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		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		65.6%	170
No		34.4%	89
	Comment		79
answered question			259
skipped question			0

2. Do you consider this kind of survey of township residents concerning items under discussion with the Township Committee to be useful?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		99.2%	251
No		0.8%	2
	Comment		40
answered question			253
skipped question			6

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1	We prefer the natural light of the moon and stars to the "light pollution" of the street lights. Lighting is only needed at major intersections.	Dec 13, 2011 7:48 PM
2	Where are the lights that would be turned off? Until we know that, it is not possible for us to vote yes.	Dec 12, 2011 6:43 PM
3	It would be interesting to know what the downside would be and exactly what roads are being turned off. In general however, this is a good concept.	Dec 12, 2011 8:26 AM
4	Residents of the street should have the option for turning off street lights, but in any event, lights at intersections should be left on.	Dec 12, 2011 6:13 AM
5	I think the benefits of the street lights outway the \$6,000 that will be saved.	Dec 12, 2011 5:58 AM
6	I wouldn't appreciate being on a dark street if my car broke down or I was on foot or bicycle after dark due to a miscalculation on my part. There are no sidewalks and few bike paths if any in most of the township.	Dec 11, 2011 7:08 AM
7	If particular lights are causing particular problems they can be addressed individually. Generally, I think the roads in this area are already so dark at night as to jeopardize public safety. Also, as a homeowners association resident, I wonder how the TC's decision on this matter will affect the whole issue of municipal reimbursement for street lighting.	Dec 11, 2011 5:53 AM
8	It is already too dark and dangerous on some roads.	Dec 10, 2011 7:54 PM
9	Safety is compromised	Dec 10, 2011 7:58 AM
10	At age 66, I have difficulty, as it is now, seeing at night driving through Harding. I think it is a hazzard and especially for people who don't live in the town and don't know the roads. There aren't that many lights anyway. It would also be more inviting to burglars.	Dec 10, 2011 6:50 AM
11	It depends on location	Dec 10, 2011 6:30 AM
12	How would the lack of illumination on our streets effect the First Responders trying to locate a residence or loading an ambulance in the dark? I am also concerned about security overall. Does the cost savings outweigh these things?	Dec 10, 2011 4:12 AM
13	As long as not ALL street lights on a street are turned off and there is some light on the street. Total darkness invites trouble.	Dec 9, 2011 9:20 PM
14	But at what times? I think we need lighting during rush hour etc.	Dec 9, 2011 8:31 PM
15	Our coul de sac needs to be well lit.	Dec 9, 2011 7:13 PM
16	I voted for it as the Planning Board's Member/Liason of the EC. The lights are unnecessary for safety and navigation and are wasteful. Removal will improve the night sky.	Dec 9, 2011 7:08 PM
17	What about public safety?	Dec 9, 2011 7:00 PM

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18	look for more efficient lighting to lower cost, the town is dark enough	Dec 9, 2011 6:50 PM
19	Only in the Spring and Summer (lighter later) months, or late Fall and Winter (dark early) months as well, i.e. permanently?	Dec 9, 2011 6:39 PM
20	safety is important	Dec 9, 2011 6:36 PM
21	Great idea.	Nov 29, 2011 6:43 PM
22	Absolutely. A great idea. Who ever installed them in the first place and why?	Nov 29, 2011 4:32 PM
23	I would presume that the lighting that is in place is there for some safety related reason. If that's where the lights are mostly in place- they should stay if they enhance safety. If that's not the case- turn them off.	Nov 27, 2011 2:43 PM
24	There are many wild animals roaming around our area. They include bears, coyotes, and foxes. I walk my dog at night and from a safety point of view feel the benefit of street lights out weigh the small savings of \$6,000. Since Harding Township has not worried about spending an inordinate amount of money on the Glen Alpin house, why should residents' safety be put at risk? It seems to me that the Environmental Commission should find better ways to occupy their time instead of moving Harding back into the olden days when people did not have the benefit of electricity. Mary Ann Dickson	Nov 26, 2011 2:21 PM
25	Give it a try, but if accidents or incidents begin to increase in those areas, please be quick to turn them back on. I assume these are rural areas with no sidewalks.	Nov 26, 2011 4:34 AM
26	But MUST be maintained at intersections, including installation at intersections where there are no current streetlights.	Nov 25, 2011 4:00 PM
27	I feel we have few light to make driving at night easier, I would hate to go on those roads if all those lights were taken off. The roads are windy and poor visability and the chance of not seeing a deer entering the road would be much higher. I'll be interested in what the police feel about taken do many light out of circulation.	Nov 25, 2011 1:58 PM
28	It's a big savings.	Nov 25, 2011 1:20 PM
29	I would support this proposal. Although this is a safety issue and the global warming strategy is a distraction.	Nov 25, 2011 9:40 AM
30	YES!	Nov 25, 2011 5:54 AM
31	Streets are very dark in most of these backroads. Safety should come first and this measure diminishes that factor.	Nov 25, 2011 5:33 AM
32	would be helpful to know which streets	Nov 25, 2011 2:59 AM
33	Please use proper English. The appropriate usage is "selected".	Nov 23, 2011 4:05 PM
34	It also depends on which streets.	Nov 23, 2011 12:55 PM

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35	We live in the country and do not need street lights	Nov 23, 2011 7:50 AM
36	I am tempted to say yes but would need to know more details before i could make an informed decision. safety is an important issue. which streets would be impacted, etc.	Nov 22, 2011 7:46 PM
37	there is no point in maintaining lights in locations where they serve no useful purpose, aside from the fact that they are functioning only irregularly	Nov 21, 2011 8:19 PM
38	If it is not expected to impact traffic safety	Nov 21, 2011 2:14 PM
39	A Strong >NO< There are Joggers, Bike Riders, and Deer on these mostly narrow roads. They are not only a danger during daylight hours but also Even More So After Dark. (& THEY ARE OUT THERE AFTER DARK).	Nov 21, 2011 2:01 PM
40	Would like to see a light added to the intersection of Sand Spring and Blue Mill (in front of the Kirby Town Hall).	Nov 21, 2011 1:39 PM
41	But I would add streetlights at other intersections where there are none.	Nov 21, 2011 11:32 AM
42	Validate the economics and emission reduction, then the TC can debate any possible safety downsides.	Nov 21, 2011 10:41 AM
43	rOADS ARE IN BAD SHAPE AND LIGHTS VERY IMPORTANT.	Nov 21, 2011 9:46 AM
44	It is amazing how many residents don't know there are any street lights. Or that there is a lack of them in some areas.	Nov 21, 2011 6:19 AM
45	What Streets? Saving costs is useful, but safety needs to be taken into consideration also	Nov 21, 2011 4:46 AM
46	Safety	Nov 20, 2011 7:43 PM
47	At night, streetlights often cause glare, especially on rainy nights, and are actually less effective than automobile headlights. Similarly, automobiles stand out more with their lights and marker lights when there are no streetlamps.	Nov 20, 2011 6:19 PM
48	The lighting removal is massed mostly in one area of the town. This could also create potential dangerous deer/vehicle accidents	Nov 20, 2011 5:30 PM
49	though not sure where we are "overlit"	Nov 20, 2011 5:22 PM
50	I'm all for this!	Nov 20, 2011 5:15 PM
51	But with common sense oversight..safety must be considered as well - some streets are treacherous on dark rainy nights - don't favor full black-out - keep some lights but maybe at lower wattage?	Nov 20, 2011 4:59 PM
52	We moved to Harding from Short Hills since we like the rural feel of the township and the natural feeling it provides. Bright lighting is not congruent with this calm.	Nov 20, 2011 4:20 PM
53	For the most part these lights are dangerous stretches of road. One accident and	Nov 20, 2011 3:03 PM

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all the savings are gone. Cutting off is "pennywise pound foolish".

54	I believe all the street lights should be turned off. They do not improve driving visibility and we have no pedestrians to consider.	Nov 20, 2011 2:19 PM
55	the 6000 dollar savings should never be considered if there could be safety concerns with dark roads , intersections or corners.	Nov 20, 2011 2:17 PM
56	Cut the waste/excess in a place that doesn't involve public safety.	Nov 20, 2011 2:02 PM
57	No the few lights we have are provide safety on our dark curvy roads. Get rid of the lights that homes have out at the road on top of pillars to keep rural atmosphere.	Nov 20, 2011 1:58 PM
58	The streets are dark in New Vernon, and many people drive through here who are not familiar with the area. Lighting discourages burglars and vandals. Deer are also dangerous to unfamiliar drivers. Despite the savings in energy, I think we should continue using lighting as a major form of security for our community.	Nov 20, 2011 1:22 PM
59	This is a welcome proposal. We live in Green Village and would be happy to see the lights removed.	Nov 20, 2011 1:02 PM
60	Safety is the most important concern for me and more light means safer.	Nov 20, 2011 12:54 PM
61	More details as to which streets would be affected would have been VERY useful.	Nov 20, 2011 12:52 PM
62	As a senior citizen I appreciate all the street light that is available at night and also for anyone having an accident, I am sure they would appreciate street lights as they wait for assistance. The savings does not justify this solution.	Nov 20, 2011 12:22 PM
63	I strongly agree with the idea that we live in the country and should carefully protect our night sky. Cars have headlights for a reason - to light the road - we don't have to have street lights also.	Nov 20, 2011 10:36 AM
64	Village Rd. before and around the Pleasantville/ Miller Rd. curve seemed, as I drove there after dark Friday night, to need lights. Likely there are other such sites. I am also aware that one light on Blue Mill is favored by 2 families in that immediate area. I am opposed to eliminating any without considering each separately. Neighbors and police should be consulted, a big job. It is much too easy to make broad statements to people not directly involved, hold out a \$6000 carrot, and expect the result to have wisdom. \$6000 is significant in some contexts, but could look rather paltry in the face of a serious accident. I do not consider this question as put forth here, likely to produce a wise consensus.	Nov 20, 2011 10:31 AM
65	Not aware of over abundance of lights in Harding Township. For my information: Which streets in Harding are under consideration for turning off lights?	Nov 20, 2011 9:37 AM
66	This is environmentally appropriate and in keeping with the rural atmosphere of Harding.	Nov 20, 2011 9:33 AM

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67	One accident or one robbery, or worse, one injured pedestrian would cost much more than the \$6000.	Nov 20, 2011 8:32 AM
68	It is always very dark in Harding due to the many trees we have. Avoiding deer is always a problem. Guests have enough trouble finding houses....so, for such a relatively small amount of savings,I don't feel it's necessary to eliminate street lights. There are already too few in our town.	Nov 20, 2011 8:03 AM
69	the curve on Village Road is very dark in the one spot where the light is not working. I think this would be dangerous if the lights were removed. \$6,000 is very little when all things are considered..	Nov 20, 2011 8:03 AM
70	Depend on what streets for safety reasons	Nov 20, 2011 7:35 AM
71	to many deer	Nov 20, 2011 7:21 AM
72	Not 100% sure would like more details	Nov 20, 2011 7:04 AM
73	Many streets already are unlit. As long as the intersections are lit I don't see a problem with that.	Nov 20, 2011 6:14 AM
74	Frequently, I drive at night. The streets are very dark. Oncoming cars do not dim their high beams as it is which can be blinding. Making it darker would make the situation worse. To save \$6,000 and endanger peoples lives is not good economics. I care about CO2 emissions so I do my part by driving a Prius.	Nov 20, 2011 6:12 AM
75	What intersections do we really need lights at?	Nov 20, 2011 6:11 AM
76	It is dark enough in Harding that driving at night is difficult. Elininat all these lights to save \$6,000? Ridiculous	Nov 20, 2011 6:11 AM
77	"Do you consider this proposal should be implemented"? If you mean, "Do you think this proposal should be implemented", then "yes"!	Nov 20, 2011 6:09 AM
78	At least for a trial period, so we can experience the change and reassess it.	Nov 20, 2011 6:07 AM
79	Need all lights possible. Leaves & brush obscure white line on right. ELCUTLER	Nov 18, 2011 5:53 AM

Q2. Do you consider this kind of survey of township residents concerning items under discussion with the Township Committee to be useful?

1	I think these surveys are a good idea and can raise awareness but can not be considered full or accurate fro "voting" purposes of the various committees. I think more detail needs to be provided on the pros and cons and the arguments people are making for and against. I think these surveys are good to create awareness but should not be considered the "voice of the people". Thanks.	Dec 12, 2011 8:26 AM
2	Very useful in giving the Committee direct input from residents in considering their decisions.	Dec 12, 2011 6:13 AM
3	But...Ideally, I would hope that links to pro and con information could be supplied with (or preferably in advance of) any survey, since all responders are not always aware of the complexities/ramifications of most issues and if fully informed might vote differently. Thanks for providing a "comment" section! "Comments" are also a good way to solicit input that those closest to any issue might not have yet considered. Thanks for asking!	Dec 11, 2011 5:53 AM
4	We need more feedback from our community	Dec 10, 2011 7:58 AM
5	This is a very good way of finding out what the residents think.....can't always get to the meetings.	Dec 10, 2011 6:50 AM
6	I think this is great feedback for Township committees and government.	Dec 9, 2011 7:08 PM
7	I just wonder if this survey will have any impact on the decisions of the Township Committe.	Nov 26, 2011 2:21 PM
8	Useful but not exclusive. The Township Committee and all boards have the obligation to directly solicit input from directly effected citizens for decisions such as these i.e. all those living nearest to the lights proposed in this report.	Nov 26, 2011 11:51 AM
9	Yes	Nov 25, 2011 9:40 AM
10	Of course one must realize that such surveys are not scientific in that not everyone is on your email list, and only the most motivated on the list may chose to "vote". Further, the precise wording of the posed questions can affect the results of a survey. Experts at wording work long and hard before questions are posed. Such surveys are like polls; they are quite frequently inaccurate.	Nov 25, 2011 7:42 AM
11	It is encouraging that resident input is considered helpful!	Nov 25, 2011 6:03 AM
12	YES!	Nov 25, 2011 5:54 AM
13	Not often being involved in the community this helps me keep abreast of possible changes.	Nov 25, 2011 5:33 AM
14	Great idea to do this via online. Very efficient for all involved.	Nov 25, 2011 4:55 AM
15	very....	Nov 23, 2011 12:55 PM
16	it behoves the Township Committee to listen to the residents and to be responsive to their wishes.	Nov 21, 2011 8:19 PM
17	YES < > If they "Listen".	Nov 21, 2011 2:01 PM

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18	Yes, but be careful that only a few ALWAYS answer survey and many views are not considered.	Nov 21, 2011 10:41 AM
19	aLSO COMMENTS OVER RESULTS OF tWP cOM ACTION.	Nov 21, 2011 9:46 AM
20	The results of these surveys should be published to the same emial distribution list.	Nov 21, 2011 5:37 AM
21	It is great you are asking for input from the residents.	Nov 21, 2011 4:46 AM
22	We should know anything that affects us and have a voice	Nov 20, 2011 7:43 PM
23	If this helps the township committee better understand the opinions, desires and wishes of township residents - then this is a good thing. Often the council has little information or feedback to go on.	Nov 20, 2011 6:19 PM
24	It is democracy, great job getting peoples input.	Nov 20, 2011 5:15 PM
25	It is difficult to get to committee meetings. This is a better means to express an opinion.	Nov 20, 2011 5:00 PM
26	Harding Township is small enough that we have the luxury of letting everyone be heard. It's one of the great things about our small town. Keep it up!!	Nov 20, 2011 4:20 PM
27	Not where public safety is involved. Otherwise, fine.	Nov 20, 2011 3:03 PM
28	All important issues facing our community should be addressed in this manner since most of us are unable to attend the Township Committee meetings.	Nov 20, 2011 2:19 PM
29	I have found this to be very useful and I also commend the Civic Association in getting information out to residents.	Nov 20, 2011 1:58 PM
30	It is very nice to know that our individual opinions can be expressed to the Township Committee.	Nov 20, 2011 1:22 PM
31	Anything that makes our representatives more cognizant of the voters' opinions would be helpful to them and to the voters as they consider re-election.	Nov 20, 2011 12:52 PM
32	Only if the township committee considers each response.	Nov 20, 2011 10:36 AM
33	If you state more than one side and listen carefully to the result, it could be one helpful tool.	Nov 20, 2011 10:31 AM
34	Absolutely! What a great idea, especially for those of us who are often unable to attend town meetings in the evening. Now we at least have the opportunity for our opinions to be heard.	Nov 20, 2011 9:33 AM
35	because there are a few loud folks in this town who rule and those who are quiet might be willing to speak up using this method. The 138 seem to get their way too often.	Nov 20, 2011 8:03 AM
36	But one must recognize that such surveys are non scientific and not necessarily representative of how a referendum on the same topic, worded in precisely the	Nov 20, 2011 8:00 AM

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same way (wording is critical in surveys and pollings), would come out.

37	Awesome idea!!	Nov 20, 2011 7:04 AM
38	It really depends on the response rate and the cross section of people reached. If it can be termed as representative, then it is an important tool.	Nov 20, 2011 6:47 AM
39	This is a great way to engage the community. Thanks!	Nov 20, 2011 6:07 AM
40	vERY USEFUL..hARDING NEEDS EMERGENCY PLAN FOR NEXT POWER FAILURE. Library and Municipal Bldg need generators.	Nov 18, 2011 5:53 AM