

TMM Survey for 2014 Fall Special Town Meeting

All Framingham Town Meeting members were invited and encouraged to take this survey to provide feedback regarding the October 2014 Fall Special Town Meeting. The results in this file are mostly summarized, i.e., questions with degrees of satisfaction and dissatisfaction or agree and disagree were lumped together to give the general results. Not all questions were summarized. To see the detailed results of all questions, including graphs and the comments, see the file 2014 Fall STM Survey Detailed Results.

1. Overall, how satisfied are you with the way the Fall Special Town Meeting operated?

87 Satisfied
15 Unsatisfied
1 Blank

2. Did you attend or watch the Town Meeting 102 Orientation program presented by the Moderator?

52 I attended or watched
51 I did not attend or watch
4 I did not know about the program
0 Blank

3. Did you attend or watch the Warrant Review Session presented by the Moderator, the Town Manager and the CFO?

42 I attended or watched
59 I did not attend or watch
3 I did not know about the program
2 Blank

4. If you attended or saw it, how helpful or informative was the Town Meeting 102 Orientation?

20	Helpful	1	Not helpful at all	31	Neutral/no opinion
19	Informative	0	Not informative	32	Blank

5. If you attended or saw it, how helpful or informative was the Warrant Review Session?

22	Helpful	1	Not helpful at all	31	Neutral/no opinion
15	Informative	1	Not informative	36	Blank

6. How helpful or informative was the Fall Town meeting Warrant Book with Motions and Background?

64	Helpful	2	Not helpful at all	1	Blank
45	Informative	1	Not informative		
4	Neutral/no opinion	3	Did not receive warrant		

7. Did you access the Fall Town Meeting materials that were on the website?

48 Yes 48 No 7 I did not know that material was on the website

8. Were you aware that the 2014 Fall Special Town Meeting Materials on the Framingham Town website were updated when new material was submitted?

52 Yes 51 No

9. How helpful or informative were the Fall Town meeting materials that were on the website?

24	Helpful	2	Not helpful	13 I did not know the materials were on the website
27	Informative	1	Not informative	
33	Neutral/no opinion	8	Blank	

10. Which materials did you read and familiarize yourself with before the articles came before Town Meeting?

91	Original Warrant Book with motions and background material (sent 2 weeks prior to Town Meeting)
31	Interim version of Amended Motions and additional background material
51	Final version of Amended Motions and Background Material
32	Redlined version of Zoning Bylaw Recodification and Reorganization
33	Materials on Website
3	None of the materials

11. How satisfied were you with starting the meeting as close to 7:30 as possible?

92 Satisfied 9 Unsatisfied 0 Blank

12. How satisfied were you with the sponsor presentations?

93 Satisfied 8 Unsatisfied 2 Blank

13. How satisfied were you with the Committee Reports?

90 Satisfied 10 Unsatisfied 3 Blank

14. I was able to hear the speakers

91 Agree 9 Disagree 3 Blank

15. I was able to see the screen

93 Agree 8 Disagree 2 Blank

16. How satisfied were you with the new method for recognizing speakers (standing at mikes instead of raising hands)?

82 Satisfied 15 Unsatisfied 2 Blank

17. In relation to each motion to be voted on, how clear were the Moderator's explanations of what each vote would mean in the disposition of the article?

87 Clear 13 Unclear 3 Blank

18. In general, how would you rate your understanding of our Town Meeting process?

41 Excellent 49 Good 9 Fair 1 Poor 3 Blank

19. Regarding your own participation at the 2014 Fall Special Town Meeting,

57 attended all three nights 2 attended 2 nights 12 I attended 1 night 4 attended 0 nights

20. Regarding your own participation at the 2014 Fall Special Town Meeting, select all that apply:

- 38 I felt comfortable participating and expressing my views
- 30 I felt comfortable participating and asking questions
- 4 I am not comfortable expressing an opposing or minority view
- 43 I did not speak or spoke little because someone had already expressed my views
- 13 I did not speak because the question was moved before I was recognized
- 2 I did not feel well prepared to speak
- 21 I did not speak for some other reason (please specify)
- 4 Blank

21 Electronic Voting: Overall, how satisfied are you with the electronic voting system?

94 Satisfied 8 Unsatisfied 1 Blank

22. Electronic Voting: The amount of time for casting an electronic vote is:

80 Just right 19 Too long 2 Too short 2 Blank

23. Electronic Voting: The amount of time given for the screens to scroll after the vote is completed is:

68 Just right 22 Too long 13 Too short

24. Electronic Voting: Did you have any problems with your electronic device?

5 Yes 97 No 1 Blank

25. How difficult or easy was it for you to operate your handheld voting device?

100 It was easy from the start 0 I had trouble initially but became comfortable using it
 0 I continued to have difficulty operating the unit throughout the meeting 3 Blank

26. Electronic Voting: How clear were the instructions given by the Moderator before each vote?

96 Clear 4 Unclear 3 blank

27. How many years have you served as a TMM?

12 Less than 1 year 28 1-3 years 28 4-9 years 16 10-19 years 17 20+ years

28. Are you a member of a Town Meeting Standing Committee?

95 On a committee and attend all, most or some of the time
 1 Yes – and I do not attend the meetings
 6 On more than one committee
 37 Not on any committee
 1 I do not know what a Standing Committee is

29. Do you feel your participation in the 2014 Fall Special Town Meeting was time well spent?

91 Agree 8 Disagree 4 Blank

30. Do you plan to run for Town Meeting again when your present term is up?

59 Yes 5 No 39 Not sure 0 Blank

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