

Question #1

- 1.) we also own a vacant lot
- 2.) Rent but own part of the property
- 3.) + acreage

Question #3

- 1.) Retired
- 2.) Affordable taxes!

Question #5

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- 1.) It could be... Depends on what and where it is.
- 2.) It's a 50-50 issue; I'd love to see more development to help with the tax base but still want the town to try & preserve our charm & rural feel.
- 3.) Depends on commercial use. I don't want a nuclear waste dump here, but offices would be fine
- 4.) Limited - Yes
- 5.) If done in a controlled manner - yes
- 6.) It's good to have some stores, but not so much that it takes away the rural area and look of Dayton
- 7.) not box stores but it would be nice to have some commercial business that employees more than just a few people
- 8.) A limited amount

- 9.) Not too much but a couple more in Dayton would be good
- 10.) If it will help to lower our taxes
- 11.) Not really important
- 12.) Same here... It could be great.
- 13.) It's that 50-50 thing again.
- 14.) Depends
- 15.) Limited
- 16.) This would depend on the type of development, I am not against the idea as it would help with taxes but quality of life would need to be the priority.
- 17.) I think we have enough now.
- 18.) Yes,as long as the development does not polute the environment
- 19.) The current ones are fine no need for additional growth in this area

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Question #7

- 1.) If they could survive here...
- 2.) I would rather see local businesses run by local residents.
- 3.) We have enough that are close enough to Dayton
- 4.) Not cheesy stores like Dollar General.
- 5.) Prefer not, but I'd be happy with any new business opening in Dayton, as long as they pay taxes.

Question #8

- 1.) how are other towns doing more with less?
- 2.) clean trash & litter from road edges; improved EMT services
- 3.) It would be nice not to have taxes raised for a few years.
- 4.) taxes already too high, much higher than state average
- 5.) Taxes are too high as is and keep going up but roads are a mess
- 6.) Selectman's number 1 priority should always be taxes and keeping them as low as possible and reducing them. For what we get in this town our taxes are outrageously high
- 7.) Our taxes are higher than any surrounding town and we have nothing
- 8.) Our tax rate, 21% is more than 50% higher than every surrounding town!

Question #9

- 1.) Dam, access to the river
- 2.) our farms
- 3.) the old school
- 4.) Our water access areas should be protected as well as any cultural areas; example being small cemeteries on private land.
- 5.) Open spaces, fields, and farms.
- 6.) Open land, fields, farms,
- 7.) The open spaces, Farms, Rural lifestyle should be preserved!
- 8.) Open spaces
- 9.) The rural nature of the town should be preserved to maximum extent practical.
- 10.) We should be able to attract business without losing our community access to Saco River
- 11.) mill pond/mill, churches, cemeteries, farmland
- 12.) Preserve open space
- 13.) Shore Lands
- 14.) Loving the country setting while being close to amenities
- 15.) Open fields, farm land, forest land, wet lands
- 16.) It's own school
- 17.) mill pond and land
- 18.) small beach area at the dam

19.) nature

20.) Open space, the town should not be purchasing open space, rather encouraging landowners that own it to keep it open.

21.) I don't know features but keep it a country setting!!

22.) Bodies of water

23.) I think we should maintain a small community feel

24.) Open fields on Waterhouse Road, Ponds and waterways

25.) Old schoolhouse on Buzzell Road

26.) River, school/fields

27.) It's such a beautiful town, the whole town needs to stay undeveloped

28.) Just the streams and fields...make Dayton beautiful

29.) School house on Buzzell Road

30.) Natural resources, such as woods and streams, and open land

31.) Farms

32.) keep our school here! we are being taken over by Biddeford

33.) it's small town leave it small town

Comments

1.) Dayton needs to find a way to reduce taxes they are very high for a town that does not have much and does not have a high population.

2.) taxes never go down, need to develop a business zone and attract new businesses in order to get some relief from the residential tax base.

3.) Taxes have gone through the roof, and we were told it would only be for one year as we withdrew from the RSU... Obviously, not the case. I, personally, can afford my taxes... I don't like it, but I can afford it. There are many who cannot. Businesses who can contribute to the tax revenue would be great. You could also explore fees charged for the removal of each truck load of gravel from Dayton... Other communities do this. Our gravel companies have it unbelievably good in Dayton.

4.) Cost of education is ridiculous. It is clearly time to consider outsourcing. The cost of maintaining our own schools has outpaced our ability to sustain it. The only people to disagree with that would be the parents with children in the school system unfortunately they are not the ones paying for the entire cost of their children enrolled in the school system...

5.) Thank you.

6.) Dayton is close enough to stores and restaurants. If we build them here in no time they will be empty store fronts. the area does not support more of these.

7.) Education is too expensive. The town should send students to Biddeford at approximate \$2000.00 savings per. We need commercial development.

8.) Taxes are driving people away..... lower them drastically or else the large landowners will be forced to sell. Then we will have houses popping up everywhere, similar to the 90's and early 2000's!!! Lower Taxes!!

9.) town hall staff are doing a great job in many regards, lucky to have them

10.) I live in Dayton to be away from development, please do not increase.

11.) Lets get out of bed with the City of Biddeford!

12.) no new tax

13.) While continues to be a great town the coming generation will be very telling. Dayton like most small towns needs to share more services and develop a plan and stick with the plan. Cluster housing, shared services, business development can all be done with limited impact on the cost of

running a town. Minor infrastructure improvements like fast internet service and public safety can be harnessed in conjunction with new development.

14.) TIFs will need to be explored to maintain state reimbursement for schools and the required infrustructual improvements that can benefit everyone.

15.) Would like to see a restructure of our property tax. Dayton, has one of the highest MIL- Rate in the state!

16.) The town needs to encourage more business that will provide employment opportunity and help with the tax base.

17.) I hope Dayton stays a quite town and not trying to be a small Saco!!

18.) If the taxes keep going up at the rate they are now, we won't be able to stay in our house in 15 - 20 years

19.) I really think that Dayton should begin to seriously think of subdivision before all the land is land locked. If it is done right you could have beautiful subdivision without losing the feel of the rural town. less acreage more common land.

20.) Please provide additional information regarding how recycling is going, what additional items can be recycled, or recycling tips. A town Facebook page that provides info about town initiatives, activities, facts, and/or recycling information would be a great way to get people involved without additional costs

21.) Please lower taxes and pave some of the roads

22.) I am hearing more air planes overhead. Why are we now getting more planes flying over Dayton?

23.) Development and growth are good for Dayton as long as it is tempered or structed if you will not to harm your already established mom and pop stores.

24.) I like the rural atmosphere of Dayton that's why I live here.

25.) Keep Dayton rural! That's why we moved here. If I wanted a city I'd have chosen Saco.

26.) Spend your spare tax dollars on overturning the large land owners of the town who find loopholes to not pay their share of taxes. Everyone would benefit from this. Also, there seems to be the "good ole boys club" in town officials, break it up and positive progress will happen.

27.) The school system is far behind its peers, and offers not programs that are vital for working parents. Nothing offered before/after school or programs for half days. MLDay is an outstanding example

28.) We love living here. We wouldn't mind some development to keep the town going but not too much as to keep Dayton country like and beautiful. People enjoy the trails.

29.) Hope the town continues sending children to Thorton Academy. Would like to see more law enforcement patrolling in town.

30.) Our taxes are too high, compared to surrounding towns including Portland. Yet we have nothing here, except a school.

31.) Time for change in town management

32.) The tax rate needs to be reduced it is much higher than all other surrounding towns and the large surrounding cities.

33.) For a small town, the taxes are ridiculously high. The school budget for maybe 360 kids total, is outrageous. The school has too much "extra" in its budget. We need to get away from Biddeford, cut teachers salaries as they are exorbitant, and stop spending!

34.) We have a nice rural community that needs to be nurtured and protected. Large industrial sites and things such as cell phone towers will damage what we have. Town planners need to be more thoughtful and think long term.