 1. Buildings that are falling apart or projects that have just started should be addressed, it's been far too long. The shoreline is a gem, there needs to be a much better vision moving forward.	1
Blight, not taking it seriously enough, Fix up downtown and get more stores in Clinton Landing. Affordable housing,	1
Balancing the need for affordable housing options with the push for encouraging more businesses to locate here. Additionally, coastal management protocols are needed.	1
Balancing conservation with development to support our town financially	1
Attracting young people to the town.	1
Attracting well paid non-retail, non-hospitality jobs and developing affordable housing	1
Attracting the right mix of businesses for our downtown spaces, esp. more restaurants, coffee shops, etc.	1
Attracting residents who want to - and can - invest in their homes and support the businesses where they live. This is the most socio-economically diverse town I have ever lived in, so I am not used to residents that have no "house pride." I would support a fund to help Route 1 facing homes get a paint job. But if the owners simply don't care, how do you fix that?	1
Attracting people to downtown consistently rather than sporadically.	1
Attracting new small and large businesses.	1
Attracting new businesses and young families - both vital to Clinton's future.	1
attracting new businesses and taking down some of the old dilapidated buildings on east and west main streets. Also, the influx of apartment buildings brings a more transient population that does not have a personal investment in the town. The idea of a hotel at the Big Y complex will not be good for the community unless it remains in a higher end. All the local hotels that were intended as mid-level have turned into attractions for vagrants and ne'er-do-wells, especially in the winters when rooms are more difficult to rent.	1
Attracting investment from business and cleaning up blighted properties.	1
attracting businesses to town	1
Attracting business.	1
Attracting business in order to increase the tax base without putting more strain on public services.	1
Attracting and maintaining businesses	1
Attracting and keeping businesses that will make Clinton a destination	1
Aside from a few Town Council members, the leaders of this town are out of touch. Town Council members should be younger and should have lived in this town for over 15 years. Please consult your resources, and ask Chris P and Chris A what the town is feeling	1

As with most US towns, the vocal minority often prevails	1
As a parent of young children, it is hard to find things to do with our kids. The town beach is great, but the lack of a fence around the playground makes visiting it difficult. The splash pad is frequently out of order, and there isn't a large town green like in Madison that feels large enough to let kids run around.	1
Appearance of Main Street as well as main side streets—too many buildings that need to come down and have been approved to come down but remain standing and are eye sores. Too many signs of all shapes and sizes—get some guidelines to make it more uniform.	1
aged above ground electrical power poles and internet cables; unsightly, due for replacement anyways; ruin almost all trees along the streets in the Harbor View area	1
Affordable Housing. Affordable insurance. Taking care of seniors. Helping our businesses and being mindful of traffic and bottleneck areas near shopping.	1
Affordable housing.	1
Affordable housing that is Smoke Free . Condos & attached housing!! People that rent are forced to breathe in second hand smoke that seeps in every crack of the structure.	1
Affordable housing for middle and lower class families.	1
Affordable apartments that are no more than 30% of income	1
Affordability for all income levels so more projects to add housing options.	1
Affordability as taxes continue to increase throughout CT without significant ROI	1
Affluent summer residents determining the direction of the town.	1
Affecting and executing change.	1
Addressing the inevitable reality of climate change and doing everything we can to mitigate its future effects	1
Addressing empty facilities in the center of town. Doing away with many signs in town they are such a distraction, especially when we have some beautiful historic homes	1
Adapting to a changing world - climate, aging, inflationary pressures	1
Absence of any real downtown (but this seems to also keep it uncrowded as we are just a pass through for Madison or Old Saybrook.) Unattractive commercial areas.	1
Abandoned buildings and lack of small businesses	1
A thriving commercial/entertainment center in town.	1
A small coastal town main street with shops and restaurants. Like Madison and Mystic	1
A down town that offers little and is an eye sore. Traffic.	1
A big challenge is it's a completely unwalkable community. Another is that there is not really any affordable housing for families. We could use more resources for families with children.	1
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The people who show up to community meetings and zoning public hearings having a "can't do" attitude. They show up to meetings and complain about traffic or "a changing character of the town" to stop any development coming into town. Additionally, it is primarily older people who won't be around to see the long-term effect of decisions that attend the meetings not younger people who should have a say in what's coming to town. Take the battle of the new CVS for example. People packed the hall to say there would be traffic and it would ruin the character of the town. Five years later and there have been no issues with that corner. I think most citizens would agree. But the people who actually attended those meetings were almost all against the development. Fixing the wastewater downtown is also a concern.

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Answered: 354 Skipped: 77

o **If you could see anything happen in Clinton over the next decade to make the Town a mor...**

Response

Count

See above.	2
See above	2
more small businesses	2
You need to improve downtown. It's a hodge podge of odd stores. Make Main Street an attraction like Madison's beautiful downtown. This will attract more interest in our town.	1
Would love to see expansion of park and rec offerings, especially after school programs as we seem to be quite limited in comparison to adjacent towns.	1
When i answered business development, i included how our downtown looks, whether it attracts young and old, it would be nice to create an environment that welcomes all ages, all incomes, all races into spaces that make it easier to tear down fears and stigmas! I believe it is critical to pollute less, improve air and water, create a sustainable environment for all creatures, ban rodenticides, create bird and pollinator friendly lawns with healthy trees.	1
We need to work together to make sure that we prepare for rising sea levels and extreme weather events.,	1
We need to preserve the history of the town. We NEED a senior center and a senior bus to get there.	1

We need to keep people from leaving this cute town and find a way to engage young families to want to stay or move here. For example use Pierson school for after school activities etc. we need more businesses to open for younger families to enjoy for example we lost the bounce place during Covid and nothing was put in its place . We need to be business friendly to kid focused businesses.

We need things to do!! A brewery! A skating rink! An arcade! An indoor sportsplex! A theater!! Mini golf!

There's NOTHING to do here! I have to travel out of Clinton to do anything fun!

We need more community space. A more accessible park where people can take walks, walk their dogs, play with their kids, meet up with friends and neighbors. Stuff for kids and teens to do where they can be safe. When I go to Indian River it is a huge ghost town. A larger rec center there and more appealing walking trails, space to relax and meet up.

We need more affordable housing, give downtown a facelift to attract more businesses, bring in a Chick-Fil-A! Have Morgan School participate in a Witness Stones project.

We need a vibrant downtown that brings people together. Having an event in the parking lot of town hall isn't it

We need a destination like a sports area in the Ponds building, this will make Clinton attractive to food and hotel businesses along with the many jobs and part time jobs for our teens.

We could use more business to occupy the vacant properties. It would also be nice to have businesses especially on route one not have peeling paint and look like they are falling down.

Walkable, vibrant downtown area

Upgrading our downtown to attract more businesses

Updating current town buildings and preserve woodlands and river fronts

Updated downtown, more and better businesses along Main Street, continued effort to have community events

unified development plan like southbury. guilford, and old saybrook. quaint shops in the downtown would be a draw. rid the town of the old church theme and be inviting to all residents. I offered to donate a lawn Menorah 15 years ago. I was turned down. Bought a small one for Town Hall. It is placed where nobody can see it. Make Clinton a happy fun seaside town. Love the style of the sign at the corner of Commerce and Main. Change the Main Street traffic pattern atleast on the weekends! NO NEON. NO BIG SIGNS.NO ARCADES. GET RID OF THE BLITE NEAR THE P.O. GET GRANT MONEY FOR BEAUTIFICATION. Dave's needs a facelift. CVS and the Animal Hospital is giant business. Losing the BBQ shack for a parking lot wasnt progress.. Weekly Farmers Markets as grand as Madison's, more places like Chips, Nantaz, and art galleries. We LOOK and act like a social service community; including the Pantry Line on Wed nights. There is no middleclass or upper class draw except George Flynn. I would volunteer.

Turn Clinton into an art mecca and a pedestrian and bike friendly town. Have a Coffee and bake shop downtown.

Total rehab of downtown. Bury power lines, get rid of telephone poles and SOMEHOW incentivize commercial property owners to rehab and enhance their properties

Thoughtful,Modest development

This town needs to provide more hours of operation at the dump!! I was upset by the fact that I attended a meeting in Westbrook regarding Coastal Resiliency and no Clinton town rep was attending. The harbor needs to be dredged again (soon). It would be great if our town had more restaurants. I would love to see a restaurant in the old Friendly's building.

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There's lots of young families and not enough for the kids to do. We frequently have to leave town for playgrounds or space for the kids.

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The town should continue to entice business development at the old Unilever and fulfill its vision for the old Morgan site. Both developments have been a disappointment and have not lived up to expectations.

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The town seems stuck in the past with inadequate motivation or effort to engage or attract significant and attractive commercial development similar to the surrounding shoreline communities. In keeping with the growing needs of the community, I believe Clinton residents are eager to see the town grow and update its infrastructure to be able to attract and support business development, retail shops, and entertainment opportunities to keep the town an attractive place to live, educate and work.

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The single biggest opportunity Clinton has is the old Unilever property. With the proper stewardship it could become a thriving commercial, residential and arts community that attracts people from near and far. Also, fill empty storefronts and improve blighted buildings.

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The property next to McDonald's should be a huge development project and the Unilever building needs to be developed.

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The opening of new shops and businesses in the downtown area

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The harbor could use destination/experience venues. Allow harbor cruises and tours, give them parking and facilities. Let the restaurants expand. Work with the health departments and spend money to get septic treatment upgraded. A lot has changed in the world of sewage treatment. The State needs to wake up and get with the times and permit the town to take the initiative.

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The downtown area lacks charm and has zero attraction. This area should be built up with boutique shops and restaurants it will increase business and create a space that rivals guilford green, downtown mystic & Madison's main. We don't even have a popular ice cream parlor there. Expand from Shoreline Apizza to the police station. The new train station is perfect access! We need a downtown with some liveliness ours is like a funeral home

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The downtown area could be much better looking. We have beautiful brick buildings if they could continue it and build upon what we have currently it could be really beautiful. A vision is needed and carried through.

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The center of Clinton is spread over a wide area on Route 1. I wish there was a more cohesive look/feel to the center of town.

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Tear down all the eyesores on Route 1.

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Support for downtown businesses. Address inadequate septic systems. Preservation of our natural shorelines and marshes. Clinton should embrace its maritime history and reflect it in its development. We should have a better place to gather as a community beside the parking lot of our town hall. A bold vision for the future and planning and zoning regulations that will bring that vision to a reality and town officials that are committed to and supported in their work to bring about that vision.

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Stronger transportation linkages (bike routes, multi-use trails, roads, etc.) to Hammonasset Beach State Park, between Clinton Mall and CBD, and between CBD and harbor needed. Have to attract more transient visitors to enhance economic vitality of Town.

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SPEND MORE MONEY ON THE SCHOOLS!! More affordable housing and investment in programs for families and seniors. Investment in businesses that aren't big polluters would help, too. Grow the tax base through businesses and attracting more families. Funds to help people fix up their aging homes. Intentionally trying to build an inclusive community.

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Slow down building apartments, more recreation for families and seniors

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Sidewalks, sidewalks, sidewalks, and trees and other landscaping to make them pleasant to walk on.

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Sidewalks along Liberty street. So many people especially children walk and ride bike along that road.

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sewage plants vibrant downtown

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Septic systems can't support commercial kitchens, hence few decent restaurant options exist to attract those from outside town. We also need interesting and varied shops, not just services, to attract visitors.

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Senior services

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Senior housing and programs.

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See prior note

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See my previous suggestions

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See my above response.

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See my above point regarding downtown. When we moved here there was a short lived series of concerts at the beach - miss those. Truly love the George Flynn series...not sure if making a related town event before/after would work when they are at town hall. Food truck/music I think the library is awesome - and enjoyed the few music events there, as well.

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See above. Make the town more pedestrian friendly

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See above :economic development

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Same as above. Bring in small business or even larger ones to help with the tax base. And clean up the old buildings!

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Rt 1 traffic improvement and bring more business in

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Revitalizing main street, more events that become tradition like the Fireworks. And usage of the vacant properties.

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Revitalized downtown that matches our neighbors in Madison and Westbrook. Also to keep investing in our schools, the elementary and middle schools don't match the quality of our high school. Additionally, focusing on TOD around the train station to create new housing/small business opportunities.

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revitalize our downtown. draw businesses into the downtown area.

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Revamp our downtown area. A lot of improvements have happened but we need to continue the momentum.

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Residents would like to have safe sidewalks/bike lanes. Glenwood and Liberty are highly trafficed roads.

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Need full sidewalks!!

residents need to learn just what business' are in this town..shop local if possible. Encourage the EDC to they to get more lucrative business' here...they all seem to go to other towns?? Work harder! Try to encourage more young people to participate in town government.

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Remove overhead wires along Main St

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Reduce taxes

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Redevelopment of downtown to be more similar to Saybrook or Madison

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Redevelop main street to have a more cohesive design with fewer empty businesses

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Redevelop downtown to become more of a destination

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Reconfigure downtown to add parking and walking area to make everything accessible and desirable. Move the fire department and create a town center with the town hall and church and Indian river.

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Put together a committee with younger members and have them drive the changes.

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Put money into our downtown. Attract new shops and services. My kids always want to go to downtown Madison and I wish we could compete so money could be spent here in Clinton.

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Put attractive retail downtown along with more places to stop and eat.. Shops, stores, crafts and collectibles similar to Mystic, Old Saybrook and Chester. Give people a reason to get out of their cars!

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Provide communal agricultural land for residents that is walkable/bikeable to and from local resources (possibly in a portion of the empty lots next to Big Y- they have been unused for a couple years now). This would allow residents the opportunity to provide food for themselves (future plans - greenhouse/hydroponics to build Big Y local food production). This location is convenient to retail and education workers, close to a bus stop, and a grocery store that can provide food support. Additionally, this location is close to the Clinton Public Schools and can provide experiential education for students (address mental health and food knowledge for future generations). Big Y provides free nutrition/food preparation resources already - thus strengthening the connection to food equity and health equity to all Clinton residents.

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Protect the area from the Ice House to Chips Pub from becoming a mix up of housing, stores, gas stations etc that do not fit into the flavor of an historic town. From the Indian River to the police station, we have many lovely old homes that are protected from destruction bc they are on the National Historic Registry. And I believe businesses are allowed only exterior lights - no neon signs. But, for ex at the other end of town, whatever Clinton Nurseries ends up being, great care should be taken to create an area that assimilates the rest of Main St and not become a mini Branford hill. Do not be in such a rush to add commerce without thought as to how it looks. No Dollar Stores, Pizza Huts, marijuana dispensaries etc etc. Create that space with class ...not crass. And whatever businesses do end up there, they should have to be approved by a town committee as to how they appear. They can make the exterior of a Dunkin' look "vintage" if they have to by decree....not left up to them.

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Promote the assets that already exist; Clinton Crossing, marinas, public schools, beach front properties, recreation (proximity to Hammonasset, town beach, Indian River complex). Develop the Chesebrough-Ponds site to make it an attractive destination for both residents and out-of-towners. Continue development of the Big Y property.

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Probably ought to address the decades long issue around sewers, although not having sewers limits development, keeping the town less crowded and not overbuilt.

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Preserving the Indian River area while making it the focal point of our town. Perhaps developing it further as a welcoming park with small business eateries on the periphery.

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Preserving open spaces, building upon the beauty that is already open. Waste water options in parts of town where homes were built on ledge and having failing systems because of said ledge. Showing Downtown love

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Preserving historical character and coastal ecosystems.

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Preserving a balance between Clinton's historical roots and updating the downtown area should be top on the list. Unfortunately, many proposed ideas get caught up in social media BS and get stalled by short sighted people in town. We should build sewers to bring in more restaurants (I don't think a Veterinary hospital is going to increase downtown foot traffic!). Bury the power and telephone lines (like Madison did). Make bike lanes and extend the Shoreline bikeway. But above all - use any powers at all to get rid of the blight in downtown.

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Preserve or beaches. Housing. Take care of blight properties.

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Preserve historical houses, Make any building look more colonial. NOT like the apartments at the train station. Dark and not in keeping with the town. Saybrook can build with keeping with the towns colonial look why can't we. Make the storefronts in town more vibrant such as painting exteriors more colorful such as Mystic and England and Ireland. Colors make you smile and be happy. I think that would be a good start

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Preservation.. Clean Water. Affordable Housing

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Preservation of our open spaces

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Preservation of our harbor and shore. Preservation of our heritage. Getting the route one area up to snuff with the blight on certain eyesore properties and vacant commercial properties vibrant again. Keep the tax rate down.

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Preservation of land, and more community events in the summer (drive-in movies at the beach, concerts, etc.) Some of the events feel too big, and not welcoming, such as the fireworks-far too busy and too many people. It would be nice if things were smaller and for residents more. We think things are pretty great as they are though, and hope to see less development, less land being used, etc: Keep the small town.

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Preservation of historic areas, publicity for small business, lowering the tax burden on public and mill rates, taking a strong initiative on sustainable energy

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Preservation and making the downtown area attractive.

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Preservation and keeping Cedar Island stable

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Preservation

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People providing a real, inspired, stable, strategic vision for how the Town could and should develop given its financial limitations. Also remembering we are a water town with real sustainability issues that need to be adequately and continually addressed while recognizing we are living in a new governmental world order where FUNDING to meet the project wish list and the project needs list will now be curtailed while the actual environment will continue to worsen. There have been too many surveys asking priorities, and follow through has been haphazard at best, and the Town has ended up with a tired, uninviting downtown area. Every item on the survey should be a priority as each is a quality of life item and each has been ignored for decades. A vision for growth should incorporate everything that needs to be done and then enthusiastically gets the community behind that vision. Transparency, communication, and a bunch of creative thinking going forward.

Over the next decade, Clinton could become a more vibrant and thriving community by focusing on improving its appearance and holding property and business owners accountable. Cleaning up neglected commercial areas, like the Job Lot shopping plaza, and removing eyesores, such as the dilapidated shacks across from McDonald's, would make a big impact on the town's overall appeal. Enforcing stricter property maintenance standards, particularly along Route 1 and Route 81, would encourage pride in the community and attract new businesses and visitors. A cleaner, more visually appealing town would create a stronger sense of pride among residents and make Clinton a more desirable place to live, work, and invest in.

Our downtown is cute, but could use revitalizing to bring it closer to Madison and Guilford town centers. I don't think it should grow to that scale, but it needs improvement.

Our downtown area needs updating and awareness of all available parking. An economic development committee who needs to work with existing and new businesses to bring life into the downtown area so it becomes a destination for outside community members

Open cafes and bars on Main Street.

Offer more opportunities for citizens of the town to discuss and debate issues, offer ways for young people to become involved in the community and create the kind of culture that is empowering for young people to be a part of.

Not allowing nonresident at the Town beach The town would rather fill the beach up with paying customers then let the people who live here go there We pay taxes in the town and we pay the buy a beach pass and we can't get in the beach because it's full of nonresidence

No more pizza or coffee shops Diversity in ethnic food Places to enjoy music

No

NICER TOWN GREEN AND THE CENTER OF TOWN

Nice walkable downtown with plenty of cute shops and nice eateries.

Need ways to improve route 1 traffic, need more small businesses in town, need to make it a more walkable community. I personally live close to stop and shop but I have no side walks for part of the way and I don't feel safe doing that.

Need more businesses in clinton to help pay for town taxes so citizens taxes aren't so much. Lower taxes means more investment

Need more business in downtown and rt 1

Need better sidewalks for people to get around. Biking is unsafe. And the sidewalks are terrible for a community that is aging and needs to stay mobile.

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MUCH More open gym time, with hoops.

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move all electrical service and internet cables underground, at list all south of and along US Hwy 1; combine all underground work with street repaving and adding more sidewalks in the Harbor View area

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More water-related activities

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More venues for youth, preservation & investing in different options to get people to come to Clinton

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More transportation available for senior community members, more dining options, more safety and police presence in school zones during arrival and dismissal.

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More towns action for purchasing and protecting Open Space.

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More social media, better signage and decor on Main Street. The garden club does a beautiful job but the planters they use are commercial trash bins.

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More small businesses thriving and the development of a "staple" attraction (similar to Clinton Crossing) but something that can help bring people to the town

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More sidewalks in popular walking areas, such as Cow Hill Road

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More sidewalks and having more areas downtown for shopping and business people want to visit

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More safe pedestrian and bicycle and bicycle lanes access along route one from the shoreline to Clinton Crossings. Please fix or create new sidewalks downtown. Pedestrian access from Westbrook to Madison would be great. Can we please get the water park at the beach going at Town facilities. Let's get some more family friendly restaurants that aren't just pizza or Chinese food.

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More restaurants downtown

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More resources for the youth

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More places for kids and walking paths

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More options for recreation and entertainment, especially for youth, young adults, and seniors.

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More modern commercial development downtown. A facelift would help as well.

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More investment in buildings and development such as sporting facilities , downtown businesses and restaurants. Also the Town could benefit from a senior center

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More housing, more events and more interesting businesses along Main Street.

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More housing is great, but not at the expense of over development. Mixed-use should be a priority. Med offices should be limited, there are plenty of options in our area and these uses just take up what could be a nice coffee shop or restaurant/bar. We need places to go in town for entertainment, not traveling and spending our money in other towns. Expanded water service would be nice, both for fire protection and to mitigate periods of drought. There are many areas needing redevelopment, but a thoughtful (PDD?) approach should be taken to ensure the people who live here already can utilize these areas (old CVS, post office, etc). The kids really need some facilities/safe hangout areas around town other than the library

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More fun businesses downtown	1
More downtown events Extend walking path from Hammonassett	1
More development, the Indian river landing has come to a standstill. When will the next phases begin?	1
More commercial/business development to strengthen our town tax base.	1
More commercial where there is space available.	1
More businesses filling existing open spaces. More housing options especially affordable housing. new business spaces once all of the vacancies are filled. a new parking garage & free shuttle year round on main Street once more businesses are in place	1
More businesses and definitely sidewalk upgrades.	1
More business expanding to attract more chain business	1
more business and industry	1
More attractive downtown area/more community events.	1
More arts and entertainment.	1
More apartments and updating the schools	1
More activities for kids and spaces for them to hang out	1
More Active Communities built for all ages including seniors. Not Assisted Living	1
More active (walking, biking) routes.	1
More access for the residents to enjoy the harbor and areas tnat surround the town	1
Model downtowns after Chester (always busy) and Old Saybrook. Vibrant and accessible. Hoping for more diverse restaurants, businesess and hotel. Important to continue to support education.	1
Mentioned above. I think it could do more to promote a community environment for non-white people.	1
Many people have moved here because it's a quiet small town, I'm probably alone but I'd like to see it stay that way	1
Making downtown — from train station to ace to town beach over to McDonald's — a vibrant space with variety of business and entertainment draws.	1
Make the downtown area more people friendly with more parking	1
Make the downtown a nicer place to visit. Too many buildings are in need to great repair or should be knocked down. Half started projects - around the town that seemed abandoned .	1
Make Labadia paint their properties They look horrible. There are no signs in town indicating parking in the rear lot. Some people may drive through and leave Allow Natas to put a sign out front. More community events.	1
Make Labadia fixuo his property on Main st . It is a disgrace..	1

Make it more attractive to business. Open spaces and clean blight	1
make downtown area more appealing	1
Maintaining the historic district as historic. New construction should fit in with the colonial look. Having a community center in the school downtown, not just for seniors, ie. like the one in Guilford. It has meeting rooms, exercise classes, a large space for parties with a kitchen.	1
maintain the character - older homes are being replaced by cookie cutter miniMcMansions that really all seem alike and do not encourage people to move here since they're much more expensive	1
Main st facade improvements and attracting more businesses/ shops/ restaurants.	1
Lowering taxes!!	1
Lower taxes.	1
Lower taxes	1
Lower cost housing to accommodate a variety of people.	1
Lower cost housing	1
Lots of individuals working hard to improve the town. Much larger community engagement would help all around. A town slogan all can get behind and to feel pride in Clinton.	1
Lively Main Street. Businesses that are more attractive to interact with and make the center more walkable. Shops that people actually want to go in and out of.	1
Like most towns it needs to maintain a balance of what the entire town needs as always schools are important but so are roads and support of all the seniors and others	1
Less empty buildings and a beautiful "best little town in Connecticut" nominee!	1
Leisure center community	1
It's such a beautiful location but you need a business plan to improve downtown and waterfront community	1
It would be great to see some of the ideas that have been floated in the past come to fruition, such as an indoor sports complex, brewery and more vibrant restaurants. Things that will make Clinton an even more attractive destination.	1
It is important to be forward-looking in terms of population growth and the ramifications of that. How will we maintain the shoreline? How will we manage the burdens that increased population in our small area will cause? How will we manage impending disasters such as a direct hurricane strike?	1
It always starts with making education the priority. From there you can access common ground with more than half the community, whether they are children, grandparents, wealthy, low income, below rt. 1 or above rt. 1. Many of the other perspective needs of the town can be addressed through a more unified community.	1
Inviting more business into town. I live in an area of town that has had three large areas that haven't had business for at least 10-13 years. It is frustrating.	1

Investment in recreational facilities for pre-teens and teens. There isn't a community center, so there isn't a hub for older youth to hang out. There is a significant focus on seniors in our community, but we need to focus on the future of our town as well!

Invest in downtown sewer. Allow people more flexible zoning for building without restrictions on keeping things historic etc. Allow for modernization

Invest in businesses and resources that bring people into the town and outside to experience the shoreline

Install sewers where septic tank systems are non confirming. .

-Increased suitable economic development -Availability of affordable housing options for all ages and types of renters and homeowners. -Improved transportation options, including non-motorized options

Incentives to bring businesses to empty stores, building lots in town. Grants/Incentives for businesses and homeowners in the downtown areas for building exterior improvements and upgrades to improve the quality and look of the town.

In a perfect world, more affordable housing

Improving Main Street west of 81.

Improvements in mediocre retail establishments and restaurants to make Clinton a destination for those living in nearby towns

Improvement on properties in the above question. Sidewalks on route 81 repair. Ask the residents what kinds of business is needed in town center. A bakery, Cleaning establishment , what will replace Joann Fabrics, POCD means?

Improvement along Route 1, enticing more businesses to come to town

Improve the Rt 1 corridor and make the low areas more resilient.

Improve the downtown area and bring in more small shops

Improve the appearance of downtown. Pushing back the businesses on East Main Street from Post Office Square and making the area wider for traffic, similar to downtown Madison would be a difficult feat but impressive. Improving many of the areas on West Main Street, from the Friendly's building to the other structures that are not cared for. 90 West Main Street where Ocean State Job Lot is, the entire property is embarrassing and uncared for. East Main Street, with properties just West of Log Cabin and across the street need to be torn down or rebuilt. The motels that have been protected or hindered by zoning and historical rules need to be removed or fixed.

Improve septic capacity in downtown for more restaurants and businesses and more parking

Improve of available townwide services, public safety etc

Improve Main Street appearance. Businesses look run down. Electrical wires everywhere.

Improve downtown. Brighten it up

Improve downtown

Improve down town!!! Fix the traffic issue.

Improve down town!	1
If kids keep taking their lives why would anyone live here?	1
I would say a thriving Community Center that includes all facets of Clinton. See above..A Community Center with a focus on school aged kids...places for them to meet, play sports (rec/basketball)inside, get support when needed, have quality role models available. Although the main focus should be on our kids...it should also be a place with some meeting rooms and community events. And yes having more benches Downtown and areas to sit and socialize would be a nice touch. Having the tables and chairs in front of the Italian Store and the Coffee Shop give it a welcoming feeling. I do think that we need some signage that tells people there is parking behind the stores..something pretty that welcomes people to Downtown Parking.	1
I would love to see a concentrated focus on the south side of West Main St from the Labbadia property to Pica Chica. This could be a great, walkable area if the old friendly's and gas station were developed into a U-shaped plaza, mixed use stores and apartments with parking in the center. As the Richards' property begins to be developed, this area could be a cohesive, dynamic center for economic and community growth. The Laddabia property needs to go, as do the shabby buildings you pass as you take the curve on High Street. Such a dismal intro to our town—an embarrassment.	1
I would love for Clinton to enhance and improve what it has already. I would love downtown Clinton cleaned up and made to have areas of business, with offices, a restaurants, and shopping where people would all want to walk around and spend time. At the beach and marina areas I would like to see a little more cohesiveness to tie those areas into downtown area access with opportunities for kayaking, boating, tours, and nature or birdwatching excursions. I would also like to see the historic aspect of Clinton improved. I think we have such an asset with the Stanton house and those other historic buildings. It is like a little mini Mystic Seaport. We could open those on the weekends for tours. We could offer the trolley to shuttle people from the outlets to anyone of these areas. They could receive a punch card of sorts that would give them discounts at local restaurants or shopping areas for visiting some of those places.	1
I would like to see the renovation of buildings so we present a charming and welcoming atmosphere. And finally planting trees along our streets and highways so it feels well established and green!!!	1
I would like to see education and recreational activities expanded.	1
I would like to see additional affordable housing near train station	1
I think we need to be mindful of space and housing so it does not continue to gain congestion. I grew up in a different shoreline town, and have seen the evolution of Clinton becoming better. We need to stay on a trajectory for Clinton to be a desirable shoreline town, and negate decades of a less than stellar reputation.	1
I think the beach area is our greatest gem. Unfortunately in recent years, residents' experiences have been poor...from the conditions of the bathrooms to the lack of a snack bar. Lifeguards are not well-trained or supervised. Gate isn't monitored after 3 PM allowing numerous non-residents in for free (it was 4 pm at one time and most nearby town beaches are later as well). Maintenance of the beach itself leaves much to be desired as there is frequently debris which is not cleaned up. Splash pad and swing are often broken. Beautiful place but is sorely lacking in the day to day upkeep to maintain its beauty. Need to have someone oversee it full time on a daily basis during the summer, not just a quick check in once in a while.	1
I think if the unilever property comes alive, that will help the town in a big way.	1

I think adding sidewalks into the neighborhoods in the further parts of town would be nice, it would encourage the community to get out and walk and move around, creating a healthier and more sustainable Clinton. Giving people options beyond forcing them to use cars. Adding things for children, and teenagers to do beyond parks and rec sports would also be nice. I think renovating the middle school should be top priority due to the gas leaks as well not just focusing on business development. We should be developing our children and giving them a safe environment to be in.

I no order: 1. Shoreline East schedule should be better promoted and train frequency increased. Huge station in town was a bit of a waste (even if it was a grant). 2. Plan for wastewater treatment should be implemented. Our downtown will never grow if it relies in septic systems. 3 Promote tree planting in the town. All we see is chaisaws w/o a parallel planting effort. Put more trees in the Green and around Town Hall. 4 School system needs a serious look. The student population is decreasing, we need to adjust to the reality of smaller needs.

I feel it hurts "community pride" when you approach downtown and see the former St. Mary's rectory, The Bottle Shop and that awful house on the corner near Ponds. ALL of which are in a horrible state of dis-repair and nothing seems to get done about it . The former St. Mary property has looked AWFUL for YEARS. Also, with increased usage of the transfer station, it needs to be open more. I've done a survey of surrounding towns and Clinton has the least number of hours of operation than any other town. If you go to the dump on Saturday and then have fish for dinner, your garage starts to smell by the time the dump is open again the following Friday. At least have it open Tuesday and Saturday rather than 2 days in a row.

I believe we need to develop downtown to make it more of a town feel where people can come to walk, dine, shop in a coalesced area. This will attract business and increase our appeal as well as build our town as a community.

Help more upscale a businesses, boutiques and restaurants come to main street!!!

Have more town events, one per season to gather families to town. More outreach for events. Sending flyers, posters about the events. Different kids of restaurants coming to town. Make Unilever into a sports/ community center. Indoor sporting events.

Hands-on opportunities to work as a community to improve the appearance of our public spaces. E.g. community-led revitalization efforts for downtown areas. Improves appearance + gives us a chance to work together. Tomato-throwers would have the opportunity to put their money and labor where their mouths are :)

Give residents more chances to be outdoors. Reduce center of town congestion. Fill empty buildings with interesting stores. Adding great restaurants would be wonderful.

Getting more business support & development in Clinton. Unfortunately, the Town has not really done anything to support business development or help existing businesses grow and expand. The Economic Development Committee has not done anything that I have seen to help since I moved here; the Design Review Committee is too strict and unwilling to help businesses standout; some town council members and certain board members only care about the "arts" and the immediate Route 1 area between Post Office Sq and Town Hall and ignore the needs & potential opportunities on the other ends of the Route 1 businesses; because there is only so much that can be done in the small downtown area due to the limitations of what CAN BE done there. (Not much parking; Railroad tracks; narrow roadway; flood potential; etc. The other areas of Clinton's business districts need attention and help if we are to be vibrant.

Getting a vibrant downtown- similar to Madison's, Getting a Trader Joe's near us

Get some big industry into town.	1
Get some actual affordable apartments for younger generations to be able to live in. Stop choking ourselves over what was and start moving more into how can we become better.	1
Get rid of/fix the dumpy houses on main st, no more groceries, more green space, less mattress stores	1
Get rid of blighted buildings in center near train station, town should offer loans and or grants if they are repaired certain ways	1
Get more businesses downtown. Maybe offer grants for storefronts. Don't allow another art gallery or nail salon. Attract more variety.	1
Get ahead of the following with realistic future budgets, capital expenses and facilities: Safety and security (fire and police) Education and environment Transportation and taxes	1
Further develop its already strong Arts scene (George Flynn, Opera Theater of Connecticut, Kids Connection) to become a music and theater destination	1
Functional beautification	1
Full develop the Indian river shopping complex. Update downtown to look more like Madison or guilford with fresh shops	1
Follow-through would be nice in the case of places like the old Friendly's and old CVS, if I won the lottery I'd buy the old used car lot and make a public park, fix the sidewalks on High Street that have been in shabby, uneven condition since *at least* 1974 when I was in eighth grade (and probably earlier), make the parking behind downtown better lit, more even, and more appealing, and treat the rear of those stores like a second storefront so it doesn't feel like one is picking their way through a slum to enter, stop allowing developers to unnecessarily clear-cut trees that were buffers such as at The Station (which is the ugliest thing I've seen in ages, urban architecture in a suburban setting).	1
Flood control, sewage removal, preservation of historical elements, and possible improving of downtown look. They're definitely a few real ugly buildings which you do not see in Madison or Saybrook!	1
Fix the wastewater issues so that we can attract business and make the downtown area more appealing.	1
Fix down town. It is not a place to go and spend time and money. It needs things like better restaurants, outdoor dining, a cafe, bookstore, someplace for music, decent shopping, and also needs a lot of physical updating. It looks really run down.	1
Finish developing the Big Y area, find tenants for the Ponds building and make downtown a destination spot with great shops.	1
Find ways to utilize every inch of space in downtown for retail. If you don't feed the garden the garden won't grow..	1
Find use for empty commercial property. More access to Clinton harbor.	1
Find a way to allow residents in FEMA zones to improve their homes! Have the Historic Society raise money to help those in historic homes improve their homes. Tear down blight! Stream town meetings	1
Fill empty businesses; make the town more bike and bus friendly both to ease the traffic on route 1. Encourage businesses and residences to make themselves as beautiful as can be. Make route 1 greener.	1

Fewer mattress and furniture and grocery stores, and more affordable food options, childcare options, and mass transit. 1

facelift for the downtown area, 1

Everyone "Loving Their Local" and supporting local businesses instead of online shopping. 1

Events/venues that draw people to town. Shops, food, entertainment. 1

Establish an area of downtown that would be conducive to foot traffic and general "tourism". 1

Establish a noise ordinance and follow through when neighbors break property (land management) laws. 1

Address the hazards that come from climate change.

Entice new businesses to fill in empty stores, and basically just a pretty landscaped town, eg. no torn siding on buildings. A town that exemplifies citizens' pride in caring for the town. 1

Enhance and leverage downtown area. 1

Encourage entertainment business to come like a trampoline park or kids gym for families to go have birthday parties or let kids burn off steam in the poor weather. Entertainment restaurants other than seafood like a Dave and busters 1

Encourage businesses to come that serve the existing community. Add places families can go together. Add affordable housing (other than apartments). Do something with all empty building here-I never saw so many empty buildings and homes until I moved to CT. 1

Enabling a strong and vibrant downtown by installing waste water management and adopting/enforcing design standards 1

Downtown. It needs to be updated and expanded so it's more than just running into one store/location for something. I would love to see it become a "destination". If this happens, other things would follow. (housing, transportation, etc) 1

Downtown with business and shops. We are on the shore, we need to showcase that. 1

Downtown needs to be invigorated. It needs to be more attractive so it draws people in like Madison. Businesses should receive incentives to locate here. 1

Downtown needs a clean up and businesses and fix the. traffic issue 1

Downtown improvement, clean up and improve facilities at the town beach. It is not cared for during the season and is an embarrassment for residents to share with family and friends. Create a cooperative town government who plan wisely and spend judiciously. Grant development please. 1

Downtown has a lot of potential to look nicer. 1

Downtown development, traffic studies. 1

Downtown development! More diverse restaurants and true coffee shops for people to gather. 1

Downtown development to attract shoppers and community events. Address the summer congestion by adding additional traffic lanes. There is no real vibe in downtown like surrounding communities. The garden club does an amazing job by adding the planters around town. Would like to see the town beach to be included. The benches in the grassy area are neglected and the area could be upgraded including some planters, etc.

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Downtown development and sidewalks at least to Job Lot on the west and ShopRite in the east on both sides. Not safe at the endpoints. Wastewater plans to allow that development. Diversity at all levels - age, income, ethnicity, etc.

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Downtown development

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Downtown clean-up and development.

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Downtown bring boutiques and restaurants in there's no vibe whatsoever when compared to Guilford, Madison and Saybrook - Clinton is sad in comparison no one goes out for entertainment in Clinton we drive to another town!

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Downtown area mentioned above. Family events like you see downtown old saybrook or Madison.

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Down town development. Restraints, Electric bikes/ Kayak rentals behind town hall. Make it a tourist destination with rail to beach marketing. Shuttle from railroad to beaches, hotels, etc.

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Do something with all the vacant properties in town

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development of mixed use spaces that combine residential, commercial, and recreational facilities

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Development of downtown areas to make it more vibrant and draw people to the town. This town needs more options for things to do, especially for young people. Also there is a need to improve walk ability throughout the town particularly north of Route 1

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Development and infrastructure.

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Development - business/ recreation center unique to our town, Expand the use of the property around town hall. It is a great location with a lovely view of the sound and a boat launch and is rarely used throughout the year. Expand the arts in town - this is another great resource with events that draw people into town.

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Development

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Developing the down town area and a blight committee that can do its job. For instance, the white house/building that is across from the new CVS is so run down and it's the first thing you see when you come into town off of the highway. This just epitomizes why Clinton has a reputation for being the "armpit of the shoreline." It's so frustrating that there are so many buildings like this in Clinton.

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Developing a thriving, pedestrian friendly downtown district is always desirable. Attracting next generation employers - data centers, sciences, medical technology, sustainability industries- will attract families and expand tax base.

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develop the new Indian River complex fully and clean up and attract new business to downtown

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Develop the downtown area, controlling the runoff into the Indian River from parking lot behind Coffee Break 1

Also make that area more inviting with walking paths, and picnic tables by the river. Fill empty commercial spaces and encourage business to move to Clinton. Focus on more attractive surroundings and more competitive purchase or rental rates for both businesses and residents alike.

Develop the core area of our town.i.e., the old Ponds building, refurbished the old house across from CVS . 1

Also, support local businesses any way we can.

Develop the area behind Coffee Break and next to Indian River . The parking lot run off needs to be 1 mitigated to stop polluting Indian River. Also create walking paths by the river, with a pocket park with picnic tables to enjoy the scenery by the river.

Develop downtown. And marina areas 1

DEVELOP DOWNTOWN, ADD MORE SHOPS, 1

Develop downtown to have the vibrancy similar to surrounding towns 1

Develop a better downtown. Have side walks put in. 1

Develop (connect where possible) some through streets parallel to route 1 so residents can patronize local businesses. Create either housing, and/or some kind of community center in that huge abandoned factory, perhaps including some very small niche businesses. Conservation is very important, as is sustainable stewardship. Use organic methods on public lands and schools - and there are organic land care standards and methods for lawn care. Reducing the use of forever chemicals in the soil is important. If a senior center or outreach to seniors is impossible, reconsider who you contract with for senior activities or center services. Clinton is failing its seniors. Take a good look around before you raise property taxes again. From the outside, the town looks dead. Route 1 is just a very congested road that passes through a town that doesn't seem to have much going on. When you drive through many of the adjacent towns, there appears to be much more going on, more small businesses.

Definitely downtown development and general development to include what I've mentioned above. Places 1 like job lot, chips and tattoo salons don't paint a vibrant attractive picture. Too many vacant and rundown buildings also.

cute shops open at night along great restaurants. 1

Cultivate a downtown presence similar to that of Old Saybrook, Madison, Guilford, Chester. 1

Creating more neutral third places, such as a park with walking trail and playground, or cafes with social events in the evenings. 1

Creating a sense of "arrival" when reach the downtown core while diminishing the backed up traffic (during peak periods) and its related emissions. In my dreams, creating a "speed-lane" Tunnel from Town Hall to Job Lot, converting the core downtown surface roadway into a Pedestrian Zone, filled with Arts, Restaurants and Family oriented activities.

Create more Village Districts in order to preserve the town's physical appearance. 1

Control of crime from out side town criminals. 1

Continued controlled development of downtown and the shoreline and Clinton Harbor. 1

Continue to improve downtown	1
Continue to acquire and preserve open space.	1
Continue plans to further develop downtown, the Unilever building and surrounds as well as the Big Y area.	1
Continuation of revenue sources regardless of economic vitality.	1
Connect the marine district to downtown. Make downtown more attractive. Attract entertainment, art culture music downtown.	1
Completely revamp the façade of downtown area from Town Hall to McDonalds/Ocean State Job Lot. We should completely tear down the old CVS building and maximize the views of the water. Attract more restaurants/coffee shops.	1
Compared to other shoreline Towns, Clinton looks horrible --- It's not a cute New England town. People don't spend any real time walking the town	1
Commercial development, expand use of the space around town hall all year long, support for wonderful artists in our town	1
Clinton is the Greenport of Connecticut. Greenport has leveraged its arts and antiques heritage to commercial success and cultural significance. Let's be more like that.	1
Cleaning up downtown. Not allowing other people to come into our town's beach before people who pay tax in this town also making us pay to get in our beach, but then refused. I am a retired person and cannot get into my town beach.	1
Cleaning up degraded properties	1
Clean up our entrances to town. Make people want to spend money in an area that attracts them.	1
Clean up down town, then creat events in down town. Like the beachcomber event in madison or the numerous events on main street in Saybrook	1
Clean up and occupancy of buildings from town line to town line.	1
Clean up abandon areas and have dilapidated buildings fixed	1
Clean and polish our downtown face, and make innovative decisions in that area by using the town-owned properties more fully and thoughtfully. Think about leasing the Human Services building as a restaurant - already potential for outdoor seating, plenty of parking, and would attract the attention of drivers passing through. Make better use of the Indian River north bank behind Coffee Break as that is also very visible to drivers passing through. Do more with the Elliot House and land, currently occupied by the Chamber. That is a central and largely wasted space.	1
City sewer access would be great. More healthy restaurants.	1

Changing the zoning regs to enhance the main street corridor, to increase foot traffic, and boost the types of shops everyone is clamoring for, but we can't support in it's current configuration. I think this can be solved without the need for a centralized sewer system in our downtown by upgrading the current septic systems serving the buildings currently. My greatest fear is that a facility gets forced down our throat, we get taxed to death because of it, and Clinton becomes the hub for shoreline sewage treatment. Once a facility is built, it's easier for other towns to connect to an existing one than build their own, just like in the beach areas of Old Lyme, those sewers were run to East Lyme. I refuse to let downtown Clinton be turned into a treatment plant for Madison, Westbrook, etc.

Centralize and attract new and vibrant businesses to the downtown and waterfront area. We also are in need of food and brewery options near the Clinton Crossings and in proximity to the train. The town also needs a better place for our community to gather for music, events, and activities (which should be offered more). There are so many other examples of neighboring towns, other parts of the state, and other states that do this well. It's also disappointing to see so much blight, empty business space, or unattractive/irrelevant retail space when you enter or drive through our town. There are some dilapidated structures that should be torn down or revitalized. For example, there is a gazebo and antique barn near town full of lead paint and structurally unsound - a complete eye sore and hazard, but perhaps staying because it's historic or on private property? There should be penalties for owners who perpetuate blight, especially in a downtown area.

Businesses to draw people to Clinton with ease of parking.

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Businesses that will support the town without harming its environments.

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Build residential and retail around the train station - including downtown. Get the infrastructure in place to make meaningful improvements and not just tiny improvements here and there.

Bringing more theater and the arts to downtown to attract more visitors. Preserving and maintaining buildings and homes along Rte. 1 Especially preserving historic buildings and landmarks Finding buyers for empty buildings along Rte. 1 and the old Unilever building A gathering place, coffee house, community center, Senior Center

Bringing in new businesses but also supporting already established businesses as well. I would love to see more businesses in already opened designated spaces such as in front of big y and/or already vacant buildings. This way the buildings can be repurposed and get necessary improvements and maintenance. There is also a problem with building appearances, especially on main roads. Some buildings look like they are falling apart and neglected. This reflects poorly on the town as a whole. The downtown facelift made such a positive difference and was a step in the right direction in helping with the towns appearance but those neglected buildings are hurting Clinton's image. Especially being on main roads that's what most residents but also visitors see.

Bring some fun businesses to the empty buildings down town.

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Bring life to downtown businesses. Give people a reason to come here. Create events. Clean up the buildings that are peeling and vacant. Utilize our youth. Get them involved and they will have pride in and want to remain here.

Bring in more commercial business

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Bring in more businesses, collaborate with Unilever to sell property to a owner who will bring growth to town

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bring in an indoor sports complex

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Bring back Bluefish Festival.	1
Blight control; Continued Historic Preservation;Tourism	1
Bike lanes, side walks ways for people to get around and be a community. Traffic solutions to make coming here and living here easier.	1
Better walking access on route 1 on both sides of the street, more affordable housing, more low cost program options for families and a thriving downtown area.	1
Better restaurants, appearance and offerings all along route 1, with access and parking too. Similar to how old saybrook, Madison and Guilford all have.	1
Better facilities at beach. More town parks with options for kids, better downtown feel with cleaner architecture that is symbiotic with New England town	1
Better businesses down town	1
Beautification of downtown buildings, support of desirable shops and restaurants, creation of music and arts center, maybe a theatre.	1
Be the next Greenport. Make Clinton a destination by boat, car or train. We have art, antiques, history, beaches. Create a regional vision that includes Hamonassett, Lenny and Joes, Nataz, Lobster Landing, the marinas, Stanton House, Clinton Museum, etc. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sX22GOMXhBI	1
An indoor facility for sports or entertainment.	1
An increase in truly affordable housing, fun businesses such as a brewery or new restaurants.	1
Affordable, single-family housing and businesses and entertainment open in the evenings.	1
Affordable Senior housing	1
Addressing the rundown look of Main Street, abandoned homes/businesses and the town gems, the town beach and marina and surrounding areas. Too many mixed messages in zoning and especially compliance.	1
Additional recreational and entertainment venues.	1
Additional community events.	1
Add more stores restaurants or bars to downtown. We need places to go especially in the evenings	1
Activities to encourage mingling of younger and older residents	1
Active senior center with its own building.	1
Active businesses in the center replacing blighted buildings and better traffic flow.	1
A sports complex that would draw people from all over the state and country. Places like Chelsey Piers or a sports dome. We need to draw people here to support our local businesses.	1

A robust selection of parks and rec programs please! As it is I register for exercise classes and yoga etc in Westbrook or Old Saybrook as Clinton has no offerings. Downtown area is shameful. Driving thru Guilford, then Madison, then ugly run-down Clinton: what an eyesore! Beautiful shops and restaurants in surrounding towns, very little here And Christmas lights on the poles: PLEASE extend down toward West Main St further? It's disappointing that they just stop, like West Main is an afterthought. Beautify the downtown area, East and West Main St too!

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A network of safe bike lanes/ paths that connect downtown with beautiful scenery and to where people live. 1

A more lively downtown. I feel like Madison and Guilford, and Old Saybrook are better destinations. 1

A more lively downtown area with better opportunities for young families to connect. It seems that the improvements being made currently are more driven toward the senior community. 1

A more developed and thriving downtown with adequate sidewalks and parking, and much less traffic. 1

A dedicated senior center. Easy access to transportation for those unable to drive. 1

A community venue for plays and shows, an arts venue 1

A building dedicated strictly for seniors. 1

A brewery that also offers food and/or something to do (pool tables, horse shows, board games... or the like) 1

100% development of activities for families/ shoreline destination point for entertainment (i.e. bowling alley, batting cages, indoor fields, mini golf, laser tag, trampoline park, indoor sports complex, etc.).... make Clinton THE prime destination along the shoreline for these special activities... rather than families, teens, young adults, etc. driving 30-40 minutes away to spend their weekends (and money) in other towns/ communities that offer these activities. 1

A plan to improve the appearance of the town center, some shrubs for goodness sake, even some trees would go a long way to minimize some of the unsightly business fronts. An example is a business which opened within the last few years and was allowed to place concrete barriers in front. Clinton would benefit greatly from a community center, in town, to bring all age groups together for a variety of activities. 1

There seemed to be a fair amount of discussion about opportunities for the Cheseborough-Ponds building, but that faded away. Also, create a more inviting look for the downtown area so small businesses/stores might move in. 1

Nice shops and restaurants, even if the objective is to attract those from neighboring towns (Nataz is a good example). Also, renovate Town Beach restroom and food kiosk to attract a quality food vendor. Residents buy lunch at the marina; they would do the same at beach if it were more pleasing in terms of food offerings. Our beach is one of the best around and deserving of investment. 1

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- I feel safe walking in Clinton.

There are no answers to this question yet.

- o o **I would like more opportunities to walk in Clinton.**

There are no answers to this question yet.

- o o **I feel safe biking in Clinton.**

There are no answers to this question yet.

- o o **I would like more opportunities to bike in Clinton.**

There are no answers to this question yet.

- o o **I would like expanded opportunities to take public transit in Clinton.**

There are no answers to this question yet.

- o o **Where would you prioritize sidewalk improvements?**

There are no answers to this question yet.

- o o **Where would you prioritize bicycle infrastructure improvements?**

There are no answers to this question yet.

