

## Natural Resources

- 1) Please list any natural or scenic areas in Harrison that you would like to see preserved.

Long Lake 6	Mill Pond/Stream	RADR Complex 2	Village
Lake Shores 5	Over Look Views 2	ATV/Snowmobile Trails	Bear MT
Bolster Mills Village	Aquifer	Field of Dreams	Hawk MT
Railroad Trestle	Crystal Lake Park/Beach 6	Grange Hall	Heights
Lake Front Property	Zakelo Beach	Crooked River 5	
Watersheds	All Parks 2	Deertrees 2	Woodlots
Bear River4	Lakes	Woodsum Brook	Leander Harmon
Edes Falls rd	Howard Farm	Maple Ridge	Farms 2
Airport	Island pond	Old mill site	
Crystal lake dam	Eagle rock	Forests	
Hobbs hill	view of deer hill		

- 2) Should Town funds be used to protect or acquire the areas you identified in the previous question, if the areas are not currently publicly owned?

Yes 73 No 36

- 3) Is there sufficient public access to the lakes and streams in Harrison?

Yes 108 No 28

- 4) A land trust is a legally structured private organization which may buy or receive land and hold it to protect its natural state. Donations of land to such a trust may be tax deductible. Do you support the formation of private land trusts in Harrison?

Yes 105 No 18

- 5) Would you like to see a system of connected woodland trails and open space designated throughout Harrison?

Yes 98 No 21

- 6) What type of water supply do you have? (circle one)

Drilled Well 94	Spring 1
Dug Well 12	Public Water 16
Driven Point	Lake Water

- 7) Has there been a decrease in your water availability from your supply in the last five years?

Yes 8 No 104

## Land Use and Planning

8) For the following types of new residential and nonresidential uses, which may.

	Allow	Confine	Discourage	More Use
Mobile Homes	65	39	30	3
Mobile Home Parks	11	29	105	2
Modular/Manufactured Homes	124	12	2	2
Single-Family Homes	119	6	1	13
Duplexes	77	41	27	5
Apartments	57	52	22	6
Condominiums	50	40	53	
Seasonal Homes	107	19	3	3
Housing for Elderly	108	10	3	15
“Starter” Homes	111	16	7	3
Seasonal Conversions	81	22	15	2
Individual Retail Stores	69	81	20	7
Service Stores (cleaners, etc)	69	50	18	6
Large Grocery Stores	17	42	108	1
Shopping Malls	8	14	122	
Mini Malls	11	49	116	2
Fast-food Restaurants	14	37	115	2
Sit-down Restaurants	88	27	10	6
Professional Offices	73	52	4	7
Light Manufacturing	56	38	13	6
Heavy Manufacturing	15	39	90	2
Industrial Parks	16	49	57	3
Hotel/Motels	34	56	54	
Bed and Breakfast Inns	105	31	2	9
Campgrounds	81	37	15	4
Banks	85	27	8	3
Box Stores	15	17	99	1
Gyms/Fitness Studios	88	43	9	4
Recreational Centers	88	30	8	7
Theatres/Movies	110	31	53	
Gravel Pits	43	68	42	1
Gas Stations	48	56	35	7







## Town Services

19) Please rate the following community facilities and services.

	Good	Needs Improvement	Needs Major Overhaul
Library	116	2	
Town Office Building	122	4	
Police Protection	73	41	6
Fire Protection	106	14	
Ambulance	86	30	7
Board of Selectmen	65	35	3
Town Office Services	102	13	4
Town Manager	77	26	12
Town Meeting Form of Government	84	18	4
Septic Tank Cleaning and Septage Disposal	86	17	2
Solid Waste Disposal	81	24	7
Road Maintenance and Repair	50	57	13
Street Lights	71	29	3
Snow Removal	103	16	2
Cemeteries	104	8	
Parks and Beach Facilities	116	17	1
Recreational Programs	108	12	
Tax Assessment	70	30	4
Code Enforcement	83	29	2
Planning Board	75	20	8
Appeals Board	80	16	5
Animal Control	73	20	10
Social Services	55	18	2
Special Events (OHDays, Xmas in Harrison, etc.)	109	4	1

20) What new town services or facilities would you like to see added to or developed over the next ten years?

	Yes, with little increase in taxes	Yes, priority regardless of taxes	NO
Garbage Pick-up	24	1	75
Public Sewer	23	5	85
Public Water	23	3	80
Town Beaches	40	5	61
Recreational Sports Fields	31	4	68
Other recreational Facilities	36	4	59
Public Transportation	41	3	56
Town-wide Wireless Internet	47	10	57
Adult Education Programs	53	10	44
Child-care Facilities	38	11	51
Elderly-care Facilities	53	13	37
Recycling Program	55	12	22
Other			3

21) If you are familiar with local schools, how would you rate the present quality of the local school system?

	Good	Needs Improvement	No Opinion
Curriculum	26	36	32
Classroom Facilities	27	23	35
Libraries	39	12	34
After School Programs	29	18	37
Recreational Programs	34	14	31
Adult Education	19	13	39
Guidance Program	19	23	40
School Transportation	38	12	36
School Board	21	21	39

22) If you answered "Needs Improvement" to any of the elements of question 21, please explain in the space below.

Back to basics  
 No Activity Bus/ parents responsible  
 Limit sports budget  
 adult ed more cost effect.  
 teacher training outside of instructional time 2  
 quality bus drivers  
 curriculum 12  
 classrooms rot 2  
 upgrade all areas 3  
 budget out of control

math program terrible 4  
 No Unions  
 playground equip  
 Rec. – eco conscious  
 local adult Ed 3  
 transport kindergarten  
 better guidance 3  
 4<sup>th</sup> grade room  
 homework help after hrs. 2  
 learning not encouraged

More counselors  
 parents on school board  
 safety 21  
 teachers on school board  
 after school rec (3x)2  
 town rec ctr  
 larger library 2  
 poor ventilation  
 teacher support  
 class size 8

23) What are the most important features of a quality school system?

Small class size  
 Good teachers 14  
 Parental participation 10  
 Education  
 Access to outside resources  
 Transportation  
 Quality staff 15  
 School board support  
 Student behavior

protection 5  
 Efficient Admin 3  
 meet needs of all children 2  
 environment  
 hands on teaching  
 safety 2  
 focused environment  
 equal education for all  
 dress code

basics 2  
 curriculum 18  
 inspired students  
 money2  
 facilities 5  
 foreign languages program  
 rec programs  
 irrelevant to plan  
 values

24) Should recycling and composting be studied further?

Yes 121

No 37

25) Should the Town aggressively pursue a recycling and composting program?

Yes 108

No 49

- 26) Please let us now whether you favor the spending of public funds to develop any of the following Town recreational facilities by checking yes or no after each type. Then tell us which two are your priorities for construction within the next 5 years by placing a 1 for first and 2 for second priority.

Facility	Yes	No	Priority
Public Park/Playgrounds	60	53	10 5
Bike Paths	37	28	2 20
Picnic Areas	25	37	3 4
Wildlife Management Areas	35	25	22 7
Swimming Pool (indoor)	19	45	8 8
Indoor Recreational Facilities	22	36	9 12
Community Meeting Facilities	14	43	3 2
Town Beach	31	33	7 9
Skateboard Park	31	25	11 7

- 27) How would you rate your ability to impact Harrison’s budgeting process? (circle one)

Excellent 4                      Good 36                      Fair 56                      Poor 42

- 28) How would you rate your ability to influence the School District budgeting process? (circle one)

Excellent 9                      Good 23                      Fair 41                      Poor 99

- 29) How would you rate the current sheriff department’s service to the Town of Harrison? (circle one)

Not Aggressive Enough 28                      Adequate 124                      Too Aggressive 11

## Transportation

30) Please list any dangerous intersections in Harrison that need improvements.

Rt 35 & Rt 117 28	Pound rd & Dawes Rd	
Center of Town	School St & 35 8	
Intersections with curbing	New ones are worse	117 and Waterford rd
Harrison Heights & 117 11	Deertrees & Dawes 2	none 5
Enforce speed limits	town farm & rt 35	edes falls and maple ridge
Carsley rd & rt 35 4	Haskell hill & Bolsters Mills rd	bolster mill and plains
Lincoln and Main Sts	new parking area	plains and 117

31) Please list any sections of roads which need improvement or repair.

Rt 35 19	most roads except 117	depot street	bolster mills 6
Maple Ridge 10	Edes falls/ Carsley	front street	cape monday
Rt 35 South of School 6	Edes falls, Town garage to naples 2	scribner mill	
North of Carsley	Cape Monday		

32) Are you satisfied with the quality of road improvements in Harrison over the last 3-4 years?

Yes 119

No 41

33) Would you like to see some public transportation available between Harrison and other communities?

Yes 85

No 67

34) Do you or does your household have a need for transportation services for elderly and/or handicapped residents?

Yes 14

No 137

35) Is parking a problem in Harrison?

Yes 53

No 85

If yes, where?

Downtown 5	tie-up 6	Market Basket	Block 10
Boat launch 7	Village 2	During events	
Main Street 5	need more downtown 7	long lake beach for beach users	

36) Please list any areas where Harrison should develop sidewalks to protect pedestrians.

None 9	residential areas	boat launch
Rt 35 by school 6	sidewalks adequate	firehouse down school St.
Adequate 5	Naples Rd both sides	bolster mills
Waterford Rd	117 & 35 ½ mile out of town	Waterford rd to VFW
Near RADR	long lake past bridge	from long lake past crystal (as promised)
Norway Rd to Maple Ridge rd 2	Edes Falls Rd	

## Community Character and Cultural Resources

- 37) How important are the following factors to you as a resident (full or summer) of Harrison?

	Very Important	Important	Not Important
Close to Work	24	35	26
Attractiveness of Town	65	42	6
Close to Family/Friends	34	49	36
School System	41	39	39
Natural Environment	84	38	3
Outdoor Recreation	47	56	15
Reasonable Housing Cost	45	60	15
Close to Portland	12	41	68
Close to Lewiston/Auburn	21	33	77
Close to Airport	11	36	70
Town Services/Facilities	41	67	7
Reasonable Tax Level	78	36	3
New England Character	68	39	12
Rural Character	75	40	9
Availability of Childcare	15	29	76
Availability of Elderly Care	15	52	48
Public Access to Atv and Snowmobile Trails	7	31	80

- 38) Of the reason listed below, what are the **two** most important reasons for living in Harrison?

	First	Second
Close to Work	5	8
Attractiveness of Town	16	11
Close to Family/Friends	22	10
School System	4	3
Natural Environment	28	18
Outdoor Recreation	12	9
Reasonable Housing Cost	7	13
Close to Portland	1	4
Close to Lewiston/Auburn	1	3
Close to Airport	2	2
Town Services/Facilities	7	4
Reasonable Tax Level	21	5
New England Character	11	16
Rural Character	24	31
Availability of Childcare	2	2
Availability of Elderly Care	3	3

- 39) Which **three** qualities best define the rural character of Harrison and, therefore, should be preserved if possible as development occurs?

	First	Second	Third
Farms	15	25	9
Forest Areas	31	15	8
Historic Buildings	13	7	4
Crime-free Atmosphere	18	11	9
Knowing your Neighbors	7	13	9
Knowing your Town Officials	1	6	1
Few Commercial Signs	5	12	8
Open Space	11	28	12
Roadways through Undeveloped Areas		7	6
Town Centers	7	4	7
Little Traffic Congestion	5	6	12
Sense of Town Identity	5	10	12
Friendliness	15	12	17
Town Meetings	2	5	1
Knowing who to contact when you have Problems with services	8	2	5

- 40) Growth can affect a community in both positive and negative ways, what effect has growth in Harrison had on each of the following.

	Positive Impact	No Impact	Negative Impact
Quality of Town Services	34	65	10
Quantity of Town Services	30	66	12
Quality of Lakes and Rivers	26	3	6
Quality of Town Facilities	52	53	4
Access to Town Officials	28	74	3
Attractiveness of Town	61	28	18
Traffic in Town	18	37	40
Police Protection	32	47	29
Fire Protection	40	51	12
Rescue Service Availability	32	52	13
Access to Medical Facilities	28	65	7
Amount of Open Space	18	30	59
Public Access to Outdoor Recreational Areas	36	51	22
Recreational Activities and Facilities	43	53	14
Property Taxes	13	26	61
School Facilities/Services	17	48	20
Affordability of Housing	15	29	60
Crime Level	6	48	44
Community Spirit	42	55	11

- 41) Of the impact listed below, which **three** are you most concerned about as new development occurs in Harrison and why?

	First	Second	Third
Quality of Town Services	6	4	2
Quantity of Town Services	5	1	4
Quality of Lakes and Rivers	17	9	8
Quality of Town Facilities	3	1	2
Access to Town Officials	1	2	
Attractiveness of Town	9	11	12
Traffic in Town	3	16	6
Police Protection	7	5	5
Fire Protection	3	8	1
Rescue Service Availability	3	3	5
Access to Medical Facilities	2	2	4
Amount of Open Space	12	16	14
Public Access to Outdoor Recreational Areas	4	3	4
Recreational Activities and Facilities	2	1	3
Property Taxes	32	21	13
School Facilities/Services	5	9	3
Affordability of Housing	4	8	11
Crime Level	8	8	16
Community Spirit	2	3	4

- 42) Should Harrison encourage more public venues for entertainment and education in the arts?

Yes 92

No 68

- 43) List any key historical buildings that you feel are important to preserve or protect in Harrison?

Block 14  
 deertrees 31  
 older farms  
 mills 3  
 maple ridge school 7  
 caswell house 3  
 old library building 23  
 frank farm 2  
 law office  
 Historical Museum 28  
 Harrison House

water front  
 wooded lots  
 downtown  
 Churches (Harrison) 5  
 grange 25  
 Randall Block  
 Farms  
 Scribners mill 25  
 Maple Ridge School House  
 Cemeteries

Windmill on Maple ridge  
 Bolsters mills church 3  
 Summit Springs  
 Town clock  
 Pagoda  
 Frank House  
 Bolsters Mills Library 2  
 Historic Homes in Village

## Community Character

- 44) Please choose the 2 ways you usually find out about events and meetings in Harrison?

	First	Second
Newspaper	88	17
Bulletin Board	7	13
Word of Mouth (neighbors)	22	51
Posters in Local Businesses	51	20
Radio Announcements	1	5
Calling Town Hall		3
Online	2	7
School Notices		5
Bulletin at library	3	2

- 45) What do you think is the best way to reach Harrison citizens about important town meetings or events? Please choose first and second choice.

	First	Second
Newspaper	84	20
Event Board by Town Office	17	17
Word of Mouth (neighbors)	3	16
Posters in Local Businesses	15	26
Radio Announcements	3	5
Calling Town Hall	2	6
Online	8	17
School Notices	2	7
Bulletin Board (Town Office)	1	12

- 46) What do you think is the best way to reach Harrison Town Officials? Please choose first and second choice.

	First	Second
Write a letter to the Selectmen	20	22
Call Town Hall	50	22
Come to a Public Meeting on a Weeknight	16	26
Come to a Public Meeting on Saturday	4	8
Fill out a Survey	3	3
Talk one on one with Town Officials during a designated night or office hours	35	37

47) Have you ever attended any of the following types of meetings? (Please circle)

Planning Board 59                      School Board 23                      Recreation 18  
 Conservation Commission 6              Board of Appeals 32              Town Meetings 90  
 Selectmen's Meetings 67

48) When you hear about Harrison Public Meetings and do not attend, what are the **three** primary reasons for not attending?

	First	Second	Third
During work hours	15	2	8
Too long	8	15	5
Too far away	5	2	4
At night	18	12	9
No Child-care	5	3	2
No Transportation		5	5
Not interested in the Issue	35	12	19
Don't like talking at meetings	8	11	7
Don't feel my ideas are used	6	7	2
Prefer other ways of expressing my opinions	3	8	8
Not enough notification time	5	15	7
Intimidated	5	2	5

## **Background Questions**

49) Are you: circle one

Permanent year-round resident of Harrison 151

Seasonal resident of Harrison 15

Not a resident, but property owner in Harrison 6

Not a resident, but business owner in Harrison

50) Are you a registered voter in Harrison?

Yes 141

No 24

51) How long have you lived in Harrison? (circle one)

Less than 1 year 5

5-10 years 42

2-4 years 23

Over 10 years 101

53) In what type of home do you live? (circle one)

Single Family Home 148

Two Family Home 4

Apartment 1

Mobile or manufactured home, individual lot 10

Seasonal Dwelling 4

Mobile or manufactured home, Mobile Home Park

54) Do you rent or own your home? (circle one)

Rent 7

Own 162

55) How many people live in your home year-round?

1) 15

4) 12

2) 82

5) 4

3) 16

6) 3

56) How many people live in your home seasonally?

1) 4

4) 5

2) 40

5) 1

3) 10

6) 1

57) Please indicate the number of household members in each age category.

Ages	Female	Male
0-2.5	4	3
2.5-4	1	2
5-10	10	7
11-14	8	2
15-19	5	7
20-29	5	7
30-39	9	10
40-49	23	17
50-59	31	26
60-65	21	20
66-70	14	10
Over 70	21	32

58) How many people, in your household, over the age of 18 are employed, and in what town?

Paris 5	Norway 5	Portland 5	naples 3
Bridgton 19	Brownfield	Lewiston 4	Gorham
Windham	Westbrook	Harrison 23	scarborough
Oxford 5	Raymond 3	retired 8	mass
Casco	south paris	CT	

59) What kind of work do you do? Check all that apply.

	Check
Agriculture	3
Construction	12
Manufacturing	4
Transportation & Communications	3
Wholesale	1
Retail	4
Services	12
Public Admin. & Government	2
Finance	4
Real Estate	5
Medical	10
Non-Profit	8
Forest Industries	1
Education	10
Insurance	1
Other (Specify) Consulting	18
Tourism	1
Retired	40
Federal	1

60) For each adult (18 and over) in your household, would you list the highest level of education completed?

HS	29	some college	5
2yr college	30	tech school	4
4yr college	37	didn't finish hs	3
+4 yr college	36		

61) The State of Maine is considering property tax relief. What percent is your property tax of your gross income? (circle one)

Below 3%	19	5.1 – 6 %	14
3.1 – 4 %	19	Over 6%	30
4.1 – 5 %	12	Don't Know	41

62) What is the total annual income of your household? (circle one)

Less than \$10,000	4	\$36,000 - \$45,999	16
\$10,000 - \$19,000	14	\$46,000 - \$59,000	26
\$20,000 - \$35,999	26	Over \$60,000	40

Thank you for your time.  
The Comprehensive Committee