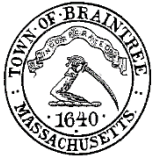


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Braintree, Massachusetts



SUMMARY OF PUBLIC INPUT from ADDITIONAL OUTREACH
BRAINTREE ZONING REVIEW & UPDATE

January 13, 2016

During the months of December and January, the RKG team posted large format boards at Town Hall and the Thayer Library to capture additional feedback from the public following the November Visioning Forum. Knowing not everyone in town was able to attend the large forum, the team posted each individual question (six in total) for one week at a time. The public was encouraged to use sticky notes to share their ideas on the board, which were collected by the team at the end of each week. After six weeks, the team summarized the results for each question which can be seen below.

Question 1: What do you like best about Braintree?

Topic	Times Mentioned
Sunset Lake	3
Golf Course	1
Farmer's Market	4
Low Taxes	3
Schools	8
Skate Park	1
Library	4
Parks	8
Highway Access	1
Hollingsworth	1
Parades	2
Small Town	1
Retail	1
The People	7
BELD	2
The Council	3
Proximity to Boston	2
Town Colors	1
MBTA	1
Walkability	1
Gym	1
The Mayor	2
The Landing	1
Town Hall	1

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Question 2: What is your least favorite thing about Braintree?

Topic	Times Mentioned
Lack of cleanliness (trash)	4
Transfer station on Ivory Street	2
Traffic	12
Poor signage design (billboard and digital)	3
No good places to eat	1
Overbuilding	3
Snow removal	1
Dangerous to walk	3
Nothing	2
Not enough affordable housing options	1
Not enough affordable shopping options	1

Question 3: What are your thoughts regarding additional development in Braintree?

Topic	Times Mentioned
Already enough traffic	1
Already water restrictions	1
More development = more services = more taxes	1
Improve parking in the squares	1
Better designed buildings (brick façade)	1

Question 4: What advantages does Braintree possess in terms of attracting more residents and businesses?

Topic	Times Mentioned
Schools	2
Collection of historic archives on Braintree	1
Access to MBTA and Highways	2
Low taxes	1
Responsive town government	1
Lower housing costs	1

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Question 5: If you could improve one thing about Braintree, what would it be?

Topic	Times Mentioned
Encourage more walking/make it safer	2
Traffic from Petersen Sports Complex	1
Union Street rotary	2
Reduce traffic	2
No more nail salons	2
Dog park	1
Street light improvements	1
The zoning (town is overbuilt)	4
No more strip malls	1
No more apartments, burden on the schools	1
Maintaining more open space	2
Softer horns on the commuter rail trains	2
Stop sign at Jonathan's Landing near the plaza	1
More variety of stores in the square	1
More senior housing	1
Stop over-occupying of single family homes	1
Full time kindergarten	2
Create a place for teens to hang out	1
Low income housing in high income areas	1
Use existing structures instead of building more	1

Question 6: What makes Braintree unique?

Topic	Times Mentioned
Small town flavor with big city features	1
Proximity to Boston	1
Sunset Lake	1
Golf course	1
MBTA service	1
Thayer Academy	1
Library	2
Town Hall	1
The people	2