

Survey Responses
Public Safety Building
(Police and Fire Station)
February 1, 2019

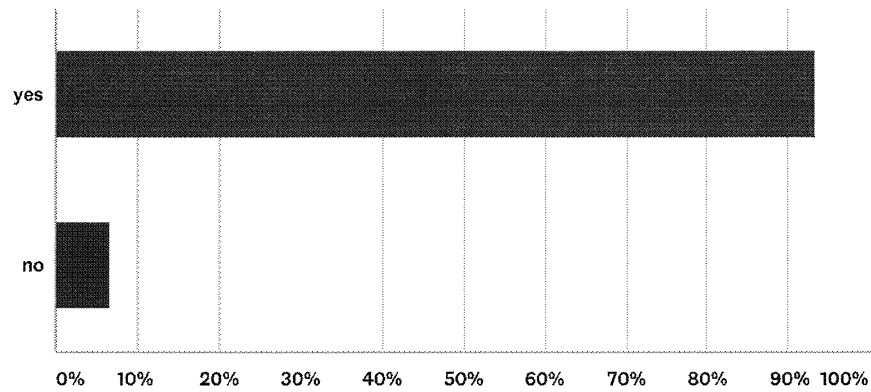
This contains all responses as of January 31, 2019.

340 total responses
93.24% being Skowhegan residents
63.47% voted against
55.23% indicated that they voted against because of expense and
location.

The results are slightly skewed because of human error. For instance, some non-residents answered that they voted against, which isn't possible; some residents answered question 2, which should have been skipped; etc.

Q1 Are you a Skowhegan resident?

Answered: 340 Skipped: 0

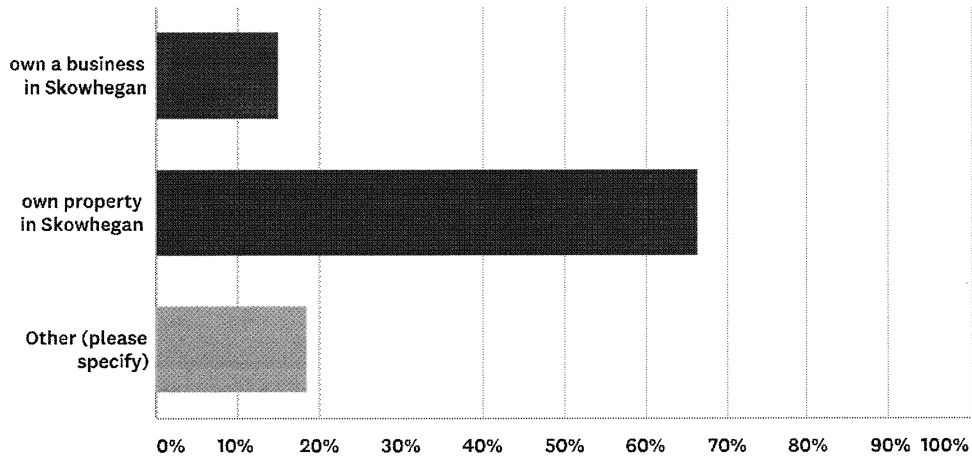


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
yes	93.24%	317
no	6.76%	23
TOTAL		340

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Q2 If no, do you...

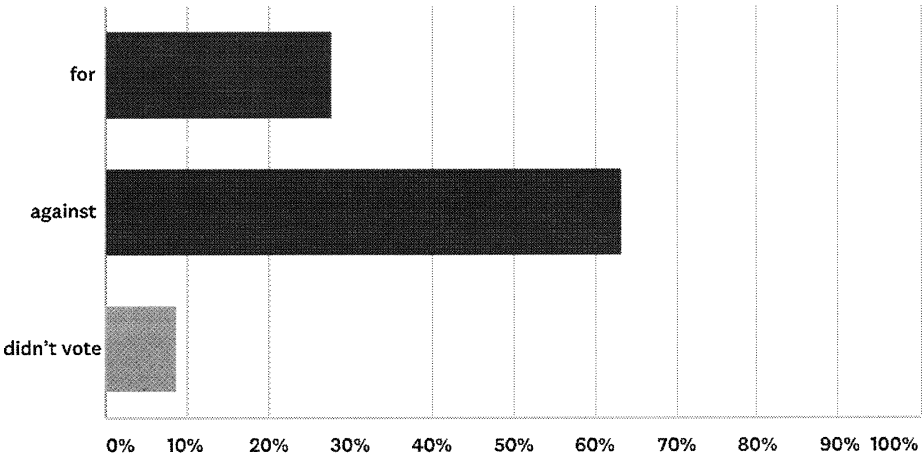
Answered: 140 Skipped: 200



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
own a business in Skowhegan	15.00%	21
own property in Skowhegan	66.43%	93
Other (please specify)	18.57%	26
TOTAL		140

Q3 If a Skowhegan resident, did you vote for or against the Public Safety Building Bond in the amount of \$8.5 million?

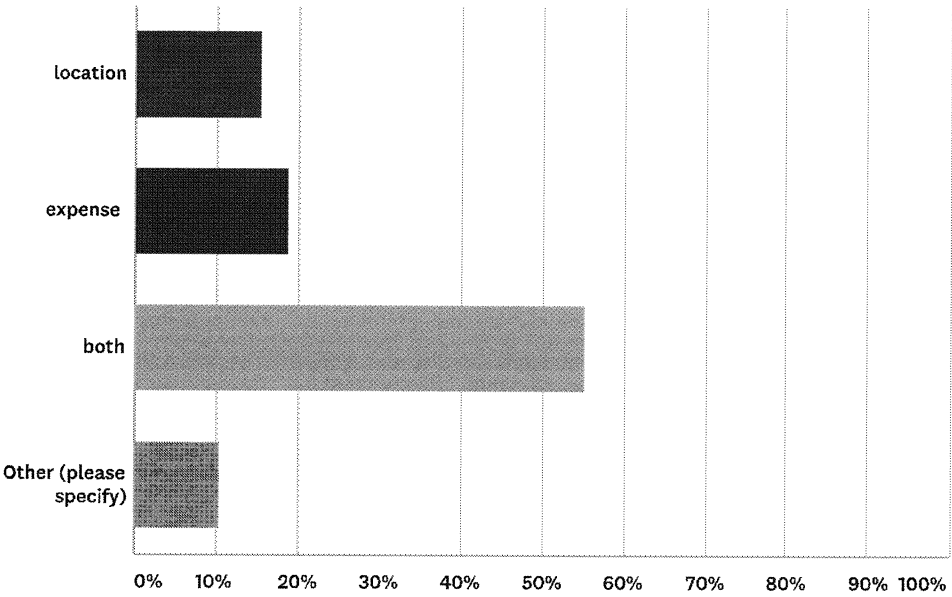
Answered: 334 Skipped: 6



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
for	27.84%	93
against	63.47%	212
didn't vote	8.68%	29
TOTAL		334

Q4 If you voted against, what was the reason?

Answered: 239 Skipped: 101



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
location	15.48%	37
expense	18.83%	45
both	55.23%	132
Other (please specify)	10.46%	25
TOTAL		239

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Q5 Comments and suggestions (If location, please recommend a specific piece of property. Address, map and lot, etc.)

Answered: 174 Skipped: 166

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Many suggestions have been made since the taxpayers were made fully aware of it. Location issue is obvious to most taxpayers. Future plans for downtown may play a huge role in this decision, like so many others.	1/30/2019 10:36 AM
2	Water Street or just more central	1/22/2019 10:24 AM
3	Use an existing building...the dead mall across from the car dealer on 201 above Gifford - Same lot as Pizza Hut.	1/22/2019 10:23 AM
4	Should fix the old.	1/22/2019 10:22 AM
5	Do they need to be a combined building?	1/22/2019 10:21 AM
6	No need for Public Safety Building. Just Fire Department. Lot nest to At Work Hights used car lot? On Madison Avenue heading north after Cumberland Farms.	1/22/2019 10:20 AM
7	I think the best place would be on the same side of town as the hospital, schools & Sappi	1/22/2019 10:18 AM
8	On a fix income can't afford any new taxes pay off towns bonds frist	1/20/2019 10:45 AM
9	Doing this survey is a great start. More options should be presented to the public instead of only one idea. Being more creative to obtain the results should be considered. (ie: Speaking with Sappi about donating (we greatly reduced their assessment - maybe they could pony up a new fire truck or necessary equipment). Possibly speak with New Balance along the same line. I would also send out a survey flyer to all Skowhegan residents to get more involved in this process.	1/18/2019 1:28 PM
10	Find a central location, (near its current location), to better serve BOTH sides of town. Home owners insurance will go up 30% for all those who become 5 miles away from the new station. Also, our house burned down in 6 minutes before the fire department could get there. If moved further away, should anyone near us bother to call them if there's a fire?? Expense is also too much when property taxes just hiked SO MUCH!!	1/13/2019 10:35 PM
11	Pay off all debt before you we get into more debt. The town voted the buildings down. Please honor the vote and let it go. Taxes are already hurting property owners and especially those of us on fixed incomes.	1/12/2019 12:06 PM
12	Need a more central location maybe research if a school building may be available in the future, there is a need for a new building for the fire dept. I am not sure the police need to move from the municipal. Bldg.	1/7/2019 3:40 PM
13	Poor location, it is very close to the Madison town line. The new facility should be on one of the Major Rt through town. And the south side of town should be considered because of the hospital,the schools, new balance and the sappi mill as well as future growth on the south side. I am ok with the price, a new facility is need, but the location is not acceptable.	1/5/2019 9:27 AM
14	Rodden motors building, mr. bubbles laundry building, north elementary school building.....	1/5/2019 8:56 AM
15	First of all, we voted this down. This should be a "dead" issue. Listen to the people and respect their decision. Don't bring it back up just because you don't like the answer. It makes you look corrupt! Reasons for voting against it. Taxes are already to high in Skowhegan. The balance of what he tax payers get for what they pay is way off in favor of the town. The other reason is location. It need to be more centrally located. Third, it's working god enough now. No need to fix it at great expense to the tax payer just because fireman and police want a nicer place to work. Make do with what you have like the rest of us. Also- It appears the people running the town have forgotten who they represent and their fiduciary obligation to the towns people. All of them, not just the special interest of business owners who seem to work their way on to the board to bolster their personal profits. That is a clear conflict of interest and it needs to stop.so do the "special meetings, to pass agendas that the masses don't want.again with the special interest corruption.	1/5/2019 8:25 AM

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16	We don't need to spend more tax dollars on buildings that already exist. Why are you trying to force these new buildings down our throats. Did we not vote no at the last election? Stop wasting our time and energy to push something through that the people have already voted no to- our property taxes are already getting unaffordable to most people who work. Let alone, those on a fixed income.	1/4/2019 12:02 PM
17	I think that the combined police and fire buildings would be a great idea, just wish it was closer to downtown or even in downtown skowhegan	1/1/2019 11:45 PM
18	The residents of Skowhegan voted against it so it's a dead issue now. The Skowhegan police department is fine right where they are. If the town does vote to pass this, it should be local contractors that should build the building.	12/28/2018 8:27 AM
19	We need a second bridge first! You know the people want one.	12/28/2018 7:44 AM
20	I feel the price is absurd!	12/28/2018 6:54 AM
21	We have 2 schools going to be decommissioned. North Elementary....Margarett Chase Smith	12/27/2018 10:40 PM
22	\$8.5 millions is over price. I work around the state of maine. I have seen a lot of over price on new bulding and remodeling work in town and city or state job sites. And stealing money from towns. 2nd thing if going build a new build place should have local companies from skowhegan. Not from out of town or out of state	12/27/2018 10:36 PM
23	Intown location would be better. It is important for people to have easy access to both departments. Taxes are already very high for such a poverty stricken town. With many bonds still being paid, I do not feel that a project with such a large cost is feasible if being paid for by taxpayers. Have grants been researched?	12/27/2018 9:45 PM
24	Need a different location along 201 south, Madison Avenue, or North Avenue. Eminent Domain if necessary.	12/25/2018 7:56 AM
25	Bought property before residents input. Very tough with two sides of town separated by a river. We need to research more, put more info. out to public. Lets not build and spend unnecesary. Lets do out homework!	12/21/2018 4:26 PM
26	The proposed amount seems excessive vs. what other local communities are spending for new facilities. The facility should be functional and need not be an architectural delight. The façade should be plain and basic with a sign declaring what the property is.	12/21/2018 1:03 PM
27	Closer to the South side of town due to hospital, schools, new balance and Sappi being on the South side of the river	12/21/2018 12:26 PM
28	I do not like the notion that if we the people of Skowhegan do not vote for the proposed public safety building as proposed, it means we do not support the police department or the fire department. We had a vote on the current proposal and the people of Skowhegan vote against it. Yes the location is an issue, yes the money is an issue so change the proposal. What will the town get for our 13 million dollars? Better service? We still will have service whether or not we have a new public safety building. I hope the Powers's at be do not try and pass this current proposal by town meeting. The answer for the first proposal was no, try something else.	12/21/2018 8:25 AM
29	Who comes up with these survey questions?	12/20/2018 2:31 PM
30	I do not know of specific available locations; however, it would be best for this to be close to Schools and Hospital; or in the middle of both. While not Ideal in it's existing location as far as traffic, it is ideal for being equidistant.	12/20/2018 9:59 AM
31	The empty skowhegan savings building lot, or the empty parking lot up in Mount Pleasant Avenue is a good choice. I don't see a need for anyone to have an \$8.5 million dollar facility! They need too notch equipment, yes! They need a decent place to lay their head, cook food, and to call home away from hime, but that is just ridiculous. No one needs a price tag that big. No one.	12/20/2018 9:44 AM
32	too expensive to tax payers and what happens to the existing buildings and is out of the way to pay for taxes,etc	12/20/2018 6:17 AM
33	Utilize abandon commercial property like the old K Mart or Ames locations	12/20/2018 5:44 AM

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34	If I had voted this is it. The location would be okay for the fire dept and a great improvement of its current location on the island. The police dept needs to have a presence within city limits! Creates a sense of security knowing they are watching over the town, close by, visible. Maybe the town will save in oil for heating but on the flip side spend more in gas and vehicle upkeep. How will the old facilities be utilized to offset costs? The lot where the old tavern was demolished, not sure of availability. In my opinion as bridge is needed more than anything, it shouldn't take me 20 minutes to cross. I can literally walk faster to my office across the walking bridge. The town had the bonds and blew it because the land trust said no but they'll say yes to a ridiculous rafting park to destroy the natural river and a neighborhood. Another reason to keep the police in town. Has anyone even thought how this will impact traffic? Again we need a bridge, top priority!	12/19/2018 11:33 PM
35	As it stands, either "side" of Skowhegan is going to be in danger without access to a Fire Department. While I understand the concerns of the current location, I am worried what will happen to the South Side of town in a fire emergency if the station is that far away. If a fire started at Indian Ridge, for example, multiple dwellings would be engulfed before the department would be able to get to this side of town. Why can't a smaller building be built on a new site on the north side, and still keep a smaller station on the south side? Trying to access either side of town on that one ridiculous bridge is futile.	12/19/2018 9:51 PM
36	Should be centrally located on 201 or Rt #2. Big part of municipality value.	12/19/2018 1:28 PM
37	Station needs to be central to in town.	12/19/2018 11:58 AM
38	Something more centralized.	12/19/2018 11:57 AM
39	Not aware of more centralized properties but would like to have one nearer the schools and hospitals.	12/17/2018 7:06 PM
40	Keep police downtown and available. Put them in the Somerset Reporter building (next to the Municipal Building)	12/17/2018 2:04 PM
41	Has anyone considered across the road from the present fire station for a site for the new station.	12/17/2018 1:45 PM
42	Why can't they use the to ball fields on east maple st. And move ball fields to the rec., 2nd choice is to use the town lot across from the strand cinema and make it a 2 story building using some of municipal parking lot. Both use town property and are downtown.	12/16/2018 8:01 AM
43	I will not support a station on one side of the river. Our bridges could be wiped out in the next ice jam and it would then take YEARS to build new bridges. The fire chief says I am safe because of "mutual aid". I do not pay huge property taxes to Norridgewock or Fairfield. I pay them to Skowhegan and they need to be my fire protection. A substation on this side of the river may not improve response time but firefighters on this side of the river would be able to get to the substation and get to my house quicker-especially if there are bridge problems. The \$580,000 two truck station is a reasonable solution. Then build the Public Service building at the proposed site-4??? truck station with the needed equipment storage/use needs out of masonry. The firefighter housing could be built out of wood to reduce costs. The former Skowhegan Savings bank location would be a good site on this side of the river.	12/15/2018 12:05 PM
44	Police station in town vacant brick building between Municipal Building and Lacasse Shoe; Fire Margaret Chase School when available.	12/14/2018 9:13 AM
45	Does not need to be a fancy building, for the square feet of building should not exceed 3 million dollars.	12/14/2018 9:11 AM
46	Piloce station in town - vacant brick building between Municipal Building and LaCasse Shoe; Fire N. El/Margaret Chase School property.	12/14/2018 9:10 AM
47	Why \$8.5 million, couldn't a more modest amount br spent to serve the purpose?	12/14/2018 9:08 AM
48	Go with common sense, but to code! Shouldn't be so fancy & expensive.	12/14/2018 9:06 AM
49	Must benefit both sides of river!!! More central location.	12/14/2018 9:04 AM
50	I like the location even though I reside at 1184 East River Road.	12/14/2018 9:03 AM
51	Need to explore other options. Either M. Chase Smith School on Heselton St. or North EL School on Jewett St. when the school board phases them out (2024?). Meanwhile, take money annually each year to save up for expenses. also, put police downtown by the Municipal Building and fire dept. in its own separate building.	12/14/2018 9:02 AM

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52	Don't understand the logic for a new building. I understand the fire department is 114 yrs. old, but if it is in good shape why do anything. It may be an old tape on my part, but I believe the police need to be in the downtown area. We moved to Skowhegan 42 years ago and I believe the population has stayed basically the same, so why do we need a new building that's just about in Madison with schools, hospitals and business located on the other side of the river>	12/13/2018 12:33 PM
53	More centralized location. SAD #54 will be receiving funding to build a new elementary school in the next few years so I feel we should wait for those properties to come available.	12/13/2018 7:18 AM
54	My understanding is that a new school will be built in 2 years which will free up the Margaret Chase Smith school. The bus garage is also going to be moved. There is a lot of property there that the town already owns and can utilize. There is also enough land for growth in the future. Also this area is more centralized in the town. Other materials that are less expensive could also be used to bring down that cost.	12/13/2018 6:50 AM
55	I support constructing a new FD and PD. It makes some sense to locate the PD next to the Somerset County Jail. However, I feel that the Fire Dept in particular should be more centrally located. Having to drive the fire trucks from the East Madison Road down Madison Ave, through town, and across both bridges if there is an emergency, especially at RFGH or Sappi, seems problematic especially during heavy traffic times. It would have been helpful for the Town govt. to send a survey like this out for discussion and input prior to purchasing a piece of land that may or may not be used at this point. We don't have a surplus in our budget for unnecessary purchases. Please learn from this - get input from the townspeople who help pay for these things. These decisions affect the entire town. Thank you.	12/12/2018 10:25 PM
56	I understand the need for a new venue, however my taxes are already high enough. I do not have an alternate location in mind, but I do understand other's concerns regarding the "almost Madison" location.	12/12/2018 1:12 PM
57	33 Jewett Street Skowhegan. This would be a prime location with several entrances and exits to it. Also this school will be an empty building within the next 2 years.	12/12/2018 11:09 AM
58	Too much to spend on a fire station/police dept.	12/11/2018 3:41 PM
59	The Safety Committee worked two years - we need to trust them - the longer we wait the more it will cost.	12/10/2018 4:22 PM
60	Fine where it is planned for.	12/10/2018 4:21 PM
61	We don't need to spend more money for land.	12/10/2018 4:20 PM
62	I'm good with the whole project.	12/10/2018 4:19 PM
63	4 largest employers on south side of river the location you chose does not support them for fire or police presents.	12/10/2018 3:01 PM
64	Central to town not stuck over it one corner	12/10/2018 12:56 PM
65	Own multiple properties and a business on south end of town. I am not for the current plan due to price and location being furthest from my business.	12/10/2018 11:34 AM
66	I did hesitate on voting "for" due to location but felt a new building outweighed the location.	12/10/2018 11:28 AM
67	Too large building for population. Need to find more visible location and smaller building.	12/10/2018 11:27 AM
68	Already have a large debt! How about adding to the existing Fire Station as Waterville has done?	12/9/2018 2:04 PM
69	Wait until debt load is lower and school properties (north elementary and MC Smith schools) are replaced and those lots available to town.	12/9/2018 2:02 PM
70	I would like to see a new public safety building to enhance the development of the town!	12/9/2018 2:00 PM
71	8.5 million was my first dislike. Other towns are upgrading for 2-3 times less. Seems extremely over priced. Second the location should be more downtown or centrally located. Parts of Skowhegan from the E. madison location would be 10 minutes away, possibly further given the time of day and if going past the high school. Yet w it would be seconds to get to Madison? What if there was an issue at the high school or middle school at 3:05pm. Good luck getting across the bridge then. Yes I know its a current issue now, but add the additional 3-4 minutes on top of that....talk about potential lives that could have been saved.	12/9/2018 9:55 AM

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72	What is wrong with just adding on to the fire dept like the city of Waterville did. Cheaper to buy building or buildings next door and add on to existing fire station. And as far as the new police station what is wrong with the old Somerset Gazette building ? Maybe it could be renovated, add a second floor. I really don't think people wanted the police station almost in Madison on one side of town, same with the fire dept. Who would benefit from a new Public Safety building ? Not so much the people. But who would pay for it?	12/9/2018 6:57 AM
73	local towns have built fire stations public works facilities of similar size much cheaper plus they start saving well in advance	12/8/2018 11:38 AM
74	LOT INCLUDING @WORK, USED CAR LOT, AREA BEHIND INDIAN	12/7/2018 1:05 PM
75	Location was too far from south side of town. I would support a more central location or a smaller building on the East Madison Rd. with a manned substation on the south side of town.	12/7/2018 12:21 PM
76	I've been told that people didn't like the location of the proposed site because the south and western sides hold most of the larger industrial sites (don't know if this is actually true), schools, & the hospital. Keeping it close to those places was discussed. Maybe keeping it on the island but behind the church might be a good idea. A better site might be by the water district. Closer to New Balance, Sappi, the hospital, and the schools than a place over by the jail.	12/7/2018 11:34 AM
77	Location should be in town; cost is absolutely ridiculous for the size town! Be realistic....Oakland built one for 1/3 the money. We don't need a building with a gym...there are other sources.	12/7/2018 10:30 AM
78	The cost was exorbitant! It could be built with less expensive materials for at least a third of that amount! Be mindful of our trying times & low wages - not 'eyes being bigger than your bellies'! Also the location was not optimal. A more central location such as the Margaret Chase Smith School (which, rumor has it, could be a possibility) would be better.	12/7/2018 8:52 AM
79	Margaret chase smith school. Or. The lot near rodden motors	12/7/2018 8:23 AM
80	We need a new Building. If Chief Howard believes that's where it should go then that's where we should put it. He's the fire chief and would know best out of all the people that live in our town. We need to start listening to our leaders.	12/7/2018 6:27 AM
81	The proposed building was to fancy. With the debt Skowhegan already has this building was way to expensive. Also the police dept needs to be located in a more accessible location.	12/6/2018 8:50 PM
82	I believe we need the new building but I think an 8 million dollar brick building is ludicrous. We don't need brick or a fancy architectural design. We need something more affordable. If a less expensive option had been offered I would have voted for it.	12/6/2018 7:55 PM
83	Build a REASONABLY PRICED public safety building on the site of the current Highway Department. Move the Highway Department onto the town property used by the Transfer Station. Or: There surely are a lot of homes for sale in "in town" Skowhegan. Locate two or three that sit adjacent to each other. Purchase those sites and build the public safety building on them.	12/6/2018 5:58 PM
84	A better location would be at the MC Smith school property-when that school is replaced or the Elementary school property when that building is replaced. We should wait as this large of an investment should be seen and easily accessible by the public and visitors to our town.	12/6/2018 5:32 PM
85	Someone should look into purchasing the former Skowhegan Savings Bank building on East Front St. if it is for sale. That could be made into the police station and then build on a 4 bay garage for the fire trucks along with an upstairs housing a kitchen/dining area, living area, and bunkroom for the firemen on duty. It's a fantastic location.	12/6/2018 3:48 PM
86	Expense and location	12/6/2018 2:55 PM
87	Believe location is bad for town with one bridge in town. Very congested @ times. Longer response time for south side. Do not have recommendation for locale. Hope this can be resolved for police & fire.	12/6/2018 2:17 PM
88	West side of the island - Purchase Fed. Church and other necessary buildings. Centrally located and would give a good presentation of the town as one travels through.	12/6/2018 1:58 PM
89	The Skowhegan Savings Bank on East Front Street. Put the police station there and add to it. It's close to fire department. Fire Department could have offices in it. Keep fire trucks in existing garage with staff.	12/6/2018 1:55 PM
90	Need to build a building a lot cheaper.	12/6/2018 8:12 AM
91	I voted for the building, but I think we could find a better location.	12/6/2018 8:11 AM

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92	The fire department absolutely needs to be moved and upgraded. The police department has a perfectly fine location. Also, the size and cost of the building could easily be reduced. It doesn't need to be fancy, just functional.	12/6/2018 5:29 AM
93	N/A	12/5/2018 10:05 PM
94	Madison Ave . Where grow hegan just moved in to .	12/5/2018 9:34 PM
95	I think the site of the former Kennebec Valley Inn is ideal. Enough space for a facility of realistic scale (the proposed facility was better suited to a town three times this size) and centrally located. I also think the dollar store shopping center site (by the rte 201 intersection) could be redone to suit with less complication than the proposed site.	12/5/2018 3:24 PM
96	This price can definitely be scaled back a lot. Other fire stations being built for a lot less.	12/5/2018 1:06 PM
97	Repurpose the old North Elementary school building/lot... or add onto existing buy the two buildings next to current fire house. Please remember we cannot afford such an elaborate facility or need one that big. Look around... other towns of our type have built conservative stations for far less \$\$\$\$. Any large lot on Madison Avenue would be perfect. Pick one or two and make appropriate offers.	12/5/2018 1:01 PM
98	Build the second bridge and pull it next to it for easy access to both sides of town, bypassing the bottle-neck at the current bridges	12/5/2018 10:58 AM
99	Location and price, not sure on a better location but can get a suitable building for less money, look at the other towns around the area that did get a Fire station approved and see how they are doing it.	12/5/2018 10:49 AM
100	Anywhere in the middle of town !!	12/5/2018 10:36 AM
101	Change the building material to lower the cost, and move the police to the old Somerset reporter building. Police should not be that far out of town	12/5/2018 10:11 AM
102	Cost should be substantially less, the police dept should be much smaller, and has no need for Offices so large. The location should focus on the Waterville Rd near town	12/5/2018 5:43 AM
103	Wallace Farm on Southside of Town	12/5/2018 3:06 AM
104	Buy the lot that the homeless shelter owns on West Front Street/McClellan Street. I would sell you my house right beside it and it should be enough room for what you need. The police are around here most of the time anyway so they wouldn't have far to go. Just a crazy idea.	12/4/2018 4:48 PM
105	over near high school so we could use land already owned by town	12/4/2018 4:40 PM
106	I'm definitely in favor of new facilities for both fire & police. However, the chosen location in my opinion makes little sense. Why does it make sense to move our public safety facilities to within a few hundred feet of one of our neighboring town lines and further away from many local taxpayers? More thought and consideration in reference this matter is needed. Look at the big picture. What is occurring in today's firefighting world. Look at the possibility of a public safety (fire & police) facility on the northside (different location) and a smaller facility (fire) on the southside. Note: Any site selected should be large enough to expand to meet future needs. We have known for years the need to replace our public safety facilities so let's do it right!	12/4/2018 4:08 PM
107	Leave out a new police department for reasoning said. Unnecessary. Open 2 mini Skowhegan fire department stations, one on the north side, one on the south side. Fire Stations Only: North side Station: where the initial site was going to be South Side Station: Near Dan and Scott Cremetion on Waterville road which is almost the geographically center of Skowhegan	12/4/2018 3:17 PM
108	I voted against both. There is no question that the police station needs to be moved out of the cellar and that we need a new fire station. Placing the fire station on the East Madison Road is not perfect but, if that is the only viable location, then I would support it. However, I do not support having the police station at that location as it needs to be more visible and accessible to the public. In addition, the cost for a public safety building for Skowhegan is too high. The comparisons provided at the public hearing were not comparable in any way to Skowhegan's income and population. The cost should be half or a third of the estimate given. My suggestions for the fire department: North Elementary School on Jewett Street Margaret Chase Smith School on Heselton Street Former Goodine's Truck property on Waterville Road (next to Whittemore's & Sons) (Tax Map 9, Lot 73(?)) My suggestion for the police department is 185 Water Street, Skowhegan Tax Map 26, Lot 185.	12/4/2018 2:05 PM
109	Poor choice of location and cost is excessive	12/4/2018 12:25 PM

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110	Find a way to cut the cost & interest drastically.	12/4/2018 11:27 AM
111	I am in support of our safety facilities but Skowhegan also needs to improve our current neighborhoods with buildings in need of repairs. Skowhegan has many concerns, perhaps a satellite fire station along with repairs to the current station may be a solution.	12/4/2018 9:48 AM
112	In center of town	12/4/2018 9:36 AM
113	We already owe for the sewer project, and the location was not even in our town. We are 2nd in line to get a new school, maybe one of the old school location would be a better bet. Thanks!	12/4/2018 8:22 AM
114	Should hold off on this until a decision is made re a new bridge. That could be a significant factor to be considered re the building's location.	12/4/2018 7:47 AM
115	The location was a lousy choice and did nothing to protect the south side	12/4/2018 7:33 AM
116	Any place more centralized between south side and north side	12/4/2018 7:20 AM
117	Location is fine bridge should be built before building	12/4/2018 2:43 AM
118	I feel the current police station is fine. I feel the fires ration should stay in the building it's in but fix the issues that it currently has.	12/4/2018 12:35 AM
119	This isn't the time to be spending so much money.	12/3/2018 10:08 PM
120	I am all for this new facility! I believe the town, police dept and fire dept need this new up to date building! Was upset to see it got voted down!	12/3/2018 9:46 PM
121	Station on the South side, for call fireman Main building on the Northside with the necessities only.	12/3/2018 9:15 PM
122	Spring Street, old shoe factory	12/3/2018 8:36 PM
123	No need for separate rooms for fire fighters adds to the cost. I feel this is too extravagant and unnecessary. I heard fire chief was bigger and better so invited police to hope to get approved.	12/3/2018 8:36 PM
124	To much money for tax payers to spend at this point - scale it down some and it would have passed	12/3/2018 8:31 PM
125	North elementary school	12/3/2018 7:49 PM
126	Needs to be more centrally located in town. The first property was way out of town.	12/3/2018 7:01 PM
127	24 court street	12/3/2018 6:48 PM
128	The act of purchasing a piece of property before consulting townspeople was arrogant not to mention that it is almost in another town. Skowhegan needs to realize that it may not have sappi taxes and should be more moderate in its spending. Paying a third of the original high cost in interest is absurd. Unfortunately the 9 acre parcel off of west front street near Indian ridge that sold several years ago for under 40k would have been a better choice. I am not in favor of a new school, but if consolidation happens the lot north elementary school is on would be an option.	12/3/2018 6:42 PM
129	I am in favor of the proposed si tr e on Wast Madison Rd.	12/3/2018 6:11 PM
130	Town garage site and move garage to site next to salt shed	12/3/2018 6:09 PM
131	That is the job of a professional town manager	12/3/2018 5:37 PM
132	Waterville Road and North Ave. 1 station at each location	12/3/2018 5:19 PM
133	The old Skowhegan savings bank lot near new balance or land that is for sale near the drive in movie theater	12/3/2018 4:47 PM
134	N/A	12/3/2018 4:40 PM
135	What about Bucky Quinn Field.. or anywhere on the South Side..	12/3/2018 4:32 PM

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136	I support a new building, but not without looking at creative, out side the box ways of saving money. It is all over the news that there is a shortage of firefighters and it takes so many communities to get the people needed at a fire call then why are we still treating the fire service like the same old thing when building a traditional facility with the same people and problems. Shouldn't we start finding ways to be creative on retaining and recruiting? A new building is a great way to implement some of these changes. Skowhegan is getting a new school in the very near future. This will free up one or more current school lots in town with infrastructure already in place. It would be cheap or free land, wouldn't take anything of the tax books and in town like people want. One potential location would be multiple acres. A new building could be built on a smaller parcel even if it remains a public safety building if needed. Another outside the box idea to reduce costs is sleeping quarters. Everyone compares this new building to Norridgewock and other communities and the answer is always that they don't sleep in their building. Why can't you build the building to store trucks and equipment and then build a house for sleeping quarters on the same lot. I can imagine this saving a lot of money on this project. Another outside the box idea is to not have sleeping quarters at all. If all the call firefighters live in that quadrant then it shouldn't take long for them to respond to the station during the overnight. This new building (fire station) has been discussed for so many years and yet nobody saved any money towards this project. That is almost disgraceful. I think to rush it now is a disservice to all. If the current building is really in that poor of a condition why wouldn't we have been planning for this in terms of savings before now? To me it is a broader question then just location or expense.	12/3/2018 4:24 PM
137	My understanding is that in a couple years there will be two schools North El and Margaret Chase which the town will taking back. also the second bridge is back on the table would seem either side of that would make a good choice	12/3/2018 4:23 PM
138	There should have been two questions on that ballot regarding the Public Safety Building Bond. The first should have been to the effect, "Do you believe Skowhegan needs a new, combined services safety building?". The second question would have then asked, "Do you believe the location proposed on East Madison Rd is the ideal location for such a building?". I would like to see primary building on the south side of Skowhegan and a satellite structure, large enough to garage one fire truck, one ambulance and a covered enclosure for a least two police cruisers, on the north side of the river.	12/3/2018 4:15 PM
139	It should be closer to town and in a location that is still accessible even during the busy time in town so police and fire can get to the jobs they are called to	12/3/2018 4:05 PM
140	Please see above.	12/3/2018 3:56 PM
141	Within the next few years all skowhegan grade schools will be consolidating. North elementary school and Margaret chase smith schools will be vacated. The Heselton st. Property would be a perfect location. This is in the early stages of becoming a reality. The new school has already been approved by the state. This also borders town owned property. I am a RSU#54 EMPLOYEE.	12/3/2018 3:43 PM
142	Rt 201 maybe	12/3/2018 3:21 PM
143	North elementary school	12/3/2018 3:16 PM
144	Wait until our budget can better handle this large loan. Over 3 Million in interest is unacceptable.	12/3/2018 3:07 PM
145	Voted for the new building	12/3/2018 3:05 PM
146	Looks like msad54 will be getting a new school in a few years. Why not wait and try using the property of the two schools that become vacant. These would be close and more centrally located. Might not cost so much either.	12/3/2018 3:04 PM
147	Any land that would be more of a central area to both sides of town	12/3/2018 2:59 PM
148	Out near the jail	12/3/2018 2:16 PM
149	agree with having a public safety building for police and fire station, but do not agree with all the extra offices moving into this building. Limiting to only public safety could lower cost significantly.	12/3/2018 1:57 PM
150	To expensive and to far out of town	12/3/2018 1:49 PM
151	survey should be sent out to all residents in paper form. town can not afford 8.6 million dollar building.	12/3/2018 1:16 PM

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152	I voted against it for several reasons: 1. Cost 2. Location 3. Design 4. Puts all assets on one side of the river which after the flood of 1987 we know is not what was recommended, and our major exposures are on the South side. Firefighting assets should be located on both sides of the river. 5. Location should not be influenced by the location of volunteer firefighters. That is a different problem which can be solved. Just because today the majority live on the North side of the river does not mean that tomorrow the demographics will remain the same. 6. Limiting access inbound to the town with one road, Madison Avenue is not a safe solution.	12/3/2018 1:12 PM
153	I don't believe we should add an additional expense to the tax payers of Skowhegan at this time. The existing buildings are working just fine and in a workable location. Let's pay for our sewer job first.	12/3/2018 12:48 PM
154	N/a	12/3/2018 12:44 PM
155	Location okay	12/3/2018 12:37 PM
156	I think it's a good spot and a needed endeavor.	12/3/2018 12:31 PM
157	Fire dept has been on the island for 110+ years , and just now , is in thw flood plain? Alot doesn't make sense about a strategic location being on the east madison rd	12/3/2018 12:25 PM
158	Closer to the schools and south of the bridge	12/3/2018 12:15 PM
159	Show the tax payers how it's going to affect their taxes and get bids before.	12/3/2018 12:14 PM
160	I suggest a location on the south side of the river. Rodden Motors lot, Buckey Quinn Field, Mr. Bubbles Laundromat lot.....	12/3/2018 12:12 PM
161	North elementary school that's closing	12/3/2018 12:12 PM
162	The purchased location is not acceptable due to the distance from in town and the crazy intersection getting out. At this point I believe we need to stay located to the center of town. I would suggest a talk with Walter Hight and investigate the fesibility of the Used Car Lot and the @Work Bldg. This would be perfect for the Fire Dept. Look into another location for the Police Dept. to which most citizens agree it needs to stay centrally located. If engineered right the cost would be less for two separate buildings.	12/3/2018 12:10 PM
163	They are in a perfect location now.	12/3/2018 12:06 PM
164	BUILD THE DAMN BUILDING	12/3/2018 11:58 AM
165	I feel the current picked location is the most suitable spot for such a building.	12/3/2018 11:56 AM
166	All for it. Much needed	12/3/2018 11:52 AM
167	There is a building, an eyesore, located at 29 Spring Street, owned by Central Maine Warehousing. It is partially occupied at times by small business that could easily be located elsewhere. It is a perfect location for the new public safety building with good access to all locations. It would be a beautiful building on that lot that we could all be proud of. I asked it the committee had looked at this building at one of the meetings and the response was that they hadn't and that you would never know what you would find in there. If this is the reason it was not considered then it should be looked at it immediately to see if there is indeed hazardous waste or if it is unsafe and should be condemned. This building should be examined without delay whether or not it is chosen for the new safety building site. This building could probably be acquired at a reasonable price or even by public domain. It would be a great improvement to the town to have it demolished.	12/3/2018 11:52 AM
168	Need to find a new location or build a substation. Both sides of town need to be covered, and if this is a long term plan then just one building will not work in the long run.	12/3/2018 11:44 AM
169	Find a cheaper outcome there's got to be a way cheaper option	12/3/2018 11:43 AM
170	Jewett st	12/3/2018 11:43 AM
171	I voted for even though i didn't like the location.	12/3/2018 11:41 AM
172	Central Maine Warehousing at 29 Spring Street seems like an excellent location for a new public service building. Demolish the existing buildings and build what you want. The location is central, it offers a neighborhood an upgrade and it is accessible to downtown Skowhegan.	12/3/2018 11:27 AM
173	The storage facility located at the intersection where Bennett Street becomes Russell Road. I don't know the name of the cross street, but the intersection is one block from Madison Ave, in the neighborhood of Boynton's Greenhouse.	12/3/2018 11:21 AM

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174	I think the price tag was just too high. I agree we need the Public Safety Building, but the price scared a lot of voters.	12/3/2018 11:12 AM
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