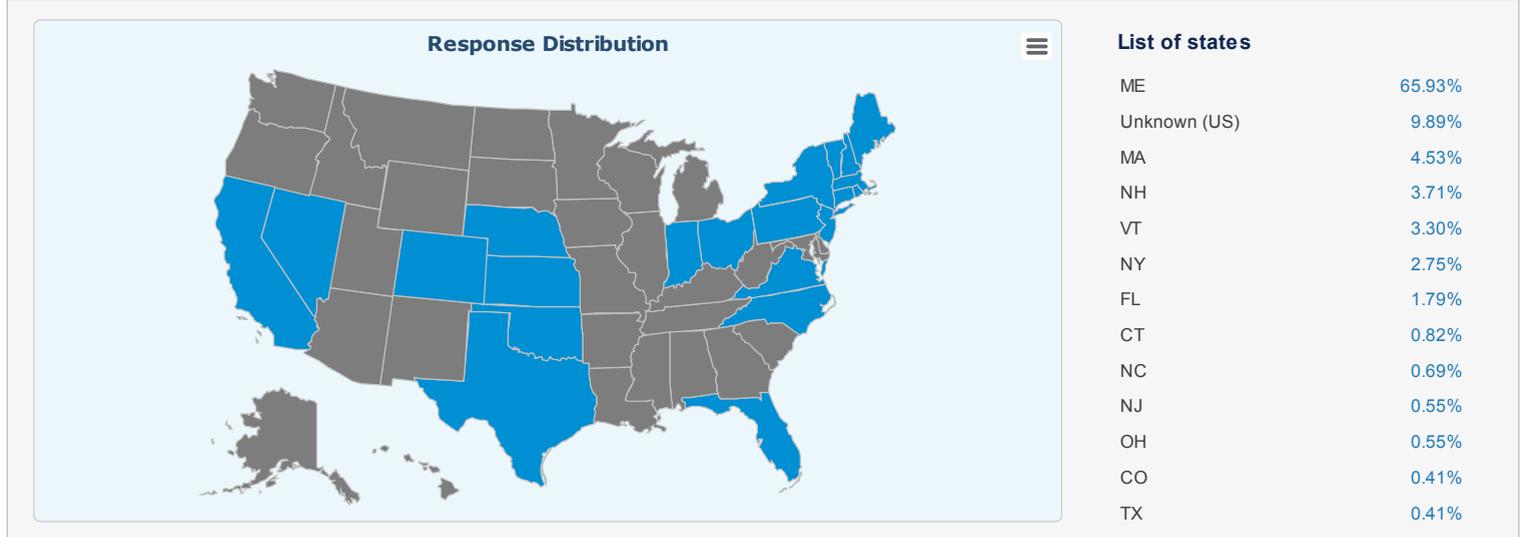


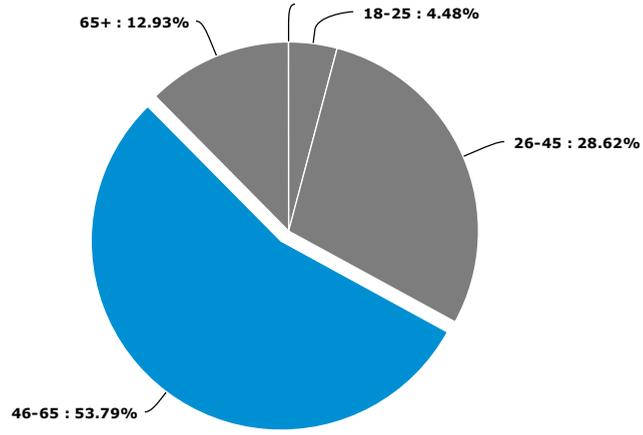
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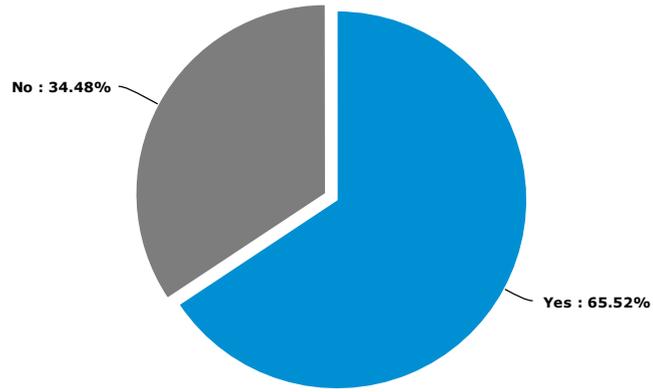
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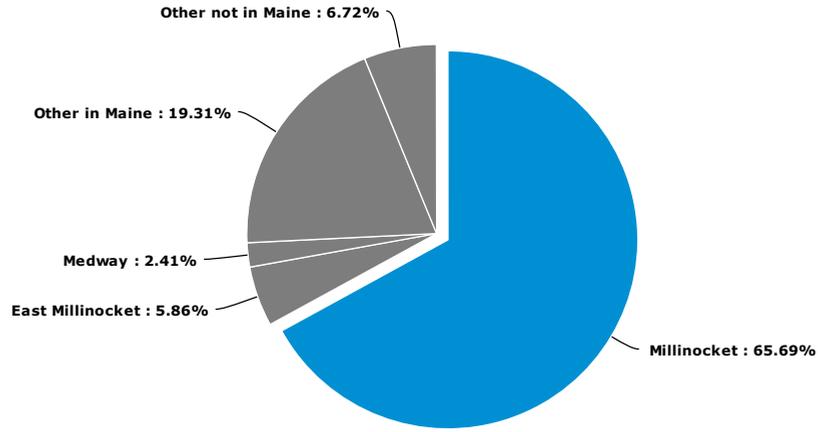
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1. <18	1	0.17%					
2. 18-25	26	4.48%					
3. 26-45	166	28.62%					
4. 46-65	312	53.79%					
5. 65+	75	12.93%					
Total	580	100%					
Mean: 3.748	Confidence Interval @ 95%: [3.688 - 3.809]		Standard Deviation: 0.740		Standard Error: 0.031		

Do you live in Millinocket?



Answer	Count	Percent	20%	40%	60%	80%	100%
1. Yes	380	65.52%					
2. No	200	34.48%					
Total	580	100%					
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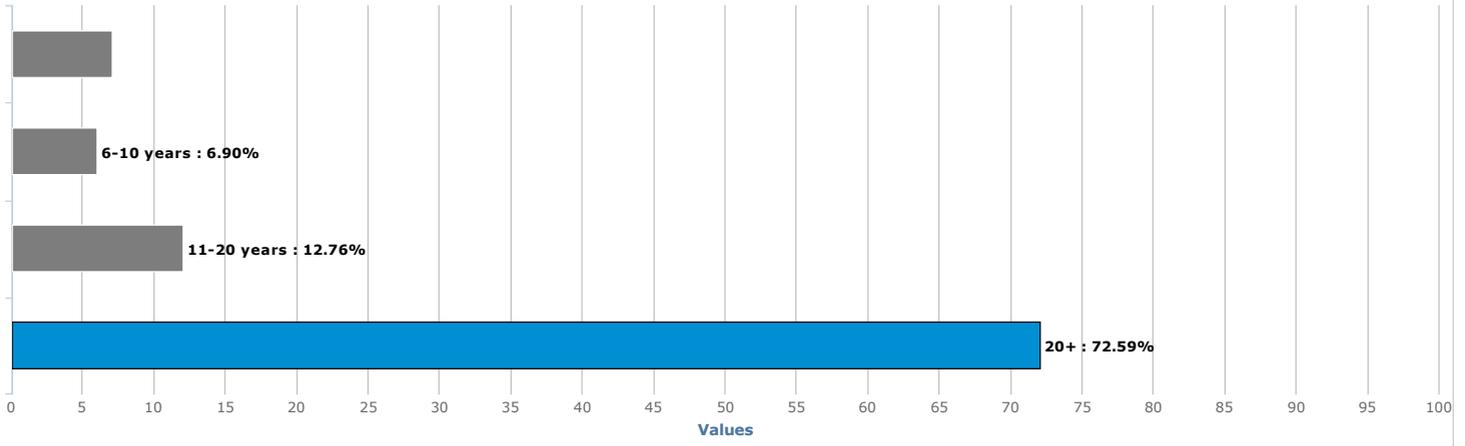
Where do you live?



Answer	Count	Percent	20%	40%	60%	80%	100%
1. Millinocket	381	65.69%	<div style="width: 65.69%;"></div>				
2. East Millinocket	34	5.86%	<div style="width: 5.86%;"></div>				
3. Medway	14	2.41%	<div style="width: 2.41%;"></div>				
4. Other in Maine	112	19.31%	<div style="width: 19.31%;"></div>				
5. Other not in Maine	39	6.72%	<div style="width: 6.72%;"></div>				
Total	580	100%					

Mean: 1.955
 Confidence Interval @ 95%: [1.838 - 2.072]
 Standard Deviation: 1.435
 Standard Error: 0.060

How long have you lived either in Millinocket or in the vicinity (within a 30 min drive)



Answer	Count	Percent	20%	40%	60%	80%	100%
1. <5 years	45	7.76%					
2. 6-10 years	40	6.90%					
3. 11-20 years	74	12.76%					
4. 20+	421	72.59%					
Total	580	100%					

Mean: 3.502

Confidence Interval @ 95%: [3.426 - 3.577]

Standard Deviation: 0.925

Standard Error: 0.038

What is the very best thing about the Town of Millinocket?

10102974	09/29/2014	Close knit community, great recreational opportunities, used to be a great place to make a living.
10327347	10/02/2014	Location. Gorgeous. Baxter State Park proximity. Wildemess all around.
10330428	10/02/2014	Near everything for the outdoor life and away from the city
10335345	10/02/2014	It's a close-knit community and it is very compact, walkable, and safe.
10335499	10/02/2014	It's proximity to all of the wonderful natural resources that surround the town. It's a "base camp" for those who enjoy recreating in the out of doors.
10336554	10/02/2014	proximity to the natural resources
10340832	10/02/2014	Natural area.
10342334	10/02/2014	proximity to the wilderness
10347036	10/02/2014	It is in the middle of God's country with nature to be enjoyed as it should be. Quiet, peaceful and for the most part law abiding. A great place to raise children or retire.
10347079	10/02/2014	Friendly people and proximity to accessible nature - Baxter, kayaking, North Woods etc..
10363558	10/02/2014	Proximity to the beauty of Baxter State Park
10387855	10/02/2014	Great place to grow up
10389702	10/02/2014	Small town close net community
10408782	10/03/2014	A full service town at the gateway to Baxter State Park, the Northwoods, and the many camps that reside nearby. You can get nearly anything you want, especially services, without having to go all the way to Lincoln or Bangor.
10410653	10/03/2014	For better or worse, you know your neighbors. You know the movers and shakers and those that are willing to contribute to making things better.
10415026	10/03/2014	Its proximity to natural beauty - woods, waters, and mountains.
10415654	10/03/2014	peaceful and quiet
10415669	10/03/2014	The beautiful surrounding area. The small town feel.
10415751	10/03/2014	community support/school system
10415782	10/03/2014	The Lakes and trails. Mt. Katahdin.. and the residents.
10416032	10/03/2014	Setting
10415878	10/03/2014	Unfortunately, it's a town that once was. A one industry town with no industry. It's still a nice community with friendly Maine people. It's been my home for 40 years. At age 62, I'm trying to simplify my life. I like it's laid back lifestyle. Easy living...
10416117	10/03/2014	No lines, slower pace...a return to an older way of life
10416334	10/03/2014	the location to natural resources, water, forest, baxter park. Town infrastructure. people
10414985	10/03/2014	GATEWAY TO MT. KATAHDIN
10416747	10/03/2014	The friendliness of the people, the natural scenic beauty, the outdoor recreation... it's "home".
10418316	10/03/2014	The 4 seasons and all the beautiful natural resources
10419276	10/03/2014	It is a close, caring community
10419621	10/03/2014	close knit community spirit and beauty of the surrounding area
10419772	10/03/2014	It's home.
10419872	10/03/2014	Recreation- access to hunting fishing snowmobiling etc
10420961	10/03/2014	The sheer variety of "nature access" in the area (motorsport trails, walking trails, biking trails, paddling "trails", floatplanes, fishing, hunting - even the town has a lot of "nature trail" area, much of which isn't noticed [look at Millinocket on openstreetmap.org to see some of the trails..]) Close second: surprising potential for MODERN industry (we're on the "three-ring binder" fiberoptic network. Internet access in town is only "fair" by big urban standards, but could very easily be much more developed. Municipal internet access could even be a possibility - it'd get us some press if nothing else.) Cool climate + access to onsite power generation makes me wonder if the former millsite wouldn't make a nice data center for someone...)
10421355	10/03/2014	Rural location and natural beauty
10421016	10/03/2014	I feel that the Millinocket Memorial Library is the very best thing about Millinocket. The Library is our cultural center and fills an important niche since we are so far from any other informational centers. The Library is a research center, has a collection of over 40,000 items. Our Library has a children's room, a public room as well as the main floor with books, magazines, dvds, vhs tapes, computers for public use, Wi-Fi, and the list goes on.
10421458	10/03/2014	The natural resources and the beauty.
10423468	10/03/2014	laid-back way of life
10423576	10/03/2014	Millinocket is located in an area with an abundance of natural beauty and outdoor recreational opportunities.
10423846	10/03/2014	Potential!!!
10424045	10/03/2014	The people
10424384	10/03/2014	I think the majority of the people want this town to survive, we just don't know how. We need direction and a leader to help us prioritize our needs and wants. Then guide us on how to accomplish those things. We are hard workers and I believe that once we have that direction, we can move forward into a new chapter of our town's life.
10424883	10/03/2014	The people, no matter of what political inclination or point of view are all great to be with as individuals.
10425231	10/03/2014	The tight community
10425518	10/03/2014	Small..close knit community...great place to raise kids...beautiful scenery
10425677	10/03/2014	The hometown atmosphere
10425759	10/03/2014	Its close to the outdoor activities I enjoy and partake in.
10426430	10/03/2014	The people
10426518	10/03/2014	Outdoor cleanliness
10426672	10/03/2014	Small Town Community
10426649	10/03/2014	small town community...I would say the people but right now I am very frustrated with what is going on with the tri-town school situation.
10427359	10/03/2014	The people, small town close knit community
10427419	10/03/2014	Community driven, beautiful attributes, family oriented...
10427808	10/03/2014	That is a good question
10427954	10/03/2014	Resources
10428053	10/03/2014	Small community and most of the residents that live here.
10428078	10/03/2014	The warm feeling of small town living.
10428143	10/03/2014	Some of the people.
10428279	10/03/2014	Small town atmosphere. It is a great place to raise a family.
10428692	10/03/2014	The town certainly comes together when a family or individual is in need and I think that is a very good thing.
10428679	10/03/2014	for the most part the people are very caring and and pull together when someone is in need

10429208	10/03/2014	It's closeness to the North Maine Woods and proximity to I-95.
10429354	10/03/2014	The people are the BEST!!!
10429613	10/03/2014	Its location to a tremendous large recreation area.
10429759	10/03/2014	Access to outdoor activities.
10430195	10/03/2014	Beautiful area with access to outdoor activities.
10430266	10/03/2014	Small caring community
10430357	10/03/2014	The music program.
10430369	10/03/2014	The community
10430388	10/03/2014	There are many good things. But the 2 that come to mind are the natural resources and the sense of community
10430474	10/03/2014	The kids
10430494	10/03/2014	the beauty
10430614	10/03/2014	Caring community
10430618	10/03/2014	community closeness and we get to see the beautiful mountain daily
10430721	10/03/2014	nice quiet town 2 raise our kids although school needs so help as well as the rest of the town
10430836	10/03/2014	Friendly, small town.
10431083	10/03/2014	Feeling of safety and community closeness
10431183	10/03/2014	the people
10431336	10/03/2014	Solitude.
10431521	10/03/2014	Small town atmosphere.
10431402	10/03/2014	closeness to hunting and fishing...and the people are very friendly hard working
10431638	10/03/2014	The close-knit community atmosphere.
10431815	10/03/2014	the people
10431678	10/03/2014	It used to be it's beauty
10432228	10/03/2014	The great outdoors.
10432290	10/03/2014	The nature in our backyard
10432212	10/03/2014	Millinocket is a beautiful, safe place to live and raise a family. The citizens support each other in times of disaster and/or tragedy and they also support the school children in their concerts, performances athletic events
10432496	10/03/2014	the mountain view
10432573	10/03/2014	the people
10433013	10/03/2014	Nothing
10433095	10/03/2014	The woods
10433272	10/03/2014	The people and community.
10433705	10/03/2014	Great people, great place
10433684	10/03/2014	The people
10433760	10/03/2014	It is the gateway
10433858	10/03/2014	It is a tight knit community, if you are from Millinocket you are always welcome
10433624	10/03/2014	The people, their friendliness and willing to help.
10433907	10/03/2014	The sense of community and strong work ethic.
10435205	10/03/2014	The people and the kindness caring support that always finds its way to people when hard times enter lives. If only everyone could make a living without traveling outside of our community.
10435253	10/03/2014	Stearns HS structure and facility
10435296	10/03/2014	Proximity to mountain, wildlife, lakes, streams, and outdoors activities.
10435268	10/03/2014	The beauty of the woods, lakes, wild animals, the peaceful surroundings with caring folks and the necessities.
10435612	10/03/2014	It's people and location.
10435682	10/03/2014	the people
10435691	10/03/2014	The closeness of the community how everyone rally together to help those in need. Also being able to drive a short distance to bask in the beauty of Katahdin :)
10435909	10/03/2014	Quiet small town life
10435999	10/03/2014	For the most part low crime
10436078	10/03/2014	It is home!
10436132	10/03/2014	you know your neighbor and you can rely on them, if need be...closeness of community... the beauty of our area is breathtaking...the strength of the people here
10436712	10/03/2014	The people are friendly and the area is beautiful
10436849	10/03/2014	The people. Everyone in the town is so welcoming and willing to help their neighbors especially in hard financial times.
10436887	10/03/2014	The people and the quality of life with access to outdoor activities
10436936	10/03/2014	The closeness to Family there. As well as Baxter Park, Mt Katahdin, and The Lakes. As well as it being my hometown.
10438366	10/03/2014	The sense of community and the beauty of the area
10438577	10/03/2014	Close, safe, friendly community. Beautiful area.
10438631	10/03/2014	It is the "hub" of the Katahdin area with the most restaurants, barber shops, bowling alleys, hiking, biking, rv and snowmobiling trails, the best library, schools, assisted living facilities, B&B's, galleries, lodging, hotels, guide services, parks, rivers, brooks, streams, mountains and PEOPLE.
10438790	10/03/2014	The way the people support the kids
10439385	10/03/2014	It's history, people and it's geographical location to the North Maine Woods
10440041	10/03/2014	community spirit...great place to raise children
10440759	10/03/2014	Millinocket stream...Grand Pitch
10440897	10/03/2014	the hospital
10450897	10/04/2014	The kind and wonderful people. The true sense of community.
10455694	10/04/2014	people, recreational outdoor activity
10457668	10/04/2014	Community spirit
10458406	10/04/2014	Access to the lakes and trails

10459905	10/04/2014	Closeness of friends.
10460753	10/04/2014	It's lineage and closeness. It has always been one large family, including squabbles. But we support one another. If you grew up in Millinocket, you know your neighbors and their extended family. And they know your grandparents, or aunts and uncles. A stop at the local IGA will be a catch-up on the local activities. There is always an outdoor activity to participate in: kayaking, hiking, fishing; snowshoeing, skiing; harvesting berries or fiddle heads (depending on the season); scenic day rides and wildlife watching excursions. And it is so beautiful and peaceful around the lakes and mountain.
10463992	10/04/2014	It's a beautiful town...the people and the nature that surrounds us. Everyone is so friendly here.
10463972	10/04/2014	Our diverse resources. We have much to offer when it comes to the geographical aspects surrounding our community. Millinocket is a hub for recreation in the North Maine Woods. Capitalizing on the economical gains associated with the rise in the Tourism sector of Maine will need to be attended to in the course of the next few years. Tourism is in fact the leading industry in the state of Maine.
10465058	10/04/2014	Sense of community
10465297	10/04/2014	The untapped potential to turn it into one of the great outdoor destination spots in the United States for hunting, fishing, hiking and other outdoor recreational activities.
10466650	10/04/2014	The location and the potential here. The people need to get on the same page and get together, all pulling in one direction.
10466748	10/04/2014	Friendly people ..relatively low crime rate..the view
10467087	10/04/2014	Location for hunting, fishing, snowmobiling, hiking etc, outdoor activities, also sense of community, nice to live in a small town where everyone knows everyone, people for the most part are friendly
10469022	10/04/2014	The sense of community. The local area itself
10470638	10/04/2014	So quiet
10471746	10/04/2014	tourism sites all around
10472843	10/04/2014	nothing
10472912	10/04/2014	The small town charm
10474680	10/04/2014	knowing your neighbors as well as you do the rest of the people in this close knit community. Feeling safe when you walk the streets and the surrounding wood areas. Being close to lakes, streams and ponds with full access to swimming or kayaking when you want to.
10476173	10/04/2014	the people
10476150	10/04/2014	The residents ability to rally and support a resident in need of help.
10477425	10/04/2014	The wilderness, scenery...outdoor sports...fishing...hiking...kayaking...skiing...etc
10477686	10/04/2014	People
10479138	10/04/2014	The people, the lakes and access to water
10479135	10/04/2014	The work ethic of its citizens
10480094	10/04/2014	The best thing about Millinocket is our pride. Even though we have been through a lot we are still able to push students through our school system. We live in a diverse geographical section of Maine. Most of us do not realize it; even with a mountain in our backdrop. We are a hub for recreation and tourism, which happens to be the leading industry in the state of Maine.
10480193	10/04/2014	The school community, the landscape, and the people.
10480964	10/04/2014	The best thing about the tri-town area is the sense of comradery when one of ours is sick/hurt/in need. We will rally to their side. We're not rich in money but in good people.
10482129	10/04/2014	There is a lot of people that would "give their shirt off their on backs". A very caring community!
10484008	10/04/2014	The access to public lands
10497008	10/05/2014	The people! When hardship hits everyone helps.
10506294	10/05/2014	Born here, friends, family, the fact that we can use the forest, lakes and the mountain for recreational purposes.
10506872	10/05/2014	Use to be a great place to live because of the Mill. Now what you have town council just like to fight but not help to get business in town.
10512109	10/05/2014	its close to the lakes and ponds, Mount Katahdin, many rivers and streams. hunting and fishing is phenomenal, camping, hiking, trail riding, nature walks
10514071	10/05/2014	near wildlife, Mt Katahdin, nice people, quaint town, potential to thrive again with the right businesses
10514361	10/05/2014	The people and the availability of a good hospital, grocery store, hardware store and the Appalachian Trail Cafe for eats.
10515479	10/05/2014	The closeness of the community. Ability to "play" in the N. Maine woods!
10515833	10/05/2014	people
10516108	10/05/2014	Community spirit.
10519727	10/05/2014	My close friends and of course the scenery
10525840	10/05/2014	Great place to live, work, recreate and raise a family
10526383	10/05/2014	Small town community, very friendly and where I work and raised my children
10533758	10/05/2014	Access to the a unique outdoors not overrun with people
10541172	10/05/2014	Proximity to Baxter State Park and other outdoor activities.
10566486	10/06/2014	Summer time
10566690	10/06/2014	The sense of community, I feel safe here, we help each other out..
10567144	10/06/2014	The people
10567268	10/06/2014	It's geographical location for outdoor activities
10567701	10/06/2014	The beauty of the area
10568631	10/06/2014	The beauty it has. It used to be the best place to grow up
10569712	10/06/2014	the simple living style
10570512	10/06/2014	Its people
10572014	10/06/2014	The full time police, fire the fact there are stores and a hospital along with a great school system. Another thing is its a small community that has some small city services.
10573186	10/06/2014	When people are in need, the community finds a way to come together a help those people in need.
10575070	10/06/2014	The natural resources
10581883	10/06/2014	The outside recreation options.
10588413	10/06/2014	Our Memorial Library is what I consider to be the very best thing about Millinocket. The library is our only cultural establishment, it contains about 44,000 books; a large variety of magazines, large print section, Maine section, computers with Wi-Fi. There is a children's library, a public room for meetings, a system to have conference calls/meetings.
10588820	10/06/2014	The Town's community pride in general and its convenience of the trails for snowmobiling and atv.
10589344	10/06/2014	Proximity to outstanding outdoor recreational opportunities of many types.
10589654	10/06/2014	It is the gateway to the north Maine woods with great attractiveness for tourists in the ..S. and Europe> it also has massive biomass resources that re not effectively used
10589877	10/06/2014	Location to lakes, mountain, ATV & snowmobile Trails
10589730	10/06/2014	It once had an emphasis on economic development It once attracted people to the area It once was a proud community It once was a town with a stable future Welcome to Obama's Change, supported by Michaud
10590461	10/06/2014	The people, woods, lakes and the town library. We are also very fortunate to have the few remaining grocery stores & good restaurants that we presently have.

10591842	10/06/2014	Use to Be the people and the place in general
10591897	10/06/2014	Its size.
10593265	10/06/2014	Tourism and what the possibilities can and could be with the right approach
10593982	10/06/2014	It just feels like home. It's so different though from when I grew up here, I wish we could get our magic back.
10594078	10/06/2014	Tourism and friendly
10594450	10/06/2014	The closeness of the people. The proximity to the mountain and the wilderness in which we live. It gives us tons of things to do in "our own back yard".
10594503	10/06/2014	I love the closeness of the community and how everyone is willing to help out when others are having difficult times!
10594667	10/06/2014	Small community with caring people
10594718	10/06/2014	the kindness of the people and the pristine forest, lakes and streams
10594857	10/06/2014	Saftey, piece and quiet, watet,surroundings
10595080	10/06/2014	Being in Maine
10595104	10/06/2014	Small community with close friends and family
10595217	10/06/2014	The ability of everyone to come together when someone is in need.
10595260	10/06/2014	The surrounding area. (woods, lakes, animals etc.)
10595552	10/06/2014	The access to outdoor activities
10595589	10/06/2014	Education system
10595795	10/06/2014	The access to lakes, hiking, outdoor activities, low crime rate, the community...
10595652	10/06/2014	The close knit community with access to multiple recreation oportunities. The town has a deep history with the evolution of the snowmobile with Polaris industies. I believe there are endless oportunities for the town. We just need to attract them.
10595819	10/06/2014	Small town feel. Beauty of natural resources
10595988	10/06/2014	The beautiful area and the people..
10596002	10/06/2014	Small town feel within minutes of lakes, mountains, and everything nature. It is and always will be my home.
10596104	10/06/2014	Great town to raise children.
10596391	10/06/2014	Memories and my family still living here
10596899	10/06/2014	Small, tight-knit community.
10596981	10/06/2014	Community, it feels safe.
10597064	10/06/2014	The close knit community.
10597162	10/06/2014	The people
10597224	10/06/2014	In addition to the beauty of the towns outskirts, it was a wonderful place to grow up - a safe, close-knit community where everyone was a friend if not family member.
10597339	10/06/2014	nothing its a ghost town can't even get into pay taxes the office closes at 3 when working people get out at 5
10597353	10/06/2014	The beautiful nature.
10597395	10/06/2014	The people and the natural recreational beauty of the region.
10597430	10/06/2014	Nothing
10597515	10/06/2014	The People.
10597398	10/06/2014	for me personally it's the fact that it's quiet. but it's also an attractive looking town. all the other small maine towns we looked at buying a house in had basically ugly "main drags" and run down looking neighborhoods. we moved here to retire. a home at low price was key to that. but the town is a really nice place to live. and people seem to take pride in their homes and how the town looks. even just having flowers in the box under the "welcome to millinocket" sign as you enter town and the way the little plaza next to town hall has been tended to recently by citizens (new canopy over bulletin board (KOC) and flowers (planted and cared for by private citizens)
10597598	10/06/2014	Small safe town. Great place to grow up, just nothing keeping people here now!
10597672	10/06/2014	Its strong community bonds and resilience, its talented youth, and its proximity to absolutely breathtaking natural beauty.
10599747	10/06/2014	Close Sense of community
10600024	10/06/2014	Peaceful
10599884	10/06/2014	Let's change "thing" to "things" - The way the community comes together to help its citizens when needed. The school dept and, in particular, the performing arts dept. My children participated in the arts and what they learned has been carried with them. The natural beauty of the area and the abundance of recreational activities.
10600507	10/06/2014	The vast beauty and hard working people
10602356	10/06/2014	Closeness of the residents
10602763	10/06/2014	The surrounding beauty. The closeness of the town.
10602928	10/06/2014	Its ability to pull together when tragedy or disaster hits one of its members.
10611149	10/06/2014	The people and friendships I had growing up
10621790	10/07/2014	Its location in proximity to the North Maine Woods, I95, airport.
10622199	10/07/2014	the people and area
10622912	10/07/2014	The beauty and safety of our environment, the people are friendly and very thoughtful.
10623170	10/07/2014	It's natural beauty and sense of community.
10623819	10/07/2014	The small-town feel.
10624638	10/07/2014	Small town, neighborly feel.
10625031	10/07/2014	I am comfortable living in the town of Millinocket as far as crime, and the surrounding area is beautiful. We have many lakes, mountains, and dirt roads to hunt, fish, and hike on. We need a reason for people to come here. Years ago they came to go to work here. So now it has changed from employment to tourism. We need to sell this area, and also bring business back. We need both.
10626417	10/07/2014	I love millinocket for all the fun things that we can do here...snowmobiling hunting fishing climb the mountain hiking I could go on
10628615	10/07/2014	Access to Natural Resources
10629066	10/07/2014	The feeling of community connection with each other.
10629331	10/07/2014	IT is friendly and safe.
10628602	10/07/2014	The ability to have access to and enjoy the outdoors just by walking out your front door. The closeness of living in a small town, where everyone knows your name :)
10629600	10/07/2014	Raising your children in the small town where you grew up, close to family, friends and the "great outdoors".
10630032	10/07/2014	Knowing people in the community and being able to network with businesses. The personal touch businesses are able to offer from delivering goods to extending credit because they know you will be in at the end of the day to pay.
10630192	10/07/2014	The friends in town
10630293	10/07/2014	Friendly and helpful people
10630658	10/07/2014	The low Crime

10630960	10/07/2014	The very best thing about the Town of Millinocket is it's beautiful natural resources and the strong community. I love that we live in an area that has lakes, hiking, and many more outdoor resources that are at low cost to use.
10630963	10/07/2014	The quality of life the region has to offer
10631935	10/07/2014	Proximity to world-class outdoor recreation
10632190	10/07/2014	Location near Mt. Katahdin
10632338	10/07/2014	proximity to amazing natural resources
10632348	10/07/2014	Being close to all the lakes, Mt...being able to boat, canoe ride atvs, snowsled, cross country ski. All in our backyard..
10632726	10/07/2014	The wonderfully friendly people who are there in times of need.
10632891	10/07/2014	The wonderful outdoors
10633566	10/07/2014	It is home! There is a sense of community here where folks look out for each other and respond in times of need.
10633853	10/07/2014	It is near my lake front property
10633931	10/07/2014	Sense of community and belonging. People helping each other. Knowing and caring for neighbors.
10634165	10/07/2014	I used to love the fact that when you walked down the street you knew almost everyone you saw. Nowadays, it's the other way around, I hardly know half the people I see. The feel of the small town community is gone; we're still a small community but the homey-ness (sp) is not as prevalent.
10634973	10/07/2014	the outdoors
10634945	10/07/2014	Community- the willingness to give help when needed. It is also a friendly town.
10634916	10/07/2014	Its easy way of living, and small town feel.
10634665	10/07/2014	close knit community camaraderie
10637957	10/07/2014	Natural resources
10638889	10/07/2014	Community
10639614	10/07/2014	The people, especially long time residents.
10640054	10/07/2014	I have a good job here and the surrounding outdoor recreation opportunities
10640446	10/07/2014	It's proximity to outdoor recreation
10640698	10/07/2014	Not sure there is anymore
10640953	10/07/2014	The hometown vibe. Close knit
10641033	10/07/2014	The small town feeling.
10641098	10/07/2014	The wonderful people of the community
10641565	10/07/2014	it's home :)
10641818	10/07/2014	Small town life
10642319	10/07/2014	The view of Katahdin, the people
10642255	10/07/2014	It is a quiet, safe caring community nestled in the beautiful surrounding woods.
10642400	10/07/2014	The people of the town who jump in and help others without hesitation.
10642602	10/07/2014	The school system
10642811	10/07/2014	Closeness of the community.
10642896	10/07/2014	Rent is cheap.
10642873	10/07/2014	closeness to businesses
10642563	10/07/2014	The scenery
10643280	10/07/2014	People
10643737	10/07/2014	Close community
10644038	10/07/2014	Small home town feel
10644089	10/07/2014	Sense of community.
10644142	10/07/2014	The people
10644348	10/07/2014	It's a small town
10644997	10/07/2014	Its access and representative to those coming to recreate in area, i.e., Katahdin, North Maine Woods, access to rivers and country.
10645321	10/07/2014	We are living in a wonderful area next to the North Maine Woods with Mt. Katahdin The jewel of maine.
10646007	10/07/2014	its home
10646022	10/07/2014	It is a small town and it is a safe place to live. Everyone knows everyone and we are all like a big family of friends. You can walk to the store or downtown.
10646520	10/07/2014	the outdoors
10646602	10/07/2014	the performing arts department at the elementary and high school levels mr and mrs waite and mrs angotti and sandy Hartley have enriched our community beyond our town lines first to consolidate with the schenck students and to encourage many students to continue their education in the arts
10646818	10/07/2014	It has always been a good place to work as well as close to miles of wildemess to play in.
10647912	10/07/2014	Not our taxes! School budget is out of control!
10648972	10/07/2014	a small town that you can talk to people in stores and everyone has a hello.
10649329	10/07/2014	The people
10650178	10/07/2014	Our school system, especially the dedicated staff.
10651271	10/07/2014	Fairly safe community.
10653883	10/07/2014	unknown
10654677	10/07/2014	Everyone helps each other out.
10654844	10/07/2014	the will to survive despite some of the "old timers" who still think the mill is going to come back to save them.
10655351	10/07/2014	people
10656434	10/07/2014	Small town life that gets together for local sports, parades, etc.
10657123	10/07/2014	Very thoughtful and giving people
10657648	10/07/2014	It's a very tight-knit community which comes together to help those in need.
10657915	10/07/2014	The access to the natural resources and the beauty and quality of place.
10658184	10/07/2014	The area is beautiful, land, air, trees, mountains, snow, lots to offer.
10658882	10/07/2014	The people!
10658327	10/07/2014	Location and small town atmosphere

10659906	10/07/2014	Sense of community and natural beauty
10660265	10/07/2014	Loved this area since 1965!
10661152	10/07/2014	Near the lakes and ATV trails.
10661297	10/07/2014	The beautiful natural resources.
10661436	10/07/2014	Closeness to Baxter State Park
10661695	10/07/2014	Closeness of the community and the community's involvement and support for each other
10662298	10/07/2014	that I can go to businesses/places that have been around for a looking time: the library, the post office, the scootic, rideout's and IGA
10663063	10/07/2014	Everyone knows each other
10663126	10/07/2014	Our downtown area
10663913	10/07/2014	The people
10663949	10/07/2014	The mountain
10663944	10/07/2014	The sense of community that is earned over time. I took me several years to feel welcome in Millinocket, but once you do, it is quite nice.
10664146	10/07/2014	The feeling of safety when I walk my dog. Friendly people.
10664199	10/07/2014	Tourist, woods,community gatherings.
10664234	10/07/2014	The natural beauty.
10664254	10/07/2014	Tranquility
10664415	10/07/2014	The closeness of the people and the coimunity
10664480	10/07/2014	Its people.
10664621	10/07/2014	Location
10664595	10/07/2014	the hard working people here. the dirt roads that take you to your fav fishing hole
10664674	10/07/2014	Beauty
10665078	10/07/2014	People of course, sense of place and placement as the gateway to the great north woods of Maine.
10665772	10/07/2014	The scenery and the people
10665934	10/07/2014	A small community with a lot to offer to outdoor enthusiasts.
10666120	10/07/2014	Location, on the doorstep to great natural features.
10666390	10/07/2014	It's fabulous people and the potential to recreate the community
10666426	10/07/2014	People always come together. yes there are differences. Many. Yet I do believe when we as a community decide to be something, save something, change something we can make it happen.
10666899	10/07/2014	Community closeness and support for each other.
10666919	10/07/2014	My son lives here.
10667483	10/07/2014	the people
10667581	10/07/2014	Its beauty
10667566	10/07/2014	The location and access to the great outdoors.
10667605	10/07/2014	The beauty of it, mountains lakes, pine trees.
10668024	10/07/2014	Beautifu area!
10667983	10/07/2014	Friendly locally owned business such as Katahdin General, Rideouts Market, AT Cafe..ect. Friendly faces of people who believe in our town. People like Marsha Donahue. (Sorry if spelling is off) the outdoor centers that bring in tourists and show off the natural beauty our region has to offer. Baxter State Park! The staff at my school, who even though weren't paid near as much as they could have been and had to work with the little resources they had, excelled at teaching. Really engaging the students. That's a few very best things.
10668265	10/07/2014	Linscott's Auto Body
10668287	10/07/2014	The closeness to nature.
10668176	10/07/2014	The natural resources available, scenic views, quiet (no industrial background noise), friendly residents, wildemess access, good restaurants and unfortunately low cost housing.
10668415	10/07/2014	Year round outdoor activities
10668516	10/07/2014	Small town atmosphere, always willing to come to each other's aid. Relatively safe for children and seniors. Access to lakes, forests, Baxter Park
10668637	10/07/2014	The work ethic of the people
10669018	10/07/2014	The beauty of living in a town that has the mountain,lakes, hiking,fishing, hunting, snowmobiling cross country skiing, should have down hill too
10669440	10/07/2014	The natural beauty that surrounds the area.
10669551	10/07/2014	Sense of community
10669648	10/07/2014	The people
10670631	10/07/2014	Now -proximity to North Maine woods and outdoor activities.
10670883	10/07/2014	all of the great online shopping we can do, why do I have to tell you I live in Millinocket twice, duh!!
10670958	10/07/2014	the people
10673248	10/07/2014	Location on the edge of the Maine Woods
10674149	10/07/2014	the close connection with a natural nature habitat....the woods and beauty of the trees, animals, mountains.
10675906	10/07/2014	close caring community. we help each other out, and have some of the kindest neighbors you could ask for.
10682164	10/08/2014	The close relationship that the people have with each other. The sense of community, the history, Mt. Katahdin and the surrounding area.
10683988	10/08/2014	The close vicinity to all the great outdoor activities
10685962	10/08/2014	Friendliness
10686233	10/08/2014	It is what I consider as my Hometown
10686588	10/08/2014	Sense of community, everyone helps each other
10689500	10/08/2014	The people and the mountain
10689558	10/08/2014	The comunity
10689747	10/08/2014	Peoe
10689870	10/08/2014	The people
10690188	10/08/2014	the location - being surrounded by undeveloped forest and lakes
10691392	10/08/2014	Recreation opportunities
10691555	10/08/2014	Our people for sure and close proximity to the woods, lakes and mountain (if we are talking financial restoration. We also have a great school system educating our young people and that school system is extremely well connected to caring alumni. We are independent and proud. Most people in my age bracket do not have an entrepreneurial spirit because of growing up in with the company store. They had our soul. It is a wonderful place to call home.

10691980	10/08/2014	Natural resources leading to a high quality of life. Relatively low crime. Excellent hospital. Friendliness of the people. Natural resources for woods products commercial needs.
10694462	10/08/2014	Katahdin and the West Branch
10696195	10/08/2014	the safety we feel not having to lock our doors or cars.
10696679	10/08/2014	The people, its quiet. Its a great town to raise children.
10696927	10/08/2014	It's a safe place to raise a family
10697190	10/08/2014	Its beauty and its people, its a very safe place to call home
10697505	10/08/2014	Grocery stores
10697604	10/08/2014	The work ethic of the people
10699997	10/08/2014	Lavasseurs hardware. The school system.
10698947	10/08/2014	That is a good question. It's a fairly safe community.
10700797	10/08/2014	Small town with lots of unselfish people, ready and willing to help others when need arises.
10700873	10/08/2014	everything
10701682	10/08/2014	Recreational opportunities to enjoy the great outdoors.
10701915	10/08/2014	lakes, streams, park, skiing, snowsledding, beauty and people.
10702092	10/08/2014	mountain
10702445	10/08/2014	nice quiet town to raise a family.. friendly people
10703015	10/08/2014	Proximity to nature and traditional uses of the forest
10703001	10/08/2014	The location , is all we have going for us now . The sooner they get over the Mill and it not working anymore , and move on the better. We def need industry here !!
10703173	10/08/2014	people
10703709	10/08/2014	Location
10700935	10/08/2014	It is a great place to live.
10704682	10/08/2014	gateway to the Maine woods and other natural attractions
10704500	10/08/2014	The people.
10704949	10/08/2014	it's a small town and the people are nice
10705007	10/08/2014	it's home
10705410	10/08/2014	The people. Most of them would like to see this town survive. Some of them would like to see it handed to them... but some are willing to work at it and get it on the map again.
10706404	10/08/2014	I do not live in Millinocket - I live in East Millinocket. However, the best thing is the "small town" feel for both locations. I work in Millinocket. The job in Millinocket is what brought me to the area - that and the fact that my husband was from East.
10707813	10/08/2014	Its people. Natural beauty. Four seasons destination.
10709435	10/08/2014	access to recreational pursuits, quiet
10709865	10/08/2014	Snow sled trails
10710294	10/08/2014	Local support
10710907	10/08/2014	I like the surrounding outdoor amenities and all the visitors it brings to the region.
10712516	10/08/2014	its vicinity to Baxter State Park and other lakes, rivers and woods
10712796	10/08/2014	The caring people and the mountain.
10719472	10/08/2014	The kind, hardworking people. The Trails End Festival
10720457	10/08/2014	The scenery the safe feeling you get when your visiting. The people who are still around although you don't have many who have stayed or who can stay.
10726245	10/08/2014	Millinocket is a very friendly town. Quiet and safe, beautiful views of the mountain , snowmobiling trailz, 4 wheeler trails, fishing and hunting, Great people
10726631	10/08/2014	Friendly people
10726818	10/08/2014	Its close knit & friendly residents.
10727257	10/08/2014	The natural resources the area has to offer, parks, recreation opportunities, and its peaceful isolation from the world around it.
10727090	10/08/2014	Millinocket has all the potential of a thriving town, churches, schools, hospitals, theater, groceries, auto dealers, everything needed to maintain the infrastructure and then: one can within minutes walk, hike ,ski, sled, bicycle, or paddle in any direction and be in the wilderness and stay there for hundreds of miles.
10727506	10/08/2014	Love the small town atmosphere.
10728101	10/08/2014	Gateway to the North Maine Woods and outdoor recreational sports.
10728236	10/08/2014	I do not live in millinocket anymore, but i was born and raised there. i had to leave because of the lack of jobs around the area, unfortunately. If there were more job opportunities i would still be there. The best thing about millinocket is that it is nestled right below one of the most beautiful mountains. I love the scenery there. The quietness. And the community. Everyone knows everyone, which sometimes isn't the greatest. But when something bad happens, we all come together. I love millinocket because its home.
10729446	10/08/2014	Access to nature trails of all kinds. After visiting cities you realize how lucky we are to be able to go out in the woods and not see people.
10729531	10/08/2014	Proximity to lakes, mountain. In the past local pride of ownership.
10729583	10/08/2014	My family lives close by.
10729750	10/08/2014	The lakes and mountain
10729843	10/08/2014	Community
10729935	10/08/2014	Close for my fishing and winter sport areas.
10730805	10/08/2014	it used to be the great small town atmosphere where you knew everyone, now not at all!
10730968	10/08/2014	closeness of families and friends
10731510	10/08/2014	close to a lot of different wildlife and woods.
10732857	10/08/2014	The people like Sandy Hartley and Diane Terrio and Gene Shields and Jaime Renaud
10734245	10/08/2014	Memories of the good days..
10734612	10/08/2014	Nothing
10736447	10/08/2014	Small town atmosphere
10736690	10/08/2014	Family and recreation
10737687	10/08/2014	Beautiful location
10738496	10/08/2014	no blacks
10739373	10/08/2014	People
10744345	10/08/2014	Its home
10744930	10/08/2014	the people
10754394	10/08/2014	Access to natural resources

10756077	10/08/2014	Location, proximity to wilderness, access to outdoor recreation
10804120	10/09/2014	Safety for children
10806066	10/09/2014	Programs available for the children, the area it is in
10811781	10/09/2014	gateway to the woods
10816529	10/09/2014	weather
10819546	10/09/2014	beautiful country and natural resources
10823558	10/09/2014	just a nice & quiet community
10829785	10/09/2014	People come together to help others in times of need.
10831137	10/09/2014	Its proximity to the North Woods.
10839773	10/09/2014	The community rallies together to help others and everyone looks out for each other. Quiet town with pride. Police, fire, & rescue and hospital all available.
10841231	10/09/2014	Scenic beauty, recreation, and it's people.
10856482	10/09/2014	It's proximity to Baxter State Park.
10857776	10/09/2014	Sense of community: meaning when no matter how tough the times get or the situation people always pull together for one another.
10858828	10/09/2014	Everything! My family moved here after we searched for the perfect place to raise our family. By the time we moved here in 2013 the mill had already shut down. I knew I would more then likely have to find work in Bangor. I was fine with that because I wanted my kids to know what it was like to grow up in a modern day Mayberry. I am saying Mayberry as a complement. I love small town and small town values. Since we have moved here we have been so spoiled. My kids are safe, are getting a great education and the town offers so much for the kids. The Rec center is amazing the town pool we used most everyday. This is a great town with such kind good hearted people, we need to promote this town in the New York Times, Village Voice and another big city paper. We need cyber workers to know about this hidden gem. I was lucky that I found it by accident!
10859507	10/09/2014	The people
10860806	10/09/2014	small community
10861013	10/09/2014	The history
10861223	10/09/2014	The close knit community and the beauty of Mt Katahdin
10864904	10/09/2014	Proximity to world-class outdoor recreation.
10865772	10/09/2014	Closeness of family and friends.
10870150	10/09/2014	The people
10884666	10/10/2014	In the past it was the drive to succeed and thrive as a community...I think that drive is still in the population of my age but the town leadership doesn't seem to want to work with development options....they are stuck on the mill. The mill is done. Let's move on.
10891259	10/10/2014	The natural resources surrounding it.
10891734	10/10/2014	Baxter State Park is so close
10895071	10/10/2014	pickup of leaves and snow that people push into the roadway..thats a great asset
10899474	10/10/2014	The beauty of the area, access to hiking, fishing, hunting, etc.
10919988	10/10/2014	It's a small town area where people know one another and take the time to talk and help if is needed
10921405	10/10/2014	The people.
10924162	10/10/2014	small community, close to all areas of interest such as hunting, fishing, hiking. Was born here and have many friends and relatives, know a lot of great people in the area.
10924194	10/10/2014	The closeness of the people who reside is one of Millinocket's greatest assets. The people always come to the aid of anyone in need.
10926487	10/10/2014	The outdoor activities. I grew up in Millinocket and still visit a couple times a year to go hiking, canoeing, swimming, cross country skiing and snowmobiling. I miss the beauty of the area.
10938102	10/10/2014	the People.
10949825	10/11/2014	The people and their values. Their pride in the community and willingness to help when someone needs help. Friendliness. Knowing I can walk around town safely.
10976012	10/11/2014	Though it's currently in decline and quickly losing amenities, it has potential to be a thriving town with excellent access to a multitude of outdoor activities.
10978851	10/11/2014	It's small, but still has some businesses so you don't have to completely leave town to go buy some groceries.
10979065	10/11/2014	It will provide a wonderful habitat to wildlife when it is returned to nature.
10980033	10/11/2014	Very quiet and low crime.
10980080	10/11/2014	The people
10980596	10/11/2014	A WONDERFUL place to live and work
10981203	10/11/2014	Mount Katahdin and the wood industry
10981278	10/11/2014	low housing cost, decent people, even some our few local drug dealers are mostly law abiding citizens. Great potential, if the east west highway went through Millinocket it could be huge. Natural gas is close to the area, rail is here, the 3 towns should merge.
10981987	10/11/2014	People pulling together when there is a need.
10982102	10/11/2014	Close knit community, located in an area that offers numerous outdoor activities and an opportunity to expand those activities, as well as expand the already available traditional uses.
10982458	10/11/2014	The community & quality of life. The Mountain & recreational Opportunities are amazing.
10984713	10/11/2014	Not much
10984801	10/11/2014	Hunting and fishing. The people are close and hard working.
10985138	10/11/2014	The people and the beautiful area we live in.
10985413	10/11/2014	low crime
10985714	10/11/2014	For me, it's the relatively low cost living.
10985880	10/11/2014	It is a close knit community where people care about one another.
10986094	10/11/2014	Small town and close people who help each other. real community
10987053	10/11/2014	The proximity to outdoor recreation opportunities.
10987164	10/11/2014	I love its vicinity to the mountain, snowmobiling, hunting, fishing and nature. I live the businesses that are embracing it- the appalacian trail cafe, sawmill, etc.
10989402	10/11/2014	Millinocket has beautiful scenery all four seasons. Access to nature within a few minutes from town.
10990736	10/11/2014	The people, and their tenacity.
10990884	10/11/2014	It is small town were everyone is noce
10991681	10/11/2014	IT's people and the small town relationships.
10992144	10/11/2014	It's people and the small town relationships.
10997405	10/11/2014	The woods and waters that surround the town.
11000794	10/11/2014	Friendly, caring people, the beauty of the surrounding Katahdin area, quiet atmosphere
11001991	10/11/2014	Quite neighborhoods, hard working people.

11002641	10/11/2014	the people and beauty around us.
11003843	10/11/2014	The people that are the caring of others and are willing to go the extra mile to be there and help
11004081	10/11/2014	.
11004249	10/11/2014	people
11010744	10/11/2014	The wildemess and the tight knit community. The pride.
11011370	10/11/2014	Town Council
11012149	10/11/2014	It's people.
11012269	10/11/2014	hospihl
11012436	10/11/2014	grocery stores
11012597	10/11/2014	My neighbors, family and doctor are close by.
11012767	10/11/2014	I G A, @ Hannaford stores
11012909	10/11/2014	My street is very quiet no kids
11013039	10/11/2014	The outdoors and recreation
11014748	10/11/2014	Friendly people, helping each other survive
11017889	10/12/2014	Community
11027025	10/12/2014	Location
11030072	10/12/2014	Mcdonalds and Subway
11035291	10/12/2014	Used to its Schools
11035771	10/12/2014	The best thing about Millinocket is the people. They never stop believing that things will get better.
11042723	10/12/2014	yy
11043102	10/12/2014	Small town feeling. You get to know your neighbors
11068683	10/12/2014	it has a pretty down town, but not any shops. the resteraunts are great the natural location and attractions are great. the fishing is great. the highschool is classy.
11070865	10/12/2014	Nice people, great access to nature
11075893	10/12/2014	Location, Location, Location
11076758	10/12/2014	small town safe community
11076794	10/12/2014	being a close community.
11077180	10/12/2014	The ability to let my children play outside without worrying about their safety
11077580	10/12/2014	The people
11078007	10/12/2014	The low crime and a safe place to live.
11078206	10/12/2014	Nothing it's dead
11078132	10/12/2014	the small community that comes together when in need....hometown proud
11078255	10/12/2014	Proximity to vast forest lands open to the public
11078404	10/12/2014	Small town ,,
11078849	10/12/2014	Small town friendliness
11086103	10/12/2014	Its location to outdoor activities.
11089345	10/12/2014	The people
11100363	10/13/2014	The outdoors
11101358	10/13/2014	memories
11101368	10/13/2014	The location.
11105343	10/13/2014	Location to the North Maine Woods.
11106393	10/13/2014	Now? Not very much. Working people have been forced to move, while the only new people coming in are looking to cash in on economic development schemes, a national park, or simply to make sure that nothing ever develops there.
11106980	10/13/2014	The school system.
11107385	10/13/2014	It has always been a wonderful place to raise your children while providing a good job for the parents.
11110234	10/13/2014	it's a hub for year round outdoor recreation.
11114918	10/13/2014	The friendliness of neighbors once they know you.
11116493	10/13/2014	Taxes
11119823	10/13/2014	The beauty and memories of a once thriving mill town. I have elderly parents that still reside in Millinocket and I am looking out for their best interest.
11122096	10/13/2014	Town setting with a rural atmosphere
11123564	10/13/2014	A safe community.
11128973	10/13/2014	Closeness to outdoor activities
11145932	10/13/2014	The people
11147477	10/13/2014	Location to natural resources
11151942	10/13/2014	Great small Maine town
11155240	10/13/2014	It's people and mt Katahdin Both have the protential to make millinocket a great destination for. Thousands of tourists
11162283	10/13/2014	lakes, woods, camps, and more woods
11175516	10/14/2014	Access to any and all outdoor sports. Generally great people to deal with in the area.
11188890	10/14/2014	location surrounded by forest
11212832	10/14/2014	The people and its resources!
11216815	10/14/2014	Great Infrastructure and small town atmosphere
11217055	10/14/2014	Location
11218326	10/14/2014	The people
11242263	10/15/2014	Friendly, safe small quiet community. Great public services (police, fire, ambulance)
11251858	10/15/2014	The people.
11255150	10/15/2014	People who support each other
11257462	10/15/2014	Family events 4th of July, Trails End Festival, snowmobiling
11260321	10/15/2014	Friendly

11261427	10/15/2014	Location, community, infrastructure
11271970	10/15/2014	People are welcoming and friendly.
11296325	10/16/2014	It is a gateway to the north Maine woods. It has a lot of potential
11311342	10/16/2014	The location. It's closeness to the mountain and the lakes. The river that runs through it. Friendly people
11315791	10/16/2014	The Airport
11324481	10/16/2014	It's close vicinity and free accessibility to the surrounding wilderness.
11325203	10/16/2014	good place to live
11327043	10/16/2014	quiet town
11328289	10/16/2014	It used to be the small size but now it is too small.
11350636	10/17/2014	It's proximity to Baxter Park and Mt. Katahdin and my friends
11359850	10/17/2014	The small town atmosphere and friendliness of its residents.
11366835	10/17/2014	Good people, hard workers
11402143	10/18/2014	People working together to help people in need due to health issues.
11406468	10/18/2014	THEY KNOW HOW TO WASTE TAXPAYERS MONEY
11438854	10/19/2014	The people
11452276	10/19/2014	security knowing that we are protected by our town first responders.
11469443	10/19/2014	Small town atmosphere and people who care for each other, especially when times are tough or bad situations occur (fires, deaths in the family, personal difficulties).
11469565	10/19/2014	The best thing about Millinocket is its proximity to Baxter State Park with a compact, walkable, town center with great infrastructure: hospital, library, airport, restaurants, stores, golf course, pool, swim beach. Plus a river running through it.
11504819	10/20/2014	The location and the natural resources in the region.

If you were advising Millinocket and could be sure the community would take your advice, what one piece of truly constructive advice would give to the Council and the Town's residents that, if taken, you believe would prove instrumental in helping the Town?

10102974	09/29/2014	Embrace change as an opportunity to reshape the future.
10327347	10/02/2014	Build on your natural resources. Consider turning the mill into a bottled water plant. Go for another park in the area. How about a national park.
10330428	10/02/2014	Combine all the area schools
10335345	10/02/2014	You cannot do what you've always done and expect different results. The dire straights in which the town is now need new ideas, reviewing past mistakes and ideas, and an attitude of "why not?"
10336554	10/02/2014	develop a shared vision
10335499	10/02/2014	I would advise them to seek out grant monies from various entities to "label" (put out signage) and improve access to numerous natural features that exist in the nearby unorganized territories. There are so many beautiful places that only the "Locals" know about that could prove to be highly beneficial to the whole area from a tourism perspective. There's a lot more to the area than Baxter State Park; some under control of the Nature Conservancy, some under control of Katahdin Forest Management and some controlled by the State of Maine. We need to change the idea that the only reason to visit Millinocket is to pass through it on the way to Baxter.
10340832	10/02/2014	Open up your minds. Listen, move forward or die.
10342334	10/02/2014	respect and embrace the outdoors as the area economic engine, stop fighting, get positive, and get to work: you have incredible natural resources that you have ignored or disrespected for too long. For God's sake: you are the gateway city to Mt. Kathadin. Be thankful. You have a great future.
10347036	10/02/2014	Talk and more importantly, listen to the neighbors. The same could be said of the neighbors. Talk to each other about the problems we are all facing. We really could help each other if we would just sit down, stop name calling and talk/listen.
10347079	10/02/2014	We need to develop a working relationship across the citizens. School, town, businesses, and residents need to work together, even when they agree to disagree.
10363558	10/02/2014	Don't be afraid to make drastic changes. Too many people are stuck in the past and are too focused on getting back things that are already lost forever.
10387855	10/02/2014	Help redevelop the Mill industrial site
10389702	10/02/2014	Dont vote for National Park
10408782	10/03/2014	Recognize the potential and uniqueness of the natural resources around you and market the heck out of it to attract more tourism.
10410653	10/03/2014	Having a public debate about the National Park Controversy. There's too much misinformation out there. Yes, I believe it to be true that Tourism will be a major component to economic development in the Katahdin Region. However, the town has always been a gateway community to Baxter State Park, the North Maine Woods, Allagash Waterway, etc... This status has not changed. Some of the misinformation regarding the creation of the National Park is that it will diversify the economy. That simply is not true. National Park designation will narrow the opportunities for outdoor recreation and our woods products industry, placing further restrictions. You cannot hunt in a National Park, nor can you harvest trees and practice forestry. A multiple use strategy, keeping these activities as the foundation of the economy and accepting eco-tourism into the mix would be the best recipe for expanding our tourism opportunities. Alas, you cannot have any of this without landowner support. The National Park concept turns our economy from a one horse paper mill economy to a one horse National Park economy. Pro-park ideas supplant the hunting, snowmobiling and woods products components of a true diversified economy. Whereas the majority of private landowners already benefit from tax incentives brought on by their lands being under conservation easements, these private lands are already protected from the blight of McMansion type development, and secure the future of recreational access as well as a sustainable yield of forest products. Considering that 95% of public recreational access in Maine is on private land, our recreational opportunities and the opportunities for expanding and promoting our underdeveloped tourism economy has already been secured in many ways. We can do this without Federal designation.
10415026	10/03/2014	Let go of the past and embrace the future. Stop mourning the loss of paper manufacturing jobs and be open to new ways citizens can make a living in this beautiful area. Be open to new ideas and new citizens who can contribute economically and "see" our community with new eyes.
10415669	10/03/2014	Be open to change! Things like letting go of the "mill" mentality. Be more accepting of a National Park. Understand that the future of the town depends on tourism to keep it alive.
10415654	10/03/2014	This is a beautiful region with many more tourist draws than just Baxter State Park. Leverage them: snowmobiling, quads/motorcycling street and dirt. Look at what makes NH so successful in the North and duplicate.
10415751	10/03/2014	Need to be open to change! The "old" ways are no longer going to work in the changing times. We need fresh ideas, younger ideas, innovative ideas. People change/technology changes, and we need to change with it.
10415782	10/03/2014	To allow the National Park.
10416032	10/03/2014	Embrace change
10416117	10/03/2014	Open up to the opportunities being offered, like the proposed national park, even if it involves change and help your neighbors change, too. Do it for future generations and so your kids can return here to work. With this unique opportunity will come development, which will bring more people, more business, diversity, etc. We are very lucky to have this opportunity and we should take advantage of it.
10415878	10/03/2014	People, you have a MOUNTAIN here!!! Tourism is the only asset you have. Promote it, develop it more. Don't treat tourist as "Flat landers". Welcome them. Go National Park!!!
10416334	10/03/2014	Consolidate ALL services, school, fire, police, public works...with surrounding communities
10416747	10/03/2014	I believe open-mindedness, proactive thinking, open communication and positivity are all crucial to helping the town survive, revive and thrive. While we all have deeply rooted histories with the paper industry, it's time to embrace and seek out alternative, various industries to boost our economy. Lets no longer be "a paper town" or bare any single industry label but rather a town that is home to a number of industries for the sake of diversity and economic stability. Lets learn from our misfortune and take steps to prevent the Katahdin Region from experiencing an economic blow like we've been living through in recent years.
10418316	10/03/2014	I would advise them to start welcoming outsiders to the community instead of constantly calling them "come from aways" and discounting their ideas and comments because they aren't "from here." If one looks at the business community, a lot of the business owners have moved here, started businesses and made an investment in this community. Currently it is these businesses that bring any visitors to the downtown and yet they are constantly being criticized and ridiculed (including the town council) for not being from here. Everyone knows, all communities need new people moving in with fresh ideas and perspectives. I would also tell them that it is ok to have different opinions and encouraging the citizens to boycott businesses because they differ is shooting everyone in the foot.
10419276	10/03/2014	Step away from the mills. I am not for the national park but I do believe there is something we could do with our natural resources.
10419621	10/03/2014	We need to embrace tourism and encourage businesses to move to the area that can take advantage of all the natural beauty this area has to offer. Unfortunately, we need to let go of the paper making industry as it is dying fast throughout the State.
10419772	10/03/2014	Let's work together to welcome change.
10419872	10/03/2014	The town needs to move forward and recognize the mill is gone and focus on a more blended economy with tourism as its base which will hopefully attract money and younger population which in turn could make other industry more attractive to locate here ie tech jobs or other manufacturing
10421355	10/03/2014	an open mind and collaboration with others
10420961	10/03/2014	Actively support and encourage many DIFFERENT industries, even if you think they're somehow "incompatible", and even if the idea comes from someone "from away". (Much of the town gives the impression that they feel forestry industry and tourism are at odds with each other. The idea of a potential national park brings this reaction out to an extreme in some people, for example.)
10421458	10/03/2014	The town needs a diverse economy that includes tourism. Tourism is the only thing going for us at the moment. If we make Millinocket more attractive to tourist some may want to stay here and even build a business here.
10421016	10/03/2014	To encourage the citizens to meet on a regular basis, whether it be for public suppers, dances, especially the churches which are also losing members. To meet as neighborhoods then neighborhoods meet as a community.
10423468	10/03/2014	We are becoming a town of renters. The town of Portsmouth has a tax that people who rent have to pay. Its a small amount, \$20 per household, but it helps. Why not try something like this?
10423576	10/03/2014	Learn to work cooperatively with surrounding areas, develop concise and achievable goals, and be open to change. Clearly doing the same things over and over are not resulting in economic development, so be open to new ideas. Goals should focus on areas that bring successful wage-earning families to the area (employment opportunities, strong education system, safe community-focused culture).
10423846	10/03/2014	Go after Kate Street Capitol for anything and everything we can get
10424045	10/03/2014	Merge with our neighbors to the east to help stabilize the area tax base
10424384	10/03/2014	Please do not be afraid to try new avenues. Yes, some will work and some not, but life is a set of ups and downs. In our personal lives we have them and we just continue on with the ones that work. Why should a town be any different. Be positive and if we fall off then get right back up and continue on.
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10424883	10/03/2014	Find a way to tap into the needs/minds of the average and majority of residents. All too often, the only voices that are heard are those that rant in the comments section of the papers or put on a show at the town meetings.
10425518	10/03/2014	Push tourism!!! Year round outdoor activities...hiking..fishing..camping..hunting..snowmobiling...ATV trails.etc
10425677	10/03/2014	Welcome more outside business, such as Reny's, LL Bean, etc.. Also to work together with neighboring towns in consolidating resources
10425759	10/03/2014	The town needs to learn how to balance its budget without simply cutting the school system. They've waited to long to realize depending on the mill wasn't a smart idea. And having never placed a value on education because people simply skated through school so they could work in the mill or woods, todays children are being asked to forgo the opportunities other school systems and towns afford them.
10426430	10/03/2014	consolidate any services and schools
10426518	10/03/2014	Don't wait for a company to want to come to town. Go out and find a company that would come to town and build their business. Promote the area.
10426649	10/03/2014	Need to some how get the school systems together if not, we need to use online education more in the school if it's cheaper and can reduce our budget. Better tourism out reach: getting the info out there mountain biking, hiking ,rafting, art, etc... I think we have a really good start in that area just need to keep the focus there. The down town is looking better, but anything we can do to make our town look attractive for the tourist. If we can turn our area into a cute attractive town with more seasonal businesses downtown with cute shop fronts people will hang around more and spend more. Belfast and Bar Harbor are good examples of this. They also have attracted industry that way too. Keep on the look out for up and coming new businesses that might need to expand and need to relocate.
10427359	10/03/2014	Don't sell houses cheap...it is driving down the equity in the other homes that hardworking people paid good money for
10427419	10/03/2014	THINK OUTSIDE THE BOX! Look for new and exciting ways to rebuild!
10427808	10/03/2014	Remove all council members and start over...
10427954	10/03/2014	Keep the schools strong, no one is going to come here without a good school system
10428078	10/03/2014	The towns leaders need to be in their job to do what's best for our town, not there to be vindictive.
10428143	10/03/2014	Be more welcoming to working class families that come to town. The town seem to take in more people who are just there for the aid, then helping out their own sometimes.
10428053	10/03/2014	Have an open mind on new things. Look deeper into new businesses that want money to help them get started, the town has given a substantial amount of money to some business that, unfortunately, have failed.
10428279	10/03/2014	We need a way to convince our town's people and surrounding town's people that we MUST share services including schools, fire/ambulance and public works.
10428692	10/03/2014	Listen carefully to everyone, including our young people who may have more insight than we give them credit. Not all ideas will be good but, for sure, not all ideas will be bad. Stop feeling sorry for yourselves and look at what we DO have! Make what we do have the positives of our town.
10428679	10/03/2014	stop living in the past we no longer have the tax money coming in from the mill, our future depends on everyone working together to come up with solutions,
10429208	10/03/2014	We need to live like a town of our size. Towns our size in Maine do not have police, fire, and ambulance departments. They contract for those services with the county or the state. We can not hope to attract people to our town with a tax rate of \$30/\$1000 when unorganized areas outside of city limits are \$12/\$1000. So in short cut services NOW.
10429354	10/03/2014	Time to start thinking outside the box. Time to let other businesses come here if they choose to! Time to follow thru with businesses that do want to come!
10429613	10/03/2014	Concentrate on building business geared to cater to the recreational opportunity offered around the area.
10429759	10/03/2014	Be open and welcoming of eco-businesses. (Tax incentives/fee deferrals etc).
10430195	10/03/2014	We need to work together as a region and let go of old grudges.
10430266	10/03/2014	Consolidating schools and services
10430357	10/03/2014	Take 5 minutes out of your arguing and think about the kids.
10430614	10/03/2014	We have many natural resources and should embrace them. We have the potential for year round tourism.
10430618	10/03/2014	change attitudes...we are not the rich town we used to be...need to be humble
10430721	10/03/2014	work together & stop backbiting...also work for the good of the people
10430494	10/03/2014	I feel like everyone is very upset and not trusting of anyone who comes in with a solution. While I understand I feel as though an open mind with new, objective ideas and acceptance of those will be necessary to move forward. I don't have the magic answer, but I do know that the mill is gone, done and what is left (for now) is our natural resources. As a summer residence owner I can tell you there was no shortage of tourists, money, good times and more being had up at the mountain and other areas. We need things that will draw and keep tourists here/there.
10430388	10/03/2014	To put the past behind itself and move forward. The world we live in now is fast paced and only getting faster. To dwell on the past is to drive the nails in the coffin. Look at what is available to you and what you have to offer and above all always look for new ideas to create revenue and do not allow yourself to get caught in a rut of a sole source company that pays most of the taxes.
10430836	10/03/2014	Be more open and work with all groups to find a way to improve .
10431183	10/03/2014	not sure at this time
10431083	10/03/2014	Close Penobscot Ave. to vehicle traffic, have pubs, cafes with outdoor seating, (Blow warm air out during the winter ala Jackson Hole) , community skating rink/seating in parking lot near Living Innovations building, galleries, consignment stores, etc Highly advertise a party atmosphere and think 4th of July week year round
10431336	10/03/2014	Have to use the assets available. Fishing, hunting, outdoors activities. Include farming.
10431521	10/03/2014	Embrace tourism.
10431402	10/03/2014	most people around here would probably go for a state park...if the hunting and fishing would not change
10431638	10/03/2014	To stop living in the past!!! To be more open-minded to change and embrace people from "outside".
10431678	10/03/2014	Move forward and look to make the community a town that can thrive on more than a defunct paper industry. Stop living in the past and look to new ideas. The town has to help itself. There are a lot of smart people left there and they can begin the rebuilding process.
10432228	10/03/2014	Diversify, focus on targeted development and embrace change.
10432290	10/03/2014	stop fantasizing that the mill is going to save the town and instead pull your heads together and get something going with baxter park that will bring tourists and money back to the town, if the town keeps going the way it is, eventually there will be no young people left and it will be a retirement town, but what will happen when all the older folks pass on... how will the town survive then? young people don't stay because there is nothing for them. and in turn them not staying hurts the town, something needs to change and i think we need to use our beautiful surrounding in some way to save this town.
10432212	10/03/2014	Review town regulations and ordinances as they pertain to small businesses. Make it as easy as possible to do business and open a business in town.
10432496	10/03/2014	consolidate the schools with East Mill and Medway
10432573	10/03/2014	The National Park isn't a bad thing! It could be an amazing thing for the area. The mill is GONE!
10433013	10/03/2014	The entire Council needs to be disbanded and have a selectman format of government.
10433272	10/03/2014	Work on the school system and do more to attract more business
10433705	10/03/2014	The mill is gone, you must find a new and alternative way to attract investors and business.
10433760	10/03/2014	Stop the bickering and infighting and truly work together to find the path to success
10433684	10/03/2014	That we need to move on as a town. Forget about the mill. It's not come back. Tourism is our best option
10433858	10/03/2014	Make the most of what you have, the town has changed and there is still value in the community and its residents, fight hard
10433624	10/03/2014	Plan ahead better. Nearly Everyone could see what was happening in Millinocket, but it appeared that the council were not that aware.
10435205	10/03/2014	Change the format of government to selectmen instead of a town council to put the decision making in the hands of the citizens.
10435253	10/03/2014	Allow people who own dilapidated homes to trade up to better homes that were taken by the town for taxes, then tear down the worst homes. Supply and demand, less homes should increase value of remaining homes.
10435296	10/03/2014	Refocus from industry to making use of the beautiful environment surrounding our area! Work together as an area not as separate towns! Create activities and businesses that would draw families to enjoy the outdoors, campsites, water parks, restaurants, miniature golf, bowling, four wheeler trails, as well as snowmobile attractions
10435612	10/03/2014	The need to look beyond the paper industry.

10435682	10/03/2014	to remain positive
10435691	10/03/2014	Take help that is offered by other communities weather it is financial or advice.
10435999	10/03/2014	What ever it took to get Renee to locate here, I've been saying this for years. You would draw shoppers from a large area.
10436078	10/03/2014	Set aside your differences-work together. Three towns=one community!
10436132	10/03/2014	you need to remove zoning rules...within reason of course...if people can make money from home they should be allowed
10436712	10/03/2014	We need to start thinking of the area not one town we need to combine as much as we can and work together for the whole area.
10436849	10/03/2014	.
10436887	10/03/2014	Cut way back and consolidate with the area towns.
10436936	10/03/2014	Schools need to be consolidated, to save expenses. If possible The council needs to try to search out a business to relocate or invest in the town to provide jobs. Either that or it needs to be decided that the town will totally dedicated to tourism being it's only real financial income.
10438366	10/03/2014	Look at all options even those that no everyone likes. Make sure people with more to gain for their personal businesses to do get to make all the decisions
10438577	10/03/2014	Open to new ideas, residents supporting local businesses. Look to attract business that involves outdoor activities and recreation
10438631	10/03/2014	I believe that before you can go bravely into the future, you must deal with your past, moun your past, and if necessary, bury some of your past to get beyond it. I think the simple act of having all of the clergy ban together and have a town-wide "wake" at which we can tell of our fears of the future, moun the lifestyle we wish we still had, brainstorm on how some "action" who let those "outside" our area understand that we are willing and talented and hard workers who may be down now, but are willing to do what it takes to bring positive change to our community.
10438790	10/03/2014	Accept the fact that this will never be a mill town again. Realize that "back in the day" is something that was in the past. We need to pull together as a community and find another way to become a successful town. It could be making more out of the tourism angle or maybe something a little crazier like repossessing the land the mill is on in exchange for some of the tax money owed and put something really crazy like a theme park in its spot.
10439385	10/03/2014	keep an open mind and listen to all ideas.
10440897	10/03/2014	get access from Stone Dam...down through Grand Pitch into Shad Pond...& develop fishing along the banks of Millinocket Stream...include duck blinds for bird watchers
10455694	10/04/2014	Clean up the old mill site maybe a mill museum would be nice and develop some wood based business, a sawmill, hardwood flooring mill or pellet mill. Become a self sufficient town.
10457668	10/04/2014	stop living in the past
10458406	10/04/2014	Consolidate schools between the three communities or better yet partner up with Lee Academy. !!!!!
10459905	10/04/2014	I don't think the Town Counsel should have all the decision making. I think the townspeople should have a say-so.
10460753	10/04/2014	Convert some of the abandoned property into a community college campus.
10463992	10/04/2014	We need to focus on consolidating the schools to save money and try to put some jobs back in the area.
10463972	10/04/2014	Being open to experience. We need to be diverse with our economy. Coming from the School of Forest Resources it is our philosophy that there can be a balance between the forest products aspect of forestry as well as the human dynamics present in tourism and recreation. We need youth experience in higher education to help lay an new economic plan to sustain the Millinocket community for the future.
10465058	10/04/2014	Work together and focus on the future, not the past. Be open to changes to find a new way to grow and prosper.
10465297	10/04/2014	Stop looking backward. Yes the mills made this area what it was, but they are not coming back. We need to look to other natural resources to provide jobs and generate income for the town. Also, people from out of town are not the enemy! People from out of town opening up businesses in the community is a great thing. It shows a sign of forward thinking that tourism is what will save the area, and tourists like shops of that nature.
10466650	10/04/2014	Every citizen has a stake in this community surviving. Everyone has to invest in this effort.
10467087	10/04/2014	Consolidate the school systems. It is ridiculous that this has not been done already, we have lost tax revenue and cut, cut, cut when will they open their minds and see that they constantly take from the kids and for what???? not sure again why this has not been done
10469022	10/04/2014	Stop counting on the mill. It's gone. Time to get out of the old bickering and mentality and move forward. Look for new resources. Work with business. Think outside the box. Grow up
10470638	10/04/2014	Well first first Get rid of all the board and start fresh do what the town want not what selectmen want.. Listen to the town people..
10471746	10/04/2014	tourism marketing and airport use's
10472843	10/04/2014	dont beat a dead horse
10472912	10/04/2014	Be more business friendly. Embrace the possibility of a north woods National Park
10474680	10/04/2014	in-bracing recreation by making this a destination area as well as opening up more walking areas that would allow dogs to be on. Encourage business's that make or sell recreation equipment such as snow-sleds or kayaks and canoe's etc. to make this an area that they would like to craft their product in.
10476173	10/04/2014	I have many that will take millinocket back tpo where it use to be
10476150	10/04/2014	Consolidate your schools!
10477425	10/04/2014	National park
10477686	10/04/2014	Consolidate the schools
10479135	10/04/2014	Broaden your perspectives. Know that conscientious tourism and recreation can and should co-exist with large and small industry. Open your minds to paving the way for this to happen. We have ample natural and human resources for both.
10479138	10/04/2014	Thousands travel through Millinocket on the way to the park. learn from towns like Belfast ...they lost their poultry industry and now are a thriving tourist destination Transform from a mill town to a four season tourist destination.
10480193	10/04/2014	Listen to "outsiders" who have dealt with similar experiences and take their advice. Work together to create a place people want to stop and live in. Don't ignore the youth/students you have. Give them a reason to come home and stay.
10480094	10/04/2014	To be open minded. To be plain and simple we have mill workers running a town. I only say this because a majority of the council does not have a diverse aspect of education. Some council members are aged. Some have educational backgrounds that give the board a better sense of diversity. Though mostly the town council does not accept new education through proper research. I can say this because I have tried. Coming from the School of Forest Resources I can tell you that the old ideologies of practicing forests need to be put on the wayside. The School of Forest Resources provides a philosophy in which there can be a balance between Forest products and the human dynamics present in recreation and tourism. We need to be open to new experiences and to trust outside entities. Trust is something we have lost. We were babied by a paper making company. It paved our roads, ensured our population, and promised prosperity. The underlying problem of the paper industry has been technology for the past 40 years. Over the course of the latter part of the 20th century the paper making industry has been folding. Millinockets council back in the 80's did not have enough common sense to start a 'rainy day fund' or even a crisis account. MILLINOCKET HAS ZERO COMMUNITY RESILIENCE AT THIS POINT IN TIME. Listen to our youth. I am Cody Ray McEwen, 21 and a native of Millinocket. I am one of the first in my extended family to even go to college which shows the need for education regardless. It is going to take more than just one person to change things in the Katahdin Region. It is going to take multiple disciplines of education to help. I can offer a Parks, Recreation, and Tourism Bachelors with a minor in Psychology to the table. My opinions will not go unheard. It would be nothing but neglectful to ignore my education.
10480964	10/04/2014	Substance abuse counseling and job training.
10482129	10/04/2014	Never lose faith in each other.
10484008	10/04/2014	Get off your high horse. Be accepting of change. And unite and work together with your neighboring town .
10497008	10/05/2014	Combine resources with neighboring towns. We could share public works director, police chief, fire chief and consolidate schools.
10506294	10/05/2014	Find potential business and give them a tax break for future potential.
10506872	10/05/2014	Give the people more say about there town at town meeting. The council just want to hear what they want. I would like to have the town ask people that live near homes to be taken down if they would like to buy this house. I would to have the property next to meet but who in the mind have this money to pay. I would some.
10512109	10/05/2014	get out of the past and look to the future.
10514071	10/05/2014	push tourism, make it more attractive. Young people need to step up to the plate. grew up and educated in Millinocket, they moved away, they need to take a good look at what's happening to their town and become active even at a distance, take an interest

10514361	10/05/2014	Open your minds and hearts to new ideas, new people, and when they come , support them.
10515479	10/05/2014	DO NOT consider caving to the National Park movement! Try to work with surrounding communities (E.Mill & Medway) as much as possible and consolidate services.
10515833	10/05/2014	stop needless spending until we get more tax revenue from other sources.
10516108	10/05/2014	I would tell them to stop thinking as a mill town. Those days are gone. That being said, start thinking of how you want to see the town grow for the benefit of those who will be here in the future.
10519727	10/05/2014	We need to desperately consolidate services such as schools, fire, police.We need to be operating as a whole not the sum of the parts.
10525840	10/05/2014	In order to keep and attract young people to live here we need good jobs and that means to make the Mill industrial site the back bone of our economy and to help it any way we can
10526383	10/05/2014	I would advise the town to keep the library open and increase the hours of operation. The library offers many programs and is very busy.
10533758	10/05/2014	To think about Eco-tourism, and improving access to millinicket through an upgrade of the airport
10541172	10/05/2014	Collaboration with other towns and schools.
10566486	10/06/2014	Start listening to your residents
10566690	10/06/2014	not to be afraid of change,
10567144	10/06/2014	To consolidate services with surrounding communities to decrease cost.
10567268	10/06/2014	We need to focus more on tourism and our ability to provide a great location for all outdoor adventures. All the resources are all ready in place for us to use to our advantage. This will build a financial base to allow us to then work towards drawing in retail business and manufacturing.
10567701	10/06/2014	It is time to put down the century's long rival and bring the tri town area to a plane where everyone can give constructive ideas to keep the area active 12 months
10569712	10/06/2014	Research all ideas carefully and thoroughly.
10570512	10/06/2014	I think we have to get back to our roots. We need some kind of industry. It is so hard today for any of our small towns in Maine to survive. Creating jobs are so hard. But that is exactly what we need. And really continue to look into consolidation with Lee academy.
10572014	10/06/2014	Embrace tourism more than they do try to market the area better for businesses , tourist, and new residents be pro active instead of being negative look at what you have and try to improve. Also be part of a collaborative on working with other towns and try to get other companies to come here and this is a tough pill to swallow but embrace the idea of a national park it could help the area more than hurt it like it is now.
10573186	10/06/2014	We cannot allow the mills define us anymore, need to explore all other options to allow our town to rebuild and we need help.
10575070	10/06/2014	The town and the council should begin to look to the future. The town has changed so much in the last 20 years yet leadership is stuck in the past. diversify the local economic base should also be helpful.
10588413	10/06/2014	We need to go from public ambulance services to private services to cut the overhead. The recreation services should be cut since this is not a necessity, there isn't a great deal of kids involved in rec programs.
10588820	10/06/2014	Combine the Tri Town community services and schools. ex...Millinocket, East Millinocket, and Medway combining their Fire, Police, Ambulance, and Elementary through High School grades.
10589344	10/06/2014	Share municipal resources with adjacent town to ease tax burden (schools etc.).
10589654	10/06/2014	Create Millinocket as the Gateway to the North Maine Woods in conjunction with the Penobscot Nation and the National Pak Proposal. Utilize the Femata study that was done for the State of Maine
10589877	10/06/2014	Consolidation of services and promoting the community as a vacation destination
10589730	10/06/2014	Take the mill, force Cate Street to sell, or at the very least,,, force Cate Street to do something-- anything...!
10590461	10/06/2014	Do everything possible to keep our town's library open. It is a major hub of the town and provides so many needed services. The value of our library is incalculable.
10591842	10/06/2014	To Consolidate, town governments, schools Everything that it takes to run a thriving community
10591897	10/06/2014	Talk to each other, come together as a community to strategize, solve problems, etc.
10593265	10/06/2014	Allow another fast food restaurant, department store(s)(kfc Wal-Mart or k Mart, have a variety of different businesses that aren't usually or typical in the region or area
10593982	10/06/2014	It's simple Jobs Jobs Jobs! We have so many non working people or families that only have the Mom working while the Dad sits home collecting. We want the hard working Millinocket back Where the minority's are the section 8's
10594078	10/06/2014	New businesses example ofc Wal-Mart k mart
10594503	10/06/2014	Consolidate, consolidate, consolidate!!! We have to be working WITH each other not against! Our children will never have the best if we don't give it to them now!
10594450	10/06/2014	I would recommend that we come together as one big city. Millinocket, East millinocket and Medway. It would make our community stronger financially, educationally, and an opportunity to better ourselves.
10594667	10/06/2014	Develop a five year plan that consists of Plan A and Plan B, Be open to new ideas. Collaborate with other towns . Take the best from each community and create a new community
10594718	10/06/2014	give up the ways of the past & be open to new ideas, stop the rivalry between the towns and work together
10594857	10/06/2014	Take care of what is for sale to draw people to buy.
10595080	10/06/2014	More activities to draw revenue, you have to leave town to do most anything other than hike or be outdoors
10595104	10/06/2014	I believe if our towns come together and school districts we would have more young families staying in town vs all these families leaving.
10595217	10/06/2014	Its time to consolidate our schools within the tri-town area. As a parent of young school aged children, it would be nice to see our children put ahead of bitter rivalries.
10595260	10/06/2014	We need a plan for consolidation for schools to thrive, we need new business, more things for the outdoorsman, bike route maybe. Something on the line like Belfast has(lobster fest) that will attract more people. It would be nice if all towns could come together as one.
10595552	10/06/2014	Be open to change. Try new things and support those efforts.
10595589	10/06/2014	Consolidate the schools and other gov services w/ regional towns, equitably. None of us can go it alone.
10595795	10/06/2014	I would recommend that Millinocket, East Millinocket and Medway sit down with their balance sheets and discuss what redundant expenses could be consolidated. I also would recommend taking a look at the Lee Academy offer again. There are many young successful tax paying families in this community who live here because we choose to. We work out of town to be able to afford a lifestyle here. However, if changes aren't made, we won't be here long. My property taxes are already more (dollar amount and mil rate) than my friends and family who own property in the greater Bangor area. We will probably give it a few years, but, if the towns don't start utilizing each other's services and stop spending money they don't have, we might keep out home as a second property and move to Bangor.
10595652	10/06/2014	That they need to work with ANY possible employer interested in coming to town and make it work. Over the last 20 years there have been numerous business opportunities (at least three manufacturers) that they have pushed away because the Mill was going to last forever.
10595819	10/06/2014	Millinocket has some most talented welders, pipefitter and metal fabricator in New England but most travel the country for work . SO some kind of fabrication business build it ,ship it, install it .
10596899	10/06/2014	To put everyone's pride aside and work together with all the people and towns in the area to make our small communities the best that they can be. We all need to come together and pool our very limited resources.
10597064	10/06/2014	Consolidation is a must!
10597162	10/06/2014	To consolidate the schools
10597339	10/06/2014	keep the town office open till 5:30
10597353	10/06/2014	Open a university geared towards the outdoors. The town needs to move on from the mill. We have to work with the conditions that are presented and need to adapt to survive.
10597430	10/06/2014	.
10597598	10/06/2014	Help the school system. Serve the tourists they are they only ones coming in.
10597515	10/06/2014	Contact all the Businesses in Town and try to work up a Plan to get people interested in coming here, like running a special on the weekends, putting flyers up that tell people what is available. For instance, the restaurants could offer a \$1.00 off a meal or have a two for one. If each business would do that people might be more inclined to spend their money in town and not just pass through. This could be done with all the businesses. It just might get people to frequent their establishments. I know that perhaps the gas stations could not offer

		anything like that but they could come up with their own ideas. Just something to reach out to people.
10597672	10/06/2014	Embrace tourism and those who would come to this town and spend money on the goods, services, and outdoor adventuring offered here.
10597398	10/06/2014	find new ways to deal with how the school system is run. i hope the deal with lee academy comes to fruition. but failing that i would like to see a regional high school where the three local towns consolidate. millinocket has a well kept building and i believe it could house all the students from east mill too. but tradition keeps this from happening. i see each town spending millions on the schools and it just seems obvious to me that this doesn't need to happen. but i sincerely doubt a consolidation will happen until things actually fail to the point that the state mandates it. i would add that even suggesting this will anger czb or anyone putting the idea forward, a lot of ill will from the long time residents. so much of local identity seems to be tied up in school sports and the schools these people attended when they were young, pride alone will prevent a willing merger. i believe east mill would more willing to explore this with the lincoln schools than to do so with millinocket. at least i am hearing discussion has begun on closing down the elementary school here and having it's operations moved to the high school. that may be the best we can hope for. i suppose if that happened and then a deal with lee academy was reached, it could be a life saver as far as the town budget is concerned. but the lee academy deal isn't something within the towns choice alone, so i suppose it would be unwise to depend on that in any way.
10599747	10/06/2014	Consolidate schools
10600024	10/06/2014	Beautiful scenery
10599884	10/06/2014	To seek opportunities for both tourism and industry; that the community can and needs to support both.
10602356	10/06/2014	Focus less on the long-standing opposition of neighboring towns and more on working together to make one strong community.
10602763	10/06/2014	Provide more jobs. Get more people involved with what's going on in the town.
10602928	10/06/2014	Think positively and constructively and work together with our neighboring towns to move forward in the 21st century. Leave that 19th century mill behind.
10611149	10/06/2014	Become the most business friendly town in maine, bring back the wealth of talent Millinocket has produced with small successful business such as field service engineering for power turbines for example. Lower taxes, combine schools to give kids a better education
10621790	10/07/2014	Forget manufacturing. Open your heart and mind to the fact that we NEED PEOPLE FROM AWAY. Fully explore the National Park Issue. So what if the jobs are low paying, they are jobs we do not have. PLUS, people visiting spend money.
10622199	10/07/2014	consolidation
10622912	10/07/2014	Our concentration should be to offer and provide a four season tourist vacation attraction. A summer water park for families touring the area that could also be a winter park. Leaf peeping tours in the fall. Much can be done because our environment is available and tourism is a big industry.
10623819	10/07/2014	We have to embrace change, which is never easy. Business is not a bad thing, though it will take time to realize that the new economy in Maine will not be based on paper-making. It will take time and sacrifice, but we must be open to virtually all business in the region--tourism, manufacturing, service. Tourism and Service industries are not "below" us.
10624638	10/07/2014	I would advise the three towns to have one school system.
10625031	10/07/2014	Be open to any new ideas. We need to change with the times and not keep looking back, but look forward. Treat what is going on as an opportunity to change things. It would not be a bad idea to get others involved that have successfully gone through this before. We can't just lay down because the factory's have shut down.
10626417	10/07/2014	We need businesses and consolidation for our school systems!!!
10629331	10/07/2014	Pursue tourism and work together for solutions
10629066	10/07/2014	Our town use to be covered with a grand blanket with the GNP logo on it. It is gone, both the mill and its land, not to return. We can still be covered by a new blanket but it will look more like your grandmothers quilt. Many new but smaller pieces of fabric doing what the old blanket use to do. Paper making is going the way of the horse and carriage; after the car. It is wasting away like the old gas works industry after the light bulb. We must be proud of our past but we must learn from it and look to the future.
10628602	10/07/2014	We cannot survive solely on tourism alone, nor can it survive on industry alone, but must use a combination of both to be a successful community again.
10629600	10/07/2014	The town of Millinocket needs to stop living outside of their financial means. In regards to town services, including fire, police, and public works; the school system; town council; etc.
10630032	10/07/2014	It is time to share our beautiful community with the rest of the world. We need to embrace tourism and it's economic benefits, this will truly be a win-win. Let's put Millinocket on the map in a positive way and give kids and future generations a home to be PROUD of. Let's become OPEN FOR BUSINESS!! We have many talented people who have made thier home here, let's give us all a REASON to STAY.
10630192	10/07/2014	Diversify were possible. Tourism, increase the appeal about our woods and waterways.
10630293	10/07/2014	Millinocket has a strong need to re-invent itself. As we all know the paper industry is dead. Millinocket has the largest outdoor recreational backyard of any town in Maine. The town should try to work with large landowners to create more opportunities such as hiking and biking trails (dog friendly). Start more outdoor programs for kids such as whitewater kayaking 101, overnight canoeing and camping trips, flyfishing 101. Millinocket should also try to create events that draw people to the area. For instance a couple of years ago Greenville got the State to hold the moose lottery in their town and it became a large weekend event.
10630960	10/07/2014	Turning the Town of Millinocket into a tourist destination all four season recreation use. Fishing, Hiking, Four Wheeling, Snowmobiling, Cross Country Skiing, & beautiful scenery for Weddings!
10630963	10/07/2014	Keep an open mind, stay positive, and look for opportunities to work cooperatively with surrounding communities
10632190	10/07/2014	Accept that the past is not the future and proceed with researching the benefits of a national park
10632338	10/07/2014	Support growth where you can, if the town is not growing it is declining. I would expect that the town council would act in everybody's best interest in supporting or considering the national park I do not see any sideline contenders for alternative options for growth short or long term.
10632348	10/07/2014	Recreational destination..
10632726	10/07/2014	Diversify our tax base and bring in a department store to provide people a way to shop locally.
10632891	10/07/2014	n
10633853	10/07/2014	I would improve the atv/utv access to provide the same trails as the snowmobile access is allowed. I would increase the attractiveness and opportunities for recreation and vacation plans.
10633931	10/07/2014	Stay open to any ideas that may bring jobs and people who want to work here. Talk about and project the positive attributes of our area. Work to get our residents to volunteer and help with community projects. Instill pride in belonging to such a nice community.
10634165	10/07/2014	I think people are still living/thinking in the old time train of thought. That the mill will re-start or someone will come in on a white horse and save the town. I think people need to realize that we need to start thinking of new things to do to bring new businesses into the area. I don't have a specific idea, just the thought that we need to think "outside the box" and get things moving. Also if the people from both towns of Millinocket and East Millinocket would realize that we desperately need to consolidate our schools it would be a tremendous help with both town budgets.
10634973	10/07/2014	solidarity, town isn't open to new businesses
10634945	10/07/2014	I would advise them to give up the old ways of doing things and move forward new ideas. All too often the "mill mentality" prevents any positive visions of the future.
10633566	10/07/2014	Be open to change! Be open to new ways of thinking and doing things. Let it start now, and here. Instead of being skeptical and pessimistic, be optimistic and hopeful. Trust but verify. Look at our assets not just our deficits. Operate in a way that invites people to join the movement to re-create ourselves, not in a manner that pushes people to leave town or dis-engage! Live in the mindset that we can re-create our livelihood here. Change lives in our attitude. Be of the attitude that we can do this.. we can bring the magic back and remain a place that we are proud to call HOME!
10634916	10/07/2014	Join together and open your eyes to the situation our communities are in, and think outside the box.
10634665	10/07/2014	Welcome other industries/businesses into the area. Bring back lost/removed programs to our that would benefit students all around (CAD, Technology ed., home ec., industrial arts, vocational classes)
10637957	10/07/2014	Realize there's no longer a mill running.
10638889	10/07/2014	Consolidate the school! Make it happen. Make it work
10639614	10/07/2014	Develop 4 season tourism.
10640054	10/07/2014	Be open minded to change and don't look for a one employer or one industry solution. Face the fact that the future will be different than the past.
10640446	10/07/2014	exploit the interest in creating a national park and recreation area to bring new businesses to the region.
10640698	10/07/2014	to look towards tourism and utilizing the assets of nature we have in the region rather than trying to bring big business in
10640953	10/07/2014	Cadino
10641033	10/07/2014	We need to be more welcoming of people "from away" whether they are here for a visit or have moved here. We need to be friendlier and accepting.

10641098	10/07/2014	Get a department store for this area, so that people don't have to leave the area to buy essential items, but can contribute to a tax paying entity in our own area!
10641565	10/07/2014	http://www.globenet.org/archives/web/2006/www.globenet.org/horizon-local/perso/guiderur.html
10641818	10/07/2014	Get the town Council to pull their head out of the sand and make the hard choices of cutting and not putting the weight of the tax base on property owners WE ARE ON FIXED INCOMES
10642319	10/07/2014	start to consolidate your communities, remember the important word in community - It is UNITY! Your kids understand this importance
10642255	10/07/2014	We need to focus on today and the future not dwell on what used to be.
10642400	10/07/2014	Plan ahead for the long term. Bucksport councilors appear to have done that. As a result that town will not be as badly impacted by the mill closing as had our towns.
10642602	10/07/2014	CONSOLIDATE the schools with nearby towns
10642896	10/07/2014	There should be more community activities for children.
10642873	10/07/2014	no idea
10642811	10/07/2014	Children are our future, without a decent school system, you will not have new people come like doctors, and new teachers with young children. Or any professional for that matter.
10643737	10/07/2014	Consolidation of the schools and three towns and some type of business in this area to create jobs
10644089	10/07/2014	Embrace change. Don't fear it. Consolidate schools and services with our neighbors, which will give residents from all of those communities more bang for their buck. Ban talk of the past from all conversation. It's a new dawn and you all have the chance to on the ground floor of new opportunities.
10644348	10/07/2014	THE MILL IS GONE...start making some positive but bold choices, elimination of many homes.
10644997	10/07/2014	Do everything possible to bring downtown up to date. Eliminate those buildings unusable where possible, give the downtown area a touring path face lift.
10645321	10/07/2014	Listen to the businesses that are major stake holders to help Millinocket move forward.
10646007	10/07/2014	check welfare get rid of a few we work everyday so they can party.
10646520	10/07/2014	get off the tourism is all we have to offer crap
10646818	10/07/2014	Consolidation of the three towns would be very helpful in saving money and brainstorming for the future
10646602	10/07/2014	library should be volunteer and so should the fire dept. and mike noble should be done and our safety officer could absorb the little building that is going on here
10647912	10/07/2014	The time has come to cut the school budget. The taxes we are paying are just getting to be a burden on the retirees. The waste water increase is ludicrous!
10648972	10/07/2014	we need more businesses for our tax base
10649329	10/07/2014	Focus on jobs obviously but diversify, several smaller employers rather than one big one
10650178	10/07/2014	To consolidate the schools with other local school systems NOW
10651271	10/07/2014	The school systems in East Millinocket, Medway and Millinocket should consolidate.
10654677	10/07/2014	Open up more recreational trails leading in and out of town to bring in even more business.
10654844	10/07/2014	embrace change - this is the most difficult thing for people to do but it is essential in attracting business. you need success stories to attract new people/business to the area.
10655351	10/07/2014	Pray
10656434	10/07/2014	Bring in businesses like Kentucky Fried Chicken, Walmart, Mountain climbing gear, etc.
10657648	10/07/2014	Be open-minded regarding businesses coming to the area that are not a huge manufacturing company as the paper mill(s) once were.
10657915	10/07/2014	I would encourage the town to look to the future. The past industry, while it has been a major factor of forming the town, no longer is relevant. It is time to look beyond the borders of the town and focus on a sustainable future with a diversified economy.
10658184	10/07/2014	Until the towns people can stop back stabbing each other, telling lies, and working one against the other, being unacceptable to others wanting to help, others wanting to come in and open a reputable business, chances for a positive change won't happen. The people of Millinocket are mindset, stubborn, unchangeable, rude, and unexpecting.
10658882	10/07/2014	Consolidation!
10658327	10/07/2014	We need to attract more businesses and create more jobs
10659906	10/07/2014	Think a new and viable business (like a college) that can be located IN THE MILL SITE that will bring people and businesses to town yet maintain the tourism draw.
10660265	10/07/2014	Move on...think positive, forget the Mill days!
10661152	10/07/2014	Bring in more Businesses, (stores, resorts, things for the young people to do.)
10661297	10/07/2014	Capitalize on our natural resources by promoting tourism.
10661436	10/07/2014	Be more friendly, professional and open minded . Realize that you live literally on the top of a hill on a dead end street. People aren't going to come to you. You need to come out! Town council should be a town meeting form of government. The town is now small enough.
10661695	10/07/2014	Stop taking foolish risks, and look into investments that would be profitable.
10662298	10/07/2014	Market the real estate/land to different wealthier pockets of USA. Attract independent workers/entrepreneurs/groups of like-minded naturalists, birders or fishermen/women from northwest. Places similar to weather here. Market Millinocket as a turn-key community to the greener more sustainable younger population. Advertise in Seattle Times or San Francisco Chronicle with a drawing of katahdin or penobscot ave or on one of the lakes by Marsha Donahue, asking people to come to where the air is clean, the houses are inexpensive and the winters are of beauty unleashed.
10663063	10/07/2014	Combine resources with East Millinocket (Fire, Police, Schools,etc.)
10663126	10/07/2014	Consolidate our school, fire and police departments with east and medway. Tourism
10663949	10/07/2014	Stop spending money you no longer have
10663944	10/07/2014	I believe that Millinocket needs to find a way to share or combine services/schools/departments with East Millinocket and Medway. I doubt that any of the three towns can survive alone; but together we can get through.
10663913	10/07/2014	The store owner and some people say, the people that come to this area because of the park don't spend any money in town. Nothing is open pass 12:00 Saturday. I have seen snow mobile and 4wheelers on Sunday on Main Street looking for a place to eat, closed. We need any business to come to town and we need to support the one we still have. The mills are gone its time to take advantage of all this natural beautiful all around us.
10664146	10/07/2014	Try to get more stores in.
10664199	10/07/2014	Join together as a tri town and serve each other but consolidating.
10664234	10/07/2014	The paper industry isn't coming back. It's time for a new plan. Embrace tourism.
10664254	10/07/2014	We need to have new leadership as the past and current leaders have allowed us to nearly reach the point of no economic return; please, research and capitalize the one constant this state has which is its draw as "Vacationland". It will take decades to see a return on the investment into a new industry (tourism) but perhaps our grandchildren will see the fruition of our courage to drastically change course.
10664415	10/07/2014	Get rid of some of the legislators because they are doing more harm than good. It is all about money as far as they are concerned
10664480	10/07/2014	The towns people are hard working and caring and very proud.
10664621	10/07/2014	Listen to the taxpayers, they are your boss.
10664595	10/07/2014	combine schools with east
10665772	10/07/2014	Be open to new opportunities and take advice
10665934	10/07/2014	Consolidation on schools, fire and police
		Define the cornerstone opportunities for the town to build community anew. For example: A new generation of retirees with expendable income could be a group to attract, one way to repurpose older housing stock in need of upgrades, to put them back on tax rolls, and to bring varied life experiences to benefit a rebirth of civic pride and productivity. Target military - education - law enforcement retirees nationally; this new generation of retirees want to hike, ATV, kayak, etc.....and do not want to retire in the more traditional passive fom. Such a strategy might include obtaining a federal block grant to repurposed the Aroostook/Cherry Street sector by razing housing stock and constructing a housing village with

10665078	10/07/2014	community wide center specific to this population. A second focus could capitalize on our sense of location by recruiting a college/university/research education organization to specialize in environmental sciences. The former GNP administration and the E/R buildings could become the center of this education and research campus that might extend beyond the current millgate to abut with Chery St sidewalk. Perhaps Granite Street School could serve as a dom or some other part of this campus. Under the right set if circumstances, the current Millinocket school system might be privatized as an Academy to provide further tax relief and decompress the political standoff between the region's communities. Third and perhaps as important as any is to establish key strategies for manufacturing. Low energy cost is crucial for the town to overcome the distance to end users of whatever products are manufactured. Taking water generation sources, nuclear energy, other seemingly out if the question approaches should be considered. We are located in the wood basket of the northeast US, use it. We have a proven renewable resource. Getting product to manufacturer would necessitate upgrades to the Golden Road which could open up new opportunities as well as serve a need for natural resource center of manufacturing in Maine. A fourth component is the more obvious, hospitality and tourism. We have a gem in the firm of BaxtercState Park. Since a national park discussion immediately devices families, regions, and only closes the minds if the masses, focus on the real asset- Baxter and the largely undisturbed privately owned millions of acres of Maine forests/waterways. Some of this is practical and all of this will require that those who believe in Millinocket's future to withstand the vocal minority who will only participate in judging any new or innovative idea or concept. Millinocket could reinvent itself and in doing so could provide a diversified base of economic growth. With little effort our Penobscot Ave 'Main Street' could have a coziness of a Vail CO. The globe is seeking new innovative approaches to education a and we are epicenter for redefining compatible uses of natural resources. We could be cited as a failed community in 10 years -- or Millinocket could emerge as Maine's Magic City once again. If the latter is the will of our people, this time the magic city designation will be earned by the people-our greatest asset.
10666390	10/07/2014	Sign on and promote the proposed national park
10666120	10/07/2014	The Town must take a very hard line with Brookfield Power to place an amount of power at the disposal of the Region, at a very advantageous rate, that would enable large commercial and/or industrial to be recruited.THEN, the region stakeholders need to demand, understand and hold participating businesses to their business plans. The area has been looted in the past.
10666426	10/07/2014	TAke more chances. NOT foolish one but if we don't try new and innovative ideas where do we have to go? Lets show everyone and the children we believe in ourselves and try some new ways of making this town work and be profitable.
10666899	10/07/2014	Pray about the situation before acting.
10666919	10/07/2014	Leave east millinocket alone. Stop trying to take it over to solve millinocket's problems.
10667483	10/07/2014	consolidate the schools in the katahdin region
10667581	10/07/2014	Today is a new day, move forward
10667566	10/07/2014	Advertise what Millinocket has to offer. Get our businesses and our community online. Change the mindsets of people in town to understand and appreciate new comers and new business.
10667605	10/07/2014	This town needs to be a tourist town. Tourist towns create jobs and tax revenue. We need to develop our down town and shopping centers. People who live in Millinocket shop in Lincoln and Bangor and Houlton. Bangor has tons of tourist which include Canadians. Who by the way have money to spend. Stop chasing people away. The clique is so over.
10668265	10/07/2014	Consolidate tri town schools
10668287	10/07/2014	Allow and encourage retail stores and fast food chains (OTHER than McDonald's) to come to this town!! It would not only bring in jobs, but money as well!!
10668176	10/07/2014	Attract any and all prospective employers to the area with all possible municipal perks, ie. TIFs, negotiate a lower service fee for municipal user service fees, etc...
10668415	10/07/2014	Consolidate and share services with neighboring communities. We either stand together or we'll fall apart.
10668516	10/07/2014	I'm not sure in what respect the question pertains to.
10668637	10/07/2014	Move on from being a mill town and find a new initiative that will attract visitors, new business that can utilize natural resources. Then vote for a governor that will make it easier for business to set up shop in Maine.
10669440	10/07/2014	Consolidate the schools and stop holding on to the us against them mentality or East Millinocket vs Millinocket.
10669551	10/07/2014	Consolidate the schools no matter what it takes.
10669648	10/07/2014	It is time for the town to come together and try to bring new businesses to the area. People on a fixed income can't carry the town anymore.
10669018	10/07/2014	Number one! People need to work together. Where I come from which was from a Small town ths schools depts were all together there were at least 5 or 6 communities together and it was great! Today that little small town is growing! Because they are working and there is also a lot of volunteer that make things happen, we have to stop thinking about the mill and try to get manufactory jobs and our young people back here, I would also suggest the time of the counsel meetings be changed it's too early in the afternoon most people can't make it cause of work, maybe 6 or 7 pm, We own a business and we all should be helping each other out and get involved!
10670631	10/07/2014	Be flexible and realistic. Lobby Government to help get natural gas pipeline. Lobby to get control of more hydropower, both to attract business and to actually sell electricity to ISO New England.
10670883	10/07/2014	stop giving loans to businesses to try and get them to move here.
10673248	10/07/2014	Let go of the past and embrace conservation and your role as stewards, ambassadors and guides to the Maine Woods.
10674149	10/07/2014	cut your expenses or file bankruptcy to get out of debt and accumulating debt. Balance the budget with what you have now.
10675906	10/07/2014	consolidation is necessary for the survival of all the towns
10682164	10/08/2014	Now that the mills have been taken down it is time for the folks in Millinocket to embrace the tourism dollars. Time to enter the 21st century.
10683988	10/08/2014	For the council to have an open mind to tourism
10685962	10/08/2014	Take down the business walls
10686233	10/08/2014	Consolidation of services school,municipal and whatever else may stem the tide of two communities going under.
10686588	10/08/2014	New town council, they are stuck with the mill mentality
10689558	10/08/2014	Consolidation
10690188	10/08/2014	Embrace tourism even though it's not as lucrative as paper manufacturing once was.
10691392	10/08/2014	Capitalize on the natural surroundings
10691555	10/08/2014	Help find a couple small manufacturing businesses to get established ... something where 15-25 people are employed ... educate the community on wilderness and tourism that is in our backyard. Perhaps then other small businesses will begin to grow!
10689500	10/08/2014	I would focus on increasing recreational businesses, possibly in a manufacturing way as well. Old Town Canoe comes to mind, maybe something in that line.
10691980	10/08/2014	Be open to change.. Look actively at using the areas resources in attracting new commercial endeavors. Diversify! Include. Recreational development of all kinds. Give serious thought to at least opening your minds to the concept of a national park. Try to engage East Millinocket in a conversation about consolidating all services, and even consider becoming ONE town!
10694462	10/08/2014	Move forward
10696195	10/08/2014	NA
10696679	10/08/2014	To get new businesses in the town that would employ the people so they wouldn't have to travel.
10696927	10/08/2014	The Town must live within its means, then things will improve in time!
10697190	10/08/2014	consolidate
10697505	10/08/2014	Be more open minded. Consoladate the tri town areas.
10697604	10/08/2014	The tree communities (Millinocket, East Millinocket and Medway) must work together to save the area.
10700797	10/08/2014	The town needs to realize that GNP will never be in business again. They need to be downsize and stop spending \$\$\$ as if they're millionaires.
10698947	10/08/2014	Stop enabling people to move here for a free ride. We have lost our sense of community! People, like myself, take pride in this town because roads were paved by our fathers, grandfathers, and so on. Today so many have moved here who have no history here, no pride, and nothing to offer our town. Our structure can not support this, our foundation has crumbled. This town started because people came together to build something great. They were hard workers who cared about the future. What we have now is a community of people who gather the harvest but have not planted any seeds. Sometimes you have to look back to move forward.
10700873	10/08/2014	due away with the town manager form of government and go back to a five person coucil as it was years ago and save that money. a place to start
10701682	10/08/2014	The town is in a multi-level transition. A manufacturing based town to ?? as well as age demographics. The need to harness the natural resources offered here is vital to the communities ability to sustain an economic and social living.

10702092	10/08/2014	close the pool and consolidate the schools
10702445	10/08/2014	learn to live together & listen to each other not back bite
10703015	10/08/2014	Be open to new businesses and opportunities and not depend on someone new buying the mill.
10703001	10/08/2014	Move past these Paper Mills , they are done ! We need to go a diff route , we need industry
10703709	10/08/2014	Open your minds, stop living in the past
10704682	10/08/2014	Think outside the box...let go of GNP's historical impact and move on. Millinocket's geographical location has a lot to offer
10704500	10/08/2014	Concentrate on small industry and think about a vocational school. There is a great deal of ingenuity in Millinocket. Get the young people engaged and working. Forget about "big money" and think about affordable wages.
10705007	10/08/2014	move
10704949	10/08/2014	start growing medical marijuana in the old mill space..if you want jobs..get with the times...the farmers, security, and transportation fields would benefit from it.
10705410	10/08/2014	Focus on your resources and what will bring people to the area. With Katahdin as your backdrop, you have four seasons that need to be advertised and expounded upon.
10706404	10/08/2014	Merge resources with East and Medway. For all three of our areas to be duplicating positions, school systems, etc. is redundant and wasteful.
10707813	10/08/2014	Four season destination.
10709435	10/08/2014	Think about the future and give up on the past, talk to people from outside, invasion.
10709865	10/08/2014	Stores we need stores clothing stores
10710294	10/08/2014	The town needs young people to survive. Mill thinking is in the past, the young adults still here have good ideas. Listen to them, see where they could lead. Leave the Mill attitude in the past.
10710907	10/08/2014	Stop fighting over issues outside the border of the town and create a more positive attitude on issues related to the business climate of the region.
10712516	10/08/2014	Get rid of the town council and have a mayor. Support your local businesses and help your neighbor
10712796	10/08/2014	There needs to be more businesses around such as stores, something to do for entertainment etc.. The town is pretty boring as far as entertainment goes, The more entertainment the town can get, the better! It will attract people and then people will start moving here!
10719472	10/08/2014	Respect and welcome tourist
10720457	10/08/2014	Millinocket needs some type of job structure. Something that will draw people in but also offer jobs. Millinocket is a scenic place and offers great potential to anyone wanting to come getaway or visit the park or outdoors. However you don't have many that know much about it. I say some type of a resort that offers adventures that others in the area doesn't offer. Camping trips for large companies; team building outings or horseback riding trails; maybe a spa but you have to market that stuff. You should get in touch with the walsh's. They even have the marketing base and the money to keep it thriving and also get people to go. They have over 100 properties. The ones that Own Ocean Properties and see if they would be interested in doing something like that. Either that or talk with LLBean and have them put a distributing facility for people to have jobs; kind of like what Amazon is doing now.
10726245	10/08/2014	Bringing a new business in town and we need to consolidate schools
10727257	10/08/2014	CONSOLIDATION! The area towns need to consolidate its services and resources and band together as one community. We cannot make it as three small towns with a declining population and rising costs for water, electricity, schools, ect.
10727506	10/08/2014	The town needs to get the money owed them from the mill. Property owners do not get away with that.
10727090	10/08/2014	Letting the secret out. Advertise the tourist potential. There is one fifth of the population of North America within a few hundred miles. Developing transportation means such as flights or buses from these mecca's Boston three hundred miles or Montreal with a larger population. Following the path of Thoreau through Millinocket and beyond. This could be the draw that Millinocket has been crippled by the forest industry from developing. This anti tourist attitude has kept the secret of the potential long enough. Let the rest of the world share the four seasons of recreation that we have like no other place in the world.
10728236	10/08/2014	I think that if there could be more jobs, more people would want to be there. And something good for the kids! When i was younger the recreational program was great! i think by consolidating schools would be good to!
10729531	10/08/2014	Consolidate your schools, reduce taxes, and welcome new business.
10729583	10/08/2014	We need to create things for our young people so they will want to stay and invest in our town. Invest in them, they'll invest in us. Also would cut down on teen drug use and drinking.
10729935	10/08/2014	Vote conservative and get some company's back in the area. Give them tax breaks to help get them to come.
10729750	10/08/2014	Crack down on the amount of drugs! When visiting you can see the affects of meth and other drugs on the residents. It makes it very difficult to visit when I have to explain what drug deal to my kids because that is what you see driving through town. I don't even like stopping at the local stores because of the druggies! I also think it is time to tear down some places and make the town more inviting. The streets are dirty and riddled with trash.
10730805	10/08/2014	get some stores where you can purchase clothes of quality, maybe some outlet stores, anything that would attract more visitors
10730968	10/08/2014	We need to forget about the mills...they are gone...we should have allowed other industry here all along...not too late...tourism is a big part of this town...
10731510	10/08/2014	not sure
10732857	10/08/2014	Look around the world at resilient communities and people. Talk to them.
10734245	10/08/2014	Invite and encourage new businesses for the tourists coming to our area. SHOP LOCAL - keep some of our money here so we can grow.
10734612	10/08/2014	Give up on the mill project and start over
10736447	10/08/2014	We need to be extra cautious in giving start up funds to businesses and make sure that these people are who and what they claim to be before we give TIF's and other perks
10736690	10/08/2014	people to move forward. we are not a mill town anymore. focus on what the town and surrounding has to offer now. Young families want to see positive growth and forward thinking for the future. Because really a lot of them would already have left if they could sell their homes. Not because they want to but because they want more.
10737687	10/08/2014	Millinocket needs to diversify and not rely on the paper industry to save the day. Many hands make light work
10738496	10/08/2014	work together
10739373	10/08/2014	support national park
10744930	10/08/2014	create an industrial park to attract diverse businesses and seek tax advantages and sba funding etc to support this effort . also perhaps pursue a more direct link to I95 and the natural gas pipeline
10744345	10/08/2014	The mill isn't coming back. We're not going to have a mill anymore. We need to get over this, and start looking in front of us instead of what we once had. We don't have that anymore. What can we do now? The town needs to know when it's time to let go.
10754394	10/08/2014	It's time to combine the area school systems to reduce costs and improve education
10756077	10/08/2014	Consolidation !!
10804120	10/09/2014	Look at all opportunities. Park, etc... Right now the town is in trouble. Big question what survives here? Tourist related businesses! They do not rely on the town. Look at what will bring people here. The mills are no longer. Look at the mills all around the state closing. Maybe there needs to be new blood on the council. Possibly successful business individuals with experience in making revenue. There is no faith in the council. Change would be good! Make meetings available to everyone, business owners, people working, etc... If you truly wanted the towns input you would allow the town to be there at an appropriate time. Successful people are working during your meeting time. If you truly cared about the community and people you would make meetings available to those that could contribute and possibly show you how to run a business. After business hours.
10806066	10/09/2014	We have more important expensense than new police cars, when we are in financial trouble. And tourism is all that will save this town, so like it or not... that is the direct this town should be heading if it wants to stay a town
10811781	10/09/2014	push more tourism in out of state media
10819546	10/09/2014	let go of the hope that the mills will once again be productive. Let go of petty animosities and work together as a region to promote recreation and tourism and other industries that may be willing to locate here
10823558	10/09/2014	lean more toward tourism
10829785	10/09/2014	I think the school system should consolidate with the nearby towns.
10831137	10/09/2014	Embrace North Woods related tourism and support ideas and businesses that would make Millinocket a nature-based tourism destination.

10839773	10/09/2014	Stop looking back as to what we once had. Move forward with what we have to work with. Nothing stays the same.
10841231	10/09/2014	Move on past the mill. The mill has been dead and gone for years but instead of embracing anything new or any new ideas they are stuck in the past and still to this day believe that the mill is the only thing that will make Millinocket survive.
10856482	10/09/2014	Combine all efforts for economic growth with East Millinocket and Medway.
10857776	10/09/2014	Although the big things seem important, sometimes it's all the little things that bring everything together. Rome wasn't built in a day.
10858828	10/09/2014	two things: Promote this amazing town! Not many know of it! Get the word out about how great we are and how much we have to offer for people willing to commute or work from home. Stop auctioning off homes for taxes. Instead give the homes to Habitat for Humanity. By doing this we can stop section 8 slum lords coming in and junking up the town. By going with Habitat they will help the town become nicer and find people who can afford the taxes. It seems like a win win idea to me.
10859507	10/09/2014	Consolidate services
10860806	10/09/2014	I would suggest combining the fire, police and ambulance services with East Millinocket
10861013	10/09/2014	I would relocate the town office to the library to save on maintenance costs
10861223	10/09/2014	New industry and school consolidation with East/Medway
10864904	10/09/2014	Quality of place is Maine's number one economic asset, and Millinocket has more of it than just about anywhere else in the state. Make places like Katahdin, Baxter State Park the West Branch, the East Branch, and the Appalachian Trail part of the identity of the community, and learn to share those places with others. Millinocket is rich in all the things that matter, and once a critical mass of citizens in town believe that, others will too. I believe outdoor recreation and nature-based tourism will be the foundation of a diversified economy and a vibrant, revitalized Millinocket.
10865772	10/09/2014	We as a tri-town need to start depending on each others resources and combining things to give our students and tax payers breaks.
10870150	10/09/2014	We have to look for new business opportunities. The Mills in Maine are leaving and shutting down- so we have to stop our dependency on them.
10884666	10/10/2014	The mill and paper for this town is over. Let's find our new magic!
10891259	10/10/2014	Embrace and utilize the area's abundant natural resources to benefit the town.
10891734	10/10/2014	No comment
10899474	10/10/2014	I wish we could become a town similar to Belfast or Bar Harbor. Tourist shops, restaurants, activities for kids like a skate park, more variety of fast food restaurants. Possible housing or business development between here and East Millinocket. Combine the school systems.
10919988	10/10/2014	First I would consider a four 10 hr a day school week to help with the budget crisis. Saves on utilities meals transportation. Has worked out west in Lovelock Nv. Where I reside. Implemented 5 yrs ago.
10921405	10/10/2014	Get a new attorney.
10924162	10/10/2014	Continue pursuing to encourage small business growth in the area, continue looking at all avenues of tourism.
10926487	10/10/2014	The town needs to capitalize on its beautiful surroundings.
10938102	10/10/2014	Work on economic development, and don't fall for anything that is not iron clad.
10949825	10/11/2014	Promote the town outside of the area as a beautiful, safe, friendly place to live, where neighbors care, and where beauty is abundant if one looks for it.
10976012	10/11/2014	We need to embrace the potential that Millinocket has to be a "destination." Perhaps an effort to increase advertising and improve visibility outside the immediate area.
10978851	10/11/2014	Sometimes cutting the budget means people up and leaving town, then you'll have to cut the budget more to make up for the loss of their taxes, so be careful when and where you cut.
10979065	10/11/2014	Get packing ! It's over... last one out make sure to turn of the lights.
10980596	10/11/2014	Attract more businesses and "spruce up" the main street.
10981203	10/11/2014	More activities to attract more tourist during the winter and summer months
10981278	10/11/2014	merge Millinocket, east, and medway, Use medway middle school, east's public safety and dump and town office. Medway's dump is on the river, better used for something else, Keep millinocket's schools and town office, move public safety to east. have one town mgr. one police chief, fire chief, public works director, should save a couple million dollars.
10981987	10/11/2014	Stop the slamming and blaming. Stop the verbal and bullying abuse. Everyone is entitled to an opinion and do not need to be verbally attacked because someone else does not agree.
10982102	10/11/2014	Advise the council to stop living in the past and start moving toward the future and to value the input of the citizens!
10982458	10/11/2014	Get rid of the mills once & for all. They are holding the town back. You can't live in the past forever. Need to think about the future. I can see so much opportunity here if some big businesses can come in & help with the economy. That in turn I think would help to get more small businesses to pop up throughout the town. All 50 or so restaurants seem to survive. Lol.
10984713	10/11/2014	Nothing can be done until these surrounding towns stop fighting among themselves and can come together for the benefit of all....I have doubts that can ever be done!
10985138	10/11/2014	Increase tourism based businesses. No National Park.
10985413	10/11/2014	get more businesses in here
10985714	10/11/2014	Take advantage of the gift you have been given. Millinocket is the gateway to one of the most beautiful places on earth. TAKE ADVANTAGE of that fact.
10985880	10/11/2014	I would advise them to keep an open mind and consider all possibilities for aiding the economy of the town, and to encourage businesses and people to relocate to the area.
10986094	10/11/2014	Turn the mill into a business that works. Like pellet mill instead of bringing them from over seas. there is a demand.
10987053	10/11/2014	Consolidate schools and services in the tritown area
10987164	10/11/2014	Plan as if the paper industry will never return.
10989402	10/11/2014	Open your hearts and minds to new development and businesses. Embrace it with a positive attitude. Some may be small but the day of a one horse town is over. Stop making Millinocket a welfare haven. Encourage working people to move here not disabled non workers. Support new business.
10990736	10/11/2014	Focus on the schools and bringing technology into the area.
10990884	10/11/2014	Gave tax break for business to move in
10992144	10/11/2014	Combine the towns of East Millinocket and Millinocket in every way that is reasonable starting with the school systems. We need to go forward as a region.
10997405	10/11/2014	Small things matter. Action by our elected officials of the town. No one thing is going to save our community, many small ones will.
11000794	10/11/2014	This town is known for its beautiful surroundings and wild life nearby, the seasons . It is a great get away from the hub-bub of life , a place to relax and enjoy people. Center all business activities around that theme.
11001991	10/11/2014	Need to pull together with other small towns such as medway and east millinocket to secure a better future
11002641	10/11/2014	be more open minded.
11003843	10/11/2014	CONSOLIDATE THE 3 TOWNS, PEOPLE NEED TO GROW UP AND REALIZE THIS IS THE BEST THING FOR OUR TOWNS
11004081	10/11/2014	Be open to anything.
11004249	10/11/2014	good paying jobs
11010744	10/11/2014	Put up tolls for out of town tourists using the roads to all outdoors activities. Embrace the natural beauty of the area and start making some money off of it.
11011370	10/11/2014	Give it up.
11012269	10/11/2014	support a national park
11012436	10/11/2014	tell the town council to go and contact some chain businesses and offer them a chance to come to millinocket or surrounding towns. you may have to give some incentive to do so but we need new blood in these towns. thats why we are where we are today because GNP was worshipped as the almighty god and would not let anyone else in now there gone and our towns will be too if we dont start shopping for investors in our towns.
11012597	10/11/2014	Take the rose colored glasses off the Town Council and the School Board. Replace those with personal agendas that bar anything constructive in the Town.

11012909	10/11/2014	Get rid of the counsel
11013039	10/11/2014	Not sure.
11014748	10/11/2014	If these three town would put all the schools together, use midway school as grade school. Schenck as middle school, and Stearns as high school. Change names... we would still have soccer and football. all the kids get along just fine in the things we have already put together. If there is a school in each town, we split everything 1/3.... The only fighting is parents and grandparents... it is time we all realize property tax will never go down... but we have to do this for our kids... they are the future of these towns... as everyone is acting now... we are scaring the kids to leave these towns.
11027025	10/12/2014	Mine is not constructive, well it is but it would not be taken as so..
11030072	10/12/2014	Look into a national park again, think about changing the area into a destination similar to Ellsworth with small shops and amenities. Talk seriously to Lincoln and state officials to have a regional high school built in access road in Lincoln and invite Katahdin, Schenck, and Howland. A neutral, new school would be more easily accepted.
11035291	10/12/2014	Consolidation on every level.
11042723	10/12/2014	88
11043102	10/12/2014	We need to look for smaller businesses that would come to Millinocket and stay here.
11068683	10/12/2014	research and grant funding committee should be constructed to find construct a fund that would enable a larger employer to have lower taxes and other incentives (utilities etc). invest in smaller businesses in the same industry to create a hub. do something about the brookfield dams and how the power is handled
11070865	10/12/2014	The town council and the school board need to work as a team - not enemies
11075893	10/12/2014	We need to learn how to market the region to outsiders and businesses. Millinocket has a quality of life that is unrivaled. We need to start focusing upon non-woods industry businesses that are interested in quality of life for their employees.
11076758	10/12/2014	get help from outside the community
11076794	10/12/2014	take off the rose color glasses and encourage business even if they just plan or hiring one or two pp, anything is better then nothing.
11077180	10/12/2014	work with people that have back taxes stop foreclosing on homes and businesses
11077580	10/12/2014	Learn to grow-move ahead
11078007	10/12/2014	Tourism is the answer and welcome people from out of town that want to do business in our area.
11078206	10/12/2014	Make a park
11078132	10/12/2014	xxxx
11078255	10/12/2014	Realize that large industry may not return to Millinocket. Small businesses will likely prevail in the future. We should capitalize on the natural resources available to us.
11078404	10/12/2014	Get rid of town Council ..., let the mayor run everything ...
11078849	10/12/2014	Be open and accepting of all ideas to re-develop town and folks from out of town. Be sure to diversify future business opportunities and be flexible. Look to out of states. One idea is to redevelop the airport, create an neighborhood community where homes have plane hangars in addition to their garages. This would enable out of town folks to fly home for the weekend. We have a part time home in AZ where we have such a community. Link follows: http://www.aviationhomes.com/gallery/view_album.php?set_albumName=album34 . Mazatzal Airpark makes it convenient for our of town residents to spend money at home. Also, think of a shop which rents ATVs 3 seasons a year, country skis and mountain bikes to cycles area bike trails/kayaks. So many opportunities to draw folks to enjoy your natural resources.
11086103	10/12/2014	Heavily promote four-seasonal recreation.
11100363	10/13/2014	Promote the outdoor activities
11101358	10/13/2014	pull together
11101368	10/13/2014	We haven't been able to entice businesses to come here so I think the town should start its own business. Other communities have done it with success. Benson, Minnesota for example. Also, I would institute a town tax for the hotels to get revenue from the tourists.
11105343	10/13/2014	Take whatever you can get to move forward, manufacturing, tourism, national park ect.
11106393	10/13/2014	Cut the bloated school budget considerably, rather than continuous cuts in necessary services, or more useful ones, such as the library.
11106980	10/13/2014	Stop hoping the mill would reopen and look to other industries for job growth.
11107385	10/13/2014	Be open and supportive of any new businesses that want to start in this area.
11114918	10/13/2014	Get high-speed internet into the town, give it to residents for free, then market Millinocket to high tech telecommuters, tech consultants and writers, as well as others who do their jobs online. Market the beauty, the serenity, and the nearness to "cities," if that's what they want.
11116493	10/13/2014	Go after new. Bises such as wood pellet mill etc
11119823	10/13/2014	nnnnnnn
11122096	10/13/2014	Rather than looking only to your reelection hopes, please make the decisions that need to be made for the good of the town. The mill isn't coming back, and a national park won't save us.
11123564	10/13/2014	The need to cut services. We cannot afford to continue paying the taxes we are paying.
11128973	10/13/2014	We need to get the school situation settled with east
11147477	10/13/2014	Remain positive, constructive and actively promote area throughout n.e.
11151942	10/13/2014	They need to move on from the old GNP days.
11155240	10/13/2014	Take advantage of the knowledge many people have. Towns people have a thing about (out siders) they must acknowledge their potential it's amazing what they have done in former towns and their knowledge could be put to great use here. Millinocket has never been a business friendly town, the town council always seems to shoot down new ideas from towns people but get taken in by out side big talkers, they should be helping the many small business grow. Foe example. one business in town had about 18 to 20 people involved in a co-op type business, rent was reasonable, a good location. Taxes were an issue with the landlord, rather then work with everyone the town gave everyone 4 just 4 days to get out. Now this building sits empty, windows are being broken out and who knows what else. People come to town looking for this shop only to be told, our great leaders, who are supposed to be doing what is good for the town, shut it down. I think our town council needs to get their head out of the sand and get busy listening to someone who knows how to turn thing around , and I personally don't care when they are from. We need all the help we can get.
11162283	10/13/2014	?
11175516	10/14/2014	Forget about the mills completely and seek out any other woods product businesses.
11188890	10/14/2014	The New England mill town is dead. Get over it.
11212832	10/14/2014	Really, really try, and I know that they have, but try again to consolidate the school systems.
11217055	10/14/2014	Set a goal(s) and involve the community in achieving it. Where do we want to be five years from now, ten years? What/how do we do what needs to be done to reach our goal.
11218326	10/14/2014	Tear down all town acquired and abandoned buildings that are in poor repair and enforce/create codes for property owners whose properties are eyesores.
11242263	10/15/2014	The council needs to do there homework on issues instead of relying solely on the managers advise. There's a reason the manager has been (let go) from the other communities she's served, or diserved.
11251858	10/15/2014	Tear down the eyesores on Penobscot Ave. (german restaurant should have been tom down 10 years ago!)
11255150	10/15/2014	Absolute need to put emotions aside and strive to be inviting to ALL forms of businesses.
11257462	10/15/2014	Get signatures for a Mini Target store that they just started launching in some towns. Also, add an indoor inflatable park for kids, a movie theater, there are MANY young families in the area. One all encompassing store and movies would SUCCEED. Other towns would come to use.
11260321	10/15/2014	Set up a reserve account for emergencies
11261427	10/15/2014	Focus on what you have now and don't be dragged down by the past. Provide meaningful tax relief to business whether it be manufacturing, retail or tourism. Take off the blinders.
11271970	10/15/2014	The town needs to take advantage of the tourism trade similar to what has been done at the Maine coast for years. Also, determine what the differences and similarities are between Millinocket and Lincoln. Lincoln seems to be growing while Millinocket is quickly dying.
		Bring back the old! Make the bandstand in the park live again! Bands and street dances in the summer and fall. Springtime, and Harvest craft fairs in the park. Use the booth fees toward the town budgets. Use the ski tow/hill near the high school in the winter adverties it! Make people want to come here! Serve hot chocolate to families and kids for a small

11296325	10/16/2014	toward the town budgets. Use the ski tow hill near the high school in the winter advertise it, make people want to come here! Serve hot chocolate to families and kids for a small price instead of charging for use of the hill. Same with the ice skating rink. In the summer sell ice creams near the pool. There are plenty of options to seize and make it better. Advertisement is key. Let people know what Millinocket has to offer!
11311342	10/16/2014	Learn how to market what you have
11315791	10/16/2014	fiscal responsibility over compassion
11324481	10/16/2014	The path forward, is just that, forward. It is not behind us in the past. We must forget how this town has been run in the past and completely overhaul it for the future. Don't talk about a single big industry. We have seen that all eggs in one basket can be devastating. The key to the future and a world economy is diversity.
11325203	10/16/2014	try to get things to come to town anything would be nice promote the town to anyone how would listen
11327043	10/16/2014	cut the school budget to bare bones
11328289	10/16/2014	Consolidation of town and schools
11359850	10/17/2014	As this is a community with many outdoor activities, attract companies dealing with the outdoors, ATV and snowmobiling companies, LL Bean with a small store to serve the area, a small department store for clothing
11366835	10/17/2014	consolidate town departments and schools
11402143	10/18/2014	Working together as a community, including the Educational System. Education is extremely important, but we must consider the needs of the whole community.
11406468	10/18/2014	Cut each department to employees only needed to run the department and cut out dead wood. The town has too many chiefs not doing any work.
11438854	10/19/2014	You must accept new ideas and be open to change. The mills are NOT coming back
11452276	10/19/2014	consolidation of our school system I would like to know who in the process is so against this issue. when talking everyone seems to agree that this is a good idea.
11469443	10/19/2014	Stop living in the past. Put away the old rivalries and work with East and Medway to come up with a workable plan for municipal services and education opportunities. Leave your egos at the door and get it done before we all wake up and realize its all gone.
11469565	10/19/2014	Please embrace low-impact tourism: hiking, biking, camping, paddling, cross-country skiing in addition to hunting, fishing and motorized sports. Capitalize on being close to Baxter State Park and the Appalachian Trail.
11504819	10/20/2014	We need to make the town more attractive as a destination for Winter and Summer recreation. We need to advertise the natural attractions available in the area.

What is your best advice on which services should be cut to keep spending in line with revenues? If you think no services should be cut, please say so.

10102974	09/29/2014	Consolidation of Katahdin Area Schools, Move library into Municipal Building, Reduce recreation to pool only, privatize (FBO) airport, all volunteer fire, privatize or contract out Ambulance.
10327347	10/02/2014	Cannot intelligently respond. Not enough knowledge on this subject.
10330428	10/02/2014	All community school budgets should be cut but combined together to make one solid school for our children
10335345	10/02/2014	curbside trash collection for residences, not businesses, should be cut. It is only a small cut, but I can't pinpoint any others.
10336554	10/02/2014	School budget
10335499	10/02/2014	Cut back on the number of police officers. Join forces with the East Millinocket/Medway school systems and creat one new school system for the area.
10340832	10/02/2014	Schools.
10342334	10/02/2014	You need to invest and to do that you need to tax. Or bond. You cannot cut your way out of this. Now is the time to invest. And by the way: when you had the mills was the time to use those tax dollars to invest in your infrastructure. Now you'll have to pay your own way.
10347036	10/02/2014	I am not in a position to decide what should or should not be cut. What I think is important may not be to the others in the community. But, we seem to have a great deal of duplication. Perhaps that is a place to start, combine some of the services. We obviously need to cut, but we need to do so wisely. Knee jerks just don't work. Neither do personal agendas.
10347079	10/02/2014	There is no single service but the perks must go across the board. Using town resources for all non-essentials must stop - Firedept polos, car washing, excess travel, professional subscriptions, etc.. etc.. etc...
10363558	10/02/2014	I'm sure there are services that should be cut, but I can't think of any specific ones right now.
10387855	10/02/2014	Library and Recreation
10389702	10/02/2014	Library rec Dept
10408782	10/03/2014	Create a single municipality out of Millinocket, East Millinocket and Medway and consolidate services, including schools, for the region.
10410653	10/03/2014	Services such as Schools and Public Safety should be consolidated between the three towns of Millinocket, EAst Millinocket and Medway.
10415026	10/03/2014	I believe services should be consolidated to the nth degree, if that means cutbacks of hours or services, so be it. Nothing needs to be cut - everything needs to be made more efficient considering our shrinking population.
10415654	10/03/2014	Dont know enough about what or where revenues are allocated to address this question
10415669	10/03/2014	I think the Tri-Town schools should be combined to help control taxes for everyone.
10415782	10/03/2014	CONSOLIDATE THE SCHOOLS.
10416032	10/03/2014	I'm not sure anything should be eliminated and likely everything should be cut back to a scale that works with the town's new economic and population reality. education is a risky one to cut further and I know there's a lot of money that goes into it but If we want to attract new people to the area having a viable education environment is critical
10415751	10/03/2014	plowing 2 inches of snow on a sidewalk/street during a dusting.
10416334	10/03/2014	Consolidate ALL services, school, fire, police, public works....with surrounding communities. Nothing should be cut.
10416117	10/03/2014	I believe an effort should be made to combine services within the Katahdin region, amongst Millinocket, East Millinocket and Medway. We are not the only town suffering and our combined services would be better for all residents. The schools should also combine, for the sake of a better education for all students and our tax bills, which will bury us if we don't reduce the school budget.
10415878	10/03/2014	Boy that's a tough one. I have a friend that's a police officer in Millinocket. They have more that what they can handle. He works all kinds of overtime. There is a lot of "criminal" activity with the younger generation...drugs, etc. There has to be cuts somewhere...I'm not sure.
10416747	10/03/2014	I believe the services that can be cut have already been cut. Our public services are bare bones and our school systems have been cut to the point where any more cuts would result in closing. The one money-saving venture that should be considered is school consolidation. The school aged population is consistently decreasing throughout our tri-town area. I would rather see a consolidated school system with a variety of learning opportunities and extra curricular activities to help our next generation to be well-rounded citizens.
10419276	10/03/2014	At this time, no services
10418316	10/03/2014	At this point our services have been cut as far as they can be so my answer is no cuts. It is time for the 3 communities of Medway, East Millinocket and Millinocket to get over their childish, petty differences and consolidate services and schools.
10419621	10/03/2014	I think the schools need to consolidate with Medway and E Millinocket and unfortunately that will mean cutting some teaching and ed tech positions, but we need this to survive.
10419872	10/03/2014	Not necessarily cut but I feel there is room for optimization or consolidation between public works, safety, schooling between millinocket, east millinocket, and medway
10419772	10/03/2014	Think the people who deal with this everyday should be the people involved in this decision as they are more familiar with what the effects will be once the cuts are made or not made.
10421355	10/03/2014	Consolidation of services across the board
10421458	10/03/2014	Better use of the time of town employes such as 3 people to water plants.
10420961	10/03/2014	Start with the schools. The school system now eats more of the budget than the entire rest of the town, and the graduating class last year at the high school was so small it could have been educated in a single moderately-large classroom. (Consolidation with other communities seems to make a lot of sense, but I gather that much of the resistance to this is coming from outside of Millinocket). I'm under the impression that much of the rest of town services could/should be scaled back a bit, in reasonable proportion to each other, but I have not seen a detailed budget to make concrete suggestions about this yet.
10423468	10/03/2014	We need to consolidate schools and some services with East Millinocket and Medway.
10423846	10/03/2014	Shared town and SCHOOL administratio between communities
10423576	10/03/2014	I would be more in favor of consolidating public safety and education services with surrounding areas than making cuts to services.
10424045	10/03/2014	Consolidate services with our neighboring community
10424384	10/03/2014	Unfortunately, I would have to say the recreation department and the library. We could make these volunteer with pay as you go. Hopefully, we could get enough dedicated people to work
10425518	10/03/2014	No more new vehicles for police!!
10425677	10/03/2014	no service cuts
10425759	10/03/2014	Fire, police, rescue, plowing, street sweeping. There are FAR too many things taken for granted and "expected" here because "its always been". We don't need our own paid fire department or police department or ambulance service. The roads don't need to be plowed 10 times in one storm, pushing the banks back a few inches each pass. And when spring rolls around, the street sweepers don't need to be out in full force, up and down my street 10 times a day.
10426518	10/03/2014	I'd be stupid to say that I understand enough to comment at this point. I need to be more informed as to where all the revenues go.
10426430	10/03/2014	Schools,Public Works,Public Safety could be consolidated resulting in a savings.which would be better than cutting anything
10427419	10/03/2014	Police department, Fire to volunteer, school administration,
10427359	10/03/2014	Consolidate the schools with East Millinocket, go to a volunteer fire fighter force, and cut back on the police department
10426649	10/03/2014	desperate times desperate measures: 1. transfer station open two days a week only 2. library closed but somehow incorporate people to be able to use the school library. 3. town office close an extra day a week 4. home lunch only at school no kitchen 5. pay to play: with sports and performing arts (parents need to being helping out more in this area to raise money for the activities their kids want to do). the tax payers should not be paying for it. (I am a parent of two students) 6. no more new computers for the schools. 7. cut admin staff at the schools before teachers. 8. consolidate police with east mill/medway and fire with east mill/medway.
10427954	10/03/2014	No services
10428078	10/03/2014	We are at a bare minimum now.
10428143	10/03/2014	There are not enough services in town as it is.

10427808	10/03/2014	There is no need of a Police Chief and a Deputy Chief for a four man department. The fire department could become a volunteer department.
10428279	10/03/2014	We need to research a volunteer fire department. It works in other town with a greater population than we have.
10428053	10/03/2014	I don't think any more services should be cut.
10429208	10/03/2014	Police, fire and ambulance need to be cut. The fire department should be a volunteer department. Ambulance should be contracted out. Police department reduced or eliminated and contracted with the county to provide coverage.
10429354	10/03/2014	NO
10429613	10/03/2014	No services should be cut.
10429759	10/03/2014	No input.
10430266	10/03/2014	Police, fire and public works depts. should be shared with East Millinocket and Medway
10430618	10/03/2014	no
10430614	10/03/2014	Consolidating schools, looking to share police dept, (administrative duties)
10430836	10/03/2014	NO SERVICES SHOULD BE CUT!!!!!! We need what we have now to attract people to come.
10430388	10/03/2014	Consolidation do the schools would help the entire area
10431083	10/03/2014	Is it necessary to have full time employees at the airport when the gas is on a "swipe" system? I know that is not a big ticket item but it is a question I hear in the community. I also hear grumbling about an assistant firechief. assitant police chief. Is that move really saving the town money?
10431336	10/03/2014	Roads need to become secondary. They will be rough but traffic will slow down and the expenditures of pavement will be much less. Easier to add som dirt to holes and cheaper. Those are the best type of cuts to make.
10431638	10/03/2014	School consolidation needs to happen immediately!!!
10432290	10/03/2014	don't spend money on anything that isn't a necessity. simple as that.
10432212	10/03/2014	Millinocket has already cut services way back, reduced employees and cut back hours of operation. We need fire, EMS and police protection, we need our roads plowed and maintained. If there's any place on the town side to cut maybe it's in the town office but so much has been cut already.
10432496	10/03/2014	none
10432228	10/03/2014	Unfortunately all non-essential personnel need to be cut immediately. The schools need to be merged with surrounding communities immediately.
10432573	10/03/2014	cut # of officers on at a time. Can you do a on call officer that lives in town a few dollars to sit home and be available for back up if needed or to take people to jail. When they get called in they get regular pay.
10433013	10/03/2014	Social Services
10433705	10/03/2014	Schools
10433760	10/03/2014	Cut those not affordable, but maintain those needed to progress the plan
10433684	10/03/2014	Combine police and fire
10433858	10/03/2014	Millinocket and East Millinocket need to swallow their pride and create a community school, save big money!!!
10433624	10/03/2014	I am not sure what else should be cut, but I do believe the municipal library should not close and if possible should remain open on the current schedule.
10433907	10/03/2014	Services can be cut but not from schools. It says a lot about a community that takes pride in their school. Cut police, trash days, road crews but not school programs.
10435205	10/03/2014	DONT cut services combine with neighboring communities
10435612	10/03/2014	No services.
10435682	10/03/2014	library
10435296	10/03/2014	We should be consolidated so that we can function with less cuts!
10435691	10/03/2014	I believe enough services have be3n cut as it is.
10435999	10/03/2014	Services should not be cut any further.
10436078	10/03/2014	Not sure.
10436712	10/03/2014	Combine schools, police departments and fire departments.
10436849	10/03/2014	none
10436887	10/03/2014	Schools need to be combined to share expenses.
10438366	10/03/2014	Not sure
10438577	10/03/2014	Combine services with surrounding towns, some volunteer services would be beneficial.
10438631	10/03/2014	We seem to be "down" to the quick if we are to continue operating as a Town.
10438790	10/03/2014	I think that people who receive financial assistance should be required to volunteer to provide some of the services that the town can't afford to hire someone to do.
10439385	10/03/2014	Library & dump
10440897	10/03/2014	sell Stearns to Unity College & offer their students the wildemess classroom we have outside our doors...send Millinocket Students to Medway Middle School & Schenck High School...keep Granite
10455694	10/04/2014	No more cuts
10457668	10/04/2014	None
10459905	10/04/2014	I think the Town Office could do with a few less employees.
10460753	10/04/2014	I live 8 miles outside of town, so am not up on town services.
10463992	10/04/2014	Consolidating the schools, the costs to run them both with the amount of students we have is a no brainer.
10465058	10/04/2014	After a town had grown as Millinocket had, and then to have a decline at the magnitude they have seen, it's difficult to downsize town staff, not to mention it is taking even more jobs away from the area. However, I think reviews of how the town functioned and staffed before the growth should be looked at to see where cuts could be made. Less public works, less fill time police officers? The cuts hurt and not always favorable decisions, but necessary to downsize to allow the town to regather itself where it's at financially. Sometimes you have to take all if the pieces apart to rebuild a new masterpiece.
10465297	10/04/2014	I don't think services should be cut but I think there is always room to streamline things and reevaluate to see if they can be more efficient and cost effective.
10466650	10/04/2014	Consolidate the school housing, get the kids into one building. The police could do with 1 or 2 less full time officers. The fire department as well. Public works could tighten up too. Public works could be a lot more proactive in the maintenance of the roads etc.. If you want people to stay, the taxes cannot continue to rise.
10467087	10/04/2014	Honestly, we dont have a lot of services, maybe put some of the wellfare folks to work, give them something to do to earn their money, picking up trash, landscaping something
10469022	10/04/2014	Cut school retiree insurance instead of the school budget. Look closer at frivolous expenditure. Look at what other small towns like us do and be open to suggestion not closed minded
10470638	10/04/2014	Get rid of half the police officers .. This town is to small for so many... Taxes are way to night no one wants to move here why move here when they can live in bangor. Or Lincoln and pay half of what we pay
10471746	10/04/2014	what ever is not needed for operation per population size.
10474680	10/04/2014	Cuts do need to be made but I am not sure where or how. Maybe doing away with a few title positions would be a good start. One example would be the school custodial supervisor. I mean for two schools, seriously. I am sure that there a few more such titles.
10476173	10/04/2014	none
10476150	10/04/2014	I am not familiar enough with the services that the town offers to say.
10477425	10/04/2014	Anything deemed to not be a need.

10479135	10/04/2014	Services should always be evaluated regularly - before budget time, but services seldom should be cut if currently providing a need. Services, however, should be consolidated: i.e. school systems, fire/police, social services.
10480193	10/04/2014	I think that the schools should look at combining in a positive way and I think that police, fire, and other services could potentially be combined. This could help keep most services; they may simply look different.
10480094	10/04/2014	I think that anything that involves our children should not be cut. Sure some of our most expensive line items in the budget have to do either with public safety or children. Even though this is the case, our children ARE OUR FUTURE! I have been to multiple council meetings, all which have been very unprofessional I might add. Don't boast behind the stand, don't mitigate power plays, and to think that your personal agenda gets in the way of the mindset of the citizens is appalling. I go to school (University) to be embarrassed by our region. Stop cutting and start innovating.
10482129	10/04/2014	You got to do what you go to do, just keep in mind the children are our future.
10497008	10/05/2014	Don't cut, combine with our neighboring communities.
10506294	10/05/2014	We are at the bare bones now.
10514071	10/05/2014	no services cut, some can be streamlined, get rid of what is not needed though.
10514361	10/05/2014	Education, but only by combining schools with East Millinocket and Medway. Utilize less buildings, and keep the educators.
10515479	10/05/2014	Do we need a deputy police chief AND a Chief sitting in offices? We should have working department heads in all departments if they aren't already. Less administration at the schools, esp. Facility Manager Diferedico- ridiculous amount of pay for that job!.. yet they keep eliminating teaching positions. What is a school without teachers?
10516108	10/05/2014	No services should be cut. I wish the 'cut, cut' mentality would end. You have to spend money to make money. Somehow, many of us can't understand that.
10519727	10/05/2014	The fire dept ambulance service needs to go to a private contractor, possibly so should the police. The unfunded liability in Millinocket is \$22 million. A private contractor would be holding the benefits packages.
10525840	10/05/2014	All budgets will be looked at again we need to prioritize our Departments and go from there
10526383	10/05/2014	I don't think anymore services should be cut. But I would charge a small fee to use the pool. Many towns charge to use their pool either a fee for the summer or maybe \$1.00 a day per child many people use it from out of town.
10533758	10/05/2014	I think whenever possible to combine social and government services with East and Medway, u should.
10541172	10/05/2014	School consolidation with East Millinocket, Fire, Recreation, Library and Airport.
10566486	10/06/2014	no
10567144	10/06/2014	As stated as before consolidation of services may prevent cutting services.
10567268	10/06/2014	I think all areas of spending should be reduced to ballance the budget. Everyone needs to contribute until we are back on tract.
10569712	10/06/2014	not sure
10570512	10/06/2014	To many police officers in this town. Cut some. Go to a all volunteer fire department. Keep our elementary school open. Keep our library open.
10572014	10/06/2014	I would say that administration in the town office could be cut and use part time employees in some of these positions instead of having full time employees. No public safety jobs should be cut though the ambulance should be self sufficient which it can be if the money it generates stays in that dept. Not going into the general fund and have the ems be more aggressive look at other places to expand an example is supply an ambulance with a crew in medway that would be beneficial to both towns.
10573186	10/06/2014	All services have been cut. Purchasing new equipment/tools should be stopped. In order to downsize further, utilize local businesses for contract jobs in town rather than outsourcing. Talk to East Millinocket about consolidation of services.
10575070	10/06/2014	As apposed to cutting I would encourage consolidation with duplicating services in the region.
10588413	10/06/2014	Ambulance to private sector. Recreation services. Combine the tri-town school systems into one.
10588820	10/06/2014	with the dwindling population, it's my belief the school systems could consolidate with East Millinocket and Medway which will cut not only the Town of Millinocket's budget significantly, but the two surrounding towns as well...a benefit for all.
10589654	10/06/2014	combine services with East Millinocket
10589877	10/06/2014	Library, Pool, Airport
10589730	10/06/2014	Teachers...!
10590461	10/06/2014	The Recreation Dept., though important, could take some cuts. Parents & volunteers could step in here more and reduce costs.
10591842	10/06/2014	Consolidate, so no more cuts
10591897	10/06/2014	I'd look at cutting Town Hall Admin. staff & stop staffing open-to-the-public hours. Also, the cost of insurance & retirement packages are too high for this small town; reevaluate the whole school budget and the cost of Town employees.
10593265	10/06/2014	No cuts needed
10593982	10/06/2014	Id rather not see cuts as I feel that we are bare bones for our kids as it is.
10594078	10/06/2014	No Services cut
10594503	10/06/2014	Not really sure on this question
10594450	10/06/2014	I think we are at bar bones as it is. No cuts!
10594667	10/06/2014	Please, oh please, do not close the library
10594857	10/06/2014	None at this time
10595080	10/06/2014	Why cut if u can get a draw to increase revenue?
10595104	10/06/2014	I don't think services cut but maybe share services with our three communities
10594718	10/06/2014	I don't know enough about each item and also don't want cuts so I wouldn't be helpful at this time until I had more information so I could see if more had to be cut...also rather than cutting I'd like to see more combining of resources between the towns instead.
10595217	10/06/2014	I don't believe any services should be cut.
10595260	10/06/2014	not sure
10595552	10/06/2014	Decrease overhead/admin costs.
10595589	10/06/2014	Not sure
10595795	10/06/2014	I don't know about cuts. I would have to look at the expenses, but I would definitely recommend consolidating with East and Medway. The school also takes up a majority of our towns budget. I would look into the Lee Academy offer again if it is still a possibility. If not, definitely consolidating the area schools. Or perhaps putting all of the k-12 schools into Steams and closing granite street down.
10595819	10/06/2014	Consolidate, consolidate, consolidate.... everything.
10595652	10/06/2014	All stipends should be cut. They're small but they add up. I dont know that we can cut much more. We're at the point that East, Medway, and Millinocket have to combine services or we will all suffer.
10596899	10/06/2014	I think that anything having to do with education should NOT be cut.
10597064	10/06/2014	Stop spending.
10597162	10/06/2014	After school activities that's costs money
10597339	10/06/2014	x
10597430	10/06/2014	.
10597395	10/06/2014	Administrative
10597353	10/06/2014	At this point there isn't much more we should cut. We need to work harder to bring things into town and make the town more attractive. Sometimes that means making an investment.

10597598	10/06/2014	No services should be cut.
10597515	10/06/2014	I am not sure.
10597398	10/06/2014	i think we need our own local fire dept. because of response time to fires here in town. but i think police services in the three town region should be merged. there is talk of defunding the library, but i personally would see that as saving far less than other services and would be a real loss since nothing would replace it. if police services were changed, they would at least still exist. axing the library i don't think would really save all that much in comparison. and i think it would be a bigger loss to the town's image and identity than is being factored in to the knee jerk plans to eliminate it. i believe once it's gone, it would never return. but i may well be wrong in my estimation of it's value. i do still think it's peanuts compared to what could be saved in other areas. restructuring major services that cost so much more seems a smart way to go. i don't really know what else would fall under this description. but as i said, we need fire response capacity within town borders.
10599747	10/06/2014	No services. Too much has already been taken away, especially from the kids
10600024	10/06/2014	School consolidation
10599884	10/06/2014	Services shouldn't simply be cut but rather streamlined to provide the best in all areas within the available revenues. If we keep cutting services, school budgets etc there will be nothing left to attract others to our community. Consolidation of the area's schools is a must.
10602763	10/06/2014	N/A
10602928	10/06/2014	We need to protect our citizens with an adequate police force; we need to educate our children; we need to maintain our streets and roads; we need a library... I'm not sure what can be cut. We need to think creatively about what services should be provided and how to do it - in some cases in partnership with our neighbors.
10611149	10/06/2014	Combine services with other towns
10622912	10/07/2014	No, services should not be cut. Population will decline even more if services are cut.
10623819	10/07/2014	All areas must be reduced. We could consolidate much of the administration and reduce the overall budget by sequestration.
10624638	10/07/2014	I think consolidation of school services with neighboring towns would benefit everyone.
10625031	10/07/2014	Any service that is not needed to keep the town going as a responsibility. We need to keep our roads, sewers, and anything that people need to survive here. The school system is huge for the amount of students. The municipal side has lost continuously for the last couple of decades due to the Mill situation.
10626417	10/07/2014	No services
10629331	10/07/2014	Recreation
10629066	10/07/2014	Combine services may be the best answer rather than cutting services.
10629600	10/07/2014	The Millinocket, East Millinocket and Medway school systems need to consolidate. As well as the police force and fire station.
10628602	10/07/2014	Unless a person is involved in a certain department of the town, I believe it is difficult to know where cuts can be made.
10630192	10/07/2014	NOt sure
10630293	10/07/2014	I don't live in town so I don't know about local town provided services
10630032	10/07/2014	1) Continue to work to consolidate the Katahdin area schools. It may be time to rename our school to welcome them. i.e., Appalachian High School 2) Consolidate public works and transfer sites 3) Get the town office equipped with on-line services for residents to register vehicles. Start accepting credit cards and collect full payments sooner from residents even if it means a slight mark up to cover the credit card cost. 4) Keep our ambulance service, just obtain wiser billing and collection practices, it can be profitable. 5) Do we really need a school bus for local children? 6) Ask the public to volunteer to retain some services, i.e, library, recreation, etc.
10630960	10/07/2014	I would say I would hate to see any services cut. Not sure of all services in the Millinocket budget either.
10632190	10/07/2014	combine police, fire and schools with East Millinocket & Meday
10632338	10/07/2014	The schools (East and Millinocket) should consider consolidation - at \$20-30/k per student per annum. it should be the best - or one of the best school systems in the state. Imagine if it was?
10632891	10/07/2014	n
10632726	10/07/2014	We have cut services to the bare minimum. We need to find revenue to keep the remaining services that we need.
10630963	10/07/2014	Not being a resident it would be difficult to voice my opinion on this. Each service should be evaluated fully to determine if the service is essential and the total impact if eliminated or altered. Also, consider sharing/ and or consolidating services with surrounding communities.
10633853	10/07/2014	Do not cut services.
10633931	10/07/2014	We have only talked about cutting services for so long. We need to combine our services with the surrounding communities to reduce the cost, but keep the services. We do NOT want to lose the hospital and airport.
10634165	10/07/2014	I think the ambulance should be privatized; the fire dept. should be made a volunteer dept. and that without actually closing it the recreation dept. needs some changes, maybe charging people to use the pool to help pay for it? So much per day or per family per summer?
10634973	10/07/2014	less aid to the welfare that are so easily attracted to this area.
10634945	10/07/2014	No services should be cut, rather they should be improved. The mindset here has always been to cut and cut again, or hold off doing thing because it will cost too much; little realizing that when the project is finally approved the cost will be much higher than if they had done it when it should have been done.
10634665	10/07/2014	Curb side pick up of yard debris Town Manager
10633566	10/07/2014	No more cuts! We need the services we have to maintain an infrastructure to meet the needs of our community.
10637957	10/07/2014	Police department cut. More focus on federal grants.
10638889	10/07/2014	Consolidate police ,fire, public works.
10639614	10/07/2014	No cuts
10640446	10/07/2014	the regions schools should be consolidated. There is no excuse for having 2 sets of half empty schools 10-15 minutes apart. This should have happened when i was growing up there 20 years ago.
10640698	10/07/2014	I think the fire station should be cut down to volunteer, a private Ambulance service.combine the police station, Town office and library into the library building to save money.
10640953	10/07/2014	Nothing
10641033	10/07/2014	I'm not sure.
10641098	10/07/2014	We shouldn't be cutting anything further in this community, but finding ways to bring in a better tax base to offer MORE services.
10640054	10/07/2014	I think Millinocket and East Millinocket should consider merging or otherwise combine administrative services for the towns and should merge the schools. An examination of other similar-sized community's expenses and revenues for the school system may be instructive. If quality of education is diminished in this process however, it will hurt the area's prospects to recruit new residents.
10641565	10/07/2014	There are many ways to save money that are not being addressed in this town and other forms of possible revenue that are not being explored. I think a close look at where money is being spent would reveal a lot of places where cuts could take place without losing services or jobs.
10641818	10/07/2014	Education buget
10642319	10/07/2014	sorry I don't feel I could answer this one well enough.
10642255	10/07/2014	Many of our services have already been cut, I hope there are not very many more changes.
10642400	10/07/2014	I think the cuts made are deep and leave little room for more. However I urge the municipal library remain open at least on the current three day schedule.
10642896	10/07/2014	I do not think services should be cut.
10642873	10/07/2014	can't cut town more
10642602	10/07/2014	Too many services have been cut already, so none that I can think of.
10642811	10/07/2014	Millinocket is loaded with elderly people that want to help out, why not have a volunteer run library. Also a volunteer fire department.
10643737	10/07/2014	I believe the schools like granite street schenck exc there's no need for all of them anymore consolidate all rec dept/sports
		My suggestion would be to avoid cutting funding to education. If you want the town to attract families whatsoever, you won't do it if they see you're slashing the school budget,

10644089	10/07/2014	eliminating promises you made to teachers. It's not a news flash that young parents do their research on school departments. They do. And they'll go wherever their kids will get the best education. That's said for what town they live in, or in cities, even what neighborhood they live in. Keep the school system strong.
10644348	10/07/2014	Consolidation of Schools is a must
10644997	10/07/2014	Continue to work streamlining services as possible.
10646520	10/07/2014	i don't know ut something needs to go
10646818	10/07/2014	The number of police officers may be able to be reduced if there was a way to make Millinocket less desirable to people who live off the state and town.
10645321	10/07/2014	On the town side of the budget no services should be cut.
10647912	10/07/2014	School. Too few students per teacher right now. They need to cut the traveling budget for sports, the town council needs to cut their expenses too! We pay way too much and it keeps going up and up. Retirees are not able to keep up with all these increases and are leaving! Giving money to help businesses has been a big bust!!! They never pay it back!
10648972	10/07/2014	services have been cut enough
10650178	10/07/2014	There are too many services that have been cut in the past, so don't cut ANY more.
10651271	10/07/2014	The school library and the town library should be consolidated.
10649329	10/07/2014	Not sure right now
10646602	10/07/2014	refer to question above also change the form of government to selectman
10654844	10/07/2014	today I went to town - there was a street sweeper sweeping a section of newly paved road on Penobscot avenue - what a WASTE of money. The state allowed GNP to be delinquent on a tax payment to the town and yet they gave them a tax return on equipment that could have put another \$600K into the towns pocket. that's just crazy!!
10655351	10/07/2014	All should be looked at do what is best for all.
10656434	10/07/2014	none
10657915	10/07/2014	I don't think that services should be cut but there needs to be a consolidation with surrounding communities.
10657648	10/07/2014	We do not need 7 town councilors, 5 would be adequate.
10658184	10/07/2014	What is left to be cut? As long as the people of Millinocket won't open their doors to new opportunities, it WILL turn into a ghost town.
10658882	10/07/2014	Schools
10658327	10/07/2014	none
10659906	10/07/2014	No services should be cut, they've been cut to the bare bone!
10660265	10/07/2014	Not an expert in those areas!
10661152	10/07/2014	Assistants to the assistants.
10661436	10/07/2014	Cut more police officers. Cut the building facilities manager at the school department. Cut the Ed techs who ride each bus twice a day due to poor behavior. Expect good behavior!
10661695	10/07/2014	I don't feel there is a need to cut services
10663063	10/07/2014	School spending should be reduced by working with neighboring communities
10663126	10/07/2014	If we dont consolidate our fire department go to volunteer dept
10662298	10/07/2014	Make an academy for all schools in the area, such as Foxcroft or Thornton Academy, and bring in young smart graduates to teach a "current" curriculum. The schools in area must be brought together, but in a positive way. Where the outcome is cutting edge learning for an underprivileged community. So schools combined would lower educational costs. Turn one existing school into a shopping mall or observatory for tropical plants and birds. There is a lot of grant money in Maine to be tapped into to grow the community back boldly. The Maine Arts Commission, Quimby, King, Maine Community Foundation, etc.
10663949	10/07/2014	Travel expenses for sports
10663944	10/07/2014	I do not think that we should cut any services, but instead consolidate with East Millinocket and/or Medway.
10663913	10/07/2014	Combine all three town. Fire police schools. Make the kids pay for the sports they play, most schools do.
10664199	10/07/2014	Cutting the P.D. combining the town's with one chief for fire and police.
10664254	10/07/2014	Reduction in schools and in the town employees.
10664415	10/07/2014	no services should be cut
10664621	10/07/2014	Cut everything except school. Without educated children there will be NOTHING left of this town.
10664595	10/07/2014	town manager
10664480	10/07/2014	I think the Granite Street should be closed. The transfersite sold to a private entity or go to 100% recycle and pay per bag.
10665772	10/07/2014	Integrate schools with nearby communities
10665934	10/07/2014	No services should be cut. Just combined
10665078	10/07/2014	Do not cut services. Annex land to include shore lines of the five lakes and other bodies within that geography to grow the tax base and set the stage for a redefined Millinocket community.
10666390	10/07/2014	The two school districts must merge
10666426	10/07/2014	This is difficult. WE are a olderish family (both parents 50 yrs old) with children as young as and 6 and 8 yrs old. So I don't really want services count but when they are it should be an all around.
10666899	10/07/2014	Cut no services.
10666919	10/07/2014	Cut the bloated school budget and eliminate the entitlement positions.
10666120	10/07/2014	Cut town admin. to two days per week. This means town office services. Explore the use of web cams for certain areas of the Town that would allow the public as well as the public safety officers to see issues and identify problems in public areas. This could create a saving in police patrols as well as increase overall security. The Town should consider, thoughtfully, if there could be savings in totally privatizing our Public Works dept.. Net employment would probably stay the same as any business doing the same level of service would need extra people but WOULD have a garage, fuel storage, insurance, etc.
10667483	10/07/2014	no comment
10667581	10/07/2014	Fire,
10667566	10/07/2014	I think the plowing is ridiculous. Sometimes it snows an inch and they are out plowing and they clean up the sidewalks in residential areas. Also, we have this giant infrastructure for water that goes to the mill and the rest of town and because the mill is no longer in business/ running the towns people have to take on the cost.
10667605	10/07/2014	We need to combine schools or ship the students out to another school. The expense is too high.
10668265	10/07/2014	Teachers because we have too many at Schenck in East Millinocket
10668287	10/07/2014	The problem is, to cut services means cutting jobs. I wouldn't wish that on anyone.
10668415	10/07/2014	Fire Dept. volunteers. Double-dipping retired teachers. Eliminate state unfunded mandated school programs.
10668637	10/07/2014	No services should be cut
10668516	10/07/2014	Airport (should/could be private enterprise), Town Office staffing, Administrative School Staff- secretaries (2 in one office?)
10668176	10/07/2014	Police force/equipment, education, legal retainers/costs, welfare, elected offices pays/stipends, non-profit contributions, non-emergency bond financing and across the board salary/benefit increases until the mill rate is maintained below 20 per thousand.
10669551	10/07/2014	Combine east mill and Millinocket fire departments
10669440	10/07/2014	I'm not sure?
10669249	10/07/2014	I don't think we need the form of town government that we have it is time to go back to a selectmen form of government. Also it is time to get rid of the town lawyer, he is costing the

10669018	10/07/2014	town way to much money by dragging a lot of legal issues out way further than they have to be. I believe it would be cheaper to have a lawyer as a need be not full time.
10669018	10/07/2014	The schools should consolidate ! Police dept and fire dept also
10670631	10/07/2014	Combine school districts with East Millinocket.
10670883	10/07/2014	welfare to the people that have moved here from other places should be cut.
10673248	10/07/2014	I don't know.
10674149	10/07/2014	i don't know enough about the situation to answer that ...but I think it would probably be in the schools and all employees of the town, and cut services. It is not a rich community anymore.
10682164	10/08/2014	It is time for the "Tri Town Area" to consolidate the school systems. Contrary to what some of the "adults" believe in the area, just because 25 or 30 years ago, when THEY were in Jr. High/High School they took issue with "the kids at the other schools in the other towns" consolidating WILL work in this day and age. Again, come into the 21st century!
10683988	10/08/2014	Please no more cuts to our school system.
10685962	10/08/2014	I think services have been cut to the max already
10686233	10/08/2014	Services should be reduce but not cut
10686588	10/08/2014	Don't cut but combine with east
10690188	10/08/2014	That's a difficult question. I can only say what should not be cut if our goals include attracting young professionals, healthcare and otherwise, to the area. It's important to maintain a good school system.
10691392	10/08/2014	Administration costs
10691555	10/08/2014	no services
10689500	10/08/2014	I really am not sure about this.
10691980	10/08/2014	At this point, any cuts would be too detrimental.
10697190	10/08/2014	consolidation of schools with neighboring communities
10697505	10/08/2014	Not sure, not familiar with the budgets
10697604	10/08/2014	Fire and Police
10696927	10/08/2014	The Police Dept. contract with Penobscot County & State Police. Also privatise Public Works.
10700797	10/08/2014	I think the town office needs to be looked at and combine some of the duties that are being done by several employees.
10700873	10/08/2014	due away with the double duty of the police chief/fire chief. he has no education in the fire dept. put some new in as fire chief with experience and knows what he/she is doing and eliminate the assistant Police chief and save that money
10701682	10/08/2014	It is unfair to ask this question of people not involved in the revenues and expenses. I disagree ethically with eliminating previously agreed to contracts to the retirees. of this community.
10702092	10/08/2014	close the pool
10703015	10/08/2014	I think that instead of cutting services, we should look at combining services with neighboring towns
10703001	10/08/2014	I guess all we could do is cut services back ?? Until thing pick up again ?? I hate to see any services cut but something's got to give ! Cut hours of operation at transfer site , consolidate schools , cut town workers back a day ???,
10703709	10/08/2014	School
10705007	10/08/2014	police
10704949	10/08/2014	no services should be cut
10705410	10/08/2014	Less people, less services to some degree. Essential are fire and police. Education needs to reflect the number of children going through the system. Hard to see anyone lose a job, but if you plan to survive, you need to be realistic.
10704500	10/08/2014	Because I don't live here it is hard for me to day. Are the emergency response sevices still geared to the Mill be operational?
10706404	10/08/2014	Do not plow unnecessarily. 3" or less rule - plow at end of storm. Merge schools.
10707813	10/08/2014	no services cut at this time.
10709435	10/08/2014	In line spending, review all spending.
10709865	10/08/2014	Schools we don't have enough kids to have the have that many teachers
10710294	10/08/2014	You can only cut so much without hurting the town/residents. I feel enough cuts have been made. Stop cutting or thinking of ways to cut. Start brainstorming on new ideas, jobs, rebuilding this former Milltown
10710907	10/08/2014	Town services have been great for so many years. However, I believe we can live without the streets swept and some of the other public works efforts more than we can live without the school system being strong.
10712516	10/08/2014	Town office needs to open for 2 days a week from 7 am to 6 pm. 2 employees maximum. One day a piece
10712796	10/08/2014	I don't have an opinion for this question.
10719472	10/08/2014	The town should not cut services
10720457	10/08/2014	I think if more people plan to stay more money should be invested in the roads and the schools but you have to make money to spend it.
10726245	10/08/2014	We don't need new police cars as often. New council people that are interested in the town and not just themselves. A town manager that knows how to help us and not just looking for a paycheck
10727506	10/08/2014	None
10727257	10/08/2014	Street sweeping, overtime with snow plowing, watering flower pots with a two person crew and an expensive water service truck, using expensive equipment to do inexpensive jobs.
10727090	10/08/2014	The school system is now archaic. The possibility of redeveloping a school system that is on the example of the interactive system now being utilized by our university system.
10729583	10/08/2014	None
10729750	10/08/2014	Welfare benefits should be cut unless people can pass a drug test!
10730805	10/08/2014	i feel there are alot of police. I know from my work experience there is a huge drug problem in town but you never see any drug busts in the paper.
10730968	10/08/2014	Time for consolidation between this tri-town community
10732857	10/08/2014	School consolidation.
10734245	10/08/2014	recreation department is way overboard for our shrinking communities - schools need to consolidate and REALLY FOCUS ON "THE KIDS"
10734612	10/08/2014	None
10736447	10/08/2014	The fire department should be combined with East Millinocket and Medway, we are close enough to be effective
10736690	10/08/2014	That is so hard. I think we should combine our Katahdin Region!!!
10737687	10/08/2014	No services. If cuts continue, families and community members have more if an incentive to move somewhere where there are better/more services
10738496	10/08/2014	no cuts
10739373	10/08/2014	reduce police, cut full time recreation,
10744930	10/08/2014	no more cuts
10744345	10/08/2014	I think it'd be good to remove a bit from everyone's salary instead of cutting jobs completely. I'm not really in a position to know enough on this to have ideas.
10754394	10/08/2014	This is a difficult one.

10756077	10/08/2014	Consolidate not cut services!! Collaborate within the tri town community
10804120	10/09/2014	Read previous
10806066	10/09/2014	We didn't need to spend money for a new police car recently!!!
10811781	10/09/2014	combine schools
10819546	10/09/2014	transfer station hours, library hours, rec department and school sports and other extracurricular school activities
10823558	10/09/2014	Fire dept. should be all volunteer
10829785	10/09/2014	sa
10831137	10/09/2014	Schools should be consolidated with nearby towns.
10839773	10/09/2014	None
10841231	10/09/2014	I think the town should contract out more of their services if possible...such as town recreation in the summer, landscape/lawncare in the summer. Try lowering the cost through service bids, taking on volunteers to handle a specific location, etc. Things that don't necessarily heighten any kind of safety risk.
10856482	10/09/2014	Consolidate what can be combined and eliminate what can be done without.
10858828	10/09/2014	I think money being spent on new cop cars, town office awnings, phones and carpets was a waist of money. We need the money to go into fixing up central street and promoting this town. I say central street because that is the hub of the town and we need to stand out for the tri town area. We don't want our visitors to ever leave.
10859507	10/09/2014	Medical insurance. Employee pay the bulk as do most of us in private sector
10860806	10/09/2014	school budget needs to still be cut
10861013	10/09/2014	cut back on all services
10861223	10/09/2014	Nothing should be cut
10864904	10/09/2014	I'm not well-informed enough to say.
10865772	10/09/2014	These decisions need to happen with people who work in these areas and can agree on cuts that would benefit everyone. Or do we need headhunters to come in and do it?
10870150	10/09/2014	Spending should be cut across the board- except in essential services (D, FD, etc)
10884666	10/10/2014	We could trim some fat on the police force.
10891259	10/10/2014	The Public Works department should be downsized, and there should be less snow removal.
10891734	10/10/2014	No services should be cut
10899474	10/10/2014	I think school consolidation at least for middle school and high school.
10919988	10/10/2014	Start with a 10% cut for all services and let the individuals and managers implement it. No health insurance continuation for anyone after Medicare is available.
10921405	10/10/2014	Recreation
10926487	10/10/2014	No services should be cut.
10938102	10/10/2014	Everything needs to be looked at. School department and Police specifically.
10949825	10/11/2014	Try not to cut any services but offer to share services when possible with nearby towns (Medway, East Millinocket)
10976012	10/11/2014	There seems to be an awfully large police force with expensive new vehicles for such a small town.
10978851	10/11/2014	No services can be cut further, in my opinion.
10979065	10/11/2014	The town needs to go to an unorganized territory, and allow the County to take over.
10980596	10/11/2014	A hard one to answer..
10981203	10/11/2014	Not sure
10981278	10/11/2014	schools need consolidating, unions should be broken, work rules are expensive
10981987	10/11/2014	I honestly do not know. I don't know what every person's job is and how needed it is.
10982102	10/11/2014	Over the last few years services have either been cut or reduced, to cut fire, police, ambulance or public works would be detrimental.
10982458	10/11/2014	Not sure. Haven't been here long enough to have a good answer.
10985714	10/11/2014	We need SCHOOLS, police, fire and public works. Adjust those accordingly and cut the rest.
10986094	10/11/2014	None enough have been cut.
10985880	10/11/2014	Do not cut services completely.
10987164	10/11/2014	Combine services with east and medway
10989402	10/11/2014	Welfare services. In order to receive a benefit you have to do something in return. Heating assistance for example requires a return service. Assist as a crossing guard held with town clean up. Give something back to the community
10990884	10/11/2014	The school budget and welfare
10990736	10/11/2014	Consolidate with East Millinocket & Medway. Schools, fire police etc.
10992144	10/11/2014	I am in favor of cutting back wherever possible but not eliminating.
11000794	10/11/2014	I would not cut services, just make sure there is no waste.
11002641	10/11/2014	no more cuts
11003843	10/11/2014	the answer is no they are taking to much from our kids
11004249	10/11/2014	no services
11010744	10/11/2014	Consolidate the schools.
11012269	10/11/2014	school administration
11012436	10/11/2014	mostly administration services. we dont need the same number of people in the front office for a town or towns that have gone down by at least fifty percent.
11012597	10/11/2014	There are too many girls working in the Town Hall. Look at the number of employees when the town was booming, compared to now.
11013039	10/11/2014	Excess teachers and other school staff. Excess town staff.
11012909	10/11/2014	No
11014748	10/11/2014	We have all already had a lot of cuts. In my mind if these towns would put the schools together and split everything 1/3 we could help the kids, instead of taking more away from them. I also think putting the schools together, we would need less teachers, so right there is a cut that could be done. If all three towns make one grade school.. right now we have 2. Same as middle school and high school..... we would have one of each = less teachers..... yes more busing.... but less teachers...
11030072	10/12/2014	School position, recreation departments, public safety, public works, administrative assistants.
11035291	10/12/2014	Consolidate and trim budgets.
11042723	10/12/2014	88
11043102	10/12/2014	I think we need to go department by department. You just can't say cut here or cut there without looking at each department.
11068683	10/12/2014	road upkeep (besides plowing) retirement benefits
11070865	10/12/2014	across the board elimination of "perks" - subscriptions, professional dues, uniforms, use of town resources for personal use.
11075893	10/12/2014	Tri-town region needs but one school system. Police and fire need to be integrated and manpower reduced.

11076758	10/12/2014	centralize with E Millinocket and Medway.
11076794	10/12/2014	none
11077180	10/12/2014	services have been cut enough
11077580	10/12/2014	when making up snow days etc....keep the kids until 3pm for the week instead going to school on sat.
11078007	10/12/2014	Every department needs to be looked at again.
11078206	10/12/2014	Police
11078255	10/12/2014	Services should be offered that are commensurate with the demographics of our community and that are likely to support our community in the future.
11078404	10/12/2014	cut the town council ,, cut the police down to three ,, stop fooling around and combine our schools with East and Medway ,, cut town office personal ,,
11078849	10/12/2014	At this time, likely nothing left to cut.
11086103	10/12/2014	None
11100363	10/13/2014	no
11101368	10/13/2014	No services.
11105343	10/13/2014	I don't think we can cut anymore, it's time to start rebuilding.
11106393	10/13/2014	The school budget is far higher than the student population suggests. The school budget should be sufficient to meet the needs of the student population, not an entitlement program for those whose services are no longer needed.
11106980	10/13/2014	There should be a combination of services: the fire dept., the police dept., the school, and the public works. If they are not then an outline of what it would like should be presented. I am talking about consolidation with east of course and any other systems.
11107385	10/13/2014	Consolidation of public works service and make appropriate cuts from there. Consolidation of the schools and cuts based on this process.
11114918	10/13/2014	Police Department (instead contracting with the Sheriff's office); heavy equipment, unless we sell the old items we replace; superfluous school teachers (i.e., 3 science teachers for our tiny middle school??); plowing after a snowstorm does not actually happen (with the explanation by town leaders that "they had the day off in preparation for a storm at night, and they have to do something").
11116493	10/13/2014	Nones
11122096	10/13/2014	1. The school budget. 2. Consolidate Fire/EMS services with East Millinocket. 3. Contract with Sheriff's Department for police services.
11123564	10/13/2014	Unfortunately, school, police, and fire departments.
11128973	10/13/2014	School budget
11147477	10/13/2014	Combine schools, fire dept., and police in tri-own area.
11151942	10/13/2014	The services are cut to the bones now. Next is eliminating them.
11155240	10/13/2014	It's hard to say, when I got to the dump and I'm unloading and 2 men are standing there watching me struggle then they aren't working are they. There are many small things, but nothing major.
11162283	10/13/2014	?
11175516	10/14/2014	No services cut.
11188890	10/14/2014	1. certain school programs (expensive boy sports like football, drop maintaining half of the sports fields, close the cafeteria, overhead is expensive so cut the jazz band and one of the plays and one of the singing ensembles, then downsize staff respectively) 2. combine school districts with Medway and East Millinocket 3. combine library services with East Millinocket 4. cut the open days at the dump down to two from the current four 5. mothball the swimming pool 6. close Carmen Brigallii Playground - no one uses it, everyone goes to Katahdin Pride instead. 7. cut half or all of the Summer rec programs 8. heating costs are horrible up here so make Christmas and Spring breaks a week to two weeks longer a piece and extend the school year into the Summer to compensate. 9. Cut back further on Town Hall being open to three days a week. 10. Set all town facility and school thermostats to 60 degrees and no greater - sweaters are cheaper than fuel oil.
11212832	10/14/2014	There is nothing much left to cut!
11217055	10/14/2014	Reduce the Town office to a four day week.
11218326	10/14/2014	None
11242263	10/15/2014	DO NOT CUT SERVICES ANY FURTHER! I would rather pay the current tax rate than loose any more services!!!
11251858	10/15/2014	Police.
11255150	10/15/2014	We need to stop the focus on cutting and put the focus on growth.
11257462	10/15/2014	Charge families a \$20 fee for the whole summer to use the pool. Don't cut, just charge whole summer and daily, weekly charges. Not too much but enough to generate some \$\$
11261427	10/15/2014	Although I understand taxes cannot be sustained at a mil rate above 30, I do believe taxes are reasonable for residential housing and should be raised in order to maintain the infrastructure of the town.
11271970	10/15/2014	This decision should be the result of an extensive review involving town leaders and also people from the community. The school system needs to be looked at with an eye to other facets than cut teachers and programs.
11296325	10/16/2014	The town has seen so many cuts already, no more cuts would be good for morale.
11311342	10/16/2014	Combine fire and police with East Mill. Combine town departments. Combine schools
11315791	10/16/2014	school dept needs to adjust to the times also the library and rec dept.
11324481	10/16/2014	Fire Dept - There is one in East Millinocket. Ambulance - There is one in East Millinocket Library - Donate to the school system. DO NOT cut the schools. Without a school system, we will NEVER draw younger blood to the area. If anything, put more into it.
11325203	10/16/2014	town manger code enforcement officer do away with them
11327043	10/16/2014	enough cut have been made to municiple budget
11328289	10/16/2014	No retirements for any new employee.
11359850	10/17/2014	The schools need to be consolidated with Medway and East Millinocket schools, this would be a huge savings to all 3 communities.
11366835	10/17/2014	if you work together you could cut areas that are duplicated
11402143	10/18/2014	I feel the community has been cut substantially, and now we have to expect more from the Educational System. Not from the students, but from the Teachers, Principals and Superintendents.
11406468	10/18/2014	Police, Fire
11438854	10/19/2014	Don't cut services. Raise revenues to support. School consolidation is a must
11452276	10/19/2014	No more cuts to the town services they are working with the minimum amount of man power now. If I have to pay higher taxes than most will to be assured that we have the services that will make us feel secure in our homes when we know that help is just a phone call away, being an ageing community that is a sense of security in this day and age.
11469443	10/19/2014	Don't cut anything. Work with neighboring towns to maintain what we have now.
11469565	10/19/2014	Keep the town alive by not cutting the Library and Recreation Programs. The town looks "dead" when nothing attracts people downtown. Maybe instead of cutting the town could apply for grants.
11504819	10/20/2014	Our services are cut as much as possible. We should look into consolidating our schools or possibly letting Lee Academy administrate the school as part of their academy. We should annex more land around the Millinocket area.

What is Millinocket's competitive advantage in the local and regional market? A competitive advantage is a strength, or asset, obvious or obscured - maybe not even known by anyone but you - that distinguishes the Town of Millinocket favorably against the competition. Think about the chief reasons one might move to Millinocket INSTEAD of somewhere else comparably priced. Or the reasons one might visit Millinocket INSTEAD of somewhere else. It could be the specific (and unique) knowledge of locals. It could be an especially favorable set of tax policies. What is good that you have to offer that might give Millinocket an edge?

10102974	09/29/2014	Cost of living-reasonable. Affordable housing, physical location in the north woods an asset.
10327347	10/02/2014	Natural beauty, proximity to existing park, natural resources, low population density.
10330428	10/02/2014	We are away from the city chaos
10335345	10/02/2014	Top notch schools, teachers, and facilities. The town fosters creative people. Well built housing stock. Good mix of zoning (except in the New Development) makes for a walkable town.
10336554	10/02/2014	housing is affordable
10335499	10/02/2014	As mentioned earlier, it's proximity to so much of the outdoor world puts Millinocket at a huge advantage. It's a recreational wonderland. They need to fully support the proposed new National Park
10340832	10/02/2014	The land of the lakes, which was previously leased, is not being sold. Gives owners much more security to improve property. Millinocket is the service area for these homes.
10342334	10/02/2014	Mount Katahdin, Baxter State Park, the north woods.
10347036	10/02/2014	We, the entire region, have available some of the greatest wild woods in this country. We have some of the cleanest and most beautiful lakes and rivers and some really great hunting and fishing. I have traveled in all 50 states, seen some really beautiful natural wonders, visited several countries and still think we have some really prime real estate.
10347079	10/02/2014	Besides the natural environment, The support and love of the arts. Outstanding performing arts programs in the schools, galleries, community productions.
10363558	10/02/2014	Opportunities for outdoor activities. Baxter State Park, lakes and ponds, ATV/snowmobile trails, etc.
10387855	10/02/2014	Sits at the beginning of Millions of acres of forest land
10389702	10/02/2014	Low house prices and in the center of Sledding and ATVing!!
10408782	10/03/2014	Educated workforce with terrific work ethic. Proximity to Baxter Park and the great north woods. A place where folks can take a world class vacation at an incredibly affordable price. Lakefront homes available for purchase at amazingly low cost compared to other places with far fewer natural and commercial amenities. Skilled forest products workers. Low cost of real estate. Small town feel without the usual lack of services in a small town. Hospital. Friendly people with solid values. Great place to retire.
10410653	10/03/2014	Our natural resources are our assets. We are the gateway to the North Maine Woods and Katahdin, the tallest mountain peak in the State of Maine. Our waterways. We the people of Maine own the water. A federal park would change that, taking away our sovereignty. We need to change the charter of the hydro dams that give unfair advantage to foreign power companies that are using the "People's" resource. We need our electricity costs to be lowered if we are to entice any type of new industry.
10415026	10/03/2014	Cheap housing.
10415654	10/03/2014	Open more trails to summer residents looking for cycling, dirt bikes, etc.
10415669	10/03/2014	Baxter State Park and the mountain; inexpensive real estate market; friendliness of the towns people
10415782	10/03/2014	We have an opportunity for growth with a National Park. We have all kinds of lakes and white water.
10416032	10/03/2014	our proximity to exceptional natural resources for recreation and tourism as well as wood products
10415751	10/03/2014	Nothing right now, other than the baxter stat park area/hiking/typical camping type stuff. But i feel like the town has potential...we just need to figure out together what that is
10416334	10/03/2014	The location to natural resources, location to interstate, available housing.
10416117	10/03/2014	I think Millinocket's competitive advantage is the astounding natural beauty combined with easy access. We are only 12 miles off the interstate so that when I describe how to get here to out of state visitors, I say go to exit 244, take a left and go 12 miles and voila! Another 16 miles puts you in the midst of one of the most pristine, well-managed and beautiful parks in the northeast. With the addition of another park, we will become a national destination for people from the most densely-populated part of our country - New York and north - to head within 9 hours to decompress in the wilderness. What an asset. I believe our town is lovely with the stream running right through it and trails of all kinds; hiking, snowmobile, biking, cross-country ready to accommodate visitors for recreation. As an artist, this area grabbed me right away when I came here 12 years ago. Having come from central Maine, the landscape was not unfamiliar but such a change from coastal Maine which, in the arts, has been almost overdone. As soon as I opened a gallery, artists came in at the rate of 5 a week to ask if I would show their work. The still come at the rate of 1 or 2 a week, 3 yesterday, so I have had the pick of top quality artists. This has made my little corner a kind of Mecca for artists in the state, helped by others in the state who see this as a new frontier for artists. There is, however, a great history already established in American art of artists who have painted around Katahdin, resulting in a book last year written by my friend, David Little, and published by DownEast called "The Art of Katahdin" which clearly delineates the history here. I have merely arrived here out of some serendipity and attempted to build on that history. I represent over 40 artists who either work in or do work of the interior, all from New England, so I feel I offer a beachhead in the arts here in Millinocket and hope to continue to develop our presence statewide.
10415878	10/03/2014	Real estate is cheap here. So much so that other States are buying houses here a sending their undesirables here to live..hence the police being so busy. I have talked to visitors that love the area because it's so friendly and laid back. They're usually "city" folk living in the concrete jungle. It's a good retirement community since there isn't much for jobs in the area(s).
10416747	10/03/2014	The scenic beauty and endless outdoor recreation opportunities that are found just moments away from our front doors are key. We have safe neighborhoods, the cost of living is affordable and we're far enough away from the "city" but close enough all at the same time. We have a phenomenal hospital and healthcare system as well as all the services needed for every day living located right in our town. What more could you need?
10419276	10/03/2014	We need to take advantage of what we already have here. Just like the coast, I believe we can make this a viable tourist destination
10418316	10/03/2014	Millinocket is a beautiful place to live with endless outdoor activities in all 4 seasons. The air is clean, the lakes and rivers pristine and the residential areas are kept up and nice for the most part. If the towns would stop whinning, look at all the assets in the area and begin working together, they could rebuild Millinocket and the surrounding communities that would encourage people to move here.
10419621	10/03/2014	The beauty of the area and the lower cost of housing gives Millinocket a definite advantage.
10419872	10/03/2014	Location and natural resources
10419772	10/03/2014	Our Location.
10421355	10/03/2014	Low cost housing
10421458	10/03/2014	The natural resources
10420961	10/03/2014	The remarkable blend of potential "civilized" comforts (see my previous comment about internet access, for example) with healthy nature access, both around an IN Millinocket (the trails between the railroad tracks to the North and the school and golf course to the South seem like they could easily be turned into an official "city forest", much like the one the much larger Bangor area has, for example). People who can "telecommute" or otherwise don't need to be physically present often at a particular place and would also like to live in a pleasant natural setting (Engineers, artists, architects, writers, filmmakers, etc. on the upper end of the scale, and even telemarketer employees working on Voice-over-IP at the other end of the scale are all examples) can currently pick up a place to live surprisingly cheaply due to the declining population and glut of housing. Traditional wood-industry activity in town could also benefit by making good use of this potential online presence to do live presentations to investors and customers, for example, as well. I'd say capitalize on this unique combination of nature access and potential for modern industry. (It may be worth noting the potential for marketing Millinocket as a movie and TV hub - we've had two movies filmed locally in just the last few years, plus some television on the Discovery channel.)
10423468	10/03/2014	It's beautiful country, maybe we can boost tourism by advertising our area out of state
10423846	10/03/2014	The town has the GIFT of being the last on the easiest road (95)to baxter park and north maine woods
10423576	10/03/2014	Millinocket's proximity to outdoor recreation and Baxter State Park position it well for tourism and other industries that benefit for natural resources.
10424045	10/03/2014	The people of the town and its ability to be a diversified community
10424384	10/03/2014	As everyone else is saying Mt. Katahdin and the surrounding lakes and forest. We have hiking, fishing, hunting, ATV trails, ski trails, snow sledding, snow shoeing, swimming, a wilderness resort, campgrounds, Baxter State Park, wild blueberries to pick. We do not have many shops, but if we can move forward and entice the visitors to shop here in town, then that would be income for many. We have many talented people in the area and could sell their wares. We have a new dog kennel in the makings for visitors to leave their dog. Yes, everyone wants manufacturing, so do I, but we have to start somewhere and once we have established who we are and what we want then I believe there will be other business following. We need to make it happen ourselves, and not wait for the knight in shining armor to come in and make it ok. We want help, but also are willing to work hard towards our new future.
10425518	10/03/2014	I moved back to raise my kids..everyone knows everyone so even though there are some problems I feel it is safe.

10425677	10/03/2014	more retailers
10425759	10/03/2014	Our competitive advantage is our location. People need to get over their hatred of tourists and adapt to tourism or this town will NOT survive.
10426518	10/03/2014	We have lots of room for a business to grow. There is lots of empty space.
10426430	10/03/2014	The area is the Edge...Natural resources, workforce and infrastructure in place already for industry to survive
10427419	10/03/2014	closeness to Park and outdoor recreation, beauty and art movement
10427359	10/03/2014	The beautiful area
10426649	10/03/2014	1. the great outdoors. - mountain/fat biking trails, hiking, hunting, fishing 2. low crime rate. 3. The performing arts program. The performing arts program has proved time and time again it's own success.
10427954	10/03/2014	Again all the surrounding resources
10428078	10/03/2014	The beauty of nature and all that goes with it right in our own backyards.
10428143	10/03/2014	Our prices of homes. Our home prices are so low.
10427808	10/03/2014	There is no reason to move here, the unemployment rate is one of the highest in the state, our taxes are the highest in the state. The mill was sold for fifty cents and now being sold as scrap metal for millions of dollars, the local rail road is currently selling 80% of its unused rail for scrap and most of its buildings have been torn down.
10428279	10/03/2014	Our advantage in my opinion is the beauty that surrounds us.
10428053	10/03/2014	Beautiful place, the lakes and mountain. There are many people who pass through.
10429208	10/03/2014	Our only edge is our closeness to the North Maine woods. People who recreate in the outdoors could find it a great area to reside in IF our property tax rate is reduced to be competitive with the surrounding unorganized territories.
10429354	10/03/2014	Time to market what the 4 seasons have to offer. Millinocket is a GREAT place to raise a family. For the most part it is safe.
10429613	10/03/2014	The town should be concentrating on promoting the recreational opportunities around it, it is the most unique inland area in the state of Maine and unique as well in the North East. The mills are a fished way of life.
10429759	10/03/2014	It is physically close to Baxter and Katahdin and NMW.
10430266	10/03/2014	Entrance to Baxter and all surrounding lakes
10430618	10/03/2014	our schools....we have 2 great buildings with state of the art facilities and can hold big events
10430614	10/03/2014	It is beautiful! Looking onto Katahdin mountain is priceless
10430836	10/03/2014	Local caring people. Plenty of wilderness and sight seeing, Tourism. Small town shopping with locally made items.
10430388	10/03/2014	I think the low cost of housing and the access to the natural resources are the areas best assets. In addition, it's close proximity to transportation resources (interstate, railroad, jet capable airport), makes it unlike any other town in the area. Some ideas that have worked in other places are such things as several businesses working together in the tourism industry offering package plans for instance a hotel may partner with a guide service and offer a weekend retreat with a full day of guide service. In this instance 2 businesses are reaping the benefits instead of just one. Another suggestion is to become more of a tourist hotspot. I currently live in Las Vegas, but more and more casinos are popping up all over the country. With all the year round benefits of the area, casino would add more income at the times when it is unpleasant outside (too cold, raining etc.) finally would be marketing, I have worked for several companies in my time and while I am only 37 I have seen companies come and companies go and the ones that work the best are the ones that market themselves. Step one would be market the katahdin area. Get the word out about the amazing things that it has to offer. Second, use the internet to provide resources for people who are interested in visiting maybe even a welcome center to help people figure out what they want to do. Of course none of this works if no one knows what you have to offer so, no one ever comes.
10431083	10/03/2014	Access to BSP, lakes, etc.
10431336	10/03/2014	Need to market the wilderness. If you can get the hotel's full year round with great marketing gimmicks other business opportunities will eventually follow.
10431638	10/03/2014	The amazing workforce that ready, willing and able to go to work!
10432290	10/03/2014	advantage would be like I said, using the nature and beauty to stimulate some revenue.
10432212	10/03/2014	Quality of life, small town safe and natural beauty
10432496	10/03/2014	bring in new business, retail and look for labor based work
10432228	10/03/2014	The only asset the town has is a fairly well developed infrastructure, immediate access to outdoor recreation and a world-class airport with instrument approaches capable of handling business jets and heavy personal business piston/turbine airplanes.
10432573	10/03/2014	The empty mill land could be an amazing asset if Cate Street was out of the way! It is big enough for a saw mill and hardwood pellet plant!
10433013	10/03/2014	Schools
10433705	10/03/2014	The people
10433760	10/03/2014	It is the gateway to great recreation and forestland
10433684	10/03/2014	Location to outdoor activities
10433858	10/03/2014	Hunting, fishing, camping, snowmobiling, boating....
10433624	10/03/2014	The skilled workers living here.
10433907	10/03/2014	The beauty that surrounds the town can be taken for granted, but it offers so much for anyone who enjoys the outdoors. Back in the day there were hard working men and women supporting a great community.
10435205	10/03/2014	Exceptional elementary school and Baxter State Park
10435612	10/03/2014	4 season recreational area.
10435682	10/03/2014	baxter state park and the wood products industry
10435296	10/03/2014	We need to create family activities involving our lakes and streams! More things like rafting and hiking, camping, nature walks and nature museum! Summer camps for kids, summer sports, kayak lessons, races, swimming lessons, bowling lessons, and games, arts and craft camps, photography classes, we could become the summer destination to learn outdoors activities. And participate in family activities! Guided hikes for different age groups, guided photo taking hikes, moose tours expanded on to draw different age groups, weekly bean hole suppers and hot dog roasts. Sign kids up in advance thru schools to come for supper activities!
10435691	10/03/2014	Tourism.
10435999	10/03/2014	Friendly citizens
10436078	10/03/2014	Surrounded by absolute beauty!
10436712	10/03/2014	The airport is an asset that is underutilized. I compare this area to Sarinac Lake N.Y. it could be a place wealth people come to vacation fly in and out of the airport with their private jets.
10436849	10/03/2014	Having that close town feeling where everyone pretty much knows everyone.
10436887	10/03/2014	Access to Baxter State Park, and numerous outdoor activities.
10438366	10/03/2014	The area and Baxter park it's friendliness with sportsman
10438577	10/03/2014	Our surroundings
10438631	10/03/2014	Embracing our natural resources and never, ever becoming a one industry town.
10438790	10/03/2014	We have Mt. Katahdin and Baxter Park. We also have an amazing theater at Stearns High School. I think both need to be used to their full potential
10439385	10/03/2014	it's proximity to 3.5 million acres of working forest and recreation areas.
10440897	10/03/2014	Millinocket can offer a wilderness experience with the comforts of home
10455694	10/04/2014	Lakes, mountains, hiking, no more mill no more air pollution.
10457668	10/04/2014	Our schools Performing Arts programs is one thing. Location. There are so many opportunities to serve those visiting the area.

10459905	10/04/2014	I think the town taxes are terribly high and do not give the elderly residing in town an opportunity to survive. If taxes continue to go up they will not be able to keep their homes.
10460753	10/04/2014	Our competitive advantage is its proximity to the forest. Build that pellet plant to allow workers a reason to stay here. Focus on wood manufacturing; if not paper making than wood products of another kind. And, bottled water. My well alone would supply a small water bottling plant.
10463992	10/04/2014	We have Mt. Katahdin which attracts everyone from all over the world to Millinocket. We also have the best snowmobile trails that bring people here. But I feel we already have that and if we could somehow bring an industry to town it would create more jobs while the tourism visits. Millinocket has potential!
10465058	10/04/2014	Again, the overall sense of community here is unmatched. It's strength lies within the people that are here, and second to that is the beauty and rich heritage that is here. It's a playground in heaven to anyone that enjoys the outdoors and all it has to offer. I don't believe a national park is the answer, but to capitalize on what is already here. The lakes, the mountain. There's no place like it.
10465297	10/04/2014	A great reason for a business owner to move there, is the fact you can get a great price on a building, along with a fantastic work force. Growing up in the town, taught me a strong work ethic that you don't see across the country a lot. Also, the area is pristine.
10466650	10/04/2014	It's people for the most part. It's the region, our lakes, forests, wildlife.
10467087	10/04/2014	Location in one of the prime outdoor areas in the State of Maine, a desirable place for tourists year round, Baxter State Park, hunting, fishing, snowmobiling
10469022	10/04/2014	Not sure. Local area. Tourism. The park.
10470638	10/04/2014	All welfare move here but no one else...when someone talks to people they ask if they should move here I say. Hell. No. Why....we have nothing. In our town but. Beer Bars. The town doesn't even fix our streets. Look at them. And. Look what I pay for taxes And been living on the same street for. 25 years and this street has never been paved.. Would u want to live. The answer. From. Them. Was. Hell no Now u see why I don't even want to live here... I can not even sell my house for what it is worth ...
10471746	10/04/2014	The natural sites all around us !!
10474680	10/04/2014	Unsure on this one.
10476173	10/04/2014	desperate
10476150	10/04/2014	Millinocket is 30 miles (20 minutes) from Baxter State Park and 72 miles (an hour) from Bangor, Maine's 3rd largest city. For an outdoor enthusiast, it could be an ideal location.
10477425	10/04/2014	Mount katahdin
10479135	10/04/2014	Wood fiber basket, potential national park, revered and established state park, amazing recreational trails (bike, atv, walking, X-country skiing, hiking), fishing, hunting, snowmobiling, award-winning hospital, established infrastructure, airport, best interior Maine art galleries (3), rich culture, diverse natural resources (woods, water, mountains, farmlands, wild herbs, flora, fauna (all could create their own industry and some already do). Here's a list: Forest products and forest fuel and lumber - sawmills and clothes made from wood such as tensile, hydro-power generation, tourism, bottled water plants, outdoor education mecca, techno-power innovation (school), Bicycle factory (most are overseas) but we have the trails here and can test/build all types and the old paper mill infrastructure is here to use). innovative career center, whereby the aging population here (large), is utilized to educate the young in skills that are dying - both benefit and thrive. And then there's Katahdin and the mountain range and the glacial history - fascinating stuff. Moose research center - they're about to go extinct if we don't figure out how to attach the ticks that are increasing due to global warming. What if we were the community to develop a "tick detector" (don't laugh), whereby scientific study is done to identify that one chemical in a deer tick that causes Lyme disease and creates a sensor that you can literally run up and down a human or animal body and detect a tick. With today's technology, being in a remote community does not prohibit any of these possibilities.
10480193	10/04/2014	I think that the school has an amazingly strong elementary school and HS music program. I think they could draw people in.
10480094	10/04/2014	Our Land! The Recreation opportunities we offer are outstanding. Some areas are best in the nation and even world renown. To shy on our resources is embarrassing. We are graced by the geography we have. I have heard from many people how they would move to the Katahdin Region in a heartbeat if the economy was better. We need to open up and make this area a four seasons community WHILE capitalizing on any industrial activity we can get our hands on.
10482129	10/04/2014	Atv, sledding, hunting, fishing, camping, boating..... nature keep it as it is now and they will keep coming back.
10497008	10/05/2014	The recreational opportunities. We also have great healthcare.
10506294	10/05/2014	For the environmental conveniences.
10514071	10/05/2014	tourism. I own a house that I thought would be rentable to locals. They destroyed my place, drugs, stole, damaged the house. I'll never rent to locals again. I hear other landlords have the same problem. Then the state doesn't enforce better behavior. Tenants leave without paying rent, that's not enforced either. NO ACCOUNTABILITY. The state needs to hold those folks accountable. It's like it's ok to damage other people's houses. The state doesn't care, as long as we landlords pick up the state's tab, less the state has to worry about. I think it's a disgrace!!! As I see it right now, there is no reward to being a business person in Millinocket. Many have visions for Millinocket but no hope.
10514361	10/05/2014	They are the gateway to some amazing recreational opportunities. Many young people who can work from home or a distance from their main offices would want to locate themselves where they could be on a ski trail or paddling a river, hiking a mountain within 45 minutes of their residence. Quality of life. But infrastructure is important. Cell phone reception, internet quality etc.
10515479	10/05/2014	We have access to the river, railroads, woods and highway. We also have a very advanced and hard working group of people who would serve a manufacturing company well. A snowmobile manufacturing facility/ sales would be perfect in this community with the access to trails we have.
10516108	10/05/2014	Taxes are lower. The area is unrivaled on the east coast for its natural beauty.
10519727	10/05/2014	We have the advantage of the mountain and the proximity of the state park and all that encompasses. The schools are in better shape than surrounding towns and larger to accommodate the increased student population.
10525840	10/05/2014	We have millions of acres of forest land in our backyard, no reason we cannot have a strong forest economy also need to promote motorize recreation more this has the biggest bang for our economy
10526383	10/05/2014	The advantage is mountain, ski trails, lakes, could be great all seasons. Low cost of homes
10533758	10/05/2014	millinocket offers access to nature and the outdoors in all seasons. That is why you come here. It is nice to raise a family.
10541172	10/05/2014	Mt. Katahdin, Penobscot River and Lakes.
10566486	10/06/2014	proximity to the lakes and recreation
10567144	10/06/2014	The beauty of the area is a real strength
10567268	10/06/2014	I believe it's edge is its location and access to outdoor activities. Atv and snowmobile trails, fishing summer and winter, hiking, mountain biking, boating and water sports, Baxter State Park, sky diving and air tours, walking trails, swimming, hunting, cross country skiing, snow shoeing, wild life tours, and I am sure I may have missed something. Along with all I listed above the hotels and restaurants are already in place along with all the services need to support such an endeavor. Above all I have listed above the people of Millinocket are it's biggest asset. They are friendly and knowledgeable of there area and can provide an unparalleled experience for tourists visiting this outdoor mecca.
10569712	10/06/2014	not sure
10570512	10/06/2014	There isn't a lot of positive things about Millinocket right now. But You can buy a nice home for cheap and its quiet.
10572014	10/06/2014	Millinocket if they could open there eyes could be the next big tourist destination along with a service community. Millinocket needs to market itself as a warming place that has library, museum, art galleries hospital quality educational facilities and a work force and area for businesses to expand or grow along with a place where it has full time plice, fire-ems and it has something for just about any body in four seasons and community.
10573186	10/06/2014	Location, location, location. We live near Baxter State Park. We are a gateway to the North Maine Woods. A destination for hunting, fishing, snowmobiling, atv riding and many more outdoor activities.
10575070	10/06/2014	With out a doubt the natural resources are the best. In is a world class place when it comes to beauty of the landscape.
10588413	10/06/2014	An extensive collection of multi-media library.
10588820	10/06/2014	the advantage is: easement and accessibility to the Trail system for snowmobiling and atvs for not only the Town of Millinocket and it's locals, but for the neighboring towns and their visitors from all over the state to view this regions beauty from every angle.
10589654	10/06/2014	Tourism and an industry that could use biomass for manufacturing other than paper
10589877	10/06/2014	Location to Nature, lakes, Mountain, seasonal entertainment via hunting, fishing, snowmobiling, ATV, Hiking
10589730	10/06/2014	The unmoving pride to tell Quimby no...!
10590461	10/06/2014	We have a wealth of artists & crafts people and I would love to see development in this area. Our proximity to nature and Mt. Katahdin. Outdoor sports such as fishing, hiking, hunting; snowmobiling & ice fishing in the winter.
10591842	10/06/2014	Everyone knows everyone, or use too. Someone always there to lend a hand, through thick and thin
10591842	10/06/2014	Low cost of good housing & prop. taxes with enough basic amenities (grocery stores, hospital & clinic, thrift stores for clothing); low key, unpretentious, little car traffic; beautiful town

10591097	10/06/2014	and area.
10593265	10/06/2014	Using what we have available in many different ways
10593982	10/06/2014	We have the resources we have the area, space and if given the chance for something big to come in We would have hard working people moving back
10594078	10/06/2014	The town comes together to support the bad why not adopt a group to be a continuous
10594503	10/06/2014	Friendly, love the small businesses winter and summer activities there's pretty much something to do year round!
10594450	10/06/2014	We have mt. Katahdin, apparat ion trail. Numerous outdoor activities that could be utilized or taken advantage of. I do feel that lots of people move to millinocket and do not work and we need to discourage this. This is because of cheap homes and the price of living.
10594667	10/06/2014	Mt. Katahdin ,the lakes, the woods.Real estate is inexpensive and definetly a plus.
10594857	10/06/2014	I am sorry for our lose
10595080	10/06/2014	The hospital and supermarkets made me choose millinocket over other towns
10595104	10/06/2014	Millinocket is a small based community that has a great school atmosphere with small classes to give kids a more one on one teaching community
10594718	10/06/2014	the town's assets can also be their liability in that what attracted me to Millinocket 25 years ago was although it was isolated in the wilderness it was a bustling town that seemed to have everything it needed, yet it also had millions of acres of pristine woods, unlike today where there is almost nothing left & now the isolation is a detriment because you have to travel so far for everything. And the utilization of the woods is threatened.
10595217	10/06/2014	I was bom and raised here. It is a good town to raise children in but there needs to be more to offer these children; To keep kids off the street, from doing drugs or stealing. We need to empower our children to become great and successful individuals.
10595260	10/06/2014	?
10595552	10/06/2014	The access to outdoor activities...rafting, hiking, snowshoeing, snowmobiling, fishing, camping.
10595589	10/06/2014	Location obviously. Very inexpensive homes.
10595795	10/06/2014	Millinocket is beautiful. The community is incredible. The people are great. We have access to the park, forestry, a hospital, hunting, fishing, class-5 white water rafting, hiking, beautiful ponds, lakes, and so much more. A national park would be a great opportunity for this area.
10595819	10/06/2014	Natural resources . It's people like I said some are the talented welder and fabricator hard working . The great outdoor. great place to have kids.
10595652	10/06/2014	At the end of the day our biggest draw is Mt Katahdin and the people that surround it. We have the hard working people that companies need and i believe with jobs many would come back home.
10596899	10/06/2014	We have such amazing natural resources available. Anyone interested in anything remotely related to the outdoors would flourish in Millinocket and the surrounding areas.
10597064	10/06/2014	N/A
10597162	10/06/2014	Great location for hunting and fishing
10597339	10/06/2014	x
10597430	10/06/2014	.
10597395	10/06/2014	The outdoor recreation.
10597353	10/06/2014	Definitely the tourism. The hotels are fairly priced for travelers and the town benefits highly from the nature surrounding it. The people are more than willing to help people who are in the area. I have a youthful insight towards the current times. If we expect to grow the town we need to make the town more attractive and get the name of the town out more. If there is no job market or anything to attract people, the town is dead.
10597598	10/06/2014	Mt. Katahdin and the north maine woods. The small town with plenty of area to explore is not something you can find everywhere.
10597515	10/06/2014	Do something to reach out to people from away to make them want to come here. We have a beautiful area, we just need to advertize it. Also have more community events to bring people in.
10597398	10/06/2014	as in my earlier answer, it's a well kept, attractive town with a good school building and nice feeling and looking neighborhoods in which to live. the downtown is classic small town main street and has the physical potential (storefronts etc...) to be a vibrant business center. the money to support potential businesses is another matter. but we do have a pretty much ready to go downtown. the plaza where tractor supply recently built a store offers more of this kind of space as well. if we could attract tenants for the remaining space there, that would be great. but i just don't know if it makes sense for any companies. we got screwed by offering tax breaks to cates street, but are there any steps that could be taken to entice retailers to move in to that plaza? regardless of the actual current economic feasibility for any retailer moving into downtown or that plaza, we do have the physical space and facilities available. businesses wouldn't have to build new buildings.
10599747	10/06/2014	tourism
10600024	10/06/2014	Scenery
10599884	10/06/2014	The area's natural resources are exceptional and envied by many nationally and internationally. We need to expand on that. The school facilities are top-notch, one of the best in the state.
10602763	10/06/2014	Having all four seasons and, things to do. Hunting, fishing, fourwheeling, snowmobiling, hiking, rafting, boating, etc. They all potentially bring in revenue for the community. Even the foliage in the fall attracts people. To move to Millinocket at this time in day is something rather irrational unless you are already pretty wealthy. There is not much for work to provide stable finances. The changing of the seasons with the tourists makes a huge difference in the town's money.
10602928	10/06/2014	Our unmatched access to pristine woods, lakes, rivers, and streams.
10611149	10/06/2014	To me the strength of Millinocket is in the successful young people who have left because it is not the same, who would love to come back someday
10622912	10/07/2014	If we look at smaller communities who cater to tourism, the residents seem to be doing quite well and the town is alive with development. We have much to offer as stated in my earlier comment. Having spoken with retirees from other states who have moved here, their reasons were for less traffic, affordable prices to beautiful homes located near lakes, streams and mountain. We live close enough to Bangor to enjoy air travel, concerts, shopping, etc.
10623819	10/07/2014	The town itself is ready for business—we have many vacant office spaces with no commerce to fill them.
10624638	10/07/2014	Great snowmobile trail system.
10625031	10/07/2014	It is cheaper to live here than almost anywhere else. We have beautiful mountains and lakes here. It is also safer.
10626417	10/07/2014	All the fun activities that we have here!!! Maine woods can't get any better then that!!!
10629331	10/07/2014	Millinocket's access to outdoor recreation.
10629066	10/07/2014	Like it or not we are a Gate Way community, we may need a higher speed internet to attract new types of businesses into our area.
10629600	10/07/2014	Mount Katahdin and its natural resources are like no other in the state of Maine. We need to focus on this wonderful resource and all it has to offer. The town needs to market this feature. Including: hiking, camping, sightseeing, fishing, kayaking, canoeing, hunting, etc.
10628602	10/07/2014	I don't believe that there is anywhere else in Maine that can offer an outdoor experience like Millinocket can; at the affordability that Millinocket can. I also believe we have a very unique group of individuals with a work ethic and talents that can help this area succeed.
10630192	10/07/2014	Its woods and waters surrounding the town.
10630293	10/07/2014	I think the advantage is that Millinocket has the greatest natural resources at its door step.
10630032	10/07/2014	Locals are able to offer the "Mayberry" kindness and helpfulness to visitors by sharing our local knowledge of the area (where to eat, swim, boat, snowmobile and atv trails, hiking, Jerry Pond and etc). Millinocket has beautiful scenic views, native american history, peaceful neighborhoods and offers reasonable housing.
10630960	10/07/2014	I am not sure.
10632190	10/07/2014	Mt. Katahdin, Appalachian Trail combined with a working forest
10632338	10/07/2014	Some larger corporations could benefit from quality of life the area offers and maybe that is what the town should consider - a quality of life marketing campaign. It is a world class area in terms of wild and natural resources, time for it to act as one
10632891	10/07/2014	n
10632726	10/07/2014	It's natural beauty and surrounding lakes, ponds, and Baxter Park. The peaceful, small town atmosphere. Housing is affordable and taxes low compared to other areas in the state.
10630963	10/07/2014	Natural landscape and beauty of our surroundings set us apart. We also have an airport and rail system that is underutilized.

10633853	10/07/2014	Recreation is huge and the natural resource (wood) for fuel. I would like to see a pellet mill.
10633931	10/07/2014	Millinocket is a safe, family friendly area. We still do have good schools and a free or low cost recreation programs. We have miles of trails for recreation available for use free and lakes, forests, mountains, rivers to explore, fish, hunt, and recreate in.
10634165	10/07/2014	Years ago I would have said the people were our greatest resource, however, so many have moved away it's hard to say. I think we have the back bone left so that if an industry or business came into town there would be an outstanding workforce to fill any available positions. People who live here love this town they just wish there were more advantages to living here. I guess recreation would be one way to go since we are so close to the park but I also think we need a few chain stores to maybe come in and open up some small stores. Reny's and LL Bean are a couple people are always talking about.
10634973	10/07/2014	n/a
10634945	10/07/2014	It's true that taxes are lower than in the southern parts of the state. We also have a unique wilderness setting which would be ideal for eco-tourism.
10634665	10/07/2014	Gate way to Baxter Park, lakes, and multiple rivers-hiking, camping, fishing, boating
10633566	10/07/2014	Millinocket offers a way of life free of the hustle and bustle of cities and more populous areas. And we are right off Interstate 95 and are at the base of Mt. Katahdin! There are lots of opportunities for outdoor recreation. There is easy access to ATV trails as well as cross country skiing and snowmobiling trails. We have a 9 hole golf course nestled in the community. And we have a great hospital! The school has a tremendous performing arts department and facility. We also have a strong faith based community.
10637957	10/07/2014	Hydro power
10638889	10/07/2014	I really don't know. The only thing I have is for you guys to push outdoor recreation.
10639614	10/07/2014	The beauty of Mt Katahdin and surrounding area
10640446	10/07/2014	It's competitive advantage is Baxter State Park, the West Branch, and all the other recreational areas that are world class and that you must drive through Millinocket to get to.
10640698	10/07/2014	I think our natural resources is the only advantage there is to this area at this time.
10640953	10/07/2014	People..nature
10641033	10/07/2014	Location! The vicinity to Baxter State Park and other recreational opportunities is a strength. Also, Millinocket has the small town feeling but is laid out in a way that people live close together unlike Lincoln or other small towns. There are neighborhoods in Millinocket that have history and pride.
10641098	10/07/2014	The biggest asset of this community is it's proximity to multiple seasonal recreation; mountain climbing, hiking, fishing, boating, nature preserves as well as a multitude of lakeside properties for natural living. The community offers a safe living environment and wonderful people to share their experiences with.
10640054	10/07/2014	Low priced housing (but unfortunately most is not very appealing) and proximity to trails and lots of forestland, lakes and rivers. The snowmobile trails get the most play, but there are great hiking and cross country skiing trails plus lots of canoeing and kayaking options. Non-motorized opportunities should be emphasized and supported more.
10641565	10/07/2014	I am not sure this is an answer to your question, but one thing that we have that is not being tapped is the LARGE number of Steams HS graduates who have moved away and are successful and some are even quite well-to-do. When the town was in it's heyday it spent a lot of money on education and provided a comfortable safe place for these folks to grow up and thrive. Why are they not being asked to help? To give back some of the good things Millinocket gave them? They may have a lot of connections and assets that we could tap into. Many of them would be happy to be asked. People have always been our greatest asset. I think we should reach out to them.
10641818	10/07/2014	Premonition of what we do have such as Cross country skiing (it's free), ATV & Snow trails, Baxter State Park and so on
10642319	10/07/2014	The recreational opportunities is Millinocket's competitive edge.
10642255	10/07/2014	I am not aware of any particular advantage.
10642400	10/07/2014	Skilled workers, a beautiful mountain in our backyard and associated tourism, unused store that can be rehabed
10642896	10/07/2014	Its a small community.
10642873	10/07/2014	need businesses
10642602	10/07/2014	Our natural beauty and rustic living and relatively low cost of living are our assets.
10642811	10/07/2014	We have the beautiful Baxter State Park, and the Hospital, and a college a few miles down the road, why not open it up for schooling.
10643737	10/07/2014	Hunting four wheeling snowmobile and the mountain and lakes camping
10644089	10/07/2014	Obviously Millinocket's natural resources sets it apart. Combine that with a history of hard workers and I still think the mix can work.
10644348	10/07/2014	Open Space and Recreation, Baxter Park
10644997	10/07/2014	I do not have a recommendation right now. I do not live in the town.
10646520	10/07/2014	i don't think we have one
10646818	10/07/2014	It's a nice town close to many outdoor adventures but it needs more work for people to be able to stay and raise families.
10645321	10/07/2014	Millinocket is a (4) season recreation town. We have fishing, hunting, snowmobiling, camping, cross country skiing, hiking, and mountain climbing. Our edge is we have a hospital, a airport, hotels inns, restaurants, 2 banks and a credit union.
10647912	10/07/2014	A lower tax base would bring in new business. You tax the businesses for every little thing they have in their shops. Their cash registers, credit card reader, shelves and other items they need to run a business. This needs to stop.
10648972	10/07/2014	It is a good place to live plus we have good people in all of our departments that serve the public.
10650178	10/07/2014	We have natural resources and rural living at low cost.
10651271	10/07/2014	Many come to the area for a wilderness experience. Baxter Park
10649329	10/07/2014	The mountain and its closeness to the wilderness
10646602	10/07/2014	utilize the resources we have baxter park the hospital katec heritage timber company look into our own pellet plant instead of waiting for someone else to make it happen
10654844	10/07/2014	the natural resources that this area has is endless. more support/resources should be given to the snowmobile industry. we have the best trails and the people who come up here in the winter really provide a boost to the town - spending money at restaurants, gas and lodging. the mountain speaks for itself in the summer but more could be done on sledging.
10655351	10/07/2014	dedication, hard working. Just look around the beauty we truly live in Gods country people are friendly and welcoming.
10656434	10/07/2014	The mountain, lakes, wildlife
10657915	10/07/2014	The proximity to some of the most beautiful landscape in the the US is a huge advantage. It is a wonderful 4 season outdoor adventure land and that is not being capitalized on at all.
10657648	10/07/2014	Millinocket is a lovely town that offers beautiful scenery and easy access to many outdoor activities.
10658184	10/07/2014	Its beauty!
10658882	10/07/2014	The forests!
10658327	10/07/2014	Mountain and Scenery
10659906	10/07/2014	Millinocket has a unusual combination of a strong sense of community, great infrastructure (grocery stores, restaurants, fast food restaurants, hospital, airport, schools) and natural beauty surrounding us.
10660265	10/07/2014	Wonderful people, beautiful scenery!
10661152	10/07/2014	Nothing. The town doesn't have anything to offer for young people. Even retired people don't have anything to do.
10661436	10/07/2014	Cheap housing. Peace and quiet. Safety. No light pollution. Free outdoors!
10661695	10/07/2014	We have the forest, the mountain, the trail services. We are an all-season community, that needs to promote what we have to offer
10663063	10/07/2014	Snowmobiling, Mount Katahdin
10663126	10/07/2014	Our four season outdoor activities, our small knit community everyone helps each other
10662298	10/07/2014	Natural, almost "off the grid" feel in today's 21st century world. Beauty. Air purity. Naturalist's paradise. Freshwater lakes. End (or beginning) of A.T. Salt of the Earth senior population Hmmm...the senior population....senior communities under one roof....old school transformed into living centers

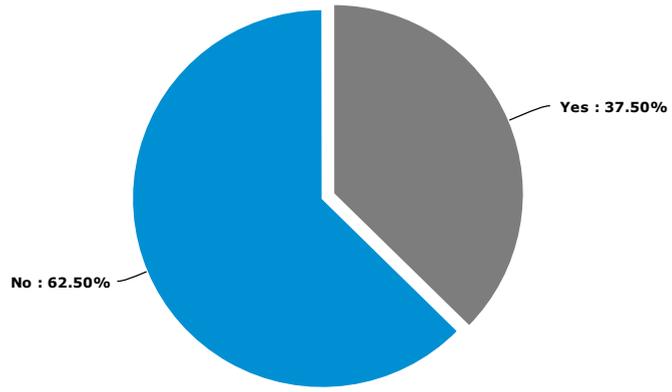
10663949	10/07/2014	call center
10663944	10/07/2014	Millinocket is the closest town to the Maine Northwoods before the less improved/dirt roads start. Currently property and real estate are very inexpensive.
10663913	10/07/2014	Natural beauty
10664199	10/07/2014	Offer less taxes for someone starting a business. Having a community which offers Fishing,Atving,Hunting. Camping.
10664254	10/07/2014	Peace and tranquility, clean living, endless bodies of fresh water and land mass.
10664415	10/07/2014	You need to cater to the tourists. Millinocket has a lot to offer tourists with in all the seasons
10664621	10/07/2014	Location. This could be a thriving tourist town, but the townspeople don't want that, they want the mill, just like the good ole days.
10664595	10/07/2014	millinocket should try to get a water bottle plant we got all kinds of fresh water right here in town
10664480	10/07/2014	We have the best view of Katahdin. We have lakes and ponds in our region. We need I think to promote these in what ever way we can. Explore the area. Is there a place close enough for a four seasons resort of sorts ie: skiing, tubeing, boating, fishing. Look at Anderson hill.
10665772	10/07/2014	Hard working, honest people
10665934	10/07/2014	Entrance to the north Maine woods.
10665078	10/07/2014	We have ample housing stock available and reasonably priced, good neighborhoods, school buildings in excellent repair, an airport, proximity to Baxter/Katahdin as well as other natural resources, reasonable tax rate, superb legacy and community history built on diversity.
10666390	10/07/2014	The great north woods and the wide open opportunities in the creative economy
10666426	10/07/2014	The Mountain of course and all this beautiful nature along with all of US! Lets do it before all of us are gone. So many people that are very ncie here but not from here now.
10666899	10/07/2014	Our great outdoors, lakes, forests, park, mountain, rivers etc.
10666919	10/07/2014	Surrounded by very good natural resources.
10666120	10/07/2014	People who can AFFORD to live here, stay here. I believe that retention of trained staff was a huge asset to GNP and would be for other enterprises that locate in this natural wonderland.
10667483	10/07/2014	no comment
10667581	10/07/2014	pace of life, beauty, inexpensive homes
10667566	10/07/2014	Millinocket has Mt. Katahdin and Baxter state park. It has many lakes and trails all with beautiful views and the feeling of truly being in the great outdoors. It's peaceful and serene and the perfect get away for anyone. There are so many things to do.
10667605	10/07/2014	Look at other towns and see what makes them fiscally sound. A Reny's Store down town would attract other business and shoppers. Bus tours to Millinocket Maine!
10668265	10/07/2014	Snowmociing
10668287	10/07/2014	There is no advantage. There is no employment, and we are heavily taxed because of GNP. You have to travel out of town just to purchase a pair of sneakers! Entertainment? You have to travel an hour away to go to the movies. The only advantage would be, if you like quiet, we got it. I just wish the police would do something about the drugs and drug dealers in town!
10668415	10/07/2014	Extremely quiet and safe community, caring neighbors, access to working forests for traditional commercial and personal uses.
10668637	10/07/2014	The natural resources. The mountain, the magic:). Expand the airport and fly people in for guided mountain tours year round. Back country skiing, snowmobiling, ice fishing in the winter. Millinocket and the outskirts are a gold mind.
10668516	10/07/2014	Pride of area, a work force currently under utilized, the "lure" of those living away who wish they could come "home". Relatively medium cost of living.
10668176	10/07/2014	Transportation infrastructure, labor force, nature tourist destination, wildemess sports, etc..
10669551	10/07/2014	Many opportunities for recreation of all types.
10669440	10/07/2014	tourism has been an asset that has been ignored for years and could still be what saves the town!
10669648	10/07/2014	The people of Millinocket are the greatest asset that we have.
10669018	10/07/2014	Beautiful outdoors activies
10670631	10/07/2014	Play up the Gateway to the North Woods.
10670883	10/07/2014	I have no idea why anybody would want to move here
10673248	10/07/2014	Location on the edge of the largest undeveloped forest in the eastern United States and related lifestyle and recreational opportunities.
10674149	10/07/2014	I think the town would be appealing to good retiring folks. They would pay bills and enjoy living there.
10682164	10/08/2014	Millinocket has Mt. Katahdin, The Appellation Trail, hiking, walking trails, and the most beautiful scenery in the State! Millinocket has many Artistic people living in town. The history alone would be enough to draw people to the town. Utilize the outlining area for tourism. Millinocket will draw people in all seasons!
10683988	10/08/2014	we have all this great outdoors for hunting,fishing,snowmobiling,rafting, hiking. We need to promote this more
10685962	10/08/2014	The mountain, streams, rivers and great outdoors
10686233	10/08/2014	The 4 seasons ,access to the Maine way of life and its healing to ones soul.
10686588	10/08/2014	Lower taxes, few people who are left can't keep making up the difference
10690188	10/08/2014	The oportunities for outdoor recreation in the area are what give Millinocket an edge.
10691392	10/08/2014	It's a safe community and a good place to raise children or retire to. Housing is cheap, but the winters are hard.
10691555	10/08/2014	We have an airport and a great regional hospital. The homes built here are worth so much more than the price they sell for even in a good market. I am out of time but would like to finish this at a later date.
10689500	10/08/2014	There's a lot of money in recreational sports. I enjoy Millinocket because it is so beautiful with the lakes and park. It's expensive to live there now. I would move back.
10691980	10/08/2014	natural resources and low crime
10697190	10/08/2014	We have affordable housing and amazing school system
10697505	10/08/2014	Mt. Katahdin, Baxter State park and the great outdoors right in our back yard.
10697604	10/08/2014	Cheap housing. A perfect place for a pellet or saw mill.
10696927	10/08/2014	Turn its housing stock into recreation properties
10700797	10/08/2014	I think the reason quite a few people move to Millinocket is being of houses being sold at a very low price compared to other towns.
10700873	10/08/2014	it is one of the gateways to North Maine Woods the great outdoor hunting/fishing/boating/camping
10701682	10/08/2014	Again, it comes back to the knowledge and admiration of the nature offered here. Hunting, fishing, snowmobiling...recreation. Tapping the local knowledge to promote awareness and the history of this area.
10702092	10/08/2014	we have Baxter park we need another reason to visit here like an amusement park or water slides some other draw ???
10703015	10/08/2014	Our forest and Baxter State park proximity
10703001	10/08/2014	it's locality to Baxter State Park and Mount Katahdin and The Alligash , I think we may have to go with tourism
10703709	10/08/2014	location
10705007	10/08/2014	move
10704949	10/08/2014	if you want a good tax base, the medical marijuana field is a good place to start
10705410	10/08/2014	Katahdin, Baxter Park, Fishing, Hunting, Recreation, Lakes, Hiking... AT Trail.... These are ALL great reasons to live/work/visit the area.
10704500	10/08/2014	Being close to the interstate and Golden Road with rail service gives Millinocket a competitive advange for some some sort of job generating industry utilizing wood fiber or

10704500	10/08/2014	manufacturing.
10706404	10/08/2014	The natural resources.
10707813	10/08/2014	no response
10709435	10/08/2014	area 's potential for a peaceful way of life.
10709865	10/08/2014	There is no competitive advantage I think that's one of the big problems
10710294	10/08/2014	The area and it's surrounding. Tourist. Amusement park, outlets, snowmobile Events, cross country skiing Events, Fishing Event's
10710907	10/08/2014	The housing prices make it easy for younger couples to afford a house and perhaps start a business at the same time. If you lived in Bangor or anywhere else, the housing prices would be too high to purchase and start a business
10712516	10/08/2014	Favorable taxes...simple school system and the outdoor recreation business's
10712796	10/08/2014	I don't have an answer for this question.
10719472	10/08/2014	Baxter State Park and Mt. Katahdin, hunting, fishing, ATV trails, biking , hiking
10720457	10/08/2014	I don't believe it has anything to do with taxes. Its the vibe the town offers and the people. The feeling you get taking a summer drive towards the mountain or a picnic by the mountain from the local deli. I think Millinocket has an advantage but most locals are judgemental of who they let into the town which goes back generations. I think its time to let it go and let Millinocket be the town it used to be when the mill came in.
10726245	10/08/2014	We have Beautiful land, woods and lakes here and friendly people
10727506	10/08/2014	Tourist industry.
10727257	10/08/2014	Millinocket has a vast amount of natural resources that offer both recreational opportunities and industrial opportunities. Millinocket would greatly benefit by expanding its advertising of recreational and vacation opportunities and how it offers 4 seasons of recreational opportunities, not just one or two. I always feel that it is a great place for adults or parents to get away from their normal lives and relax and find peace in the woods and lakes around Millinocket. Millinocket has a perfect opportunity to create a new industry in the forest resources by producing a new product called nanocellulose. The town is located at the beginning of the largest contiguous forest in the US and has a perfect chance to get its foot in the door producing nanocellulose (which is predicted to be a 30 billion dollar a year industry).
10727090	10/08/2014	Living in Millinocket as a poor person is just like being rich anyplace else. Low taxes, all the municipal strengths, clean roads, fire protection, ambulance, police protection are all in place. The four seasons of potential leisure could be developed into a draw that could make Millinocket world famous.
10729583	10/08/2014	The landscape and nature.
10729750	10/08/2014	Millinocket needs to allow four wheelers and snowmobiles on the roads (like rangeley and jackman), market the town as a destination for these groups of people. The revenue they bring into other areas is incredible.
10730805	10/08/2014	mt katahdin! rivers
10730968	10/08/2014	Baxter State Park...Katahdin....
10732857	10/08/2014	Cute downtown, walkable streets, affordable homes, gorgeous natural resources.
10734245	10/08/2014	natural beauty and low crime rate reasonable real estate small town quaintness
10734612	10/08/2014	Wood and natural resources
10736447	10/08/2014	We have a hospital which will draw retired people, and also those interest in outdoor activities.
10736690	10/08/2014	Our region is full of outdoor activities that attracts all ages!!! All ages hike, snowmobile, four-wheel, kayak, canoe, love nature!! Look at what North Conway and that whole region has turned into!
10737687	10/08/2014	Out outdoor resources. Baxter park, hunting, fishing.
10738496	10/08/2014	school system
10739373	10/08/2014	airport
10744930	10/08/2014	solid work force / gateway to katahdin/ good community values
10744345	10/08/2014	We sit at the foot of Mt. Katahdin. We are tourism, and we do need to play it up. Nature lovers will come here. We need to play up to them. Bar Harbor lives off tourists. We've got as much beauty here spread out much farther. Tap the resource.
10754394	10/08/2014	It certainly is time to think outside the box.
10756077	10/08/2014	Location, scenery !
10804120	10/09/2014	Outdoor activities and inexpensive housing.
10806066	10/09/2014	Low cost housing, the programs offered for the children. Millinocket needs to try to get some business or some way to create jobs (tourism)... The mill is closed, has been for a few years... time to move on
10811781	10/09/2014	everything outdoors
10819546	10/09/2014	natural resources and inexpensive housing market
10823558	10/09/2014	we are in the middle of the woods, it is beautiful here!
10829785	10/09/2014	sa
10831137	10/09/2014	The mountains, the forest and the rivers, and proximity to the Interstate and Bangor.
10839773	10/09/2014	Recreation and natural resources.
10841231	10/09/2014	The people of Millinocket are hardworking and willing to help their community. With all of the struggles the town has had, everyone just wants a place to work that can pay the bills but that they can also trust to stick around and make a future with. The area is a relatively safe, easy place to raise a family with plenty of outdoor space and recreation.
10856482	10/09/2014	Millinocket is the only town in the tri town area with a 'Main Street' that has potential for some quaint specialty shops and eateries. Could become a draw for tourists.
10858828	10/09/2014	Being new to this area I am always bragging to my friends in Florida. You can keep the sunshine and warm weather. I found my Mayberry. I always talk of the kindness of people here and how taken I am how everyone is willing to help someone in need. How the town started gathering donations for the Cyr fire victims before the fire was even out! This is a kind of town every kids should be raised in. Great town with great values!
10859507	10/09/2014	Savings on housing bedroom community. Need public transport for comutors
10860806	10/09/2014	The location of being near Baxter State Park
10861013	10/09/2014	The beauty of the mountain and lakes
10861223	10/09/2014	Outdoor recreation
10864904	10/09/2014	Outstanding, world-class wilderness areas and outdoor recreation opportunities.
10865772	10/09/2014	We have an excess of homes (low prices) for someone looking even for a place to stay when they come to enjoy our outdoor areas. Snowsledders, the river, the park etc.
10870150	10/09/2014	I can't answer because I have no idea
10884666	10/10/2014	Year round tourism! We are located in a prime region... exploit our benefits.... people love the outdoors...we have plenty!
10891259	10/10/2014	Millinocket sits next to a major gateway to the North Woods. We have a large industrial site at the end of the Golden Road.
10891734	10/10/2014	Millinocket has the natural resources nearby; lakes and rivers and Baxter Park to draw people. Also, the great schools are an asset.
10899474	10/10/2014	I love it here because of the mountain, the woods, the lakes, and the four seasons. It is a beautiful place to live.
10919988	10/10/2014	Very low priced homes and people willing to work to stay here! Low major crime rate.
10921405	10/10/2014	Everyone knows everyone else.
10926487	10/10/2014	The natural beauty and access to so many outdoor activities.
10938102	10/10/2014	Millinocket is ideally located for a forest products industry.

10949825	10/11/2014	I believe Millinocket is one of the few towns where people look forward to returning each year for homecoming just to renew old friendships. Personally, I could offer many good reasons to live here however none of them have to do with the economy. Its simply a friendly and safe community with so much beauty to offer all year around.
10976012	10/11/2014	Its proximity to wonderful and varied outdoor adventure opportunities places Millinocket at a distinct advantage. I believe the town has an opportunity to grow and thrive yet still be able to retain its small town persona.
10978851	10/11/2014	The Mountain is an edge, it gives us a lot more tourism than other places.
10979065	10/11/2014	Nothing ! The town is full of conceit and unfounded feelings of superiority.
10980596	10/11/2014	Recreational opportunities galore!
10981203	10/11/2014	The Mountain
10981278	10/11/2014	That is a long conversation. close to the city, close to the woods, small, scenic, potential for small manufacturing, or using assets like old E&R building
10981987	10/11/2014	I guess it's time for the town to figure out how to prosper from tourists.
10982102	10/11/2014	Location- surrounding the town is an area that is not matched anywhere in the state. So many opportunities are available for year round activities.
10982458	10/11/2014	Houses are cheap. Great place to raise a family. Safe & friendly . The landscape is unbelievably beautiful.
10985714	10/11/2014	Baxter State Park and the north Maine woods.
10986094	10/11/2014	Dirt biker,ATV, snow mobile trails a killer park.
10985880	10/11/2014	Mt. Katahdin and Baxter Park are obvious assets, but the town's proximity to the interstate is also. Canadians as well as Mainers & beyond could be lured to the area by outlet shopping.
10987164	10/11/2014	The park
10989402	10/11/2014	Nature and recreation. Skilled labor force. Caring citizens.
10990884	10/11/2014	Lower the taxes
10990736	10/11/2014	The people and their tenacity the fact that they never give up. They workforce is ready willing and able.
10992144	10/11/2014	The quality of life. One can finish his day's work and within 30 minutes be fishing, hiking, canoeing in 13 different streams and ponds, snowmobiling, cross country skiing, hunting, snow shoeing, and taking a trip on a ATV trail.
11000794	10/11/2014	Cater to the tourists, retired folks, and young with a YMCA with all the activities...machines, exercises classes for different ages, daycare for young ones, health classes of all kinds. This would draw folks from nearby towns.
11002641	10/11/2014	our mountain, lakes, peaceful living-great place to raise children—hospital, golf course, airport, housing for seniors, nursing home
11003843	10/11/2014	If there were business here to bring them to our beautiful Maine Woods, hunting, fishing and parks
11004249	10/11/2014	recreation area, both summer and winter. reasonably priced real estate mt. Katahdin and hiking, fishing, hunting, snowmobiles.
11010744	10/11/2014	The fun and knowledge the locals can share tied in with the land, lakes, mountain, and river.
11012269	10/11/2014	location
11012436	10/11/2014	our towns are relatively safe not as safe as way back when but safer then cities. people look out for each other. we have resources in these towns in way of tourism that cant be beat but we have no stores for those to go to when done touring, no movie theaters no bowling nothing but a bar. and those with children cant enjoy that.
11012597	10/11/2014	Their taxes are lower than East Millinocket's will be.
11013039	10/11/2014	Tourism. Baxter Park. Mt. Katahdin. The AT. Outdoors and recreation.
11012909	10/11/2014	Don't move here
11014748	10/11/2014	everyone visits this area for the mountain.. also known restaurants. in winter it is snowmobiles.
11030072	10/12/2014	Mt. Katahdin, the end of the Appalachian Trail. The river, ponds and lakes. Excellent fishing locations, cross country skiing trails, snowmobiling.
11035291	10/12/2014	Beauty of the area and open up access to the sites.
11042723	10/12/2014	88
11043102	10/12/2014	We have a hard working group of people that really want to stay in the area. We also have area to expand, the obvious recreational advantages.
11068683	10/12/2014	natural resources of timber and water. pretty highlands and natural landmarks and a strong tie to the past such as indians and paper making
11070865	10/12/2014	Commitment to the arts - galleries, performing arts in the schools, a dance studio that exceeds anything available in most larger towns and cities. Plus - we have a hospital, airport, access to I95
11075893	10/12/2014	With regards to four seasons recreation we have it all at our front door.
11076758	10/12/2014	The Katahdin Region is an asset. 100,000 people travel to the Mountain each year.
11076794	10/12/2014	housing prices and the people of the town.
11077180	10/12/2014	We are the Gateway to Kahadin
11077580	10/12/2014	low rents/inexpensive real estate—plenty of room to build some type of plant/water park..
11078007	10/12/2014	Mt Katahdin Baxter Park or Lakes and ect.
11078206	10/12/2014	It's over
11078255	10/12/2014	We are located on the border of 10 million acres of contiguous forest land that's available to the public.
11078404	10/12/2014	offer free from taxes for 10 years if they hire 100 people
11078849	10/12/2014	Great natural resources to entice visitors to the area.
11086103	10/12/2014	Sportsman's appeal - hunting, fishing, ATV trails, snowmobile trails, hiking, and camping.
11100363	10/13/2014	Good school system
11101368	10/13/2014	The people. Overall, they are hard working. Willing to go the extra mile to get the job done.
11105343	10/13/2014	The location to great natural resources, the woods and waters in this area are second to no other. I am a teacher and part time guide, I get to listen to many people from away and hear why they come here, what it is that brings them back year after year. We have many untapped resources in this region and I think it's time we start to use some of them to help rebuild the Katahdin Region.
11106393	10/13/2014	Past town councils have progressively dismantled most of what the town once had going for it. It is a beautiful area and housing is inexpensive. If energy & heating costs weren't so high, and more efficient and affordable Internet options were available, it could be a nice home for telecommuters.
11106980	10/13/2014	The two that come to mind are the airport and the power access. Other than that access to out doors is obvious. The school system could be if there were accompanying jobs and less reteric from locals about it's failings and more improvements on its offerings.
11107385	10/13/2014	The first good thing that comes to mind is its the through way to great hunting, fishing, hiking Mt Katahdin, boating, and all other recreational activities for the family.
11114918	10/13/2014	The beauty of the area, coupled with the fact that one can be as independent as one wishes without a lot of regulations. The serenity of the area, and the fact that one can feel rural while being able to access facilities and amenities of Bangor and/or Houlton quickly and easily when need be. The beautiful accent.
11116493	10/13/2014	Wood products
11122096	10/13/2014	Inexpensive housing costs.
11123564	10/13/2014	We have skilled workers with high work ethics. MRH is a huge asset to this area.
11128973	10/13/2014	Closeness to nature and small friendly community
11147477	10/13/2014	Lat summer I understand Hannaford conducted a survey to deteminev where their customers came from. It would b useful to hav that info was well as the numbers that visit our lakes, Baxter and north maine woods.

11151942	10/13/2014	I would say its location in relation to the great playground of the north Maine woods and waters.
11155240	10/13/2014	Millinocket has great a great tourist draw. It mt. Katahdin, the lakes, snowmobiling, hunting, fishing and so much more. We need to take great advantage of this. Out of staters are moving here because of the beauty and tranquility. And of course all the cheap housing due to people just leaving everything and moving to get a job. Matt polstine had the right idea, he took advantage of what was here, marketed it and now has a wonderful business. He employes towns people, but resented by many because he is a success.
11162283	10/13/2014	?
11175516	10/14/2014	Access to the woods industry resources, cheap housing, great people to deal with, and total access to all outdoor sports.
11188890	10/14/2014	1. Proximity to Baxter State Park and other amazing outdoor resources like the Allagash and Penobscot waterways 2. Some of the best cross country skiing anywhere (and it's criminal that no one knows about it or pushes it other than a few dedicated and under-appreciated locals, when we could have something wonderful going like West Yellowstone's December ski fest)
11212832	10/14/2014	The tourism advantages
11217055	10/14/2014	Location
11218326	10/14/2014	Its beauty and proximity to the mountain and state park
11242263	10/15/2014	Regional market- schools, airport, Mt. Katahdin, top notch services, hospital.
11251858	10/15/2014	Well known. Friendly. Regional hub. Good activities, attractions and restaurants, but not promoted enough.
11255150	10/15/2014	1. The most obvious advantage is being on the edge of several million acres of forests. Forest based economies are our roots, and with the right imagination, can be important to our future. 2. Geography. we are in a four season recreation area. Let's take more advantage of it.
11257462	10/15/2014	Housing prices, view of mountain, winter and summer activities
11261427	10/15/2014	The area has a lot to provide industrially and recreationally. We are close to a major interstate, we have land, natural resources and recreation.
11271970	10/15/2014	Millinocket has only two competitive advantages at this time. That is the proximity to the part and outdoor experiences and a location near the woodbasket of Maine.
11296325	10/16/2014	Advertise the pool, the large hill known as the ski tow, ice skating, all the other great family opportunities here in Millinocket. Let people know it's not just the little town before Baxter State Park
11311342	10/16/2014	Tourism
11315791	10/16/2014	The Airport
11324481	10/16/2014	Experienced and available work force. Outdoor activities (sports and leisure). Hospital Sports Complexes Little League Accessibility to woods resources (Water and wood)
11325203	10/16/2014	land there lot of land from doily to chamber office but from rice farm road up no three phase power but behind that land there is rail service that any big company may use but need power run up that way. also in midway on the scotts road there is lots of land with three phase power close to I 95. also there is land by the hotel in midway close to I 95 where you could put in like a wendy's burger king small store
11327043	10/16/2014	???
11328289	10/16/2014	area's beauty
11359850	10/17/2014	The lakes, AT. and snowmobile trails and the end of the Appalachian Trail.
11366835	10/17/2014	get place to raise a family
11402143	10/18/2014	Well, at this point in time, I think the only reason people would relocate to this location, is the low cost of property. This would make this community a wonderful place for there second home.
11406468	10/18/2014	Lower the taxes
11438854	10/19/2014	The abundant supply of natural resources and potential for a 4 season resort community which will attract other businesses and money
11452276	10/19/2014	..
11469443	10/19/2014	The natural resources that are known to locals, but that are just becoming to be known elsewhere. Again, it's not just our playground anymore, it has to be marketed to others. Also, our hospital provides the BEST service for the people of this region. It's something to be proud of. The schools are in excellent shape and have, for the most part, dedicated staff.
11469565	10/19/2014	Because of the possibility of a national park nearby it seems that Millinocket is perfectly poised to be the gateway to the Nat. Park with all its infrastructure already in place: hotels, stores, airport, hospital, golf course, restaurants, etc. No other place around here has what we have all in one place.
11504819	10/20/2014	Our advantage is low priced real estate in town and reasonably priced waterfront, mountain view property within ten minutes from town, with four season outdoor activities.

If you could leave and move away, would you?



Answer	Count	Percent	20%	40%	60%	80%	100%
1. Yes	168	37.50%					
2. No	280	62.50%					
Total	448	100%					
Mean: 1.625	Confidence Interval @ 95%: [1.580 - 1.670]		Standard Deviation: 0.485		Standard Error: 0.023		

In the last question, we asked if you would stay or move away. Please give a thoughtful answer as to why you would stay, or leave. And if you would leave, is there anything that - if changed - would cause you to stay? Likewise, if you are inclined to stay, is there anything that might really cause you to pack up and go? Please don't be flip with this question; lot's of people who wanted Kerry to defeat Bush said they'd sooner move to Canada or Europe than have Bush as President; and just as many who wanted McCain or Romney vowed they'd leave the country if Obama was elected...and yet there has been no mass protest-based exodus. So in this question, think really hard and be clear and specific about the reasons you might leave or stay.

10102974	09/29/2014	Local government (town and school) struggling with adapting to change and in the end not being focused on the real needs of the citizens. I fear degradation of the community will make it difficult to sell my home and afford another one elsewhere. I also fear the lack of focus on the infrastructure will force me to move away...failing sewer, water and roads and public safety as well as the alarming increase to the tax rate. I prefer to stay because of the woods and waters and the beautiful scenery in this part of Maine.
10327347	10/02/2014	I do not live in the area. I live in Belfast, ME.
10330428	10/02/2014	We have no future plans of getting a mil rate in any of these communities that would be near the state average. We are more than double any going up in the future. This does not promote business growth.
10335345	10/02/2014	I would go back if we could get jobs. I want my kids to grow up in a small town and have experiences similar to what we had but I can't afford to move there. If there was positive growth and the prospect of a bright future, I'd love to move back.
10336554	10/02/2014	invested here
10335499	10/02/2014	Having traveled all over the U.S. and much of the world (mostly by the age of 30) it didn't take long for me to realize what a special area the Katahdin Region is. I am thankful for having been raised here.....for those who have never been anywhere else, they don't understand how good we have it around here. Very little crime, no racial tensions, no traffic, no hurricanes, tornadoes or droughts. Our environment is clean and the waters are plentiful and beautiful. Much of the land is open for all to utilize and it's free. It's a great place to live IF you make use of all the opportunities that surround us.
10340832	10/02/2014	National Park, I would stay. Jobs are needed for the area. I don't care if they are park or manufacturing, but I don't see manufacturing coming back unless they take the hydro facilities by eminent domain for cheap electricity.
10342334	10/02/2014	This is my home and I'm not going anywhere. I love Maine and I love the opportunity and freedom we have here.
10347079	10/02/2014	I moved here because I love the area. I would however leave in a heartbeat if the air quality was lost and asthma and allergies became a problem for me and my family. I literally could not live.
10347036	10/02/2014	I have given this a lot of thought. I would really hate to leave, however I do not see much future for the area. People are so negative and the "politics" are so split I am not sure there is a fix in the near future. I feel we are headed for some bad times, and the fact that we seem unable to even discuss the issues because of polarized beliefs and agendas, leads me to think things will be much worse than need be. I really don't want to leave, I just don't see much opportunity for improvement in our situation. And I am not talking about those things we cannot control, like the economy, or the job market in the area. I am talking about what we could do if we wanted to, control. But we need to talk first.
10363558	10/02/2014	I would leave because there are very few job opportunities and almost no entertainment options (for example, we have to travel an hour just to go to a movie theater). I only stay because my family is here and it's currently more financially beneficial for me. I anticipate leaving within two years though. I would stay if there were more jobs, entertainment options, and young people. Most of my friends have moved to cities.
10387855	10/02/2014	Stay its still a beautiful town and still has a lot of potential
10389702	10/02/2014	Easy to move away but I want to see this place turn around and move into the future and not look at the past already have lived through those good times!
10408782	10/03/2014	I recently purchased a home outside Millinocket and moved to the area because of the affordability, natural beauty, and amenities in the town. What has surprised me is how much more there is to do, and how many services are available locally (plumbing, carpentry, applicants repair, etc) that were not obvious. I intend to retire here and be a 1/2 year resident. I probably will not spend winters here.
10410653	10/03/2014	There is no reason to leave. As an outdoors person, this is home and it is paradise. Keeping it that way and preventing it from becoming gentrified. The question is how to keep it a small town that can evolve into a "vibrant community" without selling out to gentrification. Unfortunately, most satellite communities of National Parks end up this way. Locals can no longer afford to live there. No Federal Park, thank you.
10415026	10/03/2014	I stay because it is my hometown to which I have enormous loyalty and dedication; I am a third generation resident. I stay because my husband and I have great jobs here. I stay because I'm making a difference. We stay despite the shortsightedness of many elected leaders. So many of our friends have left, yet we stay. We do not plan to live here through retirement and want to be closer to our daughter who lives elsewhere in Maine. At that point we will consider ourselves "stuck here" if unable to sell our home. But for now, we are lucky to have great jobs, great family and friends around us, and great affection for this community.
10415669	10/03/2014	I am staying, but realize others leave for the following reasons: There needs to be more jobs and lower property taxes. Home owners are burdened with supporting everyone who lives here not just themselves. Merging the schools would help. Better research on any incoming corporations so another Cate Street disaster does not happen.
10415654	10/03/2014	I own a summer property here - on the water. Wont leave b/c of the tranquility. I would like however to see summer recreational vehicle trails expanded. From what I see, Much of the focus in the area is based on snowmobiling (winter). Appears to me that May - September is not promoted enough.
10415782	10/03/2014	I would stay if we had more businesses come into Millinocket ... House values increased and schools consolidated. If taxes decreased instead of rising every year.
10415751	10/03/2014	I was born and raised here and left for college. I got married, had a child and moved back to MLKT to raise our daughter and be closer to family because MLKT is my HOME. Its where I feel safe, loved and close to whats familiar. I feel comfortable here. I want to stay here. I want our daughter to grow up here and feel like she can return after college and do the same thing and raise her family here. I would ONLY leave IF there were not jobs for myself or my husband and we had no other choice.
10416032	10/03/2014	I thought hard about how to answer that question my business is here my opportunity is here but there are times when the pessimism of the area makes me feel like it would be nice to live somewhere where people were more optimistic. I am deeply interested in and committed to a helping create an environment for economic diversification and strength for northern Maine and the Katahdin region has resources that make that possible, few other areas are as fortunate. if my business failed or I sold it I would likely leave the area as a permanent resident but continue to visit.
10416334	10/03/2014	I want to stay and enjoy what the surrounding area has to offer for recreation i.e boating, fishing, snowmobiling, hunting, airport. The taxes have to be kept low and can be if they consolidate services
10415878	10/03/2014	I've got 3 more years to work and I will retire. I live in Medway and work in MLK. I play golf at our 9 hole course very cheap and have motorcycles I ride on roads with hardly any traffic. I don't need a lot to keep me happy. It's just sad to see how these communities once were vs. now. It's great to go from rags to riches but it's a bitch going the other way. I'm relating to me at my age. I'm sure you will hear differently for others. Good Luck and thanks for your concern.
10416117	10/03/2014	The last question was really hard to answer, given only two choices. It is really somewhere in the middle. If I did not see some movement to change, some degree of movement toward accepting a national park, have some hope for how I am going to keep my doors open this winter (which is still nip and tuck), I probably would have said "leave". I love this area, my husband and I both do. We feel safe, accepted, even though we are not from here and people tend to tell you that you are not regular, but we have lots of friends. People tend to mind their business and not intrude on your life...a basic respect for privacy...unless you need help and then they are at your door. This is how I grew up in central Maine and how small town Maine works and it is very reassuring. We don't want this dynamic to change, not of us, and some even call it "our culture". But, if the hospital fails, the taxes go up even more or if we had to close our business because we just can't make it here, we might have to leave. I would sacrifice a lot not to have to close my business and, indeed, already have. People often say to me, "When I come down that street and see your Open sign on, I feel like the town is going to be okay." This has been a heavy responsibility on my shoulders through the recession and then an IRS audit which didn't go well and then another tragedy that almost closed the doors, but, through it all, I have held close to my heart the hope of the town, particularly the older folks, to see that Open sign stay on. I have joined the Elks, been a member of a music club that was 85 years old, sung in the church choir, gone to exercise class with the older gals, affectionately called "Nursing Home Boot Camp", founded a festival, baked pies, been involved in the formation of 3 different downtown business and revitalization efforts, and served thousands of cups of coffee on the front porch and, even if times got very hard, I would still look for a way to keep the doors open and feel loyalty to this town. On many levels, I have found my home and would do anything to help improve the lot of the people, even if they have to be dragged kicking and screaming into the future.
10416747	10/03/2014	Both my fiance and I were living elsewhere while I attended college. After college, we considered buying our first home in Reno where my fiance was living and had a fantastic job. The job opportunities there are endless and I could've easily gotten a job in my field. Instead, we both decided that right here in Millinocket is where we wanted to be. We knew we'd both have to travel for work and it wouldn't be easy. My fiance is gone for 30 days at a time for work and I am working 5 jobs in order to make a liveable wage. Still, I'm not making anywhere near the money I could be making if I was applying my education or living elsewhere. That said, we CHOSE to be here, we CHOSE to invest in our community and buy a home, and we LOVE our lives and the decision we made to come home.
10418316	10/03/2014	I would stay as I enjoy the area, love the small town atmosphere, my job and what this town could be.
10419621	10/03/2014	I would only move if my husband or I lost our jobs and just could not afford to live in the area anymore.
10419276	10/03/2014	Both my husband and myself were born and brought up here. My husband has had to work out of town for the last 13 years and not because of the mill. Our reason for staying is we still have parents here and we wanted our daughters to go to a small school. Our youngest will be graduating this coming year. If she had more years ahead of her, the school system would be the reason we would leave here. Consolidation would be the reason we would have stayed. We both believe we will stay and retire here. The only thing that may cause us to pack up and leave, would be if the girls would never come back here. The way things are going now, there is now opportunities here for them. We would probably leave to be closer to them.

10419772	10/03/2014	I was born, raised and work here. Both of my children were raised here, they went away to college and are both well educated. They have come back to the community and purchased homes but travel outside of town to work. I feel we have a warm neighborly community where most everyone knows everyone, it's nice to walk down the street and feel safe, it's nice to know when you call on town services that you will be greeted with a familiar face and someone who has the desire to do a good job not because they have to but because they want to.
10421355	10/03/2014	I really want to remain in this region, but if things do not change we can no longer afford the tax rate that we are currently paying and will be forced to leave.
10419872	10/03/2014	My job allows me to work wherever I chose, based on families and the recreation this area provides not much would cause me to leave unless I lost that flexibility except perhaps further significant deterioration of the school system as I do have young children
10420961	10/03/2014	There is just too much potential here to abandon if I don't have to. If our business can hang on and the town doesn't let itself die off from under us, I think we'll do okay. If Millinocket actively and successfully markets itself as a place to visit and live in, I think we'll do substantially better than just "okay". I think the only plausible thing that would make us leave is destitution. Heating costs in winter are horrifying (where's that natural gas pipeline the governor was promising?), and there don't seem to be many possibilities for supplemental employment in the area, so financial problems could conceivably force us to find a way to leave the area, but we're very heavily invested in the future of the town here and it wouldn't be easy at all.
10423468	10/03/2014	I am close to retirement. all family is here or withing short driving distance. So I would stay.
10423846	10/03/2014	The mindset of the morons in charge of all local municipalities need to grasp the present and embrace the future instead of wasting time and effort trying to bring back the mil glory years and destroying the community in the process
10424045	10/03/2014	Our children have all had to leave for jobs so if I could leave I would move closer to them.
10423576	10/03/2014	My husband and I will probably leave before our children start school because we have concerns regarding the opportunities that will be afforded in our education system if budgetary constraints continue. We would love to stay as we were both raised here and have some remaining family in the area. We also feel it is a safe place to raise our family and offers opportunities for many outdoor family activities. We do not feel that those reasons outweigh the importance of our children having a strong education.
10424384	10/03/2014	I am 61 years old and still in the workforce. I do not live in town anymore, I live at the lake. I grew up when our town was booming and everyone was positive. For the last 15 - 20 years, there has been alot of negativity. Some even have lost hope and it shows in our community. I would be willing to work hard towards our future. I believe we can turn this around to be a better place to reside. I believe if we think positively and positive things happen, then attitudes will change. No it won't happen overnite, but it will be a start and with many positive people, you know it will spread and hopefully overcome the negativity. One can only pray and work towards this goal. I am not leaving no matter what, this is my home and I want to be proud of it.
10425677	10/03/2014	If the elementary and high school consolidate i would more or consider homeschooling.
10425518	10/03/2014	I want to stay and raise my kids in this community.
10426518	10/03/2014	The ONLY reason I would leave is to better educate my children. There are somethings money can't buy. Money can FUND a school, but money doesn't TEACH my child....and there needs to be something done about that!! We have "teachers". Now someone needs to be sure they are TEACHING. (And for the record, neither of us work in town. It would be oh so easy to pack up and move.)
10425759	10/03/2014	As I type this I'm planning on moving my family within the next 10 months. There is no reason for me to keep my kids in a school system that is punished because town leaders cant figure out how to balance the towns budget without simply cutting school every chance they get. There are very few activities for them to partake in through a rec department or school. Education and becoming a well rounded person is my top priority for my kids and I just don't find it acceptable what the town is doing to the school department.
10426430	10/03/2014	I may have to leave due to what the cost of living becomes in the future. We cannot afford 30 to 40 dollars per thousand on our homes... the is the plain simple truth!!!
10427359	10/03/2014	I don't currently live in Millinocket. A lot of my famile is still there and I was born and raised there. After college I had to go where the jobs were and unfortunately there are no jobs for young people of my generation
10427419	10/03/2014	I have already moved after the failure of two of my small businesses and foreclosure of my home. But I revisit most weekends and run paint and sip parties at a local establishment once a month. I would revisit moving back if the living experiences were the same as they once were.
10427954	10/03/2014	I stay because of everything the area has to offer in recreation. Also the closeness of the community.
10428078	10/03/2014	Start reinvesting in our school system, which then brings professionals, which then helps all the local entities....I've heard 10000 times it's the trickle down effect, let's try the trickle up effect!!!!!!
10428143	10/03/2014	I believe that the nice people of this town are definitely worth staying for. I do believe that unless more work opportunities are brought into the town, that more and more people will leave. The people of this town, really care about their town and most will do it whatever they can to help it.
10426649	10/03/2014	The only reason I would leave at this time if I could would be, because I am concern about my kids education. I am sorry, but our kids are getting screwed by a bunch of prideful people in this area and it drives ME CRAZY!!!! Also we need NEW young blood on our town and school council. I am ready to hear what the younger generation thinks about the mess this town has LET it's self get into. I don't plan on staying here in my retirement years because I am just fed up with how people can be so selfish, fearful and prideful about change in this area! It's not easy but we need to think positively about our future here and start working ALL together. No more fear, pride, or selfishness.
10428279	10/03/2014	My husband and I are both natives of this town and would never want to move from our area. The sad reality for people who may want to leave is that because of the low prices people are getting for real estate they can not afford to start over. Very sad!
10427808	10/03/2014	We have been talking about leaving for some time now, the more and more cuts that are made to our town and school system are affecting everyone. The towns mill rate is getting out of control and we are being taxed on values from years past and there is no relief in sight, and yet the town sells tax acquired properties for a few thousand dollars when they admit it is the wrong thing to do.. Again why stay
10428053	10/03/2014	I like the closeness of the community, many people go out of their way to help someone in need. I'm not one for a busy city. I grew up here and my family is here.
10429354	10/03/2014	I would LOVE it if my children could stay here and enjoy the area! Also would LOVE for ones that had to leave be able to come back!! The main reason I want to stay is this is a GREAT area live. It's the way Maine should be!
10429208	10/03/2014	The property tax rates in Millinocket coupled with the downward forces on home prices have caused me to be trapped here. I can not sell my home do to the prior stated items. If tax rates continue to rise and home prices continue to fall, I will have to bite the bullet and cut my losses. When property taxes are approaching the level of a mortgage payment on better pieces of property in town, there is a spending problem.
10429759	10/03/2014	No input.
10430266	10/03/2014	Would move if needed for employment
10430618	10/03/2014	what would cause me to leave is a job but Millinocket needs to try to bring more jobs to the area to get younger people to stay.....once the retirees die off there may not be anyone left....we need jobs here
10430836	10/03/2014	I would STAY!. Small town America has its advantages. Schools, everybody knows the kids. Services from the town. Everybody knows who works there. Comfort of not being in the city. Low keyed and plenty of access to roam and enjoy nature but still have best care at Local Hospital. Just wish we had a little more shopping in town for some basic items, not just food.
10430614	10/03/2014	I would not be able to stay if the hospital closed or had a large reduction in services. I would have to walk away from my house even though it is paid. I will stay because of the caring community spirit. I will stay because of the beautiful land, the ability to walk the streets and feel safe, and the ability to access cross country ski trails within 10 min ride.
10430388	10/03/2014	I do not live there currently, however had the opportunity for employment been there I would have stayed, and if the opportunity came up I would defiantly think of moving back. #1 I need to provide for my family, I do not need fancy things but I need an area that is stable financially and communally. A financially stable community, has stable jobs, good schools, and affordable cost of living. These are the specifics that I would be looking for as an individual. As a business owner I would be looking for a work force with strong work ethics, as well as tax incentives and support of the community not just in the good times but in the bad times as we'll.
10431083	10/03/2014	I am a snowbird retiree. I would not consider moving south full time if the library remains open and the services at the hospital continues.]
10431336	10/03/2014	I have lived in the city. (Portland) and would rather drive an hour to commute than live in the hectic city type environment.
10431638	10/03/2014	The primary reason I would leave is so I could get a good job with a livable wage!
10432290	10/03/2014	I'm young, 20 infact, so as soon as i get the opportunity I'm leaving millinocket, not because i don't love the town, because i do. i love the people and the surroundings, but there is just NOTHING for someone my age to pursue for a career. and pretty soon there will be noone there at all. so yes, i will move away, but if someday millinocket magically gets its shit together. ill come back and settle down here because i loved growing up in millinocket, my childhood was amazing, the town was just small enough you could ride your bike all the way up central to go to hanaford and back down to the playgrounds and wherever you wanted. THAT is what i love about this town. but the fact that in lack of other words, millinocet is a dying town... its driving young AND OLDER people out of it. i talk to so many people about it and they say if i didn't own my house i would move but theres no money to be maid in millinocket so noone would buy the house and in turn the person would suffer a grave loss. I'm sorry, its the sad truth, but millinocket hold nothing for me. and i will leave.
10432496	10/03/2014	would stay because of my home. not willing to take such a loss to move and get resettled.
10432212	10/03/2014	If we lost all our income sources and couldn't find employment within a reasonable travel difference we would have to move.
10432228	10/03/2014	I moved. I only live in the region during the summer and visit during the winter. I love the place. I can't stand the minority of close-minded, obstructionist idiots who refused to diversify the economy while the opportunities existed.

10432573	10/03/2014	this is a great place to raise children. The schools are amazing, continued cuts to the school and rec department are going to scare away new families looking at moving here.
10433013	10/03/2014	there is nothing here
10433705	10/03/2014	Jobs. If I could have made a REASONABLE living I would of stayed, not high wages but living wages! It was a beautiful place to live, and the life was great.
10433760	10/03/2014	I left due to the lack of good jobs to support a family. Plain and simple jobs that can sustain a living are required
10433684	10/03/2014	I love the outdoors. I own a recreational business in town.
10433858	10/03/2014	I grew up in Millinocket, I am a property owner there and hate to see the bad that has happened and hope that it can be turned around
10433907	10/03/2014	I had to move. After college there were no jobs for young professionals. I actually had to move out of state and since have returned to raise my family...not in Millinocket but as close as we can get.
10435205	10/03/2014	The negativity and constant fighting of the governing boards is embarrassing. It is not easy to be proud to claim you live in this community because of all the negative press. Granite Street School is amazing yet that is on the council's hit list too. The closure of that school will force a move for my family. The school would be broken up and pieced into the high school. Our youngest citizens have the most to lose.
10435682	10/03/2014	This is home for generations
10435296	10/03/2014	Our town is dead! Empty stores, empty houses! If our town had a future, if we could reinvent it and put the past losses behind us, I'd love it here! I'd participate in its growth and reinvention!
10435612	10/03/2014	I am retired, but my wife's retirement is a long way off. If the local hospital closes its doors (where she works), we may have to move if she could not find a comparable paying job locally. We both love the area and recreate here every summer at a local lake and would like to maintain our lifestyle.
10435691	10/03/2014	The most important is my family lives here. My parents are aging fast and I want to be here for them. Also although its rough its still a good community to bring up a family.
10435999	10/03/2014	You tell me why anyone would stay in the town's current state p
10436078	10/03/2014	I have to travel to work. I could not get a job in our area and make the money that I do. I have travelled for a lot of years and it is getting very tiring. If I could get a decent job in this area I would not even consider leaving.
10436712	10/03/2014	We moved away 2 years ago and worked out of state for 3 years because the mill looked like it was not going to last until our retirement. We did not like living out of state so found a way to move back to the area. My husband drives 120 miles a day to go to work and I drive 26 miles round trip to go to work but we are much happier here than we were living out of state making more money.
10436887	10/03/2014	My wife and I are retired and just purchased a home in Millinocket in September and we're using it as our summer/fall home away from Florida.
10438366	10/03/2014	I grew up in millinocket and I miss the community and for a small town people worked together to get things done
10438577	10/03/2014	Love my home safe place to live, but the economy and if I was to loose employment due to a aging community not sure what the town's future will be and with children need to survive.
10438631	10/03/2014	I would leave if I could no longer afford to live in my home and even if I left, I would try be a part-time resident. I grew up here, left, made a good living and returned. Economic opportunities could turn it around for me.
10438790	10/03/2014	I love this town and most of the people in it. But the schools are suffering and my daughter isn't being provided an education that will adequately prepare her for her future. Also, the job market is almost non-existent. I have returned to school to get my degree. But I am afraid it will be worthless once I get it if I stay in this area.
10439385	10/03/2014	stay, because we have an abundance of clean air, water and access to some of the most wild and scenic places in the north east, draw back for some is lack of fair wage job opportunities.
10440897	10/03/2014	if the hospital closed, I would leave the area
10455694	10/04/2014	Peace and quite, surrounded by natural beauty, bring down the taxes a little and market this area as a retirement community or a green community.
10457668	10/04/2014	As a small business owner, I truly enjoy serving the needs of my customers whether local or those visiting our beautiful area. the amount of community support here is amazing! Recently, we held a benefit supper for a local man in need and were able to give him a check for \$3,000. Now that's a community that cares about it neighbors!
10459905	10/04/2014	I would like to remain in Millinocket but I might be forced to leave because of circumstances that are occurring recently.
10460753	10/04/2014	I am retired so I don't need to be gainfully employed. My children and grandchildren live 70 miles away. We visit back and forth as time allows, but can be there for one another if needed in an hour. I live on the lake where it is so peaceful and beautiful even during the winter northeaster storms, that I can't imagine living anywhere else. The only way I'll leave here is when I am physically unable to stay. I thank God every day for the beauty that surrounds us. Millinocket to me is Heaven on Earth!
10463992	10/04/2014	I was born and raised in Millinocket and do not plan on leaving unless I have too. I own a business here and I will work my fingers to the bone to succeed! I have my fiancé who does travel out of state to work, he is gone a lot and I would much rather have him home but we make it work. I love my hometown, I love the people in the community, and I love what surrounds me all 4 seasons! I always hope that things will get better here because I want to stay.
10465058	10/04/2014	The falter in the school systems would be our only cause to move. The values, traditions, and our beautiful backyard with endless opportunities to enjoy it are why we don't want to leave.
10465297	10/04/2014	I already left. That being said, I had taken the area for granted. Growing up on a small pond being 100 feet from a shoreline since I was a kid spoiled me. When you get out in the real world and the water and mountains are where people with money live and you can only afford to vacation there it changes how you see things. I remember growing up many people in the community bad mouthed and knocked a businessman because he wasn't a "local", well he has done a lot for the area. If more people would think to utilize the resources around you i.e. the lakes, streams, rivers, mountains, woods for business ideas. Then there is very little that could stop the Millinocket area from being a prime destination for outdoor enthusiasts world wide.
10466650	10/04/2014	What would make me move would have to be a great economic opportunity and able to live in an area comparable to our surroundings.
10467087	10/04/2014	I live toward Baxter State Park on a lake, run a business here in town and also work as a RN in MRH ER, we love where we live and we love the community, however we have a son that is 3 years old. School system would be the only reason we would move. Him getting a quality education is of very high importance to my husband and I. I have a vested interest in this community and would like the local economy thrive once again but i think it is time to start putting our eggs in other baskets the mills are dying out... how long are we going to attempt to hold on without moving forward. We need young educated minds to take charge of this community but i am afraid they have all moved away
10469022	10/04/2014	My children have needs that are not being met by the declining school resources and budget. As the population dwindles my job is less secure. I can't continue to suffer financially and my children personally and academically just to stay in my hometown.
10470638	10/04/2014	Leave. Nothing here. Taxes way to high. And the streets are. Getting so bad pretty soon they will take up the tar and leave. Just the dirt
10471746	10/04/2014	This is home lets fix it.
10474680	10/04/2014	I was born here and have had no desire to leave. I love it here. The only reason that I would move at this point would be my health and the necessity to be closer to my children for their support
10476173	10/04/2014	more opportunities
10477425	10/04/2014	I would leave because at this time...there is nothing to offer my children or grandchildren
10476150	10/04/2014	In the previous question, I responded that no I would not not move away. For the purposes of your research, I believe it is important for me to note that I am not a resident of Millinocket. In May, I started working in T1R8 and frequent Millinocket for it's grocery stores and few restaurants. I am choosing to stay in the area because of a job opportunity. Will I stay for more than 2 years if Millinocket remains the same or declines? No, probably not.
10479135	10/04/2014	I would stay because we have all of the best that the U.S. has to offer here. What would cause me to pick up and go is if our resources here were capitalized upon in the wrong way. We must establish strong zoning laws ahead of the possibilities so that we don't have a mini-golf course every 500 yards. In "Under the Tuscan Sun" it was said that they built the train tracks up the mountain before there was a train that could make the trip because they knew the train would come. We must think ahead here. The reason we are sitting on a pot of gold is because it is what it is right now. We can all enjoy that and prosper from it in so, so many ways if we do it conscientiously. Otherwise, we're in big trouble.
10480193	10/04/2014	I want this small town community. I want my children to grow up here and have a similar experience that my spouse and I had growing up (myself farther north and my spouse right here in Millinocket). I want a strong school and jobs for youth to come back to. If the programs and services connected to the school (extra and co-curricular as well as educational opportunities) continue to be cut we will have to look elsewhere for the good of our children.
10480094	10/04/2014	I'm staying because I'm bringing my education back to the region to try and sustain our future. My focus is Recreational Based Therapy and the geography in the region is perfect for the field. I am excited to be an active contributor to the community not only physically but mentally.
10482129	10/04/2014	I stay cause I have family here. It is a comfort zone.
10497008	10/05/2014	We plan to stay. A couple of reasons we might consider moving would be work and being closer to our children (who have moved away for jobs).
10506294	10/05/2014	Love it here.

10514071	10/05/2014	I won't sell my house in Millinocket, HOPEFUL perhaps. Economy that would be fruitful for all would give people a sense of hope. I remember Millinocket as being a very lovely community years ago when the mills were prosperous. We need to take a look at the school system, are programs being cut for children? Is there a vocational school near so people can get a trade? Are we encouraging people to be active in the community? I have a great interest in Millinocket and want it to survive.
10514361	10/05/2014	I do not live inside Millinocket, but on the boundaries. I utilize town services in Medway, East and Millinocket and have for over 25 years. I have a position I enjoy right now, live in unorganized territory for most of the year and then rent in the winter. At this time our rent is in Patten Maine. Patten is a good example of how a town got on with things, found other opportunities and did not swell on losing their lumber mills and biomass plant. They are in the process of welcoming an animal feed plant. They have Amish purchasing old farms and lands to keep open spaces and provide milk and other products to the local communities. They have maple syrup businesses and other natural resource industries in the surrounding towns. They have many retired rangers from Baxter State Park, why PATTEN and Mt Chase vs Millinocket? They are not a one game town. I like the positive vibes from most of the folks here. They work hard and work as a community. They care about the esthetics of their town. They welcome hunters, fishermen, snowmobilers, skiers and hikers from elsewhere.
10515479	10/05/2014	I was brought up to provide for myself. The area I live in allows me to hunt, fish, pick berries, nuts, vegetables (fiddleheads) and fill my freezer. It is HOW I live & what I enjoy. Southern states, even southern Maine doesn't understand what is important to us...WHY we want to live in this community even though our taxes are going up. I can't imagine living in a city where the only access to the woods is going to a "park". Again, I think a National Park would ruin what we have. People LOVE to come here because of what we have to offer that they "find" for themselves when they are here...adding signs and paths and charging an entrance fee?! Ridiculous! Generations of my family have lived here and chose to stay regardless of the hardships it sometimes causes, yet people from cities want to tell us what to do with the woods?!
10516108	10/05/2014	Although I have said that I would leave, I'm open to ways we can improve our community so that we will stay. Millinocket is a great place to raise a family and it's still a relatively safe place to live. But the constant budget battles over the 30 years that my wife and I have lived through start to wear you down. I have been a teacher in the local school system for 13 of those years and then spent 16+ years as a Dept. Head (Library). I have experienced those battles at first hand. It's time to end that negative way of looking at things. If one wants a school system, for example, similar to the one that was in place when we first moved here, we have to attract better teachers. To attract better teachers you have to increase salaries (among other things). Millinocket doesn't know when to stop shooting itself in the foot would be a good description of what has been happening.
10519727	10/05/2014	We are retired ,own our house ,have friends here and enjoy the amenities that the area offers—fishing ,clubs we belong to,and the chance to get to peace and serenity VERY quickly!
10525840	10/05/2014	I will never leave family is here and love the four seasons and believe better days are ahead of us
10526383	10/05/2014	My family has all moved away as there are no jobs here to keep them here. I am told my job will probably be gone July 1st but if my job is still a full time job I will stay as I own a home in town.
10533758	10/05/2014	As I answered at the beginning of this questionnaire, I don't live here, so it is an error for you to ask me this. I moved away when I graduated from high school for opportunities, and adventure. I come back because I own a camp and love the access to nature. I wish the people of the town would get over the fact that the paper industry is dead. (People don't buy newspapers anymore.it has nothing to do with evil corporations or bad luck), and would be open to investments which seem to make the millinocket, the border to the largest uninhabited piece of land east of the Mississippi, a gateway to untouched nature. Not the stupid water parks of New Hampshire. It is a treasure. I also fear that if the people of millinocket don't demonstrate some leadership then you will have no say in what happens.
10541172	10/05/2014	Improved political climate, stronger leadership in Towns and schools so that decisions can be made in a more timely fashion.
10566486	10/06/2014	I would leave to get employment, I have applied for more than 15 jobs in this area in the last three years and nobody will hire a 60 year old.
10567144	10/06/2014	We left due to work issues. We would of loved to have stayed but couldn't due to work.
10567268	10/06/2014	I recently moved here less than one month ago and have no intention of leaving. I move here after 11 years of vacationing in Millinocket because of warm and friendly residents, the access to the outdoors and what I believe is a chance for a better life for my family and myself. My thought is that the financial situation in Millinocket is temporary and I want to be a part of the rebuild of this town and enjoy what is to come once this town is back on track.
10569712	10/06/2014	I will stay as long as I have a job here. Love all the outdoor recreation options.
10570512	10/06/2014	People need work. Good paying jobs. And good schools. Millinocket offers none of this. I think most people would rather stay but we are all being forced out. Very few people I grew up here with live her. They just can't. Plan and simple. There is no work. The mills were the heart and soul of this town. Now there isn't any. I honestly do not know .
10572014	10/06/2014	As things stand right now high taxes people with bad attitudes on change and high unemployment are the big factors for me . Living here over 45 years and being third generation to live here is something I think is great but we need to be more open and positive to change where a lot of people here are closed minded and think the hey say of the mills will come back it's not and they need to go forward with new ideas and promote the things we have instead of trying to be a one horse region.
10573186	10/06/2014	My financial well being is not dependent on the economy of Millinocket. I am young, am starting a family and will not leave Millinocket unless necessary services such as, fire department, hospital and ambulance services no longer exist.
10575070	10/06/2014	I spend about 1/3 of my time in the region for work. If the town had better schools, cell phone reception, high speed internet, MUCH better leadership (council members and selectman) and more recreational infustructure I would consider moving my family there.
10588413	10/06/2014	Because of my age and the increasing cost of taxes and sewer charges I would not be able to keep my home if these things are constantly increasing because my income would not be sufficient to support me. That would be the reason I would need to leave. I've lived here except for three years in the army, my entire life and I love this area, my family is buried in the cemetery here, so I don't want to leave, but what choice would I have but to find a community that is cheaper to live in.
10588820	10/06/2014	the most concern to me would be job security or opportunity, if for some reason either of those should become an issue for my husband, my immediate family, or I...I would have no choice but to move to survive.
10589654	10/06/2014	We need to use new ideas to take advantage of the biomass and power opportunites and the Tourist opportunities if marketed Internationally and Nationally
10589877	10/06/2014	I would stay because I believe we are living in an area that is on the cusp of a new beginning and I am anxious to be a part of it.
10589730	10/06/2014	Nothing that the town council, Michaud or Quimby could do, could make me move, and I am happy to say, most feel that way. The majority of people are not happy with the job of those above,,, thank God for elections..!
10590461	10/06/2014	#1. This is my hometown...born & brought up here. Family & lifelong friends. The woods, our family camp, nature, Katahdin. If we lose our library, I will seriously consider moving. I work at our library (several hours/week) and one of our trustees said the same thing to me one day. This would be a bitter pill for so many including home schooled families and the community at large.
10591842	10/06/2014	We left for a different kind of employment. Now in the process of retiring and have a residence in East so we are coming back to the area after being gone for over 47 years, only in spring, summer and fall. Lol
10591897	10/06/2014	We moved here 3 years ago because we love it as it is. If it became "upscale", crowded, & expensive (like Littleton, NH – where we began our home search), we'd hate it – but maybe we'd still stay. A new mill that brought the smell of Lincoln to town would make me want to leave, but not my husband.
10593265	10/06/2014	Staying to see a different come out of this current situation this is where my kids have grown and they enjoy coming home to the peace and quiet
10593982	10/06/2014	If the town was viable again but the more that's cut I have to say I think about it. When I first started having kids we wanted to raise them here with the same values and home town feel. That's dwindling
10594078	10/06/2014	I would stay because of my children yes they are all grown but they come home for peace and quiet and to see the progress of what is to be
10594450	10/06/2014	I don't want to leave. I love millinocket. I would only leave if I could not find a job that would pay my bills. I have no desire to live other places. I love my. Katahdin and the Appalachian trail. My family lives here and I love being 10 minutes from the lake.
10594503	10/06/2014	The only way I would even think about moving away, is if our school system moved the elementary grade into the high school! I feel that it's not fair to either of the schools to have to be in the same building because the age groups should be able to have their own space! The learning environment changes and the young children are VERY impressionable so every little thing they pick up on and the older kids shouldn't have to feel they need to walk on egg shells for the little ones!
10594667	10/06/2014	Friends and family are the main reason for staying. Also, I couldn't sell my home and buy another one elsewhere. We need a store so we don't have to go to Bangor to purchase clothes
10594857	10/06/2014	I moved 10 years ago. I miss the town but I did what I thought was best for me and my wife.
10595080	10/06/2014	Need for more activities in town, better job market
10595104	10/06/2014	I have to stay because I own a home in this town and likely hood of getting anything for it right now is slim. If people still push for a k-12 school u will find a lot of families walking away from there homes to go elsewhere.
10594718	10/06/2014	This is also a ying and yang question....I want to stay because I like my home, my friends and the woods. However, if it continues to cost more and more to live here and require us to travel long distances for most of our needs, I might reconsider. In other words, if life just gets too hard and too expensive. I left twice before...once for employment and once for other reasons & both times it reinforced the fact that my heart is here. Even though the other places had more available it was like the price was too high. Millinocket was comfortable. It just always felt like this is where I was meant to be.
10595217	10/06/2014	I would stay. I believe in this community and believe that it has a lot to offer. I have watched many families pack up and leave the area. I believe that the more people who continue to have faith in this area, the better chances there are that it will succeed.
10595552	10/06/2014	I would pack up and leave if access to the outdoor things I love ended and there was no longer places to shop and eat.

10595589	10/06/2014	Relationships/family history cause us to stay as camp owners/summer residents.
10595795	10/06/2014	As I had mentioned earlier in this survey, my family chooses to stay. We are here for no other reason than because we love it here. With that being said, you have to understand that there are a few types of people in this town. Those who are here because they can't afford to leave. They don't work, but live off of state assistance, and it is relatively inexpensive to live here depending upon your standard of living. There are also those who work away so that they can afford to live here. My husband and I both have worked out of town for years to afford to live here. We have travelled for years. We have several friends who are engineers and travel, or work in forestry/logging and work in the woods all week, or travel to Bangor to work, just to afford a life here--these are the people who contribute the most in property taxes and spend money in the local economy. Then there are the elderly who have retired here and live here because they always have. They make up the majority of the demographic here. And finally, there are the displaced mill workers who are unemployed and are waiting for a solution that may never come. There are some who work in the area, but they are really the minority from what I understand and they are the ones who are being crushed by high property taxes in this area. To answer your question--we choose to stay. We love it here. However, if the town continues to decline, we will have no choice but to leave. We have a young child, and if the school continues the way it is, there will be nothing available when he is school age. For decades these towns have been putting band aids over these problems and raising taxes but never solving the problem. It's time to get our hands dirty and fix the problem. Everyone will have to give something up. People aren't going to like the change, but it is necessary.
10595652	10/06/2014	I've had chances to leave and don't want to. I'm sure I could make more money but this is home. If I lost my job I would have to entertain the idea of leaving but I try to stay positive and hope the town will turn around.
10595819	10/06/2014	Love the small town feel, outdoors...its not necessary to work in Millinocket to live there it be nice.. been working on the road 20 yrs. High taxes, poor school system make me leave.
10596899	10/06/2014	I think the Millinocket area is an absolutely wonderful place to raise a family. However, the schools and businesses continue to decrease in quality and quantity. That has a huge effect on the area. Without the resources, people just refuse to stay.
10597064	10/06/2014	The weather here is what would encourage me to leave.
10597162	10/06/2014	I would stay because this town helped shape who I am and I love the people in it
10597339	10/06/2014	only cause i have a job here few yrs i'll retire and think of moving
10597353	10/06/2014	To me this town is home. My fathers family has lived in this region, myself included for eight generations. Its a town that grows on you. Whenever you leave it, its like leaving without a part of your heart. I want only the best for my hometown. Whatever it takes, the people bust their rumps and have for generations. The main reason I, and others would leave would be because there are frankly no jobs. You can't raise a family these days with just one person working. Jobs are scarce and not always the best paying. Many in the region work two or more jobs to make ends meet. Other than that, I wouldn't leave.
10597598	10/06/2014	I would not leave, but I may have to for job and work. There may be nothing to serve my needs of employment which would force me out.
10597515	10/06/2014	If my children moved away I would also but I like living in a small town and being around people who reach out to help someone who is faced with a tragedy. We have good caring people in this area.
10597398	10/06/2014	i really can't think of much that would make me leave. i want to live out the second half of my life in peaceful unhurried surroundings. having a hospital and fire department in town is important to me. so i hope those always remain. but if not, i'm not really in much of a position to move. i love my house and even if i wanted to sell it, it's not worth even trying. it's value to me is as a home for the rest of my life. i know it's a narrow view, but as long as the lights are on and the water and sewer is available, i have what i need right here. i am not looking for work, but i don't have the resources to just move somewhere else. we chose millinocket to retire with what we have, and i.m very happy with that decision. but my perspective is narrow in that i have no concern for the job market etc... other than wanting the town to flourish in general. but as it is, i spend most of my time at home. and if that continues to be possible, i am happy.
10599747	10/06/2014	After college, I chose not to go back to Millinocket. There are no job opportunities in my field and I don't want to have to travel to Bangor like my dad does. The schools are on a constant decline and I fear for my family's and friends' children who will be educated in the school systems. When I have a family, I do not want to live in this fear. I had many opportunities growing up in Millinocket and the youth today will not have the same. We talk about retiring to Millinocket some day, as we love the lake, park and all of the beauty that Millinocket has to offer, however as young professionals and a prospective family, I feel as though it has nothing to offer us.
10599884	10/06/2014	I've lived in this area for a good part of my life. I have a sense of belonging here. I have a good job. I own 2 in-town properties here. The property taxes are high but in comparison with real estate elsewhere it is still more affordable to live here. If I were to lose my job, I would need to relocate. If the town safety services are cut to a point where I feel unsafe, if the hospital were to close leaving us without immediate access to healthcare, and/or if the town continues to make significant cuts to the school budget that will affect my grandchild's education I will strongly consider leaving the area.
10602763	10/06/2014	I have already moved away. I left to better my education and start a career. There was nothing in the town for myself to do either of those. In order for me to possibly some day own property in the Millinocket region it requires me to move away and gain education and a career of some sort. I would stay in the area if I had the money and some means of stable financing. With out proper education it is difficult to make a real stable financial life in the area. There just isn't enough in the area to keep too many people.
10602928	10/06/2014	This is Home. My husband and I were both born here, we graduated from Stearns High, and after his military service and our college graduation, we came back to teach here. Our children were raised and educated here, but have found work elsewhere after college. Now that we have retired, my husband and I have no need to seek employment elsewhere, but our children would not be able to make a living here. Although we are happy in our home on land that has been in our family for several generations, our grandchildren live elsewhere and we visit them frequently. When the travel becomes too much for us, we will face a hard choice.
10611149	10/06/2014	I would stay because it was home I would leave and have left as it is not the same as when I grew up as far as schools and extra curricular activities for kids, also taxes are completely out of control
10623819	10/07/2014	It has been increasingly difficult to make a decent living in the area. So yes, I would, and have, left the area in pursuit of a better life for my family. It boils down to business..
10622912	10/07/2014	I love living in Millinocket. Reason for leaving would be that I can no longer live on my own due to physical decline or other medical issues and would have to be dependent on my children's assistant. My age is a contributing factor to moving away from a town where I loved rearing six children and who became successful in other states and communities. We have a very caring community and pride ourselves in our assets. Having no employment opportunity in their field of education is a factor for my adult children to living elsewhere. Presidential candidates and Washington issues would not be a reason for me to move to another country. We are now a global community and as recent news will offer, what happens in Africa affects us directly. What happens in Europe can easily change our current affairs in Millinocket. Our US paper industry, large employment rate in growing communities at one time, has not been able to compete with new technologies and competitive countries. People from all parts of the world travel to our Katahdin area and it is to visit Mt. Katahdin. Therefore, our community has an opportunity, to expand the tourist industry. We certainly have the beauty to share. If we could have attractions for families to come play, they would come. It would be in our best interest if we looked at other winter resorts and how far families will travel to play. Quebec has developed family attractions and families travel long distances to visit. It attracts the singles as well. Change is not easy for most and we do have to focus on what our 'haves' are and not on the 'have nots' that can result in the change needed to bring a vibrant life to our community of the Greater Katahdin Area.
10624638	10/07/2014	I chose to stay because I am lucky enough to have a good job here. I like the close proximity to all the outdoor recreation. I like knowing most of the people I run into on a day to day basis.
10625031	10/07/2014	I have been lucky to have worked in different places in the last 10 years. I treated losing my job at the mill an opportunity to move forward with motivation and work in another state. I also worked for different companies. It felt great for me and my family to come back to Millinocket again.
10626417	10/07/2014	I would like to move only to be closer to businesses that I can buy cloths at... We have nothing here like that and I have a camp so I could come back and visit when I want to!!!
10629066	10/07/2014	My wife and I have chosen to stay for our son so that he can know his grandparents and live in a safe community. To leave Millinocket would mean I have lost my job and need to move. Anything else might have more to do with bigger things going on in our world than our politics.
10629331	10/07/2014	Small mindedness and personal politics are hindering growth in the area. Education has been reduced to money, and the focus is not on student learning. Once the town council and school boards have cut fundings or have cut "their pound of flesh". What's left? Either a corpse or a system that is slowly bleeding to death.
10629600	10/07/2014	I would stay because I am from Millinocket and have a wonderful life here. I am a wife, mother of two, home owner and work full time. I love raising my two children in a small town close to their immediate family members. Millinocket has so much to offer to our young members of society. It can be a quiet and peaceful place to live and raise a family. The one thing that does make my husband and I very concerned is the school system. Education is rapidly changing in our town. We obviously want both our children to receive a good education. We hope that the school board and town council make thoughtful and considerate decisions as it pertains to the school system.
10628602	10/07/2014	It would break my heart to move away from the town that I was born and raised in, the town that I raised my family in, and the town that holds all my dearest memories. But, having a bachelor's degree, working full-time, and yet barely making more than a yearly poverty income level has forced me to seriously look into moving away from an area that will forever hold my heart.
10630192	10/07/2014	I want to live where businesses stay open later, have more art and culture activities.
10630293	10/07/2014	I only work in this area and I don't live here but I love the area and the people that I have gotten to meet. I work in the outdoor recreation industry and I think there is a lot more that can be done to bring new young faces to the area and keep the ones we currently have. If there are no opportunities for our young people then they will surely leave. I also think the State could do more to help take advantage of our natural resources, not only on the recreational side but on forest products. Value added mills for lumber, pellets, chips, etc. Help promote use of these resources and subsidize use of these products as heating sources for home and industry.....who wants to buy oil from overseas?
10630032	10/07/2014	I will stay as long as I can retain my employment, afford the property taxes and obtain adequate medical attention. However, the area's situation is very depressing and I pray that it turns around quickly. The climate in Maine requires tough people to endure some uncontrollable conditions, let's make Millinocket a peaceful home by controlling the undesirable conditions when we can.
10632891	10/07/2014	n
		Right now, I can't think of anywhere else that I want to be, I have considered many. I can go skiing on my lunch break, I can ride my bike to work. The quality of schooling as children

10632338	10/07/2014	get older is a serious consideration to staying or leaving as is what the town does to keep young people actively engaged so that narcotics and other related issues are kept at a minimum - not the current story. If the town(s) set the goal of becoming top schools in the state - that would be something. If the town approved and worked on the national park or a better option (Those who are against it, should be required to identify a better choice rather than just saying no) that would attract revenue into the area, create a market for housing and create local jobs - and would not stink up the air in the process...
10632190	10/07/2014	The lack of community leadership in the three towns not working together is my most frustrating reason for not wanting to be part of this area.
10630963	10/07/2014	The only thing that would prompt us to leave would be lack of employment opportunities within a reasonable commute.
10632726	10/07/2014	I love the area, the safeness, and untouched beauty of the surrounding area. I wish there were more job opportunities as my children had to leave the area to find financially secure positions in southern Maine. That would be the ONLY reason I would consider going...to be closer to them, but they love coming home to experience the peacefulness as well. We do need to bring in an abundance of shopping draws...we would make a great "little Freeport"...IF we could draw people in with what we have to offer!
10633853	10/07/2014	We have just returned to Millinocket, but have owned property and a camp here (in the family since 1898) and enjoy the region very much. We love the area.
10633931	10/07/2014	We would move if we had to for employment, but we would return for family. We may leave seasonally for a month or two as our winters are especially long.
10634165	10/07/2014	I'm glad I get the chance to clarify my last answer because it could go either way. I was born and raised here and I love this town. I want to see it become the town it was and can be again, or almost. I dislike the fact that in order to buy decent clothing, even underwear, most of the time I have to go somewhere else. However, with my age, considering the weather in the winter I would love to be able to move to somewhere more temperate. The cold and snow aren't fun any more. So even if the town was like it used to be I would still want to move if only for that reason. I told my daughter just yesterday I would love to be a snowbird and I really mean that!
10634973	10/07/2014	People do not appreciate what a beautiful community this is. Many still live with the mill mentality of making 60,000 x 2 per household and as we are all aware this is no longer available. Millinocket has become a place for welfare to flock and unfortunately the number of people on welfare has exceeded the number of working. It's unfortunate that such a beautiful area has become a dumping ground. It's unfortunate that this has happened but can't ignore that it has. Atleast in other areas there are enough of the working class to off set this. I will be leaving in the future.
10634665	10/07/2014	As the saying goes, "the grass is not always greener on the other side" Yes there are issues here, but also elsewhere. Moving away does not help solve our problem. Working together will
10634945	10/07/2014	Truthfully, I probably would have answered the previous question with "maybe". Our children grew up in a very kid-friendly environment with an excellent school system and great services. But, with the Severe budget cuts of past years, the educational system has deteriorated drastically; to the point where fewer and fewer families have moved to the area, teachers are mostly incompetent, and treat the system as a revolving door. They get enough "experience and then move on to other areas. Again, if new life is generated and new ideas become fact rather than theory, new folks would move in as well as new businesses.
10633566	10/07/2014	I could leave now if I wanted to. I don't own a home here, so could pack up and leave easily and find another job in the State comparable to what I do here. But, because I have a job I like that provides me with a livable wage, and I have family in town, I have stayed. But, to be honest, due to the current climate and economic situation, I have entertained the idea of relocating and will always keep that thought on the back burner. The fact that we have a hospital, police, and ambulance service in town are additional reasons why I stay. If those were gone, I would be more likely to leave, too.
10637957	10/07/2014	No work
10638889	10/07/2014	I did move away. I still have family and friends there. I left for work. Got sick of traveling everyday.
10639614	10/07/2014	Grew up in Millinocket, live on lake just outside town, love the area's people and natural beauty of the woods. Have spent winters away from the cold but really there is no place that feels as much like home as this area. Age and upkeep of home might force me to leave someday.
10640953	10/07/2014	Love this region
10640698	10/07/2014	I am choosing to leave, some of the reasons are the school system is not up to par and not preparing our children for college. The area is becoming a resort for non working, State dependent people and in order to get anything you may need, you have to travel well over an hour. Although I adore the beauty that comes with living here it is not enough to sustain a family.
10640446	10/07/2014	My great grandfather helped build that mill and every man in my family since then worked there, until my generation. I graduated Stearns and left within a year. I have a family and career in midcoast Maine, so I would not move back at this point. I also like the diversity of people, small towns, and recreational and cultural opportunities where I live, including being in between Acadia NP and Camden Hills SP. Millinocket should learn from the experiences of coastal towns that have exploited their natural resources and leveraged their small town charm and created vibrant communities. I would certainly consider buying a seasonal home there and spending more time if there was more diverse amenities.
10641033	10/07/2014	I plan to stay, but honestly a decline in the quality of the school system or a loss of my job would cause me to move. It's important to me that the school system stay competitive with other nearby districts. For instance, I would be upset if the elementary school was moved into the high school. The high school needs to offer AP classes and needs to provide opportunities so that my child will have a decent chance of going to a great college.
10641098	10/07/2014	The closeness of lakes, hiking trails and exploring the natural surroundings is a huge drawing card. Good schools and a well rated hospital within minutes is also such a unique offering. This is a SAFE environment for families to raise their children and grandchildren.
10640054	10/07/2014	No - I plan to move to another location where we have a retirement home that's been in the family many decades. What we like about that location is easy walking access to grocery, hardware stores, post office, library, hospital and numerous activities like musical events, farmer markets, etc. We plan to come back to ski, hike and paddle!
10641565	10/07/2014	I am staying. I have a job that does not rely on the local economy. If I lost my job I would have to go, I guess, but that's not likely.
10641818	10/07/2014	I moved here for a slower pace of life with less stress We can not have this here if we do not get our house in order Please Make the HARD Choices
10642319	10/07/2014	I will stay, it has been my home for 28 yrs, I love the communities, the people and the outdoors, yes we may have to travel for other opportunities but we learn to appreciate them more. ... I want to share this area with my grandchildren, I want them to appreciate the outdoor recreation aspects we have to offer!
10642255	10/07/2014	It's been home all my life, a wonderful innocent place to grow up and raise a family. I still feel it's a great place to live, we really get to experience all four seasons. I hope eventually the animosity on both sides with East Millinocket will subside and the Katahdin Region will be known as a great place to start a business due to its welcoming atmosphere.
10642400	10/07/2014	I would stay because I have lived here for more than 30 years, built up a network of friends, volunteer at the local thrift store and have a deep interest in the town having served as a reporter and editor of the Katahdin Times, weekly newspaper no longer in existence.
10642873	10/07/2014	I would stay until impossible
10642811	10/07/2014	If programs are still going to be cut that effect the children in school system, then we will have to leave. WE choose to stay here to raise our children and if programs continue to get cut we will not stay and let our child suffer.
10644089	10/07/2014	I would stay if I felt it was the best place to raise a family. As far as safety and a sense of community, I still feel that's the case. However, the school department is the other large looming factor in that decision. I understand with an aging population, the majority of residents may no longer have children in the system, so when faced with cuts they may be tempted to start there because it doesn't effect them. However, the consequences of such cuts WILL effect them, AND the whole town, as hard working young adults, the demographic the town should be targeting, choose to go elsewhere.
10644348	10/07/2014	I'd leave because people don't understand what's coming down the road. Once the retirees pass away, he's going into those houses. The hospital is what's keeping this area afloat.
10643737	10/07/2014	I want to leave because there's just nothing left here anymore taxes going threw the roof with no area jobs to support to pay the taxes nothing for kids to do but turn to drugs and alcohol and thing from the town are all being cut out of budget but I feel in all the wrong ways
10644997	10/07/2014	I think living and raising a family in this area would be as good as anyplace. Now with internet, everything is accessible out there. However, the outdoors and cultural areas accessible from living here are as good as anywhere.
10646818	10/07/2014	I would like to stay as long as I have a job here but the loss of the hospital would certainly make me consider leaving as it is too far away from Bangor
10646520	10/07/2014	i've lived here all my life with the exception of a couple years and i'm about ready for some warmer weather.
10645321	10/07/2014	My wife and me have a local business in millinocket. We are part of the creative economy owning Northlight Art gallery and have high hopes for this community.
10647912	10/07/2014	I would move in a heart beat if I could sell my home. I am paying more for everything now and being retired I struggle to buy home heating oil to be wam. I give up a lot to keep my home and pay for my medications. I do not qualify for help because I make a few dollars over the limit. If I sell I will be moving to another town to be closer to my children and grand children. There is no incentive to stay in Millinocket. Welfare seems to be the thing to do today. Most of the retirees are saying the same thing. The ones that are selling are really giving their homes away as people are not buying. Or they are just leaving them and letting the town take them. The town needs to restructure itself and get rid of all the extras that they added when the mills were running and times were good and money was plentiful. Our town is not the only one in this situation and they are all making big cuts to keep taxes down so people can stay in their homes. I have no way to increase my income and all these increases to make up the tax loss is hurting me and everyone else. I remember when the wastewater treatment plant was built. We were told we would only have the tax for it for a certain amount of years and it would stop. What a laugh that is! They take money from our taxes for this and then they tax us too! Double dipping in my book. The town council members work for the school or town and they do not want to cut or they could lose their job! The town is out of control and no one wants to change it. Brookfield sold the mills for a dollar and now they are closed and gone. Cates came in and did what they were told to go so Brookfield won't look like the bad guy...which they are! Life in Millinocket is not good!
10648972	10/07/2014	Born here, lived in the city and there is no reason I would leave. I like the area and do not like cities.
		Spouse wanted to leave when the mill shut down the first time, but I am too beholden to the town I grew up in and the home we raised our children in. Since some of our parents are

10650178	10/07/2014	still living in their own homes, we feel obligated to stay and help them out. We are also geographically located between our children and their children, so we are planning to stick around for a while.
10651271	10/07/2014	I would like to stay in Millinocket because I like living in town, but close to the wilderness. I love the lakes in the area in the summer. If I found that I needed family assistance as I got older I might consider moving to be closer to my son's family.
10649329	10/07/2014	Millinocket seems to have turned into a haven for welfare, drug users. I work for a company out of town and travel a lot. It doesn't really matter where my house is as I work all over New England but my wife and child still live in town. I believe the schools need to be fixed but unless our economy is fixed this will never happen. We need jobs and people willing to honestly work. When our mills shut down everyone was all of the sudden disabled, disability claims went thru the roof, not many people want to travel as I do but and I would love to stop. I always said if I could find a job that pays as good as mine now I would move and settle somewhere else but I really don't look that hard. I've been doing this so long I guess I'm used to it, I never worked in the mill.
10646602	10/07/2014	I move away kicking and screaming born and raised in this area I know the joys of living here but if the cuts keep happening to the schools you will not encourage young professionals to come here we need to keep a viable school system in place the reason why I would move because of all the cuts to the school system we have great teachers but we need more resource for our kids
10654844	10/07/2014	I own a camp on South Twin Lake but live in NH. the people here are friendly, they care about their neighbors and most I talk to try to support local business - even though it would be less expensive for us to buy things in tax free NH. our feeling is if we don't support local business, when the time comes that we NEED something, we won't be able to buy it because places have closed.
10655351	10/07/2014	I love my backyard meaning access to the north woods I feel as though I'm on vacation every time I hit the back roads and our Great Gift of Baxter State Park is priceless. I would not mind moving south for part of the winters.
10656434	10/07/2014	STAY, lived here since I was 11 (1956), and have always loved it here. Hunt, fish, kayak, ATV, I own my own home, raised my family here.
10657915	10/07/2014	I currently live outside of the region but work there. If there was better cell phone reception, access to high speed internet and a more welcome vibrant community that focused on outdoor recreation, the arts, and had services that were geared to young professionals it would be a lot more appealing. That along with the recreational infrastructure, it would be a wonderful place to live.
10657648	10/07/2014	Millinocket has been my home for almost 40 years. I like the size of the town, the friendliness of the residents and value the many friends I have made.
10658184	10/07/2014	The only way I will stay, is if the politics were to change 110% All new faces with fresh ideas that WILL make it happen. No more old stagnant ways and the "from away" attitudes. The people have done this to themselves.
10658882	10/07/2014	I lived here all my life! I do not want to leave!
10658327	10/07/2014	I have lived in millinocket all my life and love it here. I wouldn't live anywhere else but would like to see more employment in the area to keep younger people here
10659906	10/07/2014	I would stay as long as financially possible because of the previous question's answers. One reason I would leave is if the town continued to lose their assets. Another thing that might cause me to leave is the continuous influx of welfare families brought in (or scouted) because of the Section 8 affordable housing. It is causing the town to go downhill.
10660265	10/07/2014	As long as taxes don't go through the roof we will remain here forever.
10661152	10/07/2014	The real estate tax rate is too high. The town needs to make the sidewalks and roads better. The only thing keeping me now, is this is where my family lives and I don't want to take a beating on selling my house for less than it is worth.
10661436	10/07/2014	We'd move because both kids are now gone to college. We want more cultural activities, even more than Bangor and Portland offer though. Nothing Millinocket could do would help this. Before now we would not choose to move. Although we'd like a bigger retailer!
10661695	10/07/2014	I stay here because this is where I grew up and where I would like my children to grow up. My family and friends live in this community. However, if the situation with the schools changes drastically, and additional programs and services continue being cut, I will have to consider leaving to offer my children a more enriching education.
10663063	10/07/2014	I recently moved away from Millinocket as I am 24 and just finished college, Millinocket has no job offerings, much less the ability to start a career or open a successful business
10663126	10/07/2014	I will stay my husband and I have always lived here bought our house 24 yrs ago last month raised our children here. My husband started his business 10 yrs ago and I've worked at a local business for 23 yrs. We will stay here as long as we can we love it and hope our children will be able to come home to this wonderful area
10663949	10/07/2014	Dying aging community
10662298	10/07/2014	I will stay, for as long as I can survive. As long as I can get my groceries, get fuel and check out books. Let's look back on history and grow a new town. Encourage people from away to come to this turn-key community. "It's all set up....move right in!"
10663944	10/07/2014	I would and am moving away in a few months in support of my wife's new job opportunity. However, we are keeping our house in Millinocket, and we are looking forward to returning to Millinocket as either a primary or secondary home in the future. We would be more likely to return permanently if there were more/more diverse job opportunities, especially in the \$40,000 per year or higher range.
10663913	10/07/2014	Millinocket is my home. We are lucky and retired. I do not want to live where no one knows my name.
10664199	10/07/2014	Millinocket is a great place to live. Cities are not for me.
10664254	10/07/2014	I have moved away since the initial decline with the paper companies presence and I would do it again as it's the only way to assure an income which enables me to save for my retirement and too, I needed to create more opportunity for my own children.
10664621	10/07/2014	There is zero reason for me to stay here. My wife and I are college educated, we have young children and with all the cutting to the school system there is NO REASON for us to stay here and allow our children to receive an inferior education.
10664415	10/07/2014	I have already moved away. I would like to move back someday because Millinocket has always been home to me. I get up to visit as often as I can. The people there will always make me want to come home
10664595	10/07/2014	cost too much to move away
10664480	10/07/2014	I tell my friend in Florida I will always live here. My roots run deep along with my pride. As long as I have work I will stay here. Where when you hear that one of your own is down and no matter how bad things are in the community, people still come to benefit to help. That's pride I won't let go of.
10665772	10/07/2014	I own a second house in Millinocket, it is not currently my primary residence. However, I grew up in the town and so did my family - that's why I would not leave- family legacy. Plus it is really beautiful.
10665934	10/07/2014	I stay here because it is a small knit community. I like my kids going to a small school for more interaction. If something is not done soon we will lose good teachers that already make far less than other communities.
10665078	10/07/2014	I am a native, left in '72 to pursue education and then employment, I am moving 'home' within a few years and have an established house (yes I am a taxpayer), I could live anywhere and I choose millinocket.
10666390	10/07/2014	I just bought property as a second home but will likely retire there...great people, a real sense of community, energy and passion for saving the town
10666919	10/07/2014	The negativity and the superior attitude of many residents make this town an undesirable locale.
10666120	10/07/2014	I'm fluent in the offerings of the area; it has taken a lifetime to get to not only locate but appreciate.
10667483	10/07/2014	Because I love the area. The fact that our houses are not worth too much if we did move we would get nothing for a house that we paid a good price for. Renting in another area would be too expensive. I love Millinocket.
10667581	10/07/2014	My home is here. I love my home. If I moved I would never find one this nice that I can afford
10667566	10/07/2014	I would leave here because there are no job opportunities in my field of study. Once I finish school I will have a Master's degree in Food Science, Maine itself doesn't have a lot of food science opportunities and Millinocket doesn't have much for people who want a job that pays people with an education the salary they deserve let alone many jobs at all.
10667605	10/07/2014	I would leave if I could break even on my home which is my only investment. Why are homes worth so little in this town? The other reason is because gasoline is so high and I do most everything in Bangor.
10668265	10/07/2014	I would leave because there is nothing to do here
10668637	10/07/2014	I am not there now and wouldn't come back unless the school systems and job market improved. I would want to come back because it was the best possible and safe childhood anyone could ask for. The town once took pride in its yards. Holiday decorations and store fronts. It's a ghost town and hard to drive through, the poverty is shown by the homes crumbling and yards in disrepair. The downtown is a shadow of what it once was, it's too depressing to visit, never mind move back.
10668415	10/07/2014	I would stay because, comparatively, living expenses are reasonably low, I don't like crowds or concrete landscapes, access to supplemental food sources (hunting and fishing), supplemental heat (wood), fresh water and air, and of course, the highest mountain in Maine and terminus of the Appalachian trail, Mt Katahdin.
10668516	10/07/2014	My home town, my business has been here for 40 years and although I do own property elsewhere in Maine, I could not afford to build there nor maintain standards there. We have put money into our 1930's home never to be recouped but it is ours. As of now, my grandchildren are here. I would love to see the town become the "go to" place but NOT for a National Park but the entire forest offerings as well as the recreational opportunities as well as gainful employment - small manufacturing to help with the tax base?

10668287	10/07/2014	Back in the late 80's I moved down to the seacoast area, and lived down there for many years. I had an opportunity to move back, and I took it... because I knew this would be a great place to raise my daughter. Everyone knows each other, and I knew my daughter would not be able to do anything wrong, without me hearing about it. Even then, though, this town was dying. Since the mid-eighties, the town has slowly withered and died. I drive down through "Main Street" and all I see is the ghosts of former businesses. That used to be where Newbery's was... There used to be a shoe shop there... there was a pizza shop there... that used to be Emerson's Pharmacy. The town is riddled with "what used to be's", and not nearly enough "coming soon's"!! My daughter is grown, and moved an hour away, to be closer to so many businesses, and employment opportunities. I can honestly say, as much as I would miss this area, if I had the chance to move elsewhere, I'd take it....only to return to visit family.
10668176	10/07/2014	I stay because it is a quiet, peaceful, exceptionally scenic, friendly, community that I have a long history with. I would leave when the tax expense on my property makes it less expensive to live elsewhere or I can no longer afford to live in my home.
10669551	10/07/2014	I have left, the reason I left is not because I do not love the area but is because of a better career opportunity and the fear that there will never be opportunities like this in Millinocket. If this same opportunity presented itself even an hour away I was prepared to stay and commute.
10669648	10/07/2014	I have lived here all my life. I was here when the town was booming and I believe that if we can get just one business here that the town can be successful again. Never to the extent that it was but I feel if everyone changes their doom and gloom attitude we can be successful again.
10669440	10/07/2014	I own a camp in the area and I grew up in Millinocket. I could have sold it and never looked back. Millinocket was a great place to grow up but there was no opportunities for employment when I graduated. The mill stopped hiring and I went college and never lived fully in Millinocket again. This is a familiar story of the many people from Millinocket, who now live elsewhere. However, I feel the Katahdin region is a special place that you can't truly appreciate unless you move away from it. I took it for granted when I lived there. I love going back but it is sad to see the town shrink. Tourism is a huge business in Acadia/ Bar Harbor and Millinocket needs to support and commit to it instead of hoping for another Mill to be built.
10669018	10/07/2014	I would stay if we can get some positive resource in this town such as jobs, stores, things for young people to want to stay and raise a family, I would leave if it continue to decline into a ghost town
10670631	10/07/2014	I live in Southern Maine now, but I am still considering retirement in Millinocket.
10670883	10/07/2014	I don't have the money to move
10674149	10/07/2014	the town is filling up with poor uneducated people from other places fast. I have already moved 30 miles away. If it were more appealing to a retired person socially I would be happy to live there.
10682164	10/08/2014	I would have loved to have stayed in Millinocket. My family and friends are still in Millinocket. I HAD to leave Millinocket as back in 2000, I was a single mother with 2 boys in high school. Because of the problems with the economy in Millinocket at that time, even working 3 jobs, (one full time, 2 part time, and even cleaning houses and being paid under the table.) I simply could not pay all my bills, and my property taxes and keep my boys in clothes and feed them properly. I had no health insurance. (Thank God they had a father who paid for their health care and paid child support.) I lost my home to FMHA, and if it had not been lost to FMHA, it would have been lost to property tax. Had I stayed any longer, I would have lost everything... So, I got a great job, that paid triple what I was making working 3 jobs, and I had health insurance. I now live in Brewer, Maine, but I so miss my little home town, all the people in that town, and especially my family and friends. Millinocket will always be MY Home.
10683988	10/08/2014	At this point in my life I plan to stay as both my children have gone through our school system before the major cuts incurred. If they were still in the system I would have considered leaving, would have been a tough decision due to I love this area. We need to get a control on welfare moving into the area. There are more people living in Millinocket now whom I have never seen, I have lived here most of my life. Consolidation in school as well as police and fire departments is a must now and we need to work with local towns and get together so we don't need to consider leaving.
10685962	10/08/2014	I would leave for a warmer climate
10686233	10/08/2014	For me to leave it would take a severe change in the way people act and treat each other here in my hometown. I'm fortunate to have a career and commute 60 mi one way each day just so my wife and I can continue to stay here.
10686588	10/08/2014	I will leave if this town doesn't get their heads out of their asses
10690188	10/08/2014	I would leave Millinocket if local access to good quality healthcare became crucial to my health and well-being. Otherwise, I might leave to be closer to my children, who choose to live where more job opportunities exist, and where school systems are superior.
10691392	10/08/2014	The only reason I would leave is to be closer to my children and grandchildren. They all had to leave because of no job opportunities.
10691555	10/08/2014	I am late and am going to try to re-do this survey.
10689500	10/08/2014	I am thinking of returning to Millinocket in the next few years. I will be looking to retire and couldn't think of a better place. It's peaceful there and a slower way of life.
10691980	10/08/2014	We are concerned about the hospital closing, and physicians leaving the area. We are older and need dependable, high quality healthcare. Economic revival would reverse this probability, and we could stay in the area.
10697190	10/08/2014	There isn't anything in the form of entertainment for any age.. and no new people to meet because the town is declining..
10697505	10/08/2014	I'm self employed, if the work dries up I guess I would have to leave.
10697604	10/08/2014	We are staying because we are retired and own a home in East Millinocket and a camp on South Twin Lake. We may however move to a warmer climate for the winter months.
10696927	10/08/2014	I would like to stay after retirement but I would not purchase property because you will die owning it. I am currently renting until retirement.
10700797	10/08/2014	I would not move away because it costs a lot of money to move from one place to another and living on limited income is very hard. Rents are very expensive wherever you go.
10700873	10/08/2014	born and raised here and love the area
10701682	10/08/2014	We moved here for the recreation 10 years ago and the love of the natural beauty. We will stay here as long as the town sustains our ability to be safe and does not restrict our access to the natural resources of this area. If Millinocket becomes a haven for the low income, unemployed welfare cases which promotes degradation of the overall society and safety and if we lose the local hospital and essential shopping items, we will be forced to look elsewhere.
10702092	10/08/2014	not sure
10703015	10/08/2014	I would choose to stay because I am invested here. My business is here and my home is here. The area has a lot to offer with its natural resources.
10703001	10/08/2014	I'll stay because I was born here, it's a beautiful and unique area, we retired and moved back here to care for my Dad and no regrets. If we leave, to travel, this will be home base
10703709	10/08/2014	love it here, can't think of a better place to live
10705007	10/08/2014	move because the town is dying
10704949	10/08/2014	I've just moved back, after 37 years.. you people are mild compared to the rest of the world..
10704500	10/08/2014	I work here and live away.
10705410	10/08/2014	If you want to be part of the solution, you don't walk away. And you don't leave the work to others and criticize from outside. If you want a voice, get involved.
10706404	10/08/2014	I'll be honest....I clicked yes...clicked no....clicked yes....clicked no..... I'm tom. I'm from away - so I don't share the same affinity for this area as those that grew up here. But in the last two years - it has grown on me. What I don't like - is the constant fear. If I were to lose my job (as my husband did his when the mill closed) what would we do financially? There are a limited number of positions that do not pay well. Cost of living is extremely high here - due to transportation costs. Primarily - my fear is lack of stability. There may not be any more stability in southern Maine - however there are more options.
10707813	10/08/2014	Millinocket is my hometown. I grew up, graduated from Stearns, and worked in GNP for 30 years. I saw the saw good times and now the bad. So sad! Many, many good memories there. Close connections and lifetime friends with many of its residents. Hunted and fished and spent time in its surrounding Katahdin areas and still continue to do so. The Millinocket area and Katahdin have an unsurpassed beauty that many do not recognize. I, for one, do not take that beauty and outdoor activities for granted.
10709435	10/08/2014	Pack to go should family needs change. Stay as long as health not an issue.
10709865	10/08/2014	I stay because I feel safe in Millinocket with all the craziness going on in the world I like the small town feel
10710294	10/08/2014	The reason for leaving.... right now this town is depressing and unstable. So sick of hearing about when the mill was running. It's not, move on!! Millinocket East Millinocket Medway... ban together and look forward into New ideas, employment opportunities. Something worth staying or coming to this area
10710907	10/08/2014	This is a hard place to live even though I love Millinocket. It is hard to hear bad news year after year and cuts being associated with the bad news. With a child in school, it is hard to keep seeing the budgets cut, although understandable, because you always want to see your kids have every opportunity available to succeed. The latest round of cuts hurt significantly and now we're face with more. I don't know what more we could cut from the budget without creating a school system that no one is proud to call their own.
10712516	10/08/2014	I stay due to the familiarity with family, friends and locals. And the woods, lakes and streams I grew up in
10712796	10/08/2014	I would leave Millinocket and move to a location where there is entertainment, young teens in Millinocket are drinking and doing drugs and I think that would change if they had something better to do. The town of Millinocket in my opinion needs more to do. I find myself bored out of my mind day after day. The town needs some attractions, the attractions will bring in new people, families will be started, things will change for the better.

10719472	10/08/2014	I grew up in Millinocket, moved away to go to college and then lived and worked in NH, VT, ID. Two years ago I decided to move back to Millinocket because it is a small town with many outdoor things to do. The people and peaceful way of life will keep me living here.
10720457	10/08/2014	I would say no but the answer is there isn't any jobs and no way to make a decent income. You cannot thrive in an environment like that because all the great things about the town shut down a long time ago. Movie theaters, shopping plazas, breakfast places downtown, local businesses, its like a ghost town now. Come on people its 2014 where do you want to see the town go in a couple years? I think it will end up with majority on welfare, eating frozen dinners because they cannot afford to feed their families and all the local kids doing drugs because there isn't anything else to do since they shut down the recreation center.
10726245	10/08/2014	This is my beautiful hometown and I love it here. I would never leave unless it was a matter of life and death
10727506	10/08/2014	You have to travel to buy every thing except groceries and they are too high also.
10727257	10/08/2014	I would love to stay in Millinocket because I love the area and the things I can do in it. If Millinocket continues to follow the same path it is going in and the people continue to have the same beliefs and goals, then I will have to leave. I am disgusted seeing how the town is progressing and how the people in it can only think about a paper mill and they way live used to be. I was around when the mill was running, but I understand that that was in the past and we need to change in order to grow and create new industries and recreation opportunities. If these things don't change, then I will have to leave in order to have a better life elsewhere.
10727090	10/08/2014	I am staying the only thing that could make me leave is the continued devaluation of property while the taxes are needing to increase at the same time. Although I may leave Millinocket the Katahdin area will be my home. If the town continues on the path of decomposing a move to the surrounding area will become necessary.
10729583	10/08/2014	I would love to leave. I have a young child and there is very little to offer him. I'm also an educator and there's little to offer me as well. I'm in my 30s and single and there are few in that bracket who do not spend their time in the local bars. However, my family is here. I love them. And I believe in giving back to this community.
10729750	10/08/2014	I would leave because there is not enough economical stability in our state and certain areas really suffer because of this.
10730805	10/08/2014	I would love to stay, however I am a single mom who is having a VERY hard time with the high taxes and wastewater. I cant leave because my home is worth nothing
10730968	10/08/2014	I own a business...the loss of both mills has affected my future...we have become a welfare town..this needs to stop. I will never be able to sell my business when the time comes.
10732857	10/08/2014	I left because the attitude of leadership was unable to change and unwilling to grow. I was not valued, and needed to go where I could thrive and make a difference. I still own a home there.
10734612	10/08/2014	There is no work
10734245	10/08/2014	I would stay because I love the area and people here although economics may force a move eventually if things don't change.
10736447	10/08/2014	If I could move closer to family that would be the reason to move, other than that I am happy here with my home, church and other organizations that I volunteer with
10737687	10/08/2014	I have left because of work
10736690	10/08/2014	There was no in between answer. My husband and I moved here 6 years ago so that our son could enjoy all that the area has to offer. Hunting, fishing, the mountain but most of all our families!! We love it here but worry about what is offered within the school system. Our home is now worth less than what we have into it (and we completely renovated). It is hard to listen to all the old school views of board members. Also, I hope to see the boards work together more moving forward. I don't want to leave but I also don't want see my taxes go up and not have great benefits from it. I am willing to pay more in taxes if I see the schools gaining more and more programs offered. Ultimately I would love to see the region consolidate. More can be offered to everyone if we could all work together. I moved here with my husband because I have great memories growing up coming to Millinocket, but now I don't see the same things happening. I hope that the council listens to any advice given and has an open mind to change and moving forward and making our town a destination for families and people of all ages!!
10738496	10/08/2014	too old to relocate Next time I move six people will carry me
10739373	10/08/2014	traveling 120 mile round trip to go out to eat or go to a movie. gas prices too high
10744930	10/08/2014	I have lived outside of Millinocket for more than 40 years but consider it my home. to see the hometown of my youth in this position is heartbreaking. the best answer is to get tax incentives and state or fed backed funding to put Millinocket to work again. Perhaps a Roosevelt style public work energy project could be the catalyst to put millinocket back to work again. we must never give up !!
10744345	10/08/2014	I'm 29 years old. I live here because it's the cheapest and a bit of my family is here it's sort of close to where I currently work (as in an hour farther north). I lived in Bangor for years, and I was much happier there. There's more to do if you're not nature inclined and I'm not. You can't make much money in this town, and if you have a college degree you're not going to find a niche for it here unless you're a teacher or a medical professional. And the kids are dwindling, so being a teacher isn't particularly lucrative either. There's no money here, there's no where to shop, there's no where to see movies, there are two bars and they're ok on the rare occasion, but nothing with any draw. I love the town because it's where my history is. It's my home town. You want your home town to be around to come back to. But I won't live here permanently ever again.
10754394	10/08/2014	Seems it is up to those that love this area to take responsibility and make it once again a great place to raise families and be proud to call home.
10756077	10/08/2014	Want to stay, but highly concerned over the future, especially I regards to the school system and what will be left to offer to future children including my own kids someday.
10804120	10/09/2014	Stay and think outside the box. The council needs change. The town has to be bankrupt in order to be reborn. Yet the mill mentality stands. Amazing! What will it take? Unfortunately the entrepreneurs will make it and town employees continue to suffer.
10806066	10/09/2014	The lack of work is a big problem. If you continue to lose town services, like the rec dept, library, school issues, etc... that will take away the pull of owning a year round residence here. We are trying to move
10811781	10/09/2014	N/A I live in CT
10819546	10/09/2014	I would move because there are no job opportunities for myself or my family members. The mindset of many of the older residents who still live here is resistant to change and welcoming other businesses to town. The reluctance to team with Medway and East Millinocket to provide better schools and services is detrimental to our growth as a region. It sends a message of non cooperation and honesty, who wants to move or stay in an area where stubbornness and an unwillingness to work together is the norm.
10823558	10/09/2014	I want to stay here, retire here, if I loose my job I will have to move!!
10831137	10/09/2014	i would stay because of the beauty of the region and the opportunities to hike, paddle and camp. what would cause me to leave is if I could no longer find meaningful work
10839773	10/09/2014	I like the small community and the caring for all our citizens. I like people and I like knowing who my neighbor is. I would only leave because my family had to.
10841231	10/09/2014	I would leave if I felt that there were no longer any kind of investments in this town, not just financial but community investment. If I ever felt like people in the area had given up or were fighting any new kind of development instead of embracing it. I don't believe that this town or its people will ever give up on trying to make this community a better place but until that happens I have no intention on leaving. Everyone has their own opinion on what they would LIKE to see happen opposed to what may happen but I hope everyone can work together and keep embracing new ideas.
10856482	10/09/2014	The only reason I'd have for leaving would be health issues or financial issues such as being 'taxed out'.
10859507	10/09/2014	If I lost job we would have to relocate. Outdoor recreation and community is why we stay
10858828	10/09/2014	When trying to find the right place to buy a home for our family my husband kept demanding to go back to Maine! He was pushing the Jackman area. I was not so thrilled with Jackman but knew it would be nicer then where we were. I was researching one night late on the computer about the towns and school ratings in all the small towns surrounding Jackman. While surfing the net my husband was flipping through the tv channels and he started watching American loggers. The were talking about Millinocket and the golden road. My husband says it thought he had been through it on his way Hunting the Aligash. I thought was a cute town. I instantly went on to realtor and searched homes. Prices were so cheap! Then I started searching crime rates and schools. I even contacted Bruce Bragdon about coming and seeing the area. He really pushed this town and explained how Millinocket was his preference of the tri town area. After a few weeks we packed the car and took the long ride. We looked in the hackman area and was not that dazzled. I felt everything was spread out and kind of seemed like I was in the middle of no where. We jumped on the golden road and headed to Millinocket. When we got here I fell in love that day we placed a bid on my dream home and the rest is history! I never want to leave this town. Everyday in the 14 months that we have lived here we have found yet something else we love about this town and never want to leave...
10860806	10/09/2014	Would leave to find employment and would consider staying if the taxes didn't increase
10861013	10/09/2014	only move if the taxes keep going up
10861223	10/09/2014	I would stay simply because it's home, the people that make up our community are second to none, always caring and reaching out to neighbors in need...
10864904	10/09/2014	I don't live in town, I'm a stakeholder (nonprofit member organization of Katahdin Area Chamber of Commerce). I live elsewhere in Maine, but spend a lot of time in Millinocket.
10870150	10/09/2014	We would love to stay in Maine forever- however- we must be realistic. Towns are losing big business and need to make up the tax dollars somehow- so residents are being over-taxed. Programs need to be created that will lessen the school burden for the elderly that have no children in the system. NY State has a program like that- so there's no reason Maine can't do the same!
10884666	10/10/2014	I was born and raised here and I want to see this town thrive. The magic isn't gone completely. We have the chance now to become a town of pride again. We just need to be willing to find a new way.....remembering what created this town but not refusing to move ahead.tourism communities thrive. Be willing and open to outsiders coming in and wanting to create businesses and opportunities for a future.
10891259	10/10/2014	I have lived and worked in Millinocket for 38 years, and my wife has lived here her entire life. It is our home. We have raised a family and done well here. When we retire we may want to move closer to our daughter and grandson.

10891734	10/10/2014	The only reason to I would leave would be if my job was no longer here. I need to have an income.
10899474	10/10/2014	I stay because my family is here, but my husband needs a job. I wish there were more places to work. That would be the only reason I would leave is if I had to for work. If taxes get to high I may also have to leave because my income alone is too low to afford higher taxes on my house.
10919988	10/10/2014	There are many good paying jobs in Reno Nevada 25000 new Tesla and Apple Jobs coming up and sometimes Reality is not a pleasant thought(I live there in the Winter and Millinocket in the Summer. 6/6)
10921405	10/10/2014	Beautiful land ,thoughtful resourceful people, cold climate...
10926487	10/10/2014	I would not return because their are no jobs, the school system has gone downhill, the town itself looks run down and the town needs to move forward and realize they aren't a mill town and focus on the access to outdoor activities.
10938102	10/10/2014	I have lived in Millinocket most of my life and I feel plugged in. I currently do not live here, but will again soon. The feeling of community is valuable to me. I can't imagine what would make me leave again.
10949825	10/11/2014	I would stay because I love the people and the sense of community and because I know I will always have family and friends here. Even if I left and moved away, I would always consider this my true home and would return every year for homecoming, or to visit family during Holidays.
10976012	10/11/2014	I want to stay to continue to be involved in the outdoor recreation industry. I love what I do, but it has become increasingly difficult to make a reasonable living doing so. I have been involved in this business for a long time and my "real wages" have decreased significantly in this time. I have recently become a "summer resident" of Millinocket and have begun college in Bangor the rest of the year in order to hopefully broaden my future earning potential.
10978851	10/11/2014	I plan on leaving only because I want to move to Scotland. Other than that, I plan on coming back with my kids every summer.
10979065	10/11/2014	There is nothing there. There is no labor pool. The resources that do exist are not needed in today's society, and even if they were, locals will protest their use. "Outsiders" are not welcome, unless they want to come in, pay for everything, lose money, and listened to how the locals know how to do it better. If they did, they would have.
10980596	10/11/2014	I would leave only for the winter months to go somewhere warmer. There is no place to buy clothing here, we have to travel to Bangor to buy a pair of shoes!
10981203	10/11/2014	I would not leave due to how friendly the town people are and just how beautiful the scenery and town is. There is definitely some reconditioning in the downtown region that should be made. Such as the old buildings in no use should either be fixed up to look good or just tom down. The only reason i could think of moving away would have to be due to a job offer. There is little to no jobs within the katahdin region and having to travel 1+ hours to work really is a bother. Having more jobs would definitely help the town rebuild.
10981278	10/11/2014	family business is here. I don't like the cities
10981987	10/11/2014	I would like to leave, because I would like to live in a place where there are department stores. I also feel like when our communities should be trying to pull together, we are being forced apart, by people's words and actions.
10982102	10/11/2014	In some respects I would leave. however I know that is not realistic, there is no market for my home and therefore I probably will stay. I, like all would like to see a lower tax rate and more constructive working relationship with neighboring communities. We're all in the same boat and if we are to survive we need each other. We also need people to take a fresh look not only at the town but the entire area to offer suggestions and advise on how or what to do to become a new destination for people to want to move to the area and help rebuild a town that is on a slippery slope!
10982458	10/11/2014	My family & I love the town. I can't see us living anywhere else in the near future. I would like them to figure out the school system . I know there's not a lot of money but changes need to be made. You just can't have elementary school kids in the same building as high school.
10986094	10/11/2014	Can't work no jobs makes me want to leave. but love cheaper cost of living and the trails so. We stay. plus just bought a house can't afford to move. had We know no work outsider of a hour ride. We probably would have stayed south. but thing were working when We got here.
10985714	10/11/2014	I can leave and choose not to. My reasons for staying are this: my parents live here, it is relatively inexpensive to live here, I work a commutable distance, this is my hometown. I'm not an outdoorsmen, but I appreciate all the area has to offer. The one thing that may force me to leave is my daughters education. I'm very concerned about the quality of her education as she grows older.
10985880	10/11/2014	My husband and I were forced to move from Millinocket for work for 5 years and we still chose to move back to Millinocket to retire. It is a nice retreat compared to the city. People are friendly and the surrounding lakes provide a beautiful oasis for those fortunate enough to own property on them.
10987164	10/11/2014	I do not live there full time, but own rental property. I do not foresee that changing but would really like to see the town embrace itself as a gateway to the Maine woods and the state park and build out as such. Don't be afraid of outside opinions and help.
10989402	10/11/2014	I am an older citizen moving away from being in the workforce. I am happy to stay in the area as I feel it is a safe area to live. I also stay because I own my home and have family here. I could easily move from the area also as there are few services available. Healthcare options are minimal as far as special services, in spite of having an excellent small critical access hospital. Shopping is almost non-existent in the area. The closest big box store is 35 miles away with the closest mall being 60 miles away.
10990884	10/11/2014	if move jobs was higher pay and lower taxes
10990736	10/11/2014	We live in Brownville Junction, and our little town is going through a lot of what Millinocket is experiencing. The rail road is gone there is nothing left to keep our young people from moving away. Move away NEVER this is home and I believe that this whole area can and will rebound.
10992144	10/11/2014	I am retired and could leave Millinocket. However , our three daughters are here and we still have grandchildren here. As long as they are here we will be here. If they all left town then we might follow.
11000794	10/11/2014	I would stay for this is where I have friends, play golf, attend church, eat out, walk the trails, visit the mountain, enjoy the Fall colors, enjoy the quiet. We go to FL. in the winter months to keep moving since we are retired. This place is a golf mine for its beauty and peace!!!
11002641	10/11/2014	only reason to leave would be if we could no longer afford to stay here
11003843	10/11/2014	I will be staying here because we are retired and wouldn't be able to sell our home, we really love it here, crime rate is very low and people are caring and friendly
11004249	10/11/2014	Family close by. camp on lake. small town. many friends. Hospital close. taxes reasonable.
11010744	10/11/2014	I lived in millinocket for 20 years until after dropping out if college I was forced to move to Bangor where there was job opportunities. Millinocket is beautiful, fun, and filled with my family and friends. I now live in Colorado, but if I could move to millinocket and get a well paying job, I would honestly think about doing so.
11012269	10/11/2014	comfortable here why would i leave
11012597	10/11/2014	If I could sell my house for a decent price I would be gone. Fixed incomes and rising heating costs make it a choose between food and medicine in the winter months.
11012436	10/11/2014	i would move because the older generation refuse to face the fact. these towns are dying and they keep on going like it was 1970;s again. the town councils have to go out and get businesses and industries to come in and set up shop in order for us to survive. and we need to make it easy for them to come in. give a few tax breaks for first year, you have to give a little to get alot. we need to consolidate the schools so we can get the funding that is needed to help the kids, think of the kids now not the kids of yesterday. the kids are ok with consolidation their friends now not enemys like yesterday. o god forbid you should date some one from the other town. the kids were told to have parent vote yes on budget or they would lose sports programs etc. really. no if we consolidate it would be better. bigger teams more players more talent better class ratings, more ap classes more music talent to show case in regionals etc. we need to think of the future the kids the now not yesterday. if i were to stay the only way that would happen if i saw industries moving in setting up shop and doing well. these towns are dying and all anyone can talk about is "when the mill was running" well wake up its not and it wont be get no industries in now before everyone is gone except those the state takes care of
11012909	10/11/2014	My health family and my age would keep me here
11013039	10/11/2014	I would leave if I had the funds and knew that family (not within our household) could come with us, or at least be able to survive here and come visit. I would like my 1 year old to attend prestigious schools and be offered opportunities that would come with the distinction of a good education. I would enjoy having access to shopping centers and activities. I would like job security.
11014748	10/11/2014	I have to leave, because no jobs... Also have medical problems that I have to travel to Bangor. I would love to stay because of friends and family... also leaving so kids can have a true education, which is not just classroom, BUT ALSO SCHOOL ACTIVITIES... these town are crying pity me, but forgetting our future is the kids, and making them give more up than the adults.
11030072	10/12/2014	To be around more opportunities such as shopping, dining, educational, and occupational
11035291	10/12/2014	We are leaving the area because the gene pool is getting shallow. Too many section eights coming to town. It is burden on the school system. I am very under paid and under employed working in Millinocket.
11042723	10/12/2014	88
11043102	10/12/2014	This is the town I chose to raise my family in. It has always been a very good place to live. I feel safe here. I know my neighbors and feel they would be there for me if I needed them. It has provided monetarily for me and my family up until recent years. As I walk around town I look at each house and remember the people that have moved or passed on. Those are good memories. The only reason I would move is if my health deteriorated and I would have to move closer to family.
11068683	10/12/2014	..

11070865	10/12/2014	I love Millinocket and have no plans to ever leave. The only thing that could make me is heavy industry polluting the air and/or water.
11075893	10/12/2014	If the region started to move in a positive direction and businesses started to come back AND the school system merged and improved then we would stay.
11076758	10/12/2014	although I own property in Millinocket I moved 20 years ago. Because of the lack of jobs.
11076794	10/12/2014	I'm staying cause this is home I was born and raised here I have never left. I have a house and camp love the area. My sister lives in NH when she needs milk it might take her half an hour to go 10mins away, we don't have that problem here not alot of traffic and few street lights. Enjoy the slow pace and the friendly people. The snowsledding, hunting, fishing, snowshoeing, cross country skiing, hiking are all reasons for people to stay or move to Millinocket.
11077180	10/12/2014	I hate that I have to travel to Lincoln or Bangor to buy anything. A real department store would help. The only reason I am still here is I have a child in high school. When he graduates I will probably leave if this area does not recover somehow.
11077580	10/12/2014	I would stay for my parents--to help them as they too are getting on in age.
11078206	10/12/2014	Leave I'm ashland has more to offer
11078007	10/12/2014	I stay because I have family and Friends here I own my home lam involved in the Community. What upsets my family our home here is worth so much less than what we put in it. We have home in Canada and the value has triple over the last five yrs and I pay no taxes that why I might leave.
11078255	10/12/2014	I plan to stay because of the quality of life the area offers. I enjoy the out-of-doors. I might leave if I perceive that the quality of living in Millinocket has diminished or no longer appeals to me.
11078404	10/12/2014	stay house is payed for ,, on ssi can't live anywhere else
11078849	10/12/2014	I have moved away fir school, but have ownership in the area. While not a resident, I have sentimental ties and only have sincere wishes to help tum my town around if only as absentee contributions.
11086103	10/12/2014	I would stay because of the small town atmosphere. It's quiet and peaceful with low crime (excellent public safety departments) and a short drive to pleasant scenery or the deep woods.
11100363	10/13/2014	I had to move because the commute was too much for my career field which is Fire fighter
11101368	10/13/2014	I belong here. My roots have grown here. My children have moved but they come back....because it is home. That being said...our community is shrinking and the reason is plain...lack of work. Let millinocket start a torrefied wood plant!!
11105343	10/13/2014	If I were going to leave it would be because of the negativity in the area, the lack of wanting to work together to better the area. I also think the area is stuck and having a hard time in developing a new plan or strategy for the future, times have changed and we also need to change. Why do I want to stay?, I love the life style I have here, I can hunt, fish, canoe, hike ect. minutes from my house. I've been lucky and have been able to travel around the country and see what is offered in other locations and realize how lucky we are and have a great appreciation for what we have and understand why people want to come here.
11106393	10/13/2014	The town has been going downhill for years, yet the people continue to elect more of the same to local political office, so I honestly don't see anything changing for the good. As good people leave, pro-park or anti-employment people move in. For the past 15 years, my wife and I have earned our living online. We own our home in Millinocket. If electricity and heating costs weren't so high, and if Internet services were more reliable and less expensive, staying might be more comfortable. But we own 100 acres of land in the St. John Valley of Aroostook County, where people are friendlier, and the outlook is better.
11106980	10/13/2014	I have to stay because the house is under water. I would leave other wise but come back for six months since I have a habitable camp.
11107385	10/13/2014	I would only leave because of employment. I do not WANT to leave but may have too. I love my home and this place but it's harder and harder to pay taxes and support this community.
11114918	10/13/2014	The reasons I would move away are: * the high taxes which are coupled by insane expenditures (i.e., the mill is not operating, the school buys a backhoe rather than continuing to use the town's); * the fact that most of the elected leadership fail to look at "outside the box" ideas, frequently using the insane phrase, "We've never done it that way before" verbatim; * the fact that we appear to give money and land away to anyone who claims they are going to do something constructive; we never seem to learn that our recent history shows that they are usually going to leave town -- frequently scrapping the assets we've given them -- as soon as their money runs out; and * there are other Maine towns which are about the same size, with the same economic problems which seem to have overcome most of those problems without making the majority of residents unhappy (examples: Fort Kent, Milo).
11116493	10/13/2014	Millinocket is a good place to live
11122096	10/13/2014	1. More reliable Internet services. 2. Lower local taxes. 3. Lower fuel and electricity costs.
11123564	10/13/2014	Own property. Would never get what it is worth if it were put up for sale. Love the spring/summer/fall here. Not crazy about the winters. Too cold.
11128973	10/13/2014	Born and raised here like small town feel. Close to outdoor activities.
11147477	10/13/2014	Love the area can go to the woods or the interstate which opens the door to the rest of me
11151942	10/13/2014	The question of whether to move or not is mote with me, as I like a good deal of this community am retired. Things would have to get a lot worse .
11155240	10/13/2014	I will stay because I'm to old to move. But I would pack up and move to elderly housing because my income will not allow me to stay in my home much longer. I will stay here because I enjoy nature and the peacefulness of the lakes and woods.
11162283	10/13/2014	i love it here, it is safe.
11175516	10/14/2014	I am in the process of buying a local business and am very committed to the area. I'm staying no matter what.
11188890	10/14/2014	I bought a business in this town and I won't leave my investment unless I go out of business.
11212832	10/14/2014	I would stay because we are retired and there are many volunteer advantages right here.
11217055	10/14/2014	Stay; from here, will die here. Love the location, the life.
11218326	10/14/2014	I choose to stay to be near family, friends and to have a much smaller mortgage. However, if I were to leave, it would be to nearer to restaurants, shopping, movies, healthcare, airports/buses and job opportunities.
11242263	10/15/2014	I work 70 miles from Millinocket however choose to live and raise my family in Millinocket. Safe neighborhoods, friendly small town, great services. If they continue to cut services and the school system I may have to re-evaluate.
11251858	10/15/2014	I would leave because it is too far North, too cold, too isolated and I am not from here. I would stay if the town/region does not shrink or degrade any further. My street hasn't been paved in 30 years. You always pave the same 3 or 4 streets.
11255150	10/15/2014	I have opportunities to leave on an ongoing basis. My local business does the vast majority of its business beyond the borders of Maine. Most of our business is in other USA states, with a growing Canadian portfolio. We have stayed to be with friends, family, the beauty of the region, and my compassion to be a participant in an economic resurgence for the area. The doom bearers and vocal minority (I hope they are the minority) make this a challenge at times, but we have decided to stay.
11257462	10/15/2014	I really want to see an all encompassing store such as Walmart, Target, Big Lots, it's impossible to purchase underwear in this town. That is sad. Get a survey going, we have enough people to make the stores a revenue.
11261427	10/15/2014	I, unlike many gave up a good job, money and potential to move my family back to this area after being away for 13 years. It has been 9 years since we made the move and am fortunate to work for a stable business in town. My wife works for the school system, which can be difficult but she loves what she does. My children love the area. We spend the summer at the lake. We boat, fish, hunt, snowmobile, hike and love everything the area provides for us. Although I miss how it used to be I am optimistic about what the future may bring. I would hate to uproot my family and move.
11271970	10/15/2014	My true answer to the last question is that I am undecided. There is very little for activities for an aging professional person. The Bangor area offers far more along this line. I would probably stay if the efforts, especially by the retired compliment, to close down the town should cease. Availability of more local shops would also be a factor. Continued deterioration of the business community, housing values, leisure activities, would provide impetus to leave.
11296325	10/16/2014	I would leave, because I feel the town has given up. Yes the mill is closed, other plans for it fell through. Why hasn't the town tried to get a super Wal-Mart or a target to come? That would create jobs and draw people in. Seriously if they sit and do a SWOT Analysis on this town there is so much potential for possible growth.
11311342	10/16/2014	More educational options for our seven year old
11315791	10/16/2014	Born and raised here, want to retire here...
11324481	10/16/2014	I would stay because this is where I have a lot of memories, friends and family. I am an avid outdoorsman and this location is unmatched. I would however leave in a heartbeat if the school system was upended. I have children that deserve an education and they come first. Oh yeah....add golf course to something we have that surrounding areas do not.
11325203	10/16/2014	can't move cost to much
11327043	10/16/2014	mlkt my home-retired and all friends here
11328289	10/16/2014	I want to leave because there is nothing here any more but I stay because I can't sell my house.

11359850	10/17/2014	We are parttime residents, having bought our summer home here 2 years ago. We bought because of the beauty of the area, the weather in the summer and fall. We have a permanent residence in Holmes Beach, Florida and look forward to coming up here every year to escape the heat and traffic. The entire state of Maine has 1.3. Million residents which is far less than the Tampa Bay area where we come from. We enjoy the slower pace and how we have been welcomed into this community.
11366835	10/17/2014	the area offers everything I want and affordable
11402143	10/18/2014	I would leave because there are no major stores in Millinocket. There is no competition. Driving an hour to get to Bangor is inconvenient, especially when most of the community are senior citizens.
11406468	10/18/2014	Lower taxes and go back to town council running the town without town manager. Cut the Police back to one chief that's works, with all officers working a shift 12 hr.
11438854	10/19/2014	I am only a part time resident, but a lifelong resident. I would live there all the time if sustainability was possible
11452276	10/19/2014	as i stated before If we do not get the services that we need to function as a safe place for your eldery and young children that would be a reson to leave ,But it also will be a reason that a lot of other people would not settle in this community. we need security and a great school system
11469443	10/19/2014	I would stay because of the family and friends still in this area. Despite all of the complaints about taxes, they aren't as bad as some say - try living most anywhere south of Bangor. If more jobs disappear we might have to go, but we could never sell our house without giving it away.
11469565	10/19/2014	I would stay because we really like our neighbors and our neighborhood and our view of Katahdin. In spite of all the bad economics our neighbors keep a positive attitude. Most are retired and surviving on a limited income, but doing OK so far. If people became so negative or anti-Park that I felt uncomfortable, I might leave.
11504819	10/20/2014	I stay in Millinocket because I enjoy boating and fishing in the summer, crosscountry skiing in the winter, riding my ATV in the fall. I am retired and appreciate having a local hospital where the care is exceptional. I have two adult children that graduated from local schools, did well in college and have gone on to be successful in their careers which shows we have a good school system. For those who have a love for a slow, safe pace of life and are looking for a good place to raise their children Millinocket is a good choice.

Is Millinocket, Maine a town worth saving? Does it have a "second act" in it? Describe a realistic second act and if realistic, why such a new phase has not yet materialized.

10102974	09/29/2014	Absolutely, it can reinvent itself for something better. I won't be another coming of GNP, but one strengthened by a more diverse economy and a community that speaks to quality and safety. Most people are scared to embrace the change for fear of failure and it is not what they are comfortable seeking. Instead, social media has enabled folks to criticize the elected officials to the point that they are somewhat fearful of making a wrong decision. The elected officials decisions will change the town forever and they are not comfortable doing this.
10327347	10/02/2014	People seem to be stuck in the past. Maybe they are grieving lost glories. Belfast, ME went through similar growing pains in the late '90's. Now they are thriving. It's time to appreciate what they have. Learn, learn, learn.
10330428	10/02/2014	YES Millinocket is worth saving. A place to safely raise children or safely retire. We need to get budgets under control, spend what we can afford. Promote tourism, get mil rates down and promote business growth. It is a beautiful area.
10335345	10/02/2014	It does, but they have to build the brand. They tried it once with a group called Magic, but the townspeople interfered too much because they didn't understand branding and the group died. If they were able to focus on Baxter Park, or a proposed National Park in the area, and promote the hell out of coming to Millinocket to go to the many lakes and ponds and to hunt and fish, they'd be doing gangbusters. But there is no 'thing' to advertise because there is no brand there is no single place to go.
10336554	10/02/2014	Second act would include a focus on tourism and marketing as an affordable retirement community.
10335499	10/02/2014	Act Two revolves around establishing the community as a premier vacation spot. The second act will never occur as long as the current "stuck in the mud" town councilors continue to believe that manufacturing, and ONLY manufacturing, will save the community. Tourism is the world's largest industry and we should delve deeply into becoming a State leader in that industry. One of our esteemed councilors recently said that he didn't want an increase in tourism because it only creates "low paying jobs". Even if his statement were true, isn't a low paying job better than no job at all??
10340832	10/02/2014	The area's second act is tourism. It has not materialized as they are lost in the past.
10342334	10/02/2014	Yes. The 2nd act has not been realized because of the blindness of people who thought fighting against anything not wood products related was in the town's best interest. Come on... do you know what most towns would do to have Mount Katahdin and to get there you have to go through ...what town. 2nd act? Come on. You folks are so lucky and blessed (do you know that? I do not think so.) and the area and town has allowed the wrongest and most negative to lead the way.
10347079	10/02/2014	YES! Millinocket has a second act that embraces smaller businesses - not dependant on a single major corporation. Arts, small manufacturing, tourism - all of which are growing. Why is it so hard, collective PTSD - which is hard to recover from.
10347036	10/02/2014	It certainly is worth working at, but we need to work together. One idea comes to mind quickly, and I have several. We have dozens of homes for sale. Most will sell for \$15K or less. If an investor (or several investors) could be found to purchase these homes, and put some money into them. Send a sales staff to Boston, St. Louis, Atlanta etc. with a package \$600 (or whatever the market will handle) for a week in the north woods. Rent the homes like is done on the coast or other resort areas. That would make a source of income for the investor, taxes for the towns, jobs for the carpenters, plumbers, electricians etc. for maintaining them. And I don't suggest "Time-Shares". I suggest resort "cabins" in town. Restaurants would get the meals, who wants to cook on vacation. Shops with little trinkets would spring up. A lot of people come to visit Katahdin. Only a relative few can get there because of crowding, but if you had your own "cabin in town" you could come and go to that area, as well as the lakes and rivers. Snowmobile to your heart's content. After a few years, repeat business would keep the "cabins" full. Everyone wins. But to make this happen, you need a community that will accept the "tourist trade". People pay a lot of money to go to theme parks around the country. We have a theme park here and we don't even have to do anything to build it. Not a national park, although that might work, it certainly is not what I envision. We need the area for hunting, fishing, hiking, snowmobiling, camping and all the other things that are done now in the Maine woods.
10363558	10/02/2014	Yes, it's worth saving. I think we need to exploit our vast natural surroundings and try to attract a more artistic crowd. It would be a great getaway for artists who need to get away from cities. There are landscapes for painters, plenty of places for writer retreats, etc. I don't think a second act has materialized because people have been too focused on trying to salvage the mills and paper industry.
10387855	10/02/2014	Yes too many people working from the outside wanting to destroy its culture
10389702	10/02/2014	Yes it is and we need to work with BSP and promote the area for fishing, hunting, hiking, sledding and ATVing. Chamber has not promoted the area as it needs to and they are to involved in thinking the National park will save the area... Look around right now with all the hikers in town now... they have no money we are at the end of the AT trial when their pockets are empty they are panhandlers and won't help pay the bills!
10408782	10/03/2014	YES!! Gateway to Baxter and the Northwoods. A full service tourist destination, with some forest product industries on the side. The town's people are used to having one big employer and seem to be blind to the potential a well developed, well marketed tourist economy.
10410653	10/03/2014	Of course it's worth saving. It's been in an identity crisis since 2002. It's slowly evolving. It's not materialized because there is no unification for a plan. The region is split on the National Park idea. We need a debate to truly sift through the misinformation.
10415026	10/03/2014	Yes, Millinocket is worth saving! It's second act involves capitalizing on the same trees that played such an important role in the first act. In the second act, those trees will be an economic drawing card because they are left STANDING. Nature-based tourism, entrepreneurs fueling a creative economy, small manufacturing that entices young families to move here... all ideas that scare those who live in the past and only want to make paper and work for "the man".
10415669	10/03/2014	Yes, it is worth saving. I believe a National Park and influx of tourism based businesses could save this town. But the people who have lived here all their lives would need to be open minded about it all.
10415654	10/03/2014	I would say yes to saving. The town could re-create itself as a tourist destination and promote much more heavily white water rafting, summer recreational activities beyond BSP. IDK as to why the transition has not occurred.
10415782	10/03/2014	Millinocket IS worth saving. It used to be a beautiful place. I remember my mom taking us to Millinocket shopping as a kid. A second act has not materialized because the people of Millinocket and surrounding towns are stubborn and want to keep all the schools open when it is sucking all the money up and causing taxes to rise... just because they attended the school and want their kids to attend the same school. Also, the towns can't get along.. the kids can... the adults can't seem to be mature enough to want what is best for the residents and their children. We need to grow up and act like adults and think of the future of Millinocket before it is TOO LATE!!!!!!!
10415751	10/03/2014	YES! Millinocket could be a thriving town again if it would stop dwelling in the negative and politics and focus on what could be and the positives!
10416032	10/03/2014	Millinocket certainly has a second act and only we will stop it. Our future is something that can't be outsourced or made overseas our future is in place based tourism and in the continued sustainable use of our fiber base. Nothing with moves faster in that direction in the near term designation of land near Millinocket as a national park through the operation of my existing business I know how highly people value the setting of this area and recreation opportunities that it offers. A new National Park and Recreation Area would brand this area in a way that nothing else can and drive traffic to our area in a way that we could not achieve for 20 to 50 years. Climate change food security and general global upheaval are all positives for this area. A bright future is ours to seize, we just need to make the choice to seize it.
10416334	10/03/2014	Make number 11 paper machine a museum. Turn shack hill into a four season resort with four season trails for biking, atv, hiking, golf course. Develop an industrial park near the airport.
10415878	10/03/2014	Tourism!!! I'm sure you are thinking that I'm talking out of both sides of my mouth... I like it laid back but we need Tourism. I do want to see these communities prosper. For the longest time, townspeople thought these mills would "start up again" so no other options were considered. I think that's what caused things to go from bad to worse. Now I think they get it... but it is late!!
10416117	10/03/2014	Millinocket is definitely worth saving. It is beautiful geographically and, with some work, the housing stock and the main street can be revitalized. I do see, as the opening act, a push toward creating the infrastructure for increased tourism. I say opening act because I think that is the easiest way to achieve the long term goals of diversity, a return to industry and a more thriving downtown. I believe it has not materialized yet because the people have been "hopeaholics", hoping the mill would come back and grieving over the loss of their prosperity of 50 years ago so deeply that it has made the population, represented by the elected officials, immobile and unable to see a vision for the future. Many of us who have come from away have no trouble seeing a different vision, as well as having given up a previous way of life to start here, something that people who have lived here their whole lives have never done, making it impossible for them to have the confidence in change and that the result might be better. It has been hard to empathize with their loss on the one hand while seeing a very clear vision out of this misery. I am hoping your influence will help, though you have already felt a dose of the pushback. People have a hard time being told they have grieved long enough. In a meeting a month ago on tourism, the town manager said, representing the council, that we, the business community, needed to be patient while the locals changed to which we all replied that we can't be patient any longer, it's been a decade of waiting and we are watching opportunities pass us by.
10419621	10/03/2014	Our second act will really have to embrace tourism. Industry really doesn't have any reason to move here. I feel it has not materialized due to people hanging onto the mill with all they have.
10418316	10/03/2014	Absolutely, worth saving!!! The second act needs to include and embrace tourism along with recruiting other businesses to the area. The new phase has not materialized because the town has always relied on the papermill for everything and never wanted to believe the mill would not always be there so no planning for the demise ever took place. This town is the gateway to the most beautiful state park in Maine along with our incredible natural resources, things thousands of people would give anything to have and to live by. If we can stop fighting and concentrate on working together to bring jobs along with tourism to the area and get young people back, this area will be a very desired place to live.
10416747	10/03/2014	A second act would have to include embracing tourism, a change in attitudes among our residents and town leaders, seeking out alternative industries and opportunities to create a diversified economy. Bringing good jobs to the area and strengthening our school system are key to maintaining our current population and bringing younger people to the area. I am in my late 20's, and I've been told countless times how lucky I am to live in Millinocket. If I had a dollar for every time someone told me "If I could get a good job, I'd move to Millinocket in a second", I wouldn't have to work. I'd be rich! (Mind you, these are people who did not grow up here rather people who've visited and fallen in love with all our region has to offer.) A specific example of how to bring young people to Millinocket is to work with corporations who embrace telecommuting. I think Millinocket could be marketed to young people who currently work in the cities, such as Boston, but love being immersed in the outdoors. Just think, they could work all day and then be hiking or paddling or snowmobiling

		15 minutes after their work day is finished. This would be a fantastic way to boost our economy, bring young people to the area and improve the quality of life for those traveling 2-3 hours per day to work in the city. While this is a bit of "outside the box" and not currently being done, there is no reason that it couldn't be.
10419276	10/03/2014	yes and I don't know what it would be
10421355	10/03/2014	I believe Millinocket can change with new leadership. Millinocket has a golden opportunity to create a four seasons tourism venue for years to come. The lack for foresight has caused many changes not to occur here in this community.
10419772	10/03/2014	I believe we are worth saving, don't have an answer for the second act, but we only knew one way of life, " the Mill". It's going to take some time to re-educate people and bring them around to change but I think with everyone working together it can happen, maybe not a quick as some would like but give it time.
10419872	10/03/2014	Yes it has a second act... It could be a great tourist creation destination and become supported additionally by a more diverse job base once the population stabilized and younger families were attracted here think something like boulder colorado
10423468	10/03/2014	Second Act will have to be tourism unless some big business comes in. That seems unlikely. We have a beautiful area with lots to offer... it just needs to be put out there more.
10423846	10/03/2014	The town has tourism..... The end of your question was answered in the previous answer
10424045	10/03/2014	YES!!!! We need a balance of industry and tourism to balance the town and develop the area.
10423576	10/03/2014	Absolutely Millinocket is worth saving. A realistic second act is going to have to balance increasing tourism as well as small successful business (both manufacturing and tourism based). There is no one single cure for our problems, but letting go of the past, working cooperatively and accepting change will be the only way this second act will materialize.
10420961	10/03/2014	A "second act"? Sure - as I wrote before, I think Millinocket's got a huge amount of potential in a variety of areas. I think the only thing that's held it back is the too-ingrained "company town" culture that has probably ALWAYS pushed back against any other industry coming into town (which might compete with the paper mill for influence). Even today it sometimes seems like discussions about a "national park" end up sounding like "we can have a paper mill or a national park", as though those were the only two options, AND as though those two were even mutually exclusive. A portion of the town council seems to be infected with this pernicious fixation, which has been enough to obstruct useful discussion. This hold seems to be finally weakening lately now that the papermill is well and truly and obviously gone (and, to be blunt, blatantly destroyed to export money to Cate Street's various shell corporations to be shuffled away, well laundered, into "untouchable" bank accounts where creditors can't get to it, which doesn't help the councilors who have been pushing them as "the" solution to the town's ongoing economic problems). With a town government willing to seriously examine and support new ideas, we should see better marketing of the town (as something besides a "mill town"), active recruitment of new industries (one "pie in the sky" idea might be to approach companies like Google, Facebook, etc. and try to convince them to put a data center in town), and active support of what industry is already here (tourism, in particular, though I think the KINDS of tourism possible here could be expanded upon). With currently amazingly low prices for housing due to the glut of abandoned or underutilized places, Millinocket could attract a batch of new "seasonal" residents at least, and some telecommuting professionals who like (for example) snowmobiling and fishing. In-town development of more "nature" areas will make staying in town more attractive (currently, people looking for somewhere to take a walk in the woods are advised to get in their cars and leave town, which frustrates me to no end given the beautiful terrain available IN town, if it were promoted). Just reversing the trend of home-abandonment and getting more people coming in to buy up property and pay property taxes would let the town bring the somewhat obscene property tax rate down to rational levels. Some town investment in telecommunications infrastructure (better, faster internet access throughout town) would be attractive for "startups" and professionals who could move to town. In the end, I envision Millinocket as developing into a bright spot of modern civilized living in the middle of the vast woods-and-waters natural territory that surrounds it, with much of the convenience normally found in much larger cities, but still with a pleasant "small town" feel and plenty of nature readily available at the same time. Also, a nice brewery/brewpub and local-recipe soda-bottling operation downtown, just because I like the idea, personally.
10425677	10/03/2014	The people in this area are hard working and given the chance work make anything work.
10424384	10/03/2014	I believe the 2nd act will be about our mountain, forest and the lakes that surround us. This has not happened because no one ever thought the mills would go away. We didn't need anything else. We made good wages and many had camps at the lakes to summer at. I didn't but, we always had a local pool to go to. We were very lucky, and lived a very closed life. When I was growing up it was a 2-3 hour drive to go to Bangor. We took that trip twice a year for our school clothing. So you see we were not exposed to the outside world. Times have changed and very fast, some good and some bad, but it still keeps changing. We need to change with it. We need to go forward and make our area the best it can be. If it is then we will all be rewarded. I hope I live long enough to see us materialize into a trendy artistic town that accommodates all of the visitors that want to see our beautiful area.
10425518	10/03/2014	If another big company of any sort is not brought in I believe by pushing tourism...actually advertising would be very beneficial.
10426518	10/03/2014	I don't think it's done yet. It will never be a mill town. It may be an outdoor center. I can see recreation companies as well as businesses who produce recreation equipment coming here.
10426430	10/03/2014	Most certainly worth saving...The whole area is worth saving. All the Katahdin Region towns need to get together and form a region that is the best in the State...We all have that capability...
10425759	10/03/2014	At this point I'm not sure its worth "saving". There are too many older people stuck in their ways from the mill mentality. They don't like outsiders telling them what to do and they're waiting for the mill or next mill to start up again. If, and its a big if, Millinocket is going to survive, there needs to be massive cuts to the towns spending WITHOUT touching school. Schools need to be consolidated and the town needs to become tourist friendly. This hasn't happened because when we have people on the town council like Bruce McLean or Matt Polstien townspeople try to run them off. If you want change, if you want tourism, if you think the mill isn't coming back, people won't listen to you.
10427419	10/03/2014	YES!!! there is a strong work force and innovative people within the town.
10427359	10/03/2014	It is worth saving! Somehow we need to get manufacturing jobs there that employ thousands of people. Unfortunately the mill building is pretty much dismantled and the state of Maine is not business friendly
10427954	10/03/2014	I wish I knew what that is
10428078	10/03/2014	YES!!!! The second act includes selling what we do have and not living in the past, move on and do what's best for everyone and not just worrying about yourself.
10428143	10/03/2014	Millinocket is definitely a town worth saving. We need to bring more jobs to town. I believe that we haven't, because there is just no money to be made. This is due to the low population.
10428279	10/03/2014	It is a town worth saving but I unfortunately have no ideas that haven't already been mentioned. I wish I had a crystal ball, but sadly, I do not.
10427808	10/03/2014	It is definitely worth saving but people need to realize it is not a mill town anymore and all it has going for it is tourism.
10426649	10/03/2014	Town worth saving? Yes I think if we can build our tourism up and make our town more visually appealing. Then we could possibly attract some hip and happening company to take root in our area. Give them a good tax break for X amount of years. Get people working first then slowly can start collecting a higher rate in taxes. If you get the right business/businesses in it might create visitors for us too. Examples: in VT small towns which have business that create tourism, Ben and Jerry's, Cabot cheese (not sure if you are aware that they do tours and have a gift shop just like B&J's, King Arthur flour- people drive miles just to shop in there store or take a cooking class. Belfast Maine is a good place to get ideas for things we can try to do to create tourism within the town. they have a very active community and have things going on all the time on the weekends. IDEAS for businesses for our area: brewery (there is a new brewery called Bissell Brothers Brewery in Portland. At some point I think they will need to expand. A brewery would be a really neat business in the area even if it only employs two people from town at first. Stonewall kitchen would be a cool company up here. If you have ever been to VT in a lot of places they are very much about supporting the "local businesses". We should be sending someone to go to a few business expos or something like that. See what is going on here in Maine that we might be able to get in on the ground floor. Get a small company to invest in our area. Stop going after the big dogs and lets start looking for the small gems right here within our state. We could take the holistic approach and make our area about working together. That is why we need some of our newly college educated young adults on the town council and school board. they can see better what we need for our future. Remember, small gems of Maine, and Millinocket can be a small gem too. Why not materialized? People are really not working together yet. Too many people are being negative in the news. We should be speaking of hope and hard work. The only thing the outside world sees in the news reports and tv interviews with townspeople is "poor us" always blaming other people. Let's show the outside world that we will work hard to take control of a negative situation and turn it into a positive. When people offer to help us don't go saying to the news. I don't know if we can trust them. Keep those comments behind closed doors. When you speak publicly like that then no one else is going to want to help us either. No one will want to be a part of our community that acts that way in public. We need to start speaking encouraging things. Also please stop talking about the paper mill reopening. Let's move on and find some other industry. We can do it!!!!
10428053	10/03/2014	Yes it's worth saving. I think that it does have a second act in it. We need younger motivated people who are willing to work and bring new ideas. Not just say they will start something and back down. Jobs need to stop being outsourced to foreign countries and brought back here. But that would go for any town/city in US. An industry that would benefit Millinocket as well as Maine. A product that we use and wouldn't have to look for other states to provide.
10429354	10/03/2014	YES it is worth saving!! Remember this town started as nothing but woods and this was the days before phones, internet. By working together and staying positive instead of negative we can make Millinocket flourish ones again!!
10429208	10/03/2014	Millinocket is home to a predominately retired age class at this time. We can only hope to be an attractive retirement community for people who like the outdoors to recreate. Possibly as Bangor grows and people are willing to commute a bit, we may get a few younger families to live here as well, but that is a stretch in my opinion.
10430266	10/03/2014	Most definitely
10430618	10/03/2014	yes its worth saving....we just need to re-invent ourselves
10430836	10/03/2014	Yes it is worth saving. Its second act would come with increased tourism, ie national Park and Recreation areas or people just coming to visit. That would help but won't be the silver lining. As more come, a few new jobs will come with it, and then more, and more.
10430614	10/03/2014	Absolutely it is worth saving. I feel tourism will be the second act. I feel it has not been realized as yet because the community has not let go of the Mill town mentality. Change is difficult and seeing an alternative reality is terrifying to those who have lived the same life (a good life) for generations. It will happen when the right people view the unlimited potential millinocket possess!
10431082	10/03/2014	I believe that Millinocket has a second act but that it, of course, will be entirely different than the first. I do not see manufacturing coming to the area. I believe the future of

10431000	10/03/2014	Millinocket will have to be tourism related. Thousands drive through town. We need to have them stop!
10430388	10/03/2014	I think the town is worth saving, I feel as though there is red tape from the government that slows the process of attracting new business, but I also believe that the people need to adapt and accept change. Yes change is scary, but the opposite is to keep trying the same thing expecting a different result which is the definition of insanity. change may mean higher tax rates now to get businesses in the area which will later lower them. It means making difficult decisions now in the hopes that they will pay off and make things better tomorrow. And finally are you a town of individuals or a community or people ready to change? With that I would ask the townspeople " do you accept the challenge of change?" Because if not then the answer is no may be that the town is not worth saving.
10431638	10/03/2014	It is absolutely worth saving!!! We, as a region, could court and bring new businesses here. They are out there...but we lack the drive to do what needs to be done.
10431336	10/03/2014	Manufacturers are moving out of the country because of government sanctions and taxes so chances of someone coming in and offering 100 plus jobs isn't going to happen. I can see many small mom and pop type places doing well and eventually making the old mill town a destination to go to.
10432290	10/03/2014	millinocket is absolutely worth saving, USE BAXTER TO YOUR ADVANTAGE!!!! use the hikers and tourists to create revenue at least for now! the mill is not going to save us, especially since its scattered across the ground in rubble.
10432496	10/03/2014	it has a second act, but people need to be creative with new business and stop living in the past. Join the towns with school and services and become a larger community.
10432228	10/03/2014	A second act creates tax havens for specialized light industry and commercial endeavors, develops business parks at the airport and fully embraces tourism.
10432573	10/03/2014	It sure does have a second act. The new phase has not yet materialized because you have people with a one track mind ie Jimmy Busque. It is always anti park, no no no everything. Stop with the personal agendas and get on the ball.
10432212	10/03/2014	Millinocket is definitely worth saving. Over 100 years ago people came to the middle of the woods and had a vision and that vision created the greatest paper company in the world using the local natural resources and labor. That company provided for residents from cradle to grave for almost a century and has run it's course. We need people with a vision of what the next 100 years can look like using our natural resources and labor market. We live on one of the most beautiful places on the planet but can't figure out who to market it because we never had too. GNP discouraged development because it wanted sole access to the labor market and because of that we were left with a "one horse town." Changing the mentality in the area, accepting and even welcoming change has been a huge obstacle. As has the entitlement mentality the mill fostered. "I'm entitled to access to any land I want: I'm entitled to a job that pays me \$20 per hour and I'm also entitled to benefits." That has to die and be replaced with a new work ethic and acceptance of all level of jobs and pay. Some sort of manufacturing in the mill complex would be a piece of the puzzle as would the national park/national recreation area. Private investment and industry would follow.
10433013	10/03/2014	Millinocket is a bedroom community
10433705	10/03/2014	ABSOLUTLY, gods country! Lack of getting new and diverse business
10433760	10/03/2014	Yes, but not sure what that is. Some form of business must make its way into the area
10433684	10/03/2014	Worth saving!! A national park or forest should be looked at. We need to encourage the town to educate themselves and embrace this.
10433858	10/03/2014	Too much pride in Millinocket and East Millinocket has set you both back significantly...
10433907	10/03/2014	Yes but like many Maine communists the work force has aged so something needs to draw young families back. Tech jobs? Alternative energy? Right brained jobs that can't be outsourced because creativity is needed.
10435205	10/03/2014	Yes because of its people. We need to embrace the tourist industry
10435682	10/03/2014	yes the town is worth saving and what a stupid Question to ask was this survey constructed by a 3 year old?
10435296	10/03/2014	It's a beautiful area, and good people live here , but we cannot have a second act until we give up the past, accept its over and gone, and move forward! people are afraid of failure, they cannot imagine a Millinocket without a mill in it! They are afraid of losing control over the resources in the area! Until people accept that we have to take a completely new and different look at our resources it won't happen! Fear will leave us with no place to go.
10435999	10/03/2014	The second act should of happened long ago.
10435612	10/03/2014	Millinocket I believe does indeed have a second act. Yes it is a town worth saving. I really think nothing has materialized yet because of town leadership. I don't mean to say that any of the current town leaders are not capable, but they don't have the expertise to get the town back on it's feet. I am not sure of the accuracy of my next statement, but I think the area receives about \$75000.00 a year from Brookfield Asset Management that is to be used for economic development. The money has been used to help small businesses in the area better themselves. I think the money should be spent to hire a professional firm (or person) to actively promote the area and pursue manufacturing and other employment opportunities. "If you build it they will come" Teddy Roosevelt. There was literally nothing here in the late 1800's. Someone built a paper mill here and they came. It can happen again. Thank You.
10436078	10/03/2014	Yes! I believe there is hope. If the towns pool there resources we just may survive.
10436712	10/03/2014	Millinocket is a town worth saving. We just need to figure out what we can do to get work for people in the area. We need to work on attracting small business and helping the small business that are already here. The people of the area are sometimes their worst enemy they fear and resist change.
10436887	10/03/2014	Yes, there are many towns that survive without industry keeping them alive. I think a National Park is one option. It may not be popular with the locals for they fear the loss of control over the woodlands, but what control do they have now?
10438366	10/03/2014	I think that not all aspects of what types of business can be brought in. What types of partnerships could be forged.
10438577	10/03/2014	Yes, yes-tourism, small industries and local residents from katahdin area working together, only way to survive.
10438631	10/03/2014	Yes, the town is worth saving, but we have to work on a 2nd act "together". This can't be an autocratic plan. It's not too late and it's not too soon to set aside our differences and make it happen. I believe it hasn't happened because we haven't let go and totally understand that the paper industry has failed, not just in Millinocket, but in Old Town, Bucksport, E. Millinocket, Jayand that's just Maine.....then there are other states hurting. We haven't taken the time and energy to "agree" and plan for our future. Looking backward.....or marching in place to the same tune.....not FORWARD.
10438790	10/03/2014	I think this town is definitely worth saving. I don't have a realistic answer as to how, but I know why. The people in charge of this town spend too much time trying to bring back the past instead of building a new future. We need people who understand that to take their places.
10439385	10/03/2014	the right opportunity does not happen over night and yes I do beleave Millinocket has a second act. It has to be one that has more pros then cons, whatever that may be.
10440897	10/03/2014	the area is beautiful...promote the town for its' natural beauty...create fishing spots along the river as well as duck blinds for picture taking...white water kayaking & canoe boat launches...get access to GNP mill site so the public can utilize what rightfully belongs to the people of Maine
10455694	10/04/2014	Old train of thought, the mill is gone stop kicking the can and move on. The "second act" is waiting for the right performer, stop sticking your finger in the proverbial light socket and run this town like a business.
10457668	10/04/2014	Yes Millinocket is a town worth saving! It does have a "second act" in it. Unlike the "first act," it will have many "actors" in it. I believe this hasn't materialized yet because for so many years the town was run by one "actor" and local people need to learn to step up and direct the next act themselves. That takes time to realize and learn how to do. I believe you can help us with this process and hope you do.
10459905	10/04/2014	Yes, Millinocket is worth saving but what company would come to Millinocket, a town of this size and establish a business. Yes they do have lots of restaurants, banks and a credit union but what else?
10460753	10/04/2014	Yes, it is a town worth saving. I will be blunt and say this mill could have been saved if it wasn't for the corporate greed. GNP made money and employed many, but not enough money for some CEOs and they stopped maintenance and upgrading to move elsewhere. A realistic second act would be bring it back to the workers that know how. Allow it to be a co-op run by those in the know. We need a small privately held business plan such as a pellet mill, water bottling plant, wood manufacturing plant. Don't know why it hasn't materialized yet. Outside interests??
10463992	10/04/2014	I believe it does. There is a lot of things that could make this work if we could bring jobs to the area.
10465297	10/04/2014	Look not to the past of industrialization but to the future of tourism!
10465058	10/04/2014	Absolutely worth saving, and absolutely has a second act. Second act needs to focus on what is already here first. Capitalize on the outdoor and recreational aspects, and more businesses that focus on that. It's a year round seasonal town, with snowmobiling, skiing, boating, canoeing, hiking, rafting, etc. find a way to expand on that even more. Finding some kind of industrial park/manufacturing business would be key as well. But, start small and build up.
10466650	10/04/2014	Yes! We need to really embrace tourism like we should have back in the 1980's. We also need to expand the natural resources at our disposal, and we must heighten our standards of environment stewards, we got to tend our garden!
10467087	10/04/2014	Absolutly this town has deeply embeded Maine traditions and values i think we need to capitalize on what mother nature has blessed us with and start looking to boost the local economy with tourism. There are many ways to make this area more appealing to tourists
10469022	10/04/2014	Yes. If the town leaders would stop making us suffer. No one else wants to get involved because they are persecuted for having a difference in opinion then the town elders it's sad really. I wouldn't dare run for town council or school board as my professional job would be damaged for opinions I have and votes I would make. It's how this town is and always has been.
10470638	10/04/2014	Dam right. For. Tourists. And that's all

10471746	10/04/2014	tourism Stubborn hardheaded people
10474680	10/04/2014	This Town is worth saving. The reason it hasn't attracted business is because the paper company owned all the land around us and refused to sell to anyone. Maybe that can change in the future.
10476173	10/04/2014	yes. Yes no balls
10477425	10/04/2014	Yes..it has great potential.
10476150	10/04/2014	If Millinocket can capitalize on its tourism and recreation potential, it may have a 2nd act. Baxter brings through traffic, but Millinocket lacks a downtown worth visiting for more than 2 hours.
10479135	10/04/2014	I've mentioned it's second, third, fourth act in the previous questions. This area (not just Millinocket but the entire Katahdin Region should and must be saved. The engineers and settlers who carved out our rich, historic past deserve that much, and our grandchildren deserve a reason to return.
10480193	10/04/2014	I want the answer to be YES! I think we have to find ways to support what is here and create new industries that will bring employment to town.
10480094	10/04/2014	Yes it's worth saving. It is a HUB FOR RECREATION IN THE NORTH MAINE WOODS. I have been expressing this for a while and I'm not stopping until things are changed. It's idiotic to neglect an industry WANTING TO BE HERE! Seriously though, knocking on our door. GROW UP MILLINOCKET!
10482129	10/04/2014	Yes it has a second act..... what I dont know. But what ever it is please keep and open door to more then just one company.
10497008	10/05/2014	I think tourism needs to be fostered. The reason it hasn't happened, in my opinion, too many people still hoping a mill or industry will come. Capitalize on our outdoor resources.
10506294	10/05/2014	Yes, business potential, recreation, tourism.
10514071	10/05/2014	ABSOLUTELY worth saving!!! LET'S GET BUSY!!! A new act? LLBean factory, Old Town Canoe? Mardens? bring back factory work, social media that this is the best place for outdoor life hunting and fishing. I think it's a shame that people who lived in camps forever are driven out by the fact that the land is now for sale and at a ridiculous price. Perhaps that is the attention getter for out of staters. They don't care about Millinocket like the people who have lived there for years and call Millinocket home. Lower the prices on the cabins/land on the lakes and let people who have kept it up all these years have the chance to stay there. I think it's outrageous. That's another thing that ran native people away!!! Only the rich can afford. SAD!!!
10515479	10/05/2014	Yes, this town is definitely worth saving and WILL flourish again. Manufacturing in the entire country is hurting because of NAFTA. We need to start making and purchasing our own goods again. We have the perfect location, a ready & willing workforce, we just need the cards to all fall in place again like they did 100 years ago with GNP. This is not the end of the story for Millinocket anymore than it is for Detroit or any of the other manufacturing communities in the USA. We need to regroup, that's all.
10519727	10/05/2014	The National Park should be a serious consideration. There is so much already in place for this dream to materialize that it is unbelievable that there are a few very verbal individuals that have no foresight or hindsight to look beyond where they have been for all their life. When people live in only the town of MLKT and do not know how the rest of the world lives is very frustrating !!
10525840	10/05/2014	We will rebuild its people are strong we can have a manufacturing and recreation economy but we must not place more Government regulations and restrictions on industry
10526383	10/05/2014	Yes it is worth saving. I think all 3 towns need to consolidate all services, police, fire, schools, library.
10533758	10/05/2014	Of course, it's future however is not dependent. Has anyone tried applying to grants from the Ford or Gates foundation. Why doesn't get off their ass and reach out to collegiate institutions, private companies and try to develop solutions. There is a lack of leadership and a distortion of reality of what is happening to the town. Get to work! There is lots to do!
10541172	10/05/2014	Yes. It will be smaller and more diverse economically
10566486	10/06/2014	To survive this town has to be a National Park community, manufacturing is a thing of the past, however some of our town leaders do not share the same opinion. So to keep from being ridiculed I chose to keep quiet when the right opportunity arises (employment) I will be one of the many that leaves the community that I along with my children grew up in.
10567144	10/06/2014	If the people (politicians, townspeople, teachers etc.) would really take a non bias look at the situation Millinocket is in, maybe working with other surrounding communities may benefit all.
10567268	10/06/2014	I don't see it as a question of is it worth saving, I see it as it must be saved. Millinocket not only helped build Maine through it's paper manufacturing but it help build this country with its paper. The "second act" must be a balance of tourism, retail, and industry. The retail aspect to support not only tourism but the residents of the town. Along with industry to help create jobs such as wood pellet manufacturing, technology, and pharmaceutical. I think the reason such changes have not taken place to date is there is a need for and outside perspective and the residents need a view of the world outside Millinocket. The paper mill built this town, the town didn't build the mill there for the mill is the only thing the town has ever known. This means a monumental change for Millinocket people and that is not being accepted easily. The residents must be show that this change is and will be possible.
10572014	10/06/2014	It is but the towns people need to be realistic and open minded. Right now they are the laughing joke of the state with closed minds and negatively attitudes. Millinocket can be a great place but in order for it to be a great place the town needs to embrace tourism and other business in that they need to market themselves better than they are doing now.
10573186	10/06/2014	I believe that millinocket has a unique opportunity to redefine itself. To show everyone that thinks the town is dying without the mills, that we can survive. In order to do this, we need to embrace more tourism and other, smaller manufacturing jobs in our area.
10575070	10/06/2014	It is worth saving. The second act is the town and the region turning itself into a destination for travelers from around the world and a place to live for people that want access to the natural world but still want to be access to an airport and population base.
10588413	10/06/2014	Of course it's worth saving, but the mindset for most of the older generation is still fixed on the paper industry. I would hope the second act would bring in jobs and not just seasonal work. There must be some type of jobs that will work in this area. Tourism is a part of the solution, but it only serves a small portion of the community, maybe three businesses. Why can't some other industry move in here, why hasn't anyone been able to answer this question, I don't know. I'm not an economics person, so my experience in that field is limited.
10588820	10/06/2014	Millinocket is not dead, it's just "lost" if you will. With the closure of it's birth right for the town's beginning, it is a hard change for people to overcome, but people can overcome this. The Town of Millinocket was built on faith, pride, and small community values which it still has, we just need to tap into those values and beliefs that have been lost for some time.
10589654	10/06/2014	Millinocket can be saved if new and bold ideas are used with its resources
10589877	10/06/2014	Yes definitely a second act, just as the license plate says, vacationland for people who like nature, it hasn't happen because the people who are voicing their opinion and seem to be heard are very resistant to change.
10589730	10/06/2014	It's called economic development, and Michaud, EMDC, King & Quimby and the rest of those that have supported the anti-manufacturing in Millinocket should not be a part of its recovery.
10590461	10/06/2014	I'm sure there is something "in the wings" that we just haven't seen yet. We have been promised redemption so many times by different takeovers of the Great Northern mill and been depleted every time. Seems like we've just been pounded down over & over again. These companies have taken and taken from us until now and there's nothing left of them. Now reality "must" set in and we need to find our way. Millinocket is absolutely worth saving. It's just going to take some hard work in figuring out how to go about this. Hard work is nothing new to this town...we were built on it and survived on it until now. I wish I had a second act to describe to you but first I need to shake off the "mill town" way of life.
10591842	10/06/2014	Yes, I don't know about a second act, so many young have left the area, need youth
10593265	10/06/2014	Yes there is a second act it will take time but gradually New businesses will come in and then New jobs with it, people will stay and more will come
10591897	10/06/2014	I don't think of it as "saving" vs. dying; Mill. is no longer a mill town and the pop. is shrinking. Up until this moment, people hoped that Themogen would restabilize the Town so we're really just in a transition phase to a new reality. Small numbers of new people are trickling into town, native elders are dying, some people are leaving or would leave if they could sell their homes... I'd love to see some new wood based production industry come in, but in the absence of that, can we just become a smaller town (~2,500?) that still can afford the infrastructure of sewer pipes & roads? That would be fine with me. I don't see tourism or a national park providing us with a good stable economy; it'll help a handful of business owners who are here now and maybe over time bring in more (which could have all the negatives of any overpriced cutesy tourist town). Thinking larger than my own personal preferences, figuring out how to maintain school(s) seems a priority; there was talk of Lee Academy taking over but I don't know if it's still an option. Regional consolidation makes sense, for as many services as possible, but lots of people in E. Mill. have been vehemently opposed so not sure how to get there. Mill. is being reshaped bit by bit. A speedier reshaping will need COOPERATION between people, and that doesn't seem to happen easily here (typical tensions of "insiders" vs. "outsiders", etc.).
10593982	10/06/2014	YES! As for a second act, Idk but we need a chance and money is holding us back
10594078	10/06/2014	Yes it is New faces New ideas New lease on life
10594450	10/06/2014	I'm really not sure it will ever be what it was. Maybe we need to get past that and work on transforming what we have now and what and who we need to work with. Maybe it has materialized but we just don't want to see it. Maybe it's right where we live. The wilderness and what it offers. Tourism!
10594503	10/06/2014	It is worth saving. With the mills gone we as a community have to find ways to bring life back to Millinocket. More businesses would bring in jobs for those in need and take travel out for those who have had to find jobs out of town to get by. It's just finding the right businesses to be here that will also help to increase our population!
10594857	10/06/2014	There needs to be something to benefit all not just. Few
10594667	10/06/2014	Millinocket is definitely worth saving. Tourism and small businesses are steps in the right direction. Poor leadership in town government until Peggy arrived. Denial of a dying industry
10595080	10/06/2014	More public involvement A reason to be vested into the future
10595104	10/06/2014	I believe it can be saved if our community comes together and shares some services and actually promotes and allows other businesses to come to town because the mill mentality needs to leave

10595217	10/06/2014	Yes. Millinocket is being held back by its council and its citizens who do not want change.
10594718	10/06/2014	Loosing the mill has been like the death of a close relative. Part of what makes it so hard is the rich history of the area. What a few men were able to accomplish....to be the best in the world. It hasn't been just the loss of employment, but the culture and even the physical accomplishments are being torn down. It's hard to let go of who we are and who we have always been. Again, like loosing a parent...we've lost our roots and our rudder. Even though we shouldn't dwell on the past, it's very hard to let go. What we're seeing here today was predicted 20 years ago when the first announcement was made and it's been a very long grieving process where some have been caught in denial and still are which is preventing the towns from working together. I still feel that this area has the most beautiful surroundings that just cannot go to waste. Maybe there's a way that the history can be brought out in a tourist attraction like the glass bottom boats in Florida. The Dolby used to be a farm and was flooded...I don't know what's still under there but that could be one of the attractions, along with a living history "museum" like Williamsburg about the logging industry...maybe we could go high tech somehow where our isolation wouldn't matter. Maybe the abandoned mill, administration building, E & R building could be turned into ritzy condos.....I'm sure we have a second act.
10595589	10/06/2014	Of course it is worth saving but will need a metamorphosis and willingness to evaluate all the options, even the very painful ones. Think: Detroit
10595552	10/06/2014	A shopping mall/outlet mall, movie theater, indoor recreation could be profitable due to it's distance from Canada. It could be a new destination for northern mainers and Canadians instead of going to Bangor, Freeport and Portland. LL Bean could have a store and outdoor center...thinkabela's and bass pro. You could test out products before you bought them. You have access to land, rivers and lakes.
10595795	10/06/2014	Yes. Absolutely. I see a few options. We need to bring in more business. The town needs to stop saying, "no", and start saying "yes". A national park needs to happen, or we need to consolidate the three towns and make them into one. One fire department, one police force, one school district, one municipality. Somehow change needs to occur. We should really embrace tourism. Or if we could bring in businesses with call centers or factories or something that can be placed here to stimulate the economy. K-tech could be turned into a bigger school and we could create a college town here. We need to encourage people to "shop local" for all facets of day to day life. The largest employer in the town is the hospital, but our townspeople go out of town for services. How long will the hospital be here if people continue to go out of town for treatment? These are the types of ideas that we need to start talking about.
10595652	10/06/2014	Yes it is worth saving. We have a boiler manufacturer in town with one of the best products out there. They've tried a number of times to get a plant going all to fail. So guess who got to build them? Not anyone in this town. This could still be done.
10595819	10/06/2014	Two words.... Magic city..... There has to be a far sighted person out there like first guy that saw the area and thought hey this be a great place for a mill. Millinocket will rise again we just need to find that next thing and the people will make it work that's what people of Maine do.
10597064	10/06/2014	I sure hope so.
10596899	10/06/2014	Millinocket is definitely a town worth saving. I think a big part of it's "second act" would be pooling resources with the surrounding towns in order to improve what little we have left.
10597162	10/06/2014	Yes but we need to reinvent ourselves
10597339	10/06/2014	x
10597598	10/06/2014	Millinocket has so much to offer it just needs something to get it back up and going and to create jobs. Millinocket is one of Maine's hidden gems and has a lot of potential for something to happen.
10597353	10/06/2014	Of course. We all deserve a second chance in life. I believe we aren't over, if we were, we all would have left. If we were to per say open a university it would be beneficial for the region. An outdoors based university would fit perfectly for the area. The nature is untouched by modernization happening across the United States. Students could work with the plentiful life in the area, and study the growth and downfall of the region on both an economic and natural aspect. The town citizens could get education cheap which could allow them to find new jobs or open businesses in the area. The new student population would attend the local businesses and gain profit. Not only that, but new businesses could open to target this new, younger generation, which could put money into the pockets of local business owners. From there we should diversify our economy to make it more stable than in the past. The new phase of any sorts has not started because the old generation is too hell bent on waiting for the mill to restart and relive the "Glory Days". We must adapt and survive.
10597515	10/06/2014	Millinocket is certainly worth saving, there needs to be new thinking also I believe when a new business moves into town they should be given all the help they can get to help their businesses work
10599747	10/06/2014	It is a town worth saving, I'm so proud to call Millinocket my home town. I have been all over and no matter where I go, somebody always knows someone from Millinocket! I hope there is a second act coming.
10597398	10/06/2014	it's absolutely a town worth saving. houses continue to be purchased by people moving here. i have to assume they aren't moving here for the job market or the education of children. a second act would have more small businesses come to town to provide an even more attractive place to retire and/or to have as a base for outdoor activities. but having to support an overbudgeted school system which services very few students could be an impediment to this kind of second act. taxes should be kept low to encourage people to settle here. we need a good school, but we need people to move here too. but i regularly hear of this or that house selling. i believe there are people like me who see the value of extremely cheap homeownership for retirement as a big draw. i'm sure we also need young people and families, but they have fled to a great degree as far as i know. we need a reason for them (or that demographic at least) to return. i think you have to use the people who actually want to move here as a basis to build on. maybe that means a bigger retail and service sector to cater to older people and also vacationers. there is a new bakery in town. he owns the building himself. i hope the plans he has for a community marketplace come to fruition. but things like that are where i see the future of the town. perhaps light industry as well, but the traditional wood products sector is gone for good as far as i can see.
10602763	10/06/2014	I believe the town is most definitely worth saving. I've lived there 20 years and have traveled very far from, Maine to Florida, Maine to California to the other side of the world. I still think Millinocket is one of the greatest areas on this earth. It's so beautiful and has so much to offer if you just look for it. I also believe in order to be successful in the town you need a bit more money because the town doesn't provide very well. The town brings in many tourists and we all know that we depend on them. I am not sure on what to propose as a second act.
10599884	10/06/2014	Yes, this town is certainly worth saving and I do believe it has a "second act". In order to revitalize this community, for a new phase to materialize, the area needs to consolidate the schools and come together as a whole to support and provide a rich education for our children. They are the next generation on which the "new town" will rely. The communities need to let go of the old mill mentality and be accepting of new ideas and possibilities. Perhaps that means a National Park, or a growth of the recreation and service industries. If a manufacturing opportunity were to knock on the door, let it in but alongside other opportunities and not a stand-alone entity on which the town again relies to start the cycle again.
10602928	10/06/2014	Yes, it's worth saving, but its second act won't necessarily be as spectacular as its opener! We need to let go of the hope that a paper mill will come back and make us all rich. But we could have meaningful work if we considered ourselves a Gateway community - a gateway to some of the most beautiful real estate in the east.
10611149	10/06/2014	Absolutely, I think it starts with a young gun town manager who will think completely out of the box, take a risk on someone like that, what do we have to lose
10623819	10/07/2014	Yes, for sure. Tourism has to play a part in the revitalization, and until now, no one has been willing to accept this fact. The region continues to set its hope on the resurrection of the paper mill, which will not happen. It has been very frustrating for people who believe it is time to capitalize on our strengths instead of focusing on the past.
10624638	10/07/2014	It is worth saving for its outdoor recreation without the need for federal entities governing how the land is used. We have had generations of "traditional use" on the land here without a national park.
10622912	10/07/2014	Yes, definitely, our Millinocket community is worth saving and it definitely has a "second act" in it. The "second act" has not materialized for lack of investors, lack of money to do it on our own, and lack of knowledge on how and where to begin. Millinocket's attributes has a state-of-the-art swimming pool (though very small), an ice skating rink, a golf course, a beautiful paved "walk along the stream in town" path, a small airport, a triage hospital that is very much appreciated in our area, many fine dining spots, beautiful lakes and very friendly people, but to name a few attributes of Millinocket. Big shopping mall only an hour away. We have the start of something big. One cannot live in the past of what was enjoyed and can only move ahead for something different. Doesn't mean it cannot be as successful as what use to be. It could even be more successful. Hopefully, I will live long enough to see it.
10625031	10/07/2014	It all depends on what people want. I am not sure people know how to handle this situation. They just keep talking about how it used to be. If people let the past go, and work together to make the right choices, we will be okay. We always have choices which also have consequences. Millinocket is worth saving because it has a lot to offer with such beautiful landscape.
10626417	10/07/2014	It is a town worth saving but we need businesses here to bring people back!!!
10629066	10/07/2014	It is the Magic City and that is for its citizens who always have found a way to win the fight.
10629331	10/07/2014	Yes, Millinocket is worth saving, but it will require direction, leadership, collaboration, and determination. -Tourism may help revitalize the area.
10629600	10/07/2014	Of course it is a town worth saving. How could a town with such wonderful and natural resources not deserve a "second act". The town needs to give serious consideration to Mount Katahdin being a national park. The services and resources that the area offered needs to be marketed, advertised and utilized!
10630192	10/07/2014	Im not sure. It will be a different town and I think a lot of people cant let go of the past and look to the future. Our children are not staying here they want more.
10628602	10/07/2014	Millinocket is definitely worth saving. Any town is. As I said in an earlier question, a combination of tourism and industry is necessary. As to why it has not materialized, I think that we have too many people with the old "industry only" vs the new generation of "tourism only" who refuse to work together and see the other side. Add to this the issue of town seperatism and the always favorite "I will keep my own school" and you have a recipe for failure.
10630293	10/07/2014	Yes see prior comments
10630032	10/07/2014	Yes, it is overdue for a new chapter, "Back to the Basics." Let's embrace tourism and make this an attractive community in all aspects for former residents to return to and welcome new residents. Welcome the national park with open arms.....we are open for business!
10632891	10/07/2014	n
10633100	10/07/2014	A National Park is the only "second act" that I can see on the table. This possibility can be combined with a "working forest" if reasonable guidelines are enacted within the park's by-

10632150	10/07/2014	laws.
10632338	10/07/2014	Yes it is, many of the characteristics that made the town a viable first option, make it a second one. Hundreds+ of cars drive through the town each day. Time for the town to pull up it's socks and get with the program. I hope the petrified wood plant does not happen, personally, I see that as a lot of money been spent on the equipment, some being spent locally, but not that much. maybe 20 jobs being created - 10 of which will be for people from out of state and they will stink up the air and the water. Most of the revenues will be recorded out of state so that any sales tax revenue will be captured in another state, etc. I don't see it helping the housing market. I do see the national park as having a multitude of benefits, even for people who are opposed to it as property values will increase at a minimum, retail stores on main street may even open again and make some money while they are at it. If 200 + direct jobs were created by a national park that is at least \$7m in salary alone in the area +/- more kids in schools etc. If there is a better option, I have not heard about it yet and look forward to hearing it.
10630963	10/07/2014	Yes the town is worth saving, but we can't keep looking back...we have to look forward and embrace opportunities as they are presented. In order to succeed, we have to determine what we want to look like as a community. Our future is not that of a "mill town". We have to look to diversify and not "put all of our eggs in one basket".
10632726	10/07/2014	YES, YES, YES....the community has so much to offer those who are not exposed to this quality of life. We have many members who came here as children on vacation and have returned to buy homes in retirement. The only things we are missing are department stores and shops and a creative way to market us as an ideal place to raise a family in safety or retire in peaceful serene surroundings.
10633853	10/07/2014	Yes. The town has many good people in it , it still has its pride and still has valuable resources that can be explored. The finance of the town has to change, but if the leaders can develop and open mind to creative thinking an opportunity, there are options for the town to grow.
10633931	10/07/2014	Yes, the "second act" will be smaller, but vibrant with wood products (we need to keep our resources in Maine) and tourism playing the key roles.
10634165	10/07/2014	I think most definitely that Millinocket is a town worth saving!! I love this town so much! I think we need to have a job source that will attract the younger people back. I don't think that people in decision making positions are necessarily as open as they should be. They seem to have their own agendas, not the one that seems best for the town. I'm not sure what a "realistic second act" would be. Like I said previously I would love to see Millinocket become the town it was but with a new and viable industry backing it.
10634973	10/07/2014	n/a
10634665	10/07/2014	Absolutely worth saving. The town has in its past 'pushed' away other industries/businesses, ex: LL Bean. We have an abundance of natural resources that could benefit us WITHOUT resorting to a natural park
10634945	10/07/2014	Of course, it's worth saving. In a "second act" new ideas could be put into place. To illustrate this, in 2003 a program similar to what you are planning was held in town. Over a period of three consecutive weekends, 100 chosen representatives from the region (Millinocket, East Millinocket, and Medway) to strategize ways to create a better atmosphere. I was part of the cultural aspect, my charge being to revive the Millinocket Historical Society. At the time the Society was no longer operating as it should, was located in a corner of the second floor of the Municipal Building, packed full of artifacts that could not be displayed properly, and it was only open for a few hours on one day a week. Without going through all the details, after 10 years, the reformed Society has acquired a building, done extensive renovations, and has completed the first floor of the 2 story structure which is open 3 days a week for 4 hours a day. The response has been overwhelming. This may be a rather small thing but it shows what can be done if one believes it can be done. The perceptions about Millinocket as seen from the outside world have been changed for the better.
10637957	10/07/2014	Must tempt more investment
10633566	10/07/2014	Yes! The town is worth saving. It has a "second act" as all of our natural resources that made us a mill town in the first place are still here! It has not materialized because of several reasons. 1) Naysayers have taken over the power in town! Just about a decade ago, when we did have a council with forward thinking individuals on it, they were repeatedly "beat down" by sectors of our community that didn't think like them. Overtime, these smart, articulate and "out of the box" thinkers got tired of the fight and stopped serving our town in the same capacity. Some of the newly elected councilors brought their own agendas to the table and effectively stalled any growth or change in direction the town could have taken. 2) There are people in town that are still grieving the loss of the mill and all that it afforded the communities, and haven't moved on. They are stuck in the past culture where everything was handed to them - without much effort due to the high wages that could be earned by working in the mill! Some might characterize it as the "union" mentality. But, many of those still left in town are here because they are retired and once worked for the mill. And, many of them never left town to experience life outside of the Katahdin Region. So quite frankly, they "don't know what they don't know!" 3) It hasn't materialize because until this very point in time, there wasn't this mass urgency that exists now. It has taken this "life or death" situation to shake/wake people up! We have been existing as a town on "life support" for years- it took the dismantling of the mill piece by piece for people to realize the pending death of our town. It is only now that people truly see if we don't "do something", then we have effectively brought our existence to an end. If we are to remain and thrive, we need outside professional/expert help to lead the process!!!
10638889	10/07/2014	I really hope there's a second act! I really can't imagine what it will be though. Sorry
10639614	10/07/2014	Yes it is worth saving, only second act I can really see as practical is tourism. Would love to see manufacturing jobs return but don't know if that is possible, Maine is very expensive for manufacturing businesses.
10640953	10/07/2014	Yes casino
10640698	10/07/2014	I don't believe so, again, anyone who is of "working" class left with the jobs 20 years ago. They don't vote, pay taxes or contribute to our community and won't help to make it a better place.
10641033	10/07/2014	Millinocket is absolutely worth saving! I think the second act has to focus on tourism. Why has it not materialized? People are stuck. People are clinging to false hope that someone is going to reopen the mill. That is a global scale problem that is not going to be addressed in Millinocket or the thousands of other towns in the US that are struggling. We need to move past the mills and manufacturing and focus on what we have that others don't - make the best of our location and uniqueness.
10640446	10/07/2014	I don't know if Millinocket can be saved because many of the same naysayers who've held the town back still have too much sway. These are the people who badmouthed people who want to build tourism-based businesses and who deluded themselves and others over the past years that the mill could be viable. Once the hydropower system was sold off from the mill it was over. There are certainly business opportunities, natural resource manufacturing opportunities, and so forth that are possible, but the best chance forward is to focus on creating a broad tourism market.
10641098	10/07/2014	YES, YES, YES! Bring in reasonable shopping experiences to entice people to stay rather than go other places for their services. With the right business district, we could be a little "Freeport" of the North!
10640054	10/07/2014	Yes, but I think it's second act will be much smaller for a long time. It has not materialized yet because walking out of high school into a middle class + job at the mill is way easier than starting a business and much more lucrative than other options present here now. Starting a business here would be tough due to low volume of traffic and low spending by residents and the potential employee pool expects 'mill' wages & benefits.
10641565	10/07/2014	I think that it will come back and it's certainly worth saving. A new phase would have some small businesses and a new Main Street that is attractive to four season tourism, but it will also need some kind of larger employer that is willing to move here. For that to happen a lot of changes need to be made at the state level, and I don't believe that the state really has an interest in bringing jobs to this area that are not tourist-related. Business and recreation can co-exist, but as long as it's cheaper and easier to be elsewhere, we won't attract those businesses.
10642319	10/07/2014	Millinocket needs to work with the surrounding communities to be able to move "forward" into the second act. It could become a Jackson Hole or a Sedona if they can realize that the mills will never come back as they once were, it is time to move on, it is painful to do so I understand this but do you want to become a "ghost town" I would hope not! You have a great downtown that is revitalizing, a good hospital, Create one TOWN! between the three towns, a new name, a new destiny! ASK your kids they have no problem consolidating it is the adults that have the problem!
10642400	10/07/2014	Nothing new has materialized because people believed the GNP mills would go on forever and became too dependent on the mills. I am not sure there is a second act in the offing, but would be willing to back any new effort.
10642873	10/07/2014	yes, after this mill deal is over.
10642255	10/07/2014	Of course this town is worth saving, how sad to give up and thing otherwise. We'd hoped for a company that would employ many people with good benefits, that never happened. I hope this offer from Virginia consulting firm will have a positive outcome. I think it's the right time for an outside unbiased opinion as to what we need to do to continue to have this nice little community.
10642811	10/07/2014	YES, there is life beyond GNP, we have made it this long without it, and this may be tough but we will survive. Why not use the resources we have like the park and hospital, even the schools, with KATEC down the road there is no reason we couldn't use this as a teaching community.
10644348	10/07/2014	A second act, A National Park and National Recreation Area need to be done, School Consolidation and the removal of many homes and then a plan to attract new businesses
10643737	10/07/2014	It is worth saving been here all my life its sad to see it fall apart its not just Millinocket all of northem Maine needs major help in ways im not sure of
10644089	10/07/2014	Viewing this situation from a distance, it appears the silent majority has suffered from that silence, allowing a small group with their own agenda to dictate the town's course. I believe it can have a second act. I believe bringing in that third-party organization from out of state to study that feasibility was a brilliant idea, and those who opposed it, I fear, are the greatest danger to our town.
10644997	10/07/2014	We are the access area to this part of central northern Maine. Millinocket economy has been based on industry and it still can be. However, not in future. The outdoors, recreation is only and best thing we have to offer ourselves and others.
10646818	10/07/2014	Millinocket is close to a good wood supply - what we need is a manufacturing facility to take advantage of the wood, power and shipping capabilities
10646520	10/07/2014	i don't see it being "saved" there will always be people like me who work on the road but other than that, nah.. 1/2 a dozen companies would have to come here to replace what that mill once was. tourism and the crappy paying jobs catering to tourist wont do it.
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10645321	10/07/2014	Yes, the town is worth saving. The second act is to promote tourism, and bring in some industry. Encourage small businesses to open stores to create that small town atmosphere for tourism.
10647912	10/07/2014	This town is going away just like Ashland area has! Why didn't they put the town's name in for the new prison that was built a few years ago? Jobs would have been brought to the area. But no, they didn't want that here. People have come up with ideas but are laughed at. Nope this town is dead!
10648972	10/07/2014	Yes the town is worth saving. Our second act might be the town consolidating all of our services, police, fire and schools.
10650178	10/07/2014	Yes, we should try to stay alive. If we could attract a small industry... water bottler, beer brewery, shoe factory, or a warehouse of some kind taking advantage of our rail system and airport, something to hire our out-of-work locals to get them back to work. But we need some type of incentive to entice a larger business to come here and stay.
10651271	10/07/2014	Millinocket needs to capitalize on its location. It needs to offer tourists something to do when they are here visiting the wilderness. It needs to offer supplies that hikers need. More variety in tourist attractions in the area would be helpful.
10646602	10/07/2014	I believe its a town worth saving we have always been known for our hard work ethic and I believe its still here as a whole , we need to have educated people in charge who no longer have the mill mentality , we need forward thinking people invest back into the community and the resources we have here instead of letting outsiders with no vested interest make decisions for us, it hasn't materialized because we look to outsiders for handouts instead of using the smart educated people we have here already who are vested in the community , the outsiders have no interest other than to make the money and take it with them
10654844	10/07/2014	the town is worth saving - I don't know what the answers are.
10656434	10/07/2014	Re-purposed wood from the old log drives, we have river rafters, bear hunts, moose hunts, trails end festivals, canoe festivals, and we need more of them!
10657915	10/07/2014	Yes, the second act could look a lot like Leavenworth, WA, Bend, OR, Lowell, MA or many other towns that focused on what they really had and began to promote it.
10657648	10/07/2014	A difficult question....it just has the feel that it still has some "magic" to it, regardless of economic woes facing it.
10658184	10/07/2014	Until the people change, Millinocket will never change.
10658882	10/07/2014	Yes
10658327	10/07/2014	yes, Lincoln has tripled its businesses just in the last 5 or 6 years millinocket could do the same
10659906	10/07/2014	Millinocket is DEFINITELY worth saving. He has a great downtown and I really feel that it would be a perfect college town. It just seems to make sense. Why it has not materialized is because we have a town council that has a one-track mind and who has not gone above and beyond to revitalize the town sensibly.
10660265	10/07/2014	Yes, it is totally worth saving. Nothing has materialized because of negativity!
10661152	10/07/2014	I believe it is worth saving. I think the building of the themeogen plant is not going to create enough jobs to keep people here. Citizens in this area don't have the funds to start a new business.
10661436	10/07/2014	People are too narrow minded. What have other mill towns done? Has anyone googled or called them?
10661695	10/07/2014	Yes, we are a town worth saving. We need to focus on bringing in tourist, and having amusements for the younger generation.
10663063	10/07/2014	Millinocket is a vacation spot, the primary way to bring visitors is snowmobiling, etc. focuses need to provide for these specific types of tourism without relying on them to survive.
10663126	10/07/2014	We need to focus on tourism and small business. We ve never had to do this with the mill
10663949	10/07/2014	It is worth saving but there is too much of an attitude for folks to consolidate or think of neighboring towns
10662298	10/07/2014	Millinocket is totally a town worth saving. It already exists and just needs second wind. We just need a few key leaders to make the way. A visionary, a grant-writer and a money person.
10663944	10/07/2014	Yes, Millinocket is worth saving. I feel that the nearby natural resources (the scenery and the products) are the areas best hope. However, I do not think that tourism alone can save the town. With the loss of the paper mill, we have a large open commercial property adjacent to the town which offers a great opportunity for a suitable business. I have heard of businesses in the technology field using such sites for the placement of server farms. Although this may not create a large amount of jobs, it may open Millinocket to more tax revenue and a new direction for investment.
10663913	10/07/2014	Now that the mill is gone people have to seek beyond that chapter. The lakes have sold there lots, more people from the outside are buying them up. People with money, who will spend it in town if we have any thing to offer. Millinocket needs to see the beauty all around us.
10664199	10/07/2014	Yes it is worth saving. But need a different approach on making the tri towns work. People hate change but reality finally hit this area, so time to think of something new for these towns. Before the town of millinocket said oh we will always have the mill, guess what it's gone. This was stated by a town council person years ago.. now it's really time to make a change isn't it.
10664621	10/07/2014	Not with the people in charge it doesn't. They need young, creative people who will make this town better. Not the same ole, same ole, who dragged it down in the first place.
10664415	10/07/2014	I don't know if it can be saved. I don't know why the town can't come up with something to bring some kind of industry to the town.
10664254	10/07/2014	I want to say "Yes" as it's my hometown and I remember all of the good, but, I fear the town leaders have allowed it to reach the brink of total failure...coming back will be a long shot but, the town must try. A new course has not been charted because of the lack of leadership, of educated individuals to understand the dire state of the economy. And, too, Millinocket has always lived a sheltered life, isolated from much of the world, never fully understanding that for the decades they were living well they were living outside a "norm". The paper company cared for its individuals without properly teaching them to take care of themselves, much like a parent who fails to teach his or her children to fend for themselves.
10664595	10/07/2014	we have large amount of fresh water just outside of town that we could bottle like poland springs. we also have few nice sand pits around that we could market for making glass. also we have unused land before millinocket but no 3 phase power after rice farm road. could try get someone open go cart type park. also maybe wood pellet bagging plant back of lee's pit has rail service
10664480	10/07/2014	Down but not out. The town needs to find a way to attract new buisness. The way to do that is land, low taxes and low utilities. Maybe we could work with the company that owns the water way to get cheaper electric for a period of time for new buisness. Tiffs and other promotional ways to draw buisness.
10665934	10/07/2014	We won't have a second act with the same morons voting on consolidation. If they can't see the first step the won't get the second.
10665772	10/07/2014	It's worth saving, I think it could become a tourist attraction
10665078	10/07/2014	I have answered this.
10666390	10/07/2014	Tourism, a creative economy, can work from anywhere. Why not such a beautiful place with spectacular access to nature at its finest
10666919	10/07/2014	No second act visible.
10666120	10/07/2014	PLEASE, refer to my earlier answer. Yes, the region can be saved and should be, however, we need to ask for detailed plans and hold businesses that we help accountable. We glad-handed Georgia Pacific and everyone after while they yardsaled our future.
10667483	10/07/2014	Because we are living in the past. It's time to move on and make the best of what Millinocket has to offer.
10667581	10/07/2014	Yes, be ready for change . There are so many negative people around here who don't want things to change. They mUst
10667566	10/07/2014	Yes, I see so much potential for this town. Tourism because of the great outdoors. Most people come to maine for the coast they don't event know what else Maine has to offer. Millinocket is a perfect combination of the rest of Maine we have he mountains, the lakes, the rivers, plenty of trails for snowmobiling, four wheeling, we can be and are a destination for all 4 seasons. Not only could we capitalize on tourism and the businesses that pop up with that but we could have another type of industry using wood and other forest products. We have so many natural resources here, water, trees, wind. We could produce energy, nanoculose (a new technology that can be used to make cloths, food, cement, ert). We have these resources here already why not use them?
10667605	10/07/2014	I hope so. Beautiful place with no jobs and hardly any stores.
10668265	10/07/2014	A theme park
10668637	10/07/2014	Because the stubborn town folk think the mill is the Phoenix from the flames , it's not coming back. They MUST reinvent and be open to change. Nothing has materialized b/c our current governor is a bully to new business.
10668415	10/07/2014	I always thought that if a major road was built from the west exit at Lincoln Me on I95 straight to Millinocket, it would reduce travel time to Bangor By 20%, and would naturally funnel all tourist traffic through Millinocket to Baxter St. Park and the North Maine Woods. Creating a mini- hub from the north, south, east and west, attracting outlets of major outdoor retailers.
10668516	10/07/2014	The lack of "area". The township of Millinocket is one of the smallest in the state. The Great Northern of old kept it that way. We need to annex - with or without blessings of those - to gain a larger "township" and embrace the outlying areas that are currently paying taxes to the county and not the town. Those outlying areas currently receive services, fire, ambulance etc such as larger townships in the southern part of the state without benefit of sewer, water, etc. With that annexation, possibly sales of land tracts for small manufacturing start ups could happen. The lack of "want" to annex land seems to be a sticking point.
10668987	10/07/2014	This town has died, and many, myself included, feel it's the Town Management's fault more than anything. I wish to GOD there would be a way to save this town... this town I grew up in, and loved. This town with SO many fond memories! But unless someone strikes gold in their backyard, there is nothing that'll bring this town back from the dead. tourism helps, yes,

1066267	10/07/2014	but it's far too little. A "National Park" although making absolutely NO sense to have (who would want to PAY to see a mountain right next door in the State Park???), seems now to be the only real option left. It MIGHT bring in the needed money back to this region.
10668176	10/07/2014	Unless the leaders can make the hard choices (consolidate services, outsource services, etc.) it takes to bring the expenses of this community in line with its tax base (20 mill or less), I fear the downward spiral of elder fixed income retirees will continue to lose their homes furthering the loss of a tax base, thus eventually causing bankruptcy. The second act is to return to unorganized territory status with whatever municipal services being provided through county governance. Developing Tourism is too much a long term goal to be any immediate relief.
10669551	10/07/2014	Yes it is worth saving, it is loaded with great people and history. The second act would be many small businesses lining the streets, I just traveled through Kittery today and saw all of the shopping outlets and we have the natural resources to draw a huge influx of tourists it just has to be marketed in such a way that people want to come to the shops and stores as much as they do the mountain. I have said the word tourism but I believe that is the only card left to play as due to the isolation of the area we will never draw any large manufacturing firm to our town. The reason it has not materialized is we have all been in denial that the mills will not be the mainstay of the community again hoping that someone will buy them and create the good paying jobs of the past. But the facts are papermaking is a hard business and it takes a lot of money to start and stay in business.
10669648	10/07/2014	Yes, as I stated in the last question I believe we can be successful again. The reason nothing new has materialized is because everyone wants to sit back and bash the town about what a dead town this is.
10669440	10/07/2014	Yes it is worth saving! Tourism, nature, art, the Appalachian Trail, Mt. Katahdin, snowmobiling, fishing, hunting, etc.
10670631	10/07/2014	Another business entity? Plus, the outdoor activities angle is obvious. Partnership with DIFW for optimum management of the forest to encourage maximum #'s of game animals and waters for premier fisheries.
10669018	10/07/2014	Yes it is! This was such a beautiful town once full of life, once called the Magic City! I raised my family here and have a lot of good memories. Let's try to put back life in this town by bring back jobs here and by working together not against each other
10670883	10/07/2014	everything is worth saving
10674149	10/07/2014	no way to tell but that door must be left open and WHEN the economy gets better there might be a chance for something but I doubt it. I think it will be like Mattawamkeag when they re-routed the interstate to interstate 95 and become much lower class of living.
10682164	10/08/2014	Yes, I believe that Millinocket has a "second act" for sure. In order for that to happen is not for me to say. I don't live there, and do not have all the facts of what is going on. There are changes needed on the Town Council I'm told. The tax base needs to be MUCH more realistic... again, this is what I have been told. The fact that there has not been a "replacement big business" in the town to put people back to work... This I know for sure. So again, Millinocket folks need to open their eyes and minds and accept the mill is not coming back. Come into the 21st century folks.
10683988	10/08/2014	Millinocket is worth saving and we need to move on from paper industry to try to attract new business. What that is I don't know but be open minded and put Millinocket out there.
10685962	10/08/2014	I think there are always second chances, but not the same hay day the town had for so many years. Don't have the answers... just more questions
10686233	10/08/2014	Change is not something people like but it is inevitable at what cost only time will tell
10686588	10/08/2014	Anything wood based products, hasn't materialized because the town always relied on the mill and pushed anything else away for too long
10691392	10/08/2014	Millinocket is a great place to live. We just need some prosperous industry.
10691555	10/08/2014	People do not trust the economy
10689500	10/08/2014	Millinocket is worth saving! It's a great little town, it just needs to restructure. It's not hopeless, just needs a change.
10690188	10/08/2014	I would like to believe that as technology continues to advance, some jobs that can be performed remotely, such as computer programming, could be an option for people who enjoy living in a remote area such as Millinocket. However, a new phase of any type is dependent on maintaining a local environment attractive to young families, especially in terms of education.
10691980	10/08/2014	Yes, I believe it can be saved, but only with sustainable jobs and a change in social attitude.
10697190	10/08/2014	Yes, I think everything has a way of regenerating. A town in Wisconsin became a Christmas town after their mills closed. We can do anything, we can become Christmas town..
10697505	10/08/2014	We need to capitalize on tourism.
10697604	10/08/2014	Yes, however we need to develop new industries such as the afore mentioned pellet or saw mill and further develop recreational possibilities.
10696927	10/08/2014	It does but needs investment in new small start up business
10700797	10/08/2014	Yes, Millinocket is worth saving. Millinocket and East Millinocket should combine their schools, churches, and whatever they can.
10700873	10/08/2014	yes it is worth saving to become a tourist attraction. some people have tried and the powers to be always find a way to discourage it
10702092	10/08/2014	yes not sure
10703015	10/08/2014	The second act is focusing on bringing tourists here and this new phase has not been realized because citizens refuse to accept that the mills are finished.
10701682	10/08/2014	The 2nd act is so apparent to the outsiders who see what this area is truly about. Take a play out of Matt Polstine's play book... Harness the activities given to you naturally and promote business's that support this! So much expansion in this area could happen if you draw in from other geography's. Knowledge is power, you need to promote what this area has to offer and build the businesses around it.
10703709	10/08/2014	worth saving, need a balance of tourism and industry. need to stop believing a big company is coming to save the day
10703001	10/08/2014	I think if the torrefied wood project could get going on a larger scale and some other forest related industry (pallets or pellets) could supply jobs. I don't think it has materialized because the mills are still being milked for all they're worth.
10705007	10/08/2014	no
10704949	10/08/2014	the new phase is medical marijuana...it hasn't materialized because of long held stereotypes...get over it.
10705410	10/08/2014	Too many are holding a grudge against Great Northern. Let that go and start looking at what you have to work with and how that can be turned around to your benefit.
10704500	10/08/2014	Yes Millinocket has very good people. Forget about the mills and move on. Focus on people. It is still a nice place to live.
10706404	10/08/2014	Yes - but there needs to be a major shift in philosophy. There is a mentality of "it is owed" to me - and that needs to change.....people are stuck. It is each of our responsibility to implement change.
10707813	10/08/2014	Absolutely! Perhaps by touting its Registered Maine Guides and their ability to show outsiders that beauty. I am a Registered Master Maine Guide and have been for over 30 years. Always, in my guiding experiences, when taking on non residents, I try to stress to them its unique character, whether I'm guiding moose watchers, fishermen, hikers or just sight seekers.
10709435	10/08/2014	An area with potential for seasonal living situations, whether for snow birds escaping the heat or for people looking to enjoy the winter activities. Country at large is having economic issues, poor economy. Millinocket needs to project a positive attitude instead one of defeat and negatives.
10709865	10/08/2014	Again I feel we need businesses in this town to get it rolling again if we had stores the right kind of stores people would shop here and not go to Bangor. I can save at least \$50.00 by going to Bangor to just grocery shop instead of shopping in town hannafor's prices are too high
10710294	10/08/2014	Too much Old school thinking
10710907	10/08/2014	Millinocket is a town worth saving, but I'm not sure we have the right mindset yet to see that happen. The second act would be lots of small niche businesses that attract visitors to spend money in the town. This type of environment makes it fun to live in Millinocket, which would attract younger families to move here and perhaps start a new business. Creating this type of ground swell would take a long time and the right climate that is more inviting to people from "away." Something we aren't currently portraying.
10712516	10/08/2014	Out with the old and in with the new. I will be so glad when the attitude changes to positive
10712796	10/08/2014	Millinocket is definitely a town worth saving. It needs an intervention!
10719472	10/08/2014	Millinocket is worth saving. Our second act is to promote tourism. I am not sure why it has not materialized
10720457	10/08/2014	Yes, def a town worth saving. It used to be thriving; why can't it now? I think nothing has materialized because the locals don't want it to. I truly believe they are their own destroyer
10726245	10/08/2014	We need someone with money to bring some businesses here and yes Millinocket is worth saving.
10727506	10/08/2014	Maybe, if the schools would consolidate but certain people don't want it.
10727257	10/08/2014	Millinocket is worth saving because it has so much more to offer than a defunct paper mill. We are the gateway to the north Maine woods, 4 million acres of wildlife, recreation, hunting, fishing, boating, and leaf peeping. I see Millinocket as a perfect place for resorts and campgrounds, sporting camps, and tourist shops. Millinocket should advertise itself as the coast in the wilderness and show pictures of the lakes and mountains and wildlife. It needs to show people that there is more to Maine than a rocky coast. I believe that this has not happened because there are quite a few individuals who feel that tourism is an evil thing that will destroy the town and the area. They desperately want their lives to be the way they used to be in the past when the mill was running and they want the town to be run the same way. These people go as far as turning tourism businesses away from the area and

		being rude to people that are not from here.
10727090	10/08/2014	Millinocket remains trapped in the mindset of the company will take care of us. The political system is a hold over from that error. Society works at keeping the potential of profit for the forest industry while at the same time the forest industry has abandoned the populist. While the forest/power industry strives to extract the assets the industry does nothing to provide jobs. Yet the political leaders strive to actively discourage tourism. Examples fighting the potential of a cultural center, actively opposed the development of bicycle trails actively discouraged the potential of the woods and water with such lines in the groups purpose to not interfere with the forest industry. The active driving of groups such as Wilderness Society, National Parks and other group who have seen the potential of green economy.
10729583	10/08/2014	I truly don't know
10729750	10/08/2014	Of course it is worth saving! Maybe market for a farm, like the tomato farm in Madison. I would love to see it get a "facelift" and focus as a tourist destination.
10730805	10/08/2014	I feel the second act is here, its tourists. I have often wondered why the town doesnt try to rent all of the homes they have purchased by the weekend, week or so on. I dont feel with out some kind of manufacturer however and a better school system that people will move here
10732857	10/08/2014	Entrepreneurship through recreation and natural resource stewardship and education.
10734612	10/08/2014	Yes but not with the current town council or manager
10734245	10/08/2014	Yes definitely. We need to develop our area to attract tourists. People haven't wanted to accept the changes that have taken place and resist putting out the WELCOME sign. We need to work together and help each other with planning and supporting what we have left and build on it. We need to attract healthy and financially stable people who would be willing to invest in our BEAUTIFUL area.
10736447	10/08/2014	Yes of course it is worth saving, we can become a tourist attraction. We have been too busy thinking that only a paper industry is what will save us. Let's find something else, like tech company, I am not creative as far as thinking about what would be good to bring to this area, we also need to be less attractive to those who use or abuse the welfare system.
10737687	10/08/2014	Yes it is worth saving. Encouraging new industry and multiple industries, not just one. Lots of medium businesses that employ 50 ppl or so; instead if relying one large employeet
10738496	10/08/2014	Don't know
10736690	10/08/2014	I feel that the town could definitely reinvent itself. We have so much to offer in this region!! The mountain and nature have so much to offer and Millinocket could be the host!! I feel old ways and grudges hold this town back from moving in a new direction. At some point we have to change otherwise more people will leave or want to leave!! More opportunity with education is huge too. If we consolidate we can offer our kids more programs!!
10739373	10/08/2014	national park will be second act. people got head in sand because of the paper mill mentality.
10744930	10/08/2014	YES . Because a comprehensive approach including tax incentives, business funding and sustained high profile attention from state and federal leaders has not been done
10744345	10/08/2014	I think so on a smaller scale as a tourist town that plays up the natural wonders sitting in our back door. Even now people from out of state are buying houses as camps. Why not? Why not fill those houses, get the taxes, take their money when they come up for the week or weekend? It is what Millinocket is going to be whether people like it or not, so we might as well cater in that direction and get more jobs up and going with business that cater to them.
10754394	10/08/2014	Of course it is worth saving. Seems if thus question is being asked in this manner the right people aren't asking the right questions.
10756077	10/08/2014	Yes it's worth saving! The second act requires collaboration and a new mentality of working together with surrounding communities to better the area, not just one but ALL
10804120	10/09/2014	New council. New ideas!
10806066	10/09/2014	Everything is worth saving. The only reason I hear is policitics
10811781	10/09/2014	people do not want to see change, they want factory jobs. Small business and tourism seems to be the next act.
10819546	10/09/2014	Yes. Millinocket could be a hub of recreation, tourism and other industry. We have the natural resources, available buildings downtown and a population willing to work. The "new phase" hasn't materialized because at one time the older population was resistant to welcoming change. They believed that the mill would magically begin production at the levels of the past. Ideas were voted down and messengers of change were vilified and harassed in public forums. Any cooperation with Medway and East Millinocket was immediately voted down. The bottom line is that we are all in this together and we all have to work together to find a way out of this decline.
10823558	10/09/2014	Of course it's worth saving, it has plenty of beauty & potential, what it needs is all new councilors & town manager!!!!!!
10831137	10/09/2014	Yes. Millinocket could transform itself into a fabulous gateway to the North Woods with services for visitors and the new residents who would be able to and would want to live there. I think a new national park could be the ticket to this change. It has not yet happened because town leaders are too stuck in a "manufacturing or nothing" frame of mind, partly from habit, partly from fear of the unknown. They don't have to choose. It can be a national park AND more manufacturing (if there is any manufacturing that can happen here any more.)
10839773	10/09/2014	Yes. We have to stop talking about what we HAD and step into the future. Stop the negativity.
10841231	10/09/2014	Millinocket is definitely a town worth saving and people need to come to terms with the fact that their "first act" of papermaking is dead and gone. Though I may not know yet what the "second act" will bring, the area has many opportunities left to give from attracting more tourists to the beautiful Baxter State Park to helping local people continue manufacturing (Pelletier Manufacturing/Millinocket Fabrication and Machine). We don't need ONE industry anymore. We need several from all different directions. I don't think the "second act" has ever materialized if you will because too many people feel that the town has to have that ONE savior to come in and take over the mill. Millinocket is too far gone for one person, or one company, to save it. The town needs multiple saviors.
10856482	10/09/2014	Yes, it's definitely worth saving. I believe it's second act could be as a nice little tourist vacation area which offers all the nature and beauty that's already here and a nice little 'shopping village' to allow the tourists something other than woods.
10859507	10/09/2014	We need manufacture for wood products. Wood pellets are in high demand. We need natural gas to encourage some kind of manufacturing. We have skilled laborious.
10858828	10/09/2014	Is it worth saving. OMG yes it is! I think that we need to focus on tourism and making this town what it was minus the mill. It can be if we promote it in the write places get people up hear to find a home and put love into it as so many of the older homes here need. The nicer we can make it the more and more people will want to venture into the town instead of just speeding down Central to Baxter.
10860806	10/09/2014	Need to find a way to draw people to the area and to invest
10861013	10/09/2014	Have to try to utilize the empty stores
10861223	10/09/2014	Wood pellet business or some sort of factory
10864904	10/09/2014	Yes. Millinocket is very much worth saving, and a small group of citizens are already on the path to saving it. There are several businesses thriving in town, and there is a lot to be learned from them. In my opinion, Act 2 has not yet fully materialized for two reasons: because many citizens are having a tough time letting go of Act 1, and because it is very difficult to carry out investment and revitalization in the midst of crushing economic hardship.
10870150	10/09/2014	If they can bring business back- they might have a chance.
10884666	10/10/2014	Yes! Yes...tourism. we have a town council that has no forward vision.....they continue to look in the rearview mirror. Opportunities have come and gone do to leadership stubbornness.
10891734	10/10/2014	It is worth saving.
10891259	10/10/2014	YES! A second act would be a combination of smaller manufacturing businesses and more tourism related businesses. A vocal group of citizens will not embrace tourism, because they are waiting for another large manufacturer to come to town.
10899474	10/10/2014	Yes it is worth savings and I think tourism is the answer. We should invest in advertising that and give them more to do in town, not just the woods.
10919988	10/10/2014	There are Ghost Towns in The West some recent as mining minerals are depleted! Millinocket is likely to become a way station! The failure of the tri towns to work together and jealousy or envy contributes to lack of plan implementation such as consolidating schools!
10921405	10/10/2014	Hemp manufacturer.
10926487	10/10/2014	N
10938102	10/10/2014	m
10949825	10/11/2014	YES, it is a town worth saving but not by allowing the Katahdin area to become a National Park. More should be done to provide low income housing especially for the elderly. More service based businesses should be developed for the people who do chose to stay here. I don't have all the answers but I hope that business people keep trying to promote the area and lose the "negative" outlook.
10978851	10/11/2014	Yes, it's worth saving. There's plenty of areas for new businesses to move in, or industries. I feel like other types of energy plants could have a take off in this town if we brought them in. Again, our tourism also gives us an edge, especially during the summer.
10976012	10/11/2014	My personal view has been that there has been an unbalanced dependency on the mills to be the "only" thing that could keep Millinocket afloat. There has been a lot of resistance by some long-time locals who didn't want the character of "their" town to change. I feel that they have been very protective of their way of life but they have to come to the realization that things have changed and the time has come to change with the times. Millinocket doesn't have to lose its character in doing so. Like me, many people who come to millinocket like it just the way it is in the way of character, we just need some "good"-paying jobs to go along with it.

10979065	10/11/2014	NO. There is nothing to save.
10980596	10/11/2014	Absolutely worth saving! We have good people here, we are close knit and have excellent work ethics. Neighbors help neighbors.
10981203	10/11/2014	I would hate the town to be just a tourism town but as what I see that's the only hope Millinocket will ever have at a second chance.
10981278	10/11/2014	yes, attitudes are the cause. Like the Jews leaving Egypt taking 40 years to do a 3 week walk
10981987	10/11/2014	I totally believe we are worth saving. I just don't know what the second act is....except maybe capitalizing on tourism
10982102	10/11/2014	The Town needs lite industry, and small businesses which could capitalize on the surrounding area. I think that the Town has become stagnant is because of poor leadership in the past due to the old G.N.P. mentality. We need leadership that have leadership skills that have been sorely missing for the last twenty years.
10982458	10/11/2014	Yes. Now is the time to start developing a business plan for something or things to continue in place of the mills. There's Plenty of oportunity up here if the right businesses come.
10986094	10/11/2014	Worth saving Yes how no idea.
10985880	10/11/2014	Millinocket is definitely worth saving. A second act has not yet materialized because so many residents have not come to terms with the FACT that there is not going to be a paper mill that pays the wages that so many people got used to. I think the second act should be something like an Outlet shopping area that would lure businesses and shoppers to the area. Kittery is a good example of a town that exploded after the outlets opened up. There would have to be major incentives to the businesses to get them to locate in the region. There have always been good people in Millinocket. It just needs an infusion of more positive and creative people to bring about change. Of course, money wouldn't hurt either.
10987164	10/11/2014	See prior question. I believe it does have a second act
10989402	10/11/2014	Millinocket is VERY worth saving. In spite of its decline over the last decade Millinocket has an excellent heart soul and history. The citizens of Millinocket need to welcome the outside world and listen. The saying we never did it like that needs to be banned. Also the trip town area needs to unite and open their eyes. We need to work together. No one can survive alone.
10990884	10/11/2014	It has not done to move business
10990736	10/11/2014	YES! I think it has not materialized because the only thing being offered is a national park which though a good idea is not going to provide a living wage nor is there a real draw to bring people in. Baxter park is already there and another is redundant.
10992144	10/11/2014	Yes, Millinocket can have a future. Because of the "quality of life" that I previously mentioned people will locate here. With Mt. Katahdin in our back yard and Baxter State Park along with the possibility of a National Park there is great potential for industry and tourism to work together. We have these assets along with an airport and a hospital. We need to promote our assets. The schools haven't combined because of some strong negative feelings among some adults especially in East Millinocket. Tourism hasn't grown like it should because there are still people that believe that some new big business with high paying jobs is going to replace Great Northern.
11000794	10/11/2014	Yes, we must cater to the tourists that come to see the beauty through all seasons. Combine the surrounding town schools to save money. With positive thinking and hard work this can be done. Advertise the high points beauty, quiet, restaurants, golf course, lakes, animals, etc.. Hasn't happened yet because they need an outsider to get through to the folks that the mill is not coming back so we need to move on! I pray you are the answer!
11002641	10/11/2014	Yes Millinocket is worthy of a second chance, We are hoping your agency can help us with a new and different direction
11003843	10/11/2014	I think it is, Just need to find business that want to come and stay
11004249	10/11/2014	Yes! No second act. to promote 4 season recreation more to get tourist trade. Use our woods for wood products, manufacturing of some sort. We have to have a future besides papermaking. we have to think and pursue out of the box. Hope we get some professional help!!
11010744	10/11/2014	I think millinocket could be like the next Acadia national park/bar harbor tourist area. If the natural beauty was used to its potential, money could be made and jobs could be created.
11012269	10/11/2014	it has a second act tourism
11012597	10/11/2014	Not with the current Council, and School Board . It is not worth saving. It is too far gone to save, and sinking deeper and deeper into debt with each passing day.
11012436	10/11/2014	yes its worth saving. second act would be our town selectmen going out shopping for business and industry to come in set up shop and hire those who live in these towns and the future would be brighter. it has not yet materialized because people are still worshipping the almighty god up on the hill that has left them high and dry. people are stuck in the past. they need to get over it and accept change
11013039	10/11/2014	It could. I just cannot imagine a way to get people to do this.
11014748	10/11/2014	these three towns will survive... but right now are turning into 'retirement villages' We are chasing families with kids away. We should be trying to bring more into town. Have someone help us find out what can be built where great northern used to be. Even if it is making wood pellets. Or letting a hydro come in to use the stream.... No idea.. but there must be something that can be built there
11030072	10/12/2014	People in the town are still believing in the rebirth of the paper industry. They need to let go of the past in order to move on. The towns people need to stop fighting among themselves. Education is key to helping the area prosper. There is revitalization in many areas of the country and in many areas of different cities. Our townspeople need examples of these to inspire and model the rebirth.
11035291	10/12/2014	Yes the town is worth saving. People need to be open minded to change. All three towns need to work together try to boost tourism and also bring in a wood products industry. We have all the natural resources at our finger tips.
11042723	10/12/2014	88
11043102	10/12/2014	I believe Millinocket is a very valuable asset to the State of Maine. I believe we could consolidate school systems and offer a good education for our children. I believe we need the right people to go out and recruit smaller businesses to our area. We need to research other towns that this has happened to and see what they have done to revitalize their town. Maybe if we offer incentives to lure them to Millinocket it would help us in a long run.
11068683	10/12/2014	...
11070865	10/12/2014	Millinocket is just now coming out of mourning the mill. Upstarts like Heritage Wood, the art galleries, the expansion of hiker services are starting to emerge. NEOC is a quiet success beyond anyone's dreams.
11075893	10/12/2014	Every town has a second, third and fourth act. Act one is done. It's time to move forward with the same vigor that built the region back in 1899.
11076758	10/12/2014	A thriving tourist town like Bar Harbor.
11076794	10/12/2014	Yes Millinocket is worth saving, I see a silicon valley area, with tourist shops.
11077580	10/12/2014	I dont know I sure hope so -if Lincoln can we could be able to also- we need jobs and those are hard to come by any where
11078206	10/12/2014	No it died with great northern paper
11078007	10/12/2014	Yes very much we have too change our attitudes of People from out of State and welcome them and there businesses they might bring this town. See so much negativity on the town Council over out-of-state businesses and Parks we are still thinking back 30yrs ago. The PaperMills are gone we need something new.
11078404	10/12/2014	town council bunch of idiots
11078849	10/12/2014	Absolutely, many people live the area to visit, think No Conway. It is a thriving area, western MA also has a thriving arts and farming and sports attractions more so in the summer, but thrive during winter months.
11078255	10/12/2014	1. Yes. 2. Yes. 3. We need to capitalize on the natural resources of the area and its appeal to residents who live in the more developed parts of the northeast. Maintaining the area in its natural state has significant potential for our future success.
11086103	10/12/2014	Yes it is. Investment in family recreational businesses is necessary along with a greater acceptance of "outsiders" who could help boost the economy.
11100363	10/13/2014	Promote the outdoor activities expand the airport make it a destination! Casino?
11101368	10/13/2014	Yes, it is worth saving. The biggest strength and the biggest obstacle are the same thing. The people. Lots of super cautious, suspicious, New Englanders live here. They have reason to be this way with what has happened with the mills. Bedard and Cate st. If the community as a whole could build and start and run the business, we wouldn't have to worry about big business taking advantage of us.
11105343	10/13/2014	I think it's worth saving and the second act will be far different from the first, it will have to draw on what we have around us. Maybe some wood based manufacturing jobs along with a strong tourism based industry.
11106393	10/13/2014	I honestly don't think it can be saved. Millinocket has been committing suicide for years now. Those who desired employment opportunities couldn't look beyond the mill, while the town has been filling up with the welfare people and the eco-conscious crowd, neither of which even desire a future for the town.
11106980	10/13/2014	Yes but the second act will be much different. It think it will not be the kind industry that operated before. More service and catering to visitors. Much will have to change in attitude. The land holders will have give up their restrictions for use of the lands. For example, much has said of a park developing, but in order to draw the amount people that will sustain the town the park has to be accessible by various means, ie snowmobiles, atvs, as well as walking. We are fooling ourselves if we think that people will walk nowadays. At the same time they surrounding areas, owned by katahdin timberlands, much serious look into allowing those same type modes of travel. It would mean jobs such enforcement and clean up but that is price of making a second act.

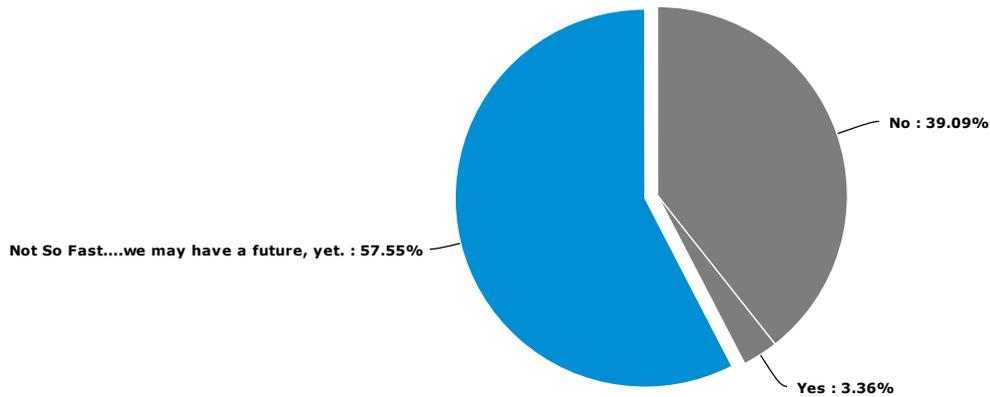
11107385	10/13/2014	Yes it's definitely worth saving. The people are hard working and honest, just wanting to work and provide for themselves and family. Any new business whether it be industrial, retail, or recreational would great. I believe it needs to be aggressively approached and researched to get something here. Possibly even a vocational college in these vacant office buildings. What a beautiful place to have a community college.
11114918	10/13/2014	Yes, it's worth saving. Perhaps it has a second act, but the town was built in order to service the mill, and the mill was not just an employer, but a protective benefactor to the town and the people in the town for generations. People whose families have been here for generation seem to be unable to let go of the idea that we need another situation like that. They seem to believe that we can get that back. They don't understand that that is not how companies operate any more, and they seem not to really look into who is offering things. They therefore trust those who are not trustworthy and are out for their own agenda, period while distrusting those who genuinely want to help. I described a second act in one of the previous questions, but in short, I think we would be an ideal place to market to telecommuters, consultants, writers, and others who do not have to live where they work. We offer the beauty and serenity -- as well as the affordability -- that Silicon Valley lacks. (As a former Silicon Valley resident, I know this to be true.) Millinocket is one of the places where a "regular person" can still attain the goal of owning a home. Neighbors still knock on your door to welcome you to the neighborhood when you move in and call you from across town when they notice your child is smoking, trespassing, or doing something he shouldn't be doing. Millinocket is still the best place I've ever lived, and I've lived all over the country, including California (L.A. and San Francisco as well as Santa Barbara; rural Minnesota; Chicago; Waikiki; and Davenport, Iowa)
11116493	10/13/2014	Because of the people that is running the town
11122096	10/13/2014	Millinocket could be a beautiful place for people who have the capability of earning a living online, whether telecommuting or home Internet businesses. Better promotion of small businesses might help also; as it is, the town only promotes businesses owned by a defined clique.
11123564	10/13/2014	I certainly hope there is a second act. We have to decide what we want to be. Do we want to invite businesses here that are going to pollute the air or other resources? A chemical processing plant? We have not moved beyond GNP. The consensus thinks the mills are going to come back - even now. That is not realistic. Mills continue to close elsewhere in the state. Need new manufacturing, call center. We need to stop giving our assets away. There needs to be accountability of any new business coming to town. We can't give it away as we have been doing since the original GNP closed. No more carpetbaggers taking advantage of Millinocket. Accountability.
11128973	10/13/2014	Town needs to attract new business. Big manufacturing has run its course diversity in business is key. New business means new people which lessens the load on everyone
11147477	10/13/2014	Like a phoenix rising from the ashes we r a town worth fight for
11151942	10/13/2014	Millinocket would have been a great town to establish a small college or university in easy to attract quality teachers and good draw for students. The manufacturing industry is not looking for a place so far from the hubs of transportation. I don't think that big business is ready to give up on cheap labor markets of the third world. Therefore we are in limbo stuck with the leavings of corporate raiders.
11155240	10/13/2014	Yes it's worth saving, we just need people on our council who can see and work towards a second act. They need to start listening to outsiders who have bought homes here, they are now part of millinocket and should be considered so. In my opinion our town need new blood and new ideas. I know things are tough but give businesses a tax break maybe not a big one but something to get them here, offer help, instead. Of finding bricks to stumble over. People get tired of falling over things and give up so then no business.
11162283	10/13/2014	tech jobs
11175516	10/14/2014	Millinocket is very much worth saving and if anyone thinks different, they don't belong here anyway. Of course there's a second act, we all have to put our heads together and maybe even start a town owned woods industry business be it wood pellets, sawmill, terrified coal mill, cedar shingle mill. Anything to put people to work with our local resources.
11188890	10/14/2014	Millinocket won't move forward until the old timers who grew up with the mill lose their complacency and until the town council gets a clue that the Maine paper business is dead, killed by government-subsidized modern paper plants overseas. People in this town grew up with Great Northern taking care of them and these folks have never gotten out of that mindset. We won't be able to attract another large industry to this town because we can't offer the tax breaks and cheaper utilities currently available in many southern and southwestern states. We can't even offer a decent railyard anymore for the transit of goods anymore since that's being torn up even as I write this. The only businesses that we will be able to attract are those that could use our unique local resources. Those resources are 1) superb outdoor recreation of all sorts and 2) businesses that use Maine timber. Any business development will have to overcome two significant disadvantages, which are a) the cost of utilities in the Winter, and 2) our distance from our two major "staycation" markets, Portland and Boston. There are wood-based businesses that we might solicit that no one has thought of so far. For example, manufacturers of birch and maple baseball bats. Birch and maple bats are relatively new materials for bats with decent sales. Birch especially is abundant in Maine. Most birch bats are made in Canada - not here. That's a business that might succeed here. Also, this area has amazing Winters and yet, we are lagging in pushing what are two great Winter activities up here, namely cross-country skiing and ice fishing. Maine has the longest ice fishing season in the country (no kidding, I know ice fishing in Minnesota and Idaho and I know their ice-out is in late Feb or early March - three to six weeks before ours). Yet those are undeveloped and overlooked here. Now look at West Yellowstone or Jackson WY - both former ranching towns, now meccas for winter sports. Literally thousands of people go to West Yellowstone every year in December for their cross country skiing festival yet our trails are as good as theirs - but out there, most towns (even the small ones) put down cross country trails in their golf courses and parks in the Winter but no one seems to do that here, so the opportunity for and the awareness of the sport are lacking (out of sight, out of mind). We don't even have a place to rent skis here in town. The same goes for ice fishing, though the cost of equipment is higher since you have to have means to travel to a good spot to fish. I could make a case for Winter camping outfitting and for Summer whitewater kayaking on the west fork of the Penobscot (which would make a great, possible Olympic-class, whitewater kayak racing course) but I think you get the idea by now. There are other places like Moab and West Yellowstone and Salmon and Mammoth that have robust cross-country skiing, ice sports and/or river activities that we could have because I've been to all those place and more and our river-based and Winter-based outdoor resources are as good or better.
11212832	10/14/2014	Millinocket does have a second act. We need help to get it going!
11217055	10/14/2014	Yes, and yes. Due to natural resources the 2nd act will be tied to those natural resources. We were a one industry community by design. The original founders wanted it that way and kept it as such. Manufacturing will/can be a part of the second act if we can keep the forest a working resource. Why not yet, we're in a new global economy and haven't transpired enough from the evolving development of the passing of our original act to fully focus on act II.
11218326	10/14/2014	I think it could have a second act if people can accept the fact that the mills are gone, times have changed and the town needs to go in a different direction, and work together to accomplish something positive.
11242263	10/15/2014	Of course save it!
11251858	10/15/2014	It is very worth saving. The second act will evolve, there is no singular solution. People need to get past the paper mill town syndrome. It's over and it's OK!
11255150	10/15/2014	Addresses above. It clearly is worth saving.
11257462	10/15/2014	Yes, downtown needs brighting. One old town vowed to get together and they painted each store front a rainbow color for a rainbow effect. People were bowled over and town got more tourists because of it. Lets do it!
11261427	10/15/2014	I believe the rise of Millinocket has to be based on a number of small businesses supporting the community verse being propped up by one tax payer. Start by increasing the number of pieces of pie and work to grow each piece. Move away from the vision of one big piece. Time has come to focus off shift work. Our businesses and town still run based on everyone having time off during the day. Local hardware stores close at noon on Saturday and remain closed on Sunday. The towns transfer station had the same hours until recently. Change is difficult.
11271970	10/15/2014	Millinocket needs to focus on tourism, forest products manufacturing such as traditional wood pellets, stove manufacturing, etc. We will never return to the days of the old Great Northern and should not try. We need a multitude of smaller business and manufacturing to bring us back to life.
11296325	10/16/2014	Yes it does, people need to take the time to figure it out. Little things add up.
11311342	10/16/2014	sure it does. Tourism based economy with support from non-woods industry businesses which choose to locate here for the quality of life
11315791	10/16/2014	yes, yes, recreational tourism and also commercial ventures related to it. The Mill will always be here mentality is why...
11324481	10/16/2014	Millinocket would be ideal for a pellet plant, lumber mill, water bottling plant. There is plenty of water/wood to easily support either of these endeavors. Perhaps a brewery with flavors from the area. Birch beer, Pint of Pine, teaberry tea, Maple beer, perhaps experiment with items like that.
11325203	10/16/2014	yes it is a lot of people come threw town in summer in winter we need a way to get them to stay longer spend more money. they come to hike fish snow sled raft need to get stores that fit that type of people we have all kinds of land in and around town some places have rail service but not all have three phase power
11327043	10/16/2014	we need to think out of the "box", no-one seems to be able to
11328289	10/16/2014	I would love to see it saved but the only way I see that happening is with tourism. Industry after industry has failed. If we could get people in our town to donate there time like Medway residence do.
11359850	10/17/2014	Yes, this town is worth saving. I don't know what the second act is, maybe energy. What amazes me are the people who have stayed in this town since the mills have closed and don't want to move elsewhere.
11366835	10/17/2014	yes it is worth saving we have change our attitude
11402143	10/18/2014	I would like to see a College, preferably a Vocational College. This country is in great need for people that are qualified to work in the Technical field. What is Orono without The University of Maine? We are the only area in Mid Maine without a full college with campus. I realize this is very political, but I feel it is time for the State to help us so we can be self reliant, and even if they have to step on a few toes, so be it. This would entail hiring more teachers, it would enhance the whole community, even the hospital, Students get sick. Our community would grow, with more restaurants, big box stores. Don't you think it's time we start thinking outside the box instead of always saying oh no, that can't be done. Lets all work together on a major project, that will enhance the whole community.
11406468	10/18/2014	Yes, Get out of the though that the "mill" is coming back and move on. Work with everyone and stop cutting down thy neighbor.
11408854	10/18/2014	The second act is to create and promote recreation, with or without a National Park. People with money will come in and fall in love with the area and who knows what types of

11452276	10/19/2014	businesses could relocate there.
11452276	10/19/2014	Millinocket is a town worth saving!!!! As far as a second act i do not have an answer to that we
11469443	10/19/2014	Look at a combination of resource based jobs (forestry/wood products/manufacturing) and recreational based jobs. Don't ever put all your "eggs in one basket" again. Be careful, and fully vet, anyone who comes into town with their hand out looking for start up money. We've been burned by too many 'investors', over the past 10 years. Again, put away the old rivalries and work together to solve all these problems.
11469565	10/19/2014	Millinocket is definitely worth saving. We feel that a National Park just a few miles up the road would transform this region and bring in thousands more visitors if its Visitor Center were located here. It has not happened because the town Council and a minority of old-fashioned, threatened, ex-mill workers think their high paying mill jobs are coming back and think tourism jobs would not pay well enough.
11504819	10/20/2014	Millinocket is worth saving. We need to focus on our natural resources and give the thousands of people who pass through on their way to Baxter Park a reason to take a left at the red light downtown and explore the area further. We need to stop arguing about a national park and whether it is a good or bad thing and do anything which allows us to become a four season destination. Bar Harbor has Acadia Park and the Ocean. We have Baxter Park a possible National Park, the West Branch of the Penobscot river and dozens of large fresh water lakes with waterfront property available. Tourists flock to the coast and we need to attract them inland.

Pilots who lose their horizon can fall into what is called a "graveyard spiral" when, without a way to make a visual correction, death is inevitable. In population dynamics and system ecology, when a population exceeds its long term carrying capacity, it experiences "overshoot and then collapse". In the social sciences, when a sizable enough percentage of any population behaves in certain ways, it takes very little to "tip forward" beyond a point of return. And in sports, as any athlete knows, lean too far in a certain direction - beyond one's center of gravity - and falling can't be stopped.

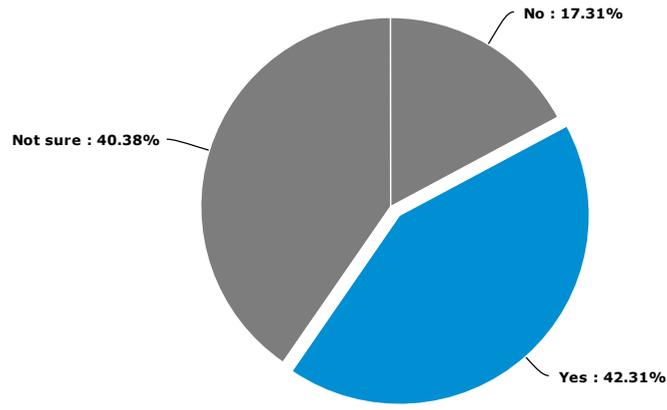
Has Millinocket gone into a "graveyard spiral"? Can the community make adjustments this late in the game? Has its population and policies and collective habits gone beyond the community's carrying capacity? Is the percentage of people in Millinocket who believe it impossible for there to be a second act grown so large that Millinocket has passed its "tipping point"?

An option always exists to allow the Town to go into receivership as a first step towards permanent insolvency and an eventual "going out of business sale". Perhaps the question is not "how to revive Millinocket" but, rather, how to wind it down to zero, scrape it to the ground, plants some trees, and post a sign: RIP. Glib as that may sound, it is an option...it is also what may be happening regardless. Should residents, neighbors, the State of Maine, and the rest of us give up on Millinocket?



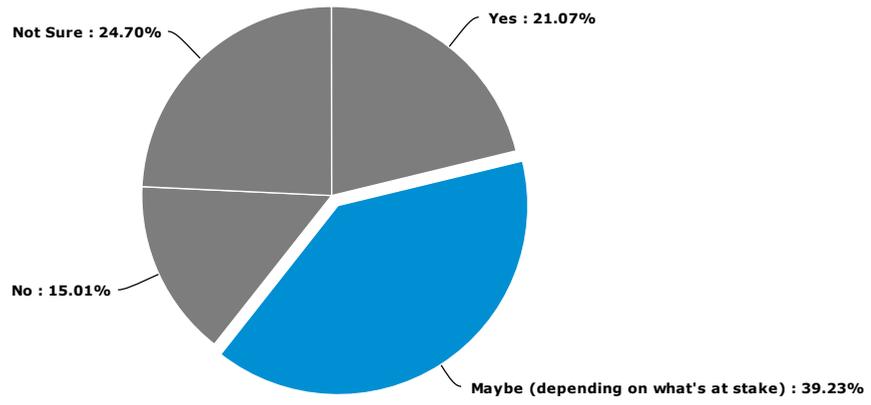
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1. No	163	39.09%	[Progress bar for 39.09%]				
2. Yes	14	3.36%	[Progress bar for 3.36%]				
3. Not So Fast...we may have a future, yet.	240	57.55%	[Progress bar for 57.55%]				
Total	417	100%					
Mean: 2.185	Confidence Interval @ 95%: [2.092 - 2.277]		Standard Deviation: 0.967		Standard Error: 0.047		

Do you favor the Town taking ownership of the GNP properties when and if the real estate liens mature?



Answer	Count	Percent	20%	40%	60%	80%	100%
1. No	72	17.31%					
2. Yes	176	42.31%					
3. Not sure	168	40.38%					
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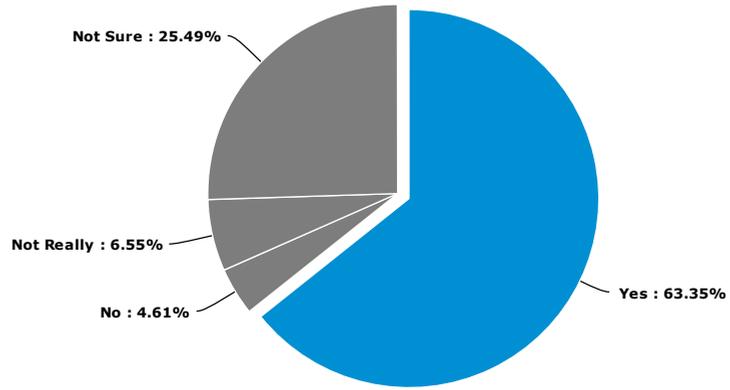
Is the community willing to make hard choices?



Answer	Count	Percent	20%	40%	60%	80%	100%
1. Yes	87	21.07%					
2. Maybe (depending on what's at stake)	162	39.23%					
3. No	62	15.01%					
4. Not Sure	102	24.70%					
Total	413	100%					

Mean: 2.433 Confidence Interval @ 95%: [2.329 - 2.537] Standard Deviation: 1.079 Standard Error: 0.053

Can the Millinocket community be brave?



Answer	Count	Percent	20%	40%	60%	80%	100%
1. Yes	261	63.35%					
2. No	19	4.61%					
3. Not Really	27	6.55%					
4. Not Sure	105	25.49%					
Total	412	100%					

Mean: 1.942 Confidence Interval @ 95%: [1.815 - 2.068] Standard Deviation: 1.311 Standard Error: 0.065

Many communities and most human beings have blind spots, or an Achilles Heel that gets in the way of constructive adaptation. Can you share your thoughts on this as regards the greater Millinocket community?

10327347	10/02/2014	Not enough learning going on perhaps.
10330428	10/02/2014	We are still set in the old ways of spending like we have the "old GNP" here. East Mill doesn't even have a gas station, forty years ago we had seven. People still don't understand how bad it is and how bad it will get if we don't start in a NEW direction>>NOW.
10335345	10/02/2014	They are stuck on being a company town, that some white knight in shining armor is going to come riding in to save everybody. Lately, they want it to be some sort of pellet company as if those companies aren't aware of the town's existence or something. They know you're there and they obviously don't want you...move on. They are also so dead set against tourism as though it's a bad thing for people to come through town. For years they have been against new touristy things because "they only bring in low-wage jobs." Apparently that is worse than no jobs. I don't get that thinking. It has to start small. You first get low-wage jobs then more people come, then more jobs are created, then more people come, then more jobs are created, etc.
10336554	10/02/2014	I think many decisions were made for the community over the years and as a result the community did not develop the coping skills necessary to survive. The town council is reactive versus proactive and can not seem to break the cycle of putting out fires. Fear of change and loss of control is a major issue.
10335499	10/02/2014	The "Mill town" mentality. The only good job is a manufacturing job. It prevails in the population of former GNP workers and the current batch of town councilors.
10340832	10/02/2014	They have always been taken care of by the benevolent corporation. This no longer exists and the town council is not educated enough, nor do they have the guts to do what it is going to take.
10342334	10/02/2014	you've got to hit bottom. I think you may be there. The Achilles heel may be listening to the loudest, angriest, bullies and not doing what's right.
10347079	10/02/2014	Millinocket is unique in it's history. For generations it was completely isolated - supported completely by "the Mill". As a community we are having to adjust to a new reality that was beyond comprehension to earlier generations. Much of this reality is completely foreign and new skills and perspectives are needed in order to deal with it.
10347036	10/02/2014	The problem as I see it is we just won't discuss the issues in an adult way. The people are afraid of the unknown and all many of us have known is the company taking care of us. Eventually it is time to look around and smell the roses so to speak. Life will go on after the company. We need to accept that and move on. Time to take care of ourselves.
10363558	10/02/2014	Like I've said, people are too set in their ways. Change isn't easy for anyone, but when it's obvious that changes have to be made then we need to make them. People keep wanting to wait for a miracle instead of being proactive.
10387855	10/02/2014	We have been burned too many times from those who came to help, our town will survive and be stronger
10389702	10/02/2014	National park has the area split and we need to focus on our State park is has so much more to offer but we need to work with the park to open it up to more people so we can move the town in the positive direction
10408782	10/03/2014	Thinking a mill based economy is the only way to survive. Not embracing the role of tourism gateway to the Northwoods.
10410653	10/03/2014	Complacency. Look at the demographics. The majority of the population is retired or elderly.
10415026	10/03/2014	There is a substantial group of people (and some of them are in positions of influence) who don't want to lose their entitlement to the woods. They view their hunting, fishing, and trapping grounds as a birthright despite the fact that they don't own the land or control its access. Millinocket as a gateway to those woods and waters by others/outside is not something these people are willing to embrace, even though it's an obvious way forward.
10415669	10/03/2014	The mill. The mill. The mill. The town lives in the past and cannot accept that the mill is not/cannot come back
10415654	10/03/2014	Seems all the folks I talk to balme the mills down fall. Seems they all put too many eggs in one basket and can't quite seem to get over it.
10415782	10/03/2014	Please see previous response .
10415751	10/03/2014	The "older" folks with "older" ideas running the town. We need fresh people with fresh ideas that are NOT into the politics of life!
10416334	10/03/2014	millinocket's fom of government and school boards.
10416032	10/03/2014	the exceptional beauty of the area and the draw and opportunities that they create for people from away are lost on many of the people that have lived here all there life and take them for granted
10415878	10/03/2014	World economy is not at it's greatest. Not a lot of opportunity. New industry here? what's the chances. We have a "older" work force here. Young people leave (or stay here an get in trouble).
10416117	10/03/2014	My personal theory after living here 11 years is that a combination of religion, especially Catholicism, the patriarchy of the mill and the geographic isolation of the region has made it very hard for the people of this area to exercise individuality and to speak out and take risks. I know that's a mouthful but I have been looking at this population and been involved with them in many way and was brought up a minister's daughter in a UU church, so my father and I spent many long hours in my childhood talking about human dynamics and growth, which were his passion as a counselor. Catholicism requires that you tow the line and has many restrictions on women. The mill, as I'm told by most who worked there, especially the gals who worked in the payroll office, created as much of a level playing field as they could, with a big split between workers and management. There was no more than a \$50 difference between anyone's paycheck who was a worker in the mill and you never fraternized with or spoke back to a manager. The boys went from high school to the mill so there was no life experience gained in the outside world. The town had a horn that blew curfews. This was a very regimented population and separated from the rest of the world. Everyone is related. This is not a situation where people step up to the microphone easily or take risks. They are very comfortable with being led and don't really want things to change.
10419621	10/03/2014	Holding onto the mill. Not sure if it is beneficial for the town to take ownership. It would depend on the EPA clean up requirement and cost.
10418316	10/03/2014	Get over the past, it is gone. Time to look at the future and embrace all the good things here.
10419276	10/03/2014	They need to get their heads out of the sand and look at different opportunities.
10416747	10/03/2014	The paper mill was the reason our town was created and played such a large part in people's lives for generation after generation. The original GNP took care of their employees - helped erect homes, provided the use of land as a "perk" of employment, provided a more-than-adequate living for many families, etc. I think people who've lived with that mentality for all these years have a hard time embracing the change and therefore are not able to constructively adapt. Even now that the writing is on the wall that our future in paper is bleak, there are still those pushing ideas that the mills will re-open. In fact, a town leader within the tri-town area was quoted in yesterday's paper stating that they believed the mill's bankruptcy was positive and that this may bring a new buyer. Are you kidding me? Even if.. IF.. that was a reality, we can no longer rely on the mill - or any single industry - to fully support these communities!
10421355	10/03/2014	I believe the Achilles Heel of this community has always been the mill. There has been a false sense of hope fed to the residents that GNP was always the backbone for the town. People need to know otherwise that the Mill was also a hindrance to growth. Now it is gone, as a community we need to hold a funeral to express grief and get one with rebuilding the community.
10419772	10/03/2014	Like I shared earlier, we only knew one way of life, give us time to except the devastation of the mill being ripped out of our community then we can start on a new venture. I think of it like a death, we have to go through the grieving process then get on. (Not everyone grieves the same).
10423468	10/03/2014	We have always been proud of being from Millinocket, East and Medway and proud of working for the mills. It's been really hard to accept change that needs to happen. For example... people who are against consolidation of schools. We need to educate people and let them know how it will be for the students not just that it will save money.
10423846	10/03/2014	Everybody that grew up in millinocket is stuck in "make paper" mode. They want someone to take care of the community for them like it used to be
10424045	10/03/2014	We have always had a big brother that helped us through tough times. We no longer have that big brother and we need to stand on our own.
10423576	10/03/2014	There is a reluctance to change and unfortunately a lack of education in this community. There was a period of time where people graduated from high school and went to work in the mill and never left the area to experience the world outside Millinocket. In many cases, that has led to an inability to adapt and a general distrust of people "from away". Many people in the community focused for too long on the mill being our savior and we, as a community, did not prepare well for the worst case scenario.
10420961	10/03/2014	A lot of people seem to be having trouble REALLY letting go of the idea of being a "company town", with just one "entity" that everyone must support and protect. There seems to be a lot of cultural inertia among the "long time" population. There IS also an undercurrent of xenophobia and fear/hatred of "outsiders" who are "from away", BUT I think it is really smaller than it might seem from e.g. reading discussions on online newspaper articles or letters to the editor in newspapers. I think the key to avoiding this being a problem is NOT to have any one person or "entity" (company/corporation/organization) getting a disproportionate amount of attention or influence on new ideas being brought in, so there's no specific focus for animosity to build up against and spill over onto everyone else.
10419872	10/03/2014	I feel there is loud vocal group within the community that is short sighted and "stuck" in their way of thinking which does not allow for alternative points if view and unfortunately this group continues to be allowed to make the decisions for the larger community
10425677	10/03/2014	Turning away businesses who want to come in because that is not what we are looking for in our town. We need to start saying yes.
10424384	10/03/2014	We have always depended on the mills, and they have always been bought again and again. So many believe that they will always be here to provide employment. Even when some went to school for other careers they would always come back as soon as they were called. I believe it is because of the familiarity and fear of the unknown no matter how bad things are. It is all this community has known for many years.
10425518	10/03/2014	There are some residents that just don't want to change...they are not willing to move forward in another direction.

10426518	10/03/2014	Our elderly who have been here too long and want life to be the way it used to be is our Achilles Heel.
10425759	10/03/2014	Millinockets Achilles heal is the older population, especially the ones who worked in the mill & logging industry, who refuse to change.
10426430	10/03/2014	The Mills are gone.... time to think out of the box for a replacement economy
10427419	10/03/2014	the "older" generation seems to be set in their ways and are so jaded by past business ventures making promises and not coming through with them. I feel eyes need to be opened to smaller and more businesses ventures instead of one major employer.
10427359	10/03/2014	The adults will not think about consolidating schools and this should have happened years ago!!! What a waste of money and barely any students at either school! Wake up and smell the coffee before it's too late! Look at other communities in the state they have consolidated!
10427954	10/03/2014	Simple, town council
10428078	10/03/2014	Living in and for the past....
10428143	10/03/2014	I believe that it is not my place to criticize whom are not given the opportunity to thrive.
10428279	10/03/2014	?
10427808	10/03/2014	What is getting in the way is the Town Council, voted in by the people but they do not have the peoples interest at hand.
10426649	10/03/2014	The top three for the tri-town area is PRIDE, prejudice, and FEAR!!!!!!! People need to see we are not a paper making tri-town anymore. Let's not give those people anymore power over us!!!! Let's make our own may! Let's start small and build our new town together.
10429208	10/03/2014	Our addiction to the way things used to be not as they are shaping up to be is our weakness.
10429354	10/03/2014	Some people still live in the days of the mill!!! Time to start thinking outside the box. And not be negative when one does want to come here to start a business!!
10428053	10/03/2014	There are many who are "set in their ways" here. If they could only open their minds up to something new. Millinocket has had many broken promises from companies who just want to buy and then piece out part to make money. Look at the last few companies who bought the mill and what they promised then what they actually did. Selling off and tearing down the building in which they said they were going to use. Selling off land. Asking for money then not following through with their plans. You could say most residents are going to be a little gun shy. I believe the majority of the people in Millinocket are older people who are set in their ways about what the town should do. We also have many people who do not work and have town and state help.
10430266	10/03/2014	The people of Millinocket have gone thru more then most towns have and the residents are still willing to help do anything to bring the town back
10430618	10/03/2014	for years gnp would not allow big factories or businesses to come to town....now they are gone we need to get businesses to come to town for jobs
10430836	10/03/2014	Mill Mentality. Everybody has to overcome the fact that the Mill is gone. Move on, its not like it used to be and never will again. Find a different path and being willing to accept that, we may make mistakes but we need to work together and make it work
10430614	10/03/2014	Letting go of the Mills and viewing the town in a different perspective
10431083	10/03/2014	I am not a "native" . While I find people in the community friendly and welcoming I feel I will never really belong even though I have been here 45+ years. Community pride may just be the Achilles Heel. Taking so long to finally come to the agreement that school consolidation is necessary is an example.
10430388	10/03/2014	The different communities need to realize that they are all in there same boat and that no one is better than the other. And that decisions made in the best interest of the area will be in the best interest in the towns.
10431638	10/03/2014	Again, I truly believe Millinocket can rebound from this, but it is going to take the entire community to make it happen.
10431336	10/03/2014	Think slow. The answer is there in the yard. Have to market as low cost family friendly. Once you get people coming things will slowly start getting better. Unfortunately it's going to take money to make it happen.
10432290	10/03/2014	millinockets greatest accomplishment was always GNP but it has always also been our Achilles Heel.
10432496	10/03/2014	give the high school kids the vote to consolidate schools with east mill. not the elderly who live in the past
10432228	10/03/2014	Repeating the same mistakes over and over again over a period of 30+ years--directly in contravention to economic facts--is the hallmark of stupidity.
10432573	10/03/2014	again I think Busque is the achilles heel for the area.
10432212	10/03/2014	As I said before many of the mill generation have a feeling or expectation of entitlement - to land access, benefits, good paying jobs - without doing the hard work to get them. We have to be proactive in seeking our opportunities and be open to whatever those opportunities are out there.
10433013	10/03/2014	Millinocket has become the mecca for welfare recipients
10433705	10/03/2014	East Millinocket
10433760	10/03/2014	Arrogance, pride and living in the past. Need to focus on moving forward, the past is history so take its lessons along and clear a new path together
10433858	10/03/2014	I have already
10433684	10/03/2014	Town government needs to work together on what ever we decide as our direction. Done know if that can happen!!
10433907	10/03/2014	There are many "old boys" who are adverse to change but when given the alternative should make the right decision.
10435205	10/03/2014	It's the town council. They have vendettas they'd rather deal with then truly take care of the town and work with people. It seems to be their way or no way.
10435682	10/03/2014	false hopes of a white knight coming to save us
10435296	10/03/2014	I hear over and over again what we can't do , what we are unwilling to do. I feel like some people will take this town dead and cold to their graves rather than concede their antiquated beliefs. It's discouraging to hear over and over again the words no no no! We need risk takers, and we need people to believe in them selves and each other, we need people to want it so bad that they will make it happen..we need to stop complaining, get some positive thinking flowing in the community! The negativity is stifling!
10435999	10/03/2014	No
10436078	10/03/2014	The rivalry is over.....put your pride aside and work as neighbors. What a power team we would be. And then, just maybe, we may not only survive, but thrive.
10435612	10/03/2014	There was not much more than just the paper industry in this area. Most people know nothing else, they hold a piece of paper in front of them and don't look over the top to find what else can be seen.
10436712	10/03/2014	The history between the three towns gets in the way of what is right for the towns going into the future
10436887	10/03/2014	I understand that there has been a longstanding competitiveness between towns. They need to get over it, come together and make some joint decision on the future of the communities as a whole. If they want to survive without a major employer they better do something fast.
10438366	10/03/2014	Not sure
10438577	10/03/2014	Local support
10438790	10/03/2014	People still think of this as a mill town. If that can't be changed, you might well get that R.I.P. sign mentioned earlier.
10438631	10/03/2014	As people have begun to understand what has happened to the town's infrastructure over the past 10-15 years....before the "good times" stopped rolling....they were blindsided....they thought every breath they took should be for keeping the mills and keeping out and other industry. They lived the "high life" and people around the state were resentful of our good life and now that we are "down and out" so to speak, they may be glad we are having economic problems. We need to show them that we can roll up our sleeves (not suggesting that we are not hard workers) and use our combined vision so that we can all have a good standard of living. The fact that the Town Manager has helped us take off the blinders and see where we stand fiscally has been one piece of the puzzle, the other being that it's no disgrace to develop service related businesses which are NOT necessarily low paying jobs. Our local community college is developing a degree program for forest jobs, guide (hunting, fishing, boating, etc.). Many remote communities become "hubs" for telecommuters and sell products and services on the internet. The notion that we must restrict our vision (tunnel vision) and not think not just outside the box, but over, under, and around the box is changing. I've seen it happening with the free exchange of ideas and INFORMATION.
10439385	10/03/2014	We need a community event that pulls the town together something to build community spirit and pride.
10440897	10/03/2014	emotion seems to be the basis for the decisions made in the recent past...I suspect it will continue
10455694	10/04/2014	no
10457668	10/04/2014	The Achilles Heel in this area is believing that Great Northern Paper, in one form or another, will come back to life. People here have for generations let GNP take care of them. However, just as doing everything for your child, never letting them fail, or take responsibility for their actions only produces an adult with an entitlement attitude, GNPs taking care of people has produced an entitlement attitude in the people here.
10459905	10/04/2014	I think the people, including myself, are blind to the fact that the paper mill, land, etc. are a thing of the past and if they think it will come back to life, I really do not think so.

10460753	10/04/2014	We have been blindsided and sold out on many so many levels that we have become pessimistic. But, right around that next comer.... Many small businesses are again starting up, from gift shops to an animal day care. We can line the streets with moms and pops. It might be a good start. It is such a beautiful region who wouldn't want to live here.
10463992	10/04/2014	No
10465297	10/04/2014	It's long in the tooth and set in it's ways. The community needs fresh faces on the council with energy and forward thinkers. Doesn't need nay sayers and people throwing doom and gloom around.
10465058	10/04/2014	They are too caught up in how it was and wanting it to remain. They need to let go of the past and truly focus on the future.
10466650	10/04/2014	It seems that a lot of the population is still looking in the rear view mirror, lamenting on "how it used to be". You can't give the road ahead the attention it warrants if your looking back
10467087	10/04/2014	Town council has had their blinders on for years, seriously they have made some of the worst most uneducated decisions this town has ever seen and this i think is the achilles heel...the town council
10469022	10/04/2014	The elders cannot stop counting on the mill. They cannot envision change nor do they want to think of it. It is why we are where we are today
10470638	10/04/2014	There are some that. Want change and some say it is to late. We have been knocked done so many times we are tired of it and this town. Will neaver change. Just look how bad the streets are than. Look at how high the taxes are and look at all the homes the are being toren down because people are sick of paying taxes on it
10471746	10/04/2014	stuck in mill mindset and has to change
10474680	10/04/2014	I would need to hear more on what is being considered.
10476173	10/04/2014	no comment
10477425	10/04/2014	I believe there are a lot of blind spots
10476150	10/04/2014	Change intimidates people. There was a belief that the mills and paper industry would always be there; the reality is different. At this point, the residents of Millinocket do not know how to handle its problems. They are fast to reject ideas that would either reduce town costs, or foster growth in different economic sectors.
10479135	10/04/2014	That's a huge problem here. However, necessity is the mother of invention and people are hungry, and are tired of trying to revive a dead horse, but apathy still is an issue and until we get new blood into the mix, new ideas, it will be a struggle. But I see this happening now, slowly, and that is how it must happen - with deliberation and patience and true acceptance and ownership even if it means we stay hungry for a bit longer. We're not going away but damn this is a stubborn lot.
10480193	10/04/2014	The idea that one industry will save us. There is not going to be one easy way out. We have to work.
10480094	10/04/2014	The neglect of the appraisal for new research and a system of appropriate goals. We have to stop ruminating in our past and develop innovative strategies to promote our future. We need to accept reality around us and move on. We have been focused for over a decade in restarting our mill. That has been dragging us down since my childhood.
10482129	10/04/2014	.
10497008	10/05/2014	Stop thinking a mill is going to save us. We have to think outside the box! Be creative and willing to take risks.
10506294	10/05/2014	We have always welcomed businesses and new ideas. The dam situation was put there to help this area. Also, keep people working but they had other things in mind. So we should try to get power and some kind of production initiated again. May be something of future business, like solar panels, or pellets. We have a viable railroad with new owners so we could get the product out rather quickly. Also, we need to expand on our tourism. Be able to use the area without being harrassed by people that don't like sports, ATV's, Snowsledding, etc.
10514071	10/05/2014	GET FOLKS MOTIVATED!!!
10515479	10/05/2014	Both the school and the town have a tendency to overspend and justify it. The town manager just recently gave raises to all department heads, including herself, after asking the school to lower their budget. The "justification" is that the school has been using all of the money to give raises and the town workers had waited long enough. A bad choice in my opinion.
10519727	10/05/2014	As part of the "aging" population it is difficult to see if there are any of the younger generation that is willing to take on the huge task of getting this terrible situation to a point of solvency fiscally and turning the negative into a positive with LOTS of hard choices. Living in such close proximity is not very conducive to ridding the friends and neighbors of their job or the benefits they have long held on to.
10525840	10/05/2014	We have been burned to many times by outsiders who only want to benefit themselves and locals pay the price. I feel we are headed in the right direction if we promote the things we have and make our town Business friendly
10526383	10/05/2014	We need to come together as one and work together.
10533758	10/05/2014	The people left in the town have very little exposure to the outside world so have limited perspectives on the options. This is not a critique of the people cause the people have other skills, but when trying to think outside the box, you need all kinds of perspectives. My experience is that outside perspectives get labelled quickly due to insecurities and an inability to see the world through their own Amber colored sunglasses. People need to learn to trust others and to take a chance.
10541172	10/05/2014	Still has a strong belief in being "saved" from reality as it has in past years.
10566486	10/06/2014	We have some town leaders that have blind spots, meaning they let their personal feelings get in their way of rational thinking
10567144	10/06/2014	Everyone continues to think about Great Northern Days which are gone and if people would accept this to move on to generate new ideas maybe smaller scoped ,the area may have a chance.
10567268	10/06/2014	I think the people of Millinocket have suffered great pains and are skeptical of outsiders. That being said I also believe if given the chance and shown a quality plan with a viable outcome by someone with the right approach the residents have the ability to see this through with great success.
10572014	10/06/2014	The biggest problem I see is that people need to get out of the mill attitude and realize there is no mill but if they embrace other ways to survive in that tourism and other smaller businesses can lead them to other areas of success and growth but they need to understand that only they are the ones who can make it happen in that they need to say enough is enough let's make this community a place where it's a great place to work live and relax and have people come visit and invest in the comunity.
10573186	10/06/2014	The older generation being set in their ways. I feel that if the younger generation could be heard more, we would be making tough decisions and would be making changes. This would make a huge difference in the future of Millinocket.
10588820	10/06/2014	in my opinion, the "Achilles Heel" for this community is the lack of partnerships between the Tri-Towns and the "issues" with consolidation.
10588413	10/06/2014	I think we're a tough bunch, it may not be easy or what we particularly would like to see happen, but I think we should pull ourselves up by the bootstraps and get on with what we've been dealt. We need to make the most of what we can with all the help that is available to us. We have a Town Manager that is from one of the other towns in the tri-town area and nobody has been pulling for us and trying to get us on the right track more than she has. Everybody else needs to have open minds.
10589654	10/06/2014	need to think of oportunites other than paper, such as the use of the biomass resource and the natural beauty of the North Maine Woods
10589877	10/06/2014	People mare afraid to loose what jobs they have, the school department has a large employment base and influence a lot of people because of the "Children loosing out" when voting I feel the school department alone can influence the outcome.
10589730	10/06/2014	Hmmm, Achilles Heel,, Let's see: Michaud Quimby ObamaCare So called expert town leaders that have the hurry-up and wait attitude, and/or a National Park is a good idea
10591842	10/06/2014	Have to have open minds.
10590461	10/06/2014	Our Achilles Heel: Mrs. Quimby has really got the dander up around here. First she wants this National Park but at the same time restrict our generations long activities(hunting, fishing, etc.). She seems to be running over us without giving us a second thought; when we resisted, she used degrading and caustic remarks about us to (let us say) explain us. This is deplorable & most people in this town want nothing to do with her. I think she eventually realized this and backed off but sent in her "friendlier" son. People are quite wary of his intentions as well. Blind spots? We all know that the mill(s) are done for but, that means change...many are forced to move away for employment & to support their families, selling their homes for a pittance. Very tough to swallow especially when you want to stay here. So many heartbroken people. Change must come now. Most of us know & accept that...but how will we change ...what comes next...where do we go from here? Our Town Leaders are so busy & dealing with so much that they just want to keep our heads above water. They don't seem capable of looking beyond our present needs and concerns to "where do we go in the future?"
10593982	10/06/2014	I'm not sure
10591897	10/06/2014	I can tell you a lot about what i see at the library, where i volunteer. The biggest problem i see is that people want to be agreeable so they'll jump on board when someone's complaining, and NO ONE will stop the vent session and turn it to constructive problem solving. Another thing: the blind spot i see in some people "from away" is for their own elitist patronizing attitudes towards "locals"; this definitely fuels the insider/outsider tension.
10594078	10/06/2014	New faces + New ideas= New growth slow at first like a fawn taking first step then the learning will begin
10594450	10/06/2014	The old way and not being able to come together as one community. It's not just millinocket but "old school" thought. We need to consolidate! It's for the best of everyone and the students.
10594503	10/06/2014	All cards seem to have been bet on the mills alone, without seeing all the advantages our town has.
10594667	10/06/2014	Blind spots have involved the mill. Many believe we have no future without the mill.

10595080	10/06/2014	?
10595104	10/06/2014	I think we have a lot of older generations within our community that have a hard time moving past the mill mentality
10595217	10/06/2014	Its the old mill mentality that stands in the wayn
10595589	10/06/2014	not sure
10594718	10/06/2014	The only thing I can think of right now is the rivalry between the towns...the resistance to combining services and resources...and even sports teams for heaven sakes...how ridiculous..
10595552	10/06/2014	The population is older and they only know how things were. New young ideas need to be trusted and grown. The people in charge don't want things to change and are not open to thinking outside the box. I think the state needs to be wiped clean and the town admin needs to be restructured. Maybe wages and benefits need to be re-evaluated to be performance based or based on the income of the town. Something new has to happen or nothing will change or improve.
10595795	10/06/2014	I had mentioned before the four types of people in this community. I believe the Achilles heel are those who are here because they can't leave and the elderly. Those who don't have any other option are the town as it is and don't want to work to change it. They have a negative outlook and those are the ones who always talk about how the town is dead and dying. They don't see the beauty in this town and the community. And the elderly. They don't want change because they don't need it. They are the ones who continue to vote against positive change.
10595652	10/06/2014	Their blind spot just filed for bankruptcy. We need to be focused now
10595819	10/06/2014	I believe for years we fell into the one business for most which why we are here. So to the future we must be diversified with multiple business.
10597064	10/06/2014	People need to realize that things will never be what they used to be around here.
10597162	10/06/2014	The idea of the mills opening again and over and over they fail
10596899	10/06/2014	I think the "older" residents have such a deep sense of pride that they find it hard to imagine combining our two towns - Millinocket and East Millinocket. Consolidation has been a topic of discussion since I was in middle school, and probably even longer. When I was young, our first instincts were to turn our noses up at the idea. But as I have grown and experienced our two towns as separate entities that are slowly, but steadily falling apart, I have easily changed my thinking. I see many adults in our communities stuck in the rival mindset, which still lingers from when both of our towns were thriving. This has since transformed into a proud stubbornness that has prevented our communities from coming together and pulling ourselves through these hard economic times.
10597339	10/06/2014	x
10597598	10/06/2014	N/A
10597353	10/06/2014	They're stubborn. They want the mill. They always have. If they were to get it back they would put all of their proverbial eggs in one basket again and collapse. The market is diminishing for paper with the advent of a newer paperless workforce. If there is any paper market, much of it is overseas.
10597515	10/06/2014	I believe we should all work together, such as the Council, School and the people. Stop thinking in the past and even if we have to take baby steps we need to keep going forward together.
10599747	10/06/2014	Voting against school consolidation! The kids want it, the parents want it...their opportunities are dwindling. It is absolutely heart wrenching.
10597398	10/06/2014	the adherence to the school as it has always been as a source of pride that they are willing to fund at the expense of other things they don't recognize as being more vital to the town's survival. the glory days are gone it that regard. stop propping up that edifice. the sports teams you live vicariously through are not going to survive if less and less families are here. get out before it's too late. consolidate the local schools and go kick ass on the southern part of the state in sports. sports is really why these people want their school. that is a huge blind spot. just because that's the way it's always been. they have to change that. as i said, they can still have it, but i believe it's only by consolidating that it can happen.
10602763	10/06/2014	I think a lot of the people have already settled on the idea of the town going down the drain and just have given up instead of fighting. The town needs more positivity and something to look forward to. The loss of the mill was quite a turning point for hope and faith in the town. It's hard to stay positive about something that just keeps slipping away.
10599884	10/06/2014	It seems there are still too many who are unwilling to let go of the old ways. They don't want to see change and continue to believe the mills will once again prosper, like the Phoenix rising. Until the old pride in each separate town can be swallowed and a new pride for the entire community can be found the area will continue to have great difficulty moving forward in constructive ways.
10602928	10/06/2014	A huge hindrance is the lack of insight on the part of our leaders in not recognizing how destructive the lack of cooperative spirit is for all of us.
10611149	10/06/2014	the stubbornness from all communities on combining schools is the greatest example in my mind
10623819	10/07/2014	The prevailing "union mentality"--the idea that everyone should achieve the same results, comparable pay, etc, is just not helpful to the region. It has resulted in people "boycotting" anyone who dared to step out of the mold.
10624638	10/07/2014	The more vocal residents can only look backwards, to when the mill was this..... the mill was that....
10622912	10/07/2014	We have our share of naysayers in our community regarding new development. I have already shared my thoughts.
10625031	10/07/2014	Most people have a comfort zone and do not want to deviate from it. It is safer to do nothing than do something completely different because you have to explain yourself. People are comfortable with Paradigms. They accept everything for the way they see it and think it is okay. We need to do something and always keep moving and changing as the world around us does, or we get left behind.
10629066	10/07/2014	Not sure if some really know that the GNP is gone. And that paper making is a thing of the past, or at least not part of our future.
10629331	10/07/2014	Too many residents live in the past and want to continue the life they want for themselves and not for the good of the community.
10629600	10/07/2014	Many people in Millinocket are still very focused on the paper making business. They need to realize that these days are gone. Three paper mills in Maine have closed just this year. This being due to technology, communications and other resources. The town needs to stop wasting its time, money, energy and resources on finding a buyer for the paper mill. They need to focus on the one true and everlasting resource....the great outdoors!
10630192	10/07/2014	People cant let go of the past
10630293	10/07/2014	I think the the general population has trouble with admitting that the mills will never return to glory and it needs to be small business from here on out. When Millinocket was the highest per capita income town in Maine for years and years it becomes difficult to move on.
10630032	10/07/2014	The town council has the power to hold us hostage and doesn't always make decisions for the "better of the community." Personal agendas need to be put aside if you are representing the population. They seem to have too much power.....
10632891	10/07/2014	n
10632338	10/07/2014	Answered previously - there are towns that would ache to only have alternative options like the ones we are opposed to
10632190	10/07/2014	The past is not the future. There will never be a paper mill in Millinocket again. Give all options equal research. Tourism equal with manufacturing.
10630963	10/07/2014	Instead of looking forward into the future, we tend to look backwards--hence no plan going forward. We have the propensity to place blame and point fingers instead of rolling up our sleeves and going to work to make the hard decisions.
10633853	10/07/2014	I think the town lives in the past, the town needs to move into the future and in a hurry before it allows itself to die.
10632726	10/07/2014	Separation! Instead of working together, many people are of the old mind set of their earlier generations. Marketing this community as a whole gives us all a better chance for survival. Consolidation or reallocating school populations (High School Millinocket, Jr. High East Millinocket, and each having an area elementary school) is one way to stop the division and make us feel more a part of each other. Also, cheering each others accomplishments instead of turning our backs on one another.
10633931	10/07/2014	The achilles heel is the negativity and lack of faith exhibited by town leaders and the unwillingness of our nearest neighbors to join forces. We need forward thinking leaders that will sell this town and its opportunities to folks looking for what we have to offer.
10634165	10/07/2014	I think our blind spot is that many of the older generation, myself included, remember the town as it was and want it that way again. They think that someone will come in and save us; like in previous years, every time the mill got a new owner! That has never come to pass but it's been our blind spot I think. We always thing someone is going to come riding in to save the town at the last minute.
10634973	10/07/2014	Millinocket doesn't like change
10628602	10/07/2014	Most people have a problem seeing things from another persons view when different from our own. It is difficult to understand how other people can be so "stupid" in their beliefs when ours is obviously the correct way of thinking. As much as I hate to say this, I sometimes think people adapt quicker and easier when told what to do or what is going to happen than having the option to choose.
10634665	10/07/2014	Many community members are former GNP employees and can not let go of what use to be; how it was before
10634945	10/07/2014	As I've said before in the survey there has always been a negative element in town; those who are afraid to really change and accept the fact that the mill will never reopen. There were indeed the "good old days" at one time. We experienced the last few years of it. But they are gone. Hopefully they will come back under a new, changed environment. We are starting to realize that the negative sector is getting smaller as time goes by and they pass away.

10637957	10/07/2014	Still thinking spoiled
10638889	10/07/2014	The mill is the blind spot! East is not far behind Milly! You need to stop focusing on them and go 100% on newer bigger better things! Join the 3 towns as one and go from there
10639614	10/07/2014	Some residents are still expecting papermaking to return!
10633566	10/07/2014	I have shared some of my thoughts on this in a previous answer(s). I think people have stuck to certain ways of thinking and/or behaving for so long that just to save face, they resist change. People need to understand that it is okay to change their mind, or view on a subject as they learn more. The National Park proposal is a good example. It's time to embrace that opportunity! Also, there is a current culture of mistrust amongst some elected officials that gets in the way of constructive adaptation! Lastly, because we live here and have the trees, woods, and natural beauty around us all the time, we don't appreciate what we have to the level that we should. We take our surroundings for granted unlike visitors to our region! I don't think that community members understand what we have to offer as a way of life. I am always amazed that when I travel and spend time in cities- or in highly populated areas how much I miss the peacefulness and slow paced lifestyle that living in Millinocket provides for me. So, I do think that locals underestimate what we have to offer here!
10640953	10/07/2014	Old people still think the mills will reopen
10640698	10/07/2014	for the most part they are stuck in the 60's and 70's of this town when this town was prosperous
10641033	10/07/2014	The way that we treat people "from away"
10641098	10/07/2014	Lack of cohesiveness between the surrounding communities. We should be banding together not tearing each other apart with separation!
10640446	10/07/2014	Millinocket is no longer a papermaking town. Can the town admit this?
10640054	10/07/2014	That it's just an accounting trick hoisted on the community and employees by various upper managements that the mills are not (or haven't been) making money or that ____ (name the external boogy man) is to blame for the failure. Part of the blame rests with former mill workers and the towns, but there is little tendency to face that.
10641565	10/07/2014	They do not like outsiders. There is also too much in-fighting and cliques and old grudges.
10642319	10/07/2014	It has always been the Mills and I know you will hear it over and over, but Millinocket can be more than that!
10642400	10/07/2014	Once again, at the risk of repeating myself, the community and town government became too dependent on a Great Northern and the golden eggs it was laying to acknowledge that this would not go on forever. Great Northern was a paternal dictatorship bringing with it a down side. Money spoke loud in GNP's hey day and people looked no further than large pay checks sometimes ignoring education and bettering themselves.
10642255	10/07/2014	Having had the mill with the wages and benefits, tourism jobs have been looked down on because of the low seasonal wages. Tourism has its place due to our beautiful surroundings but it would be difficult to encourage families to live here just on tourism employment.
10644348	10/07/2014	The MILL
10642811	10/07/2014	Many people feel that a national park is the answer to our problem, the country can't even take care of the ones already operating, why would we want that.
10644089	10/07/2014	The Achilles Heel is the small group of people who aren't willing to put the past behind them and look forward. If you were to look at these towns, with any common sense, without knowing even a bit of their history, you'd sure see that consolidation among other things, is the best option. But if you're constantly bringing up State titles from the 60's, you're doomed.
10643737	10/07/2014	Just put your pride aside and take what help we can to move forward
10644997	10/07/2014	We have to think 'outside the box'. example, during recent economic recession, I being in the "retirement age" bracket...could have given up and departed. I did not. Started looking for work, rented home/camp to make ends meet.
10646818	10/07/2014	Millinocket, East Millinocket and Medway strive to stay independent when we really need a "team"
10646520	10/07/2014	that would probably be a collective bad attitude toward those from away who come in and try to change things.
10647912	10/07/2014	The town and the mill have kept out other business for so many years and now they want them. Fuel is high, we are too far away from the main roads and no one comes here but to take from the town and then leave. I pray that there is someone out there that will come to town and help but they will just use us again and leave!
10648972	10/07/2014	Too many will not face reality that the mill is gone so the taxes that we got from GNP is gone
10651271	10/07/2014	Millinocket and the area has believed in the myth that paper making will return to the area. As a result, they have lost opportunities to save through consolidation and ridiculed anyone who afford alternatives such as the North Woods Park.
10650178	10/07/2014	I feel the town council is stuck in an "Industry-Only" rut and is very hesitant to accept "outsiders" input because we have always been a self-reliant town. I think they need to learn to appreciate opinions and advice from people who may have been through this from somewhere else.
10646602	10/07/2014	I believe we need to diversify don't put all our eggs into one basket so as the market goes with its ups and downs the other entities will help to carry the down times, the history of the community has been built around the idea that we stay loyal to the mill the mill would always be here for us that's why when other companies came to town they were quickly ushered out because the mill didn't want the competition, I call that the mill mentality we need to diversify
10645321	10/07/2014	The blind spot of this community since I have lived here is the mentality that the mill will always be here for the community. Our mill closed in 2008 and our town council kept pushing the fact that the mill will restart. They never had any four site to see this was not going to happen. They should of had a plan in place just in case the mill didn't restart. Most of us business people knew the mill wouldn't restart but our concerns fell on deaf ears to the councilors. It was impossible due to the mill mentality for them to move on to new ideas for the town.
10654844	10/07/2014	??
10656434	10/07/2014	Maybe we need to take over the five dams and sell power to ourselves and kick Cate Street and Brookfield back to Canada, take over the dams by eminent domain.....
10657915	10/07/2014	The inability to change is holding this place back. Shunning innovation and always aspiring to the status quo. The town council in town are the worst offenders.
10657648	10/07/2014	Residents have a hard time accepting what has happened to this town and are more apt to lament rather than embracing possibilities.
10658184	10/07/2014	I have been saying this right from the beginning, until the people of Millinocket realize they need to change, the town doesn't have a chance.
10658882	10/07/2014	Take anything that comes our way!
10658327	10/07/2014	No
10659906	10/07/2014	Millinocket's blind spots are those that don't want to see change.
10660265	10/07/2014	No!
10661152	10/07/2014	Not at this time.
10661436	10/07/2014	People want jobs that pay what the mill paid. People want an easy 8 hour job, when in reality those workers had coffee breaks and a really got paid to shower at the mill. No one has jobs like that anymore.
10661695	10/07/2014	Our retired generation, and even some of the younger generation have a closed vision on combining our community with our surrounding areas
10663063	10/07/2014	Millinocket needs to realize that there are neighboring communities also suffering and pool resources in order to cut down on spending
10663126	10/07/2014	We have a lot older generation in the tri town area that doesn't like change and we need to change bring in younger people small business
10663949	10/07/2014	Attitude and a feeling that they deserve something just because it was always that way
10662298	10/07/2014	Exactly. I feel like we are overlooking the gold that is hidden in the water. It's there and we have to uncover what we are not seeing. We have all the raw materials to work with.
10663913	10/07/2014	Too many people can not get past what this town was, and can not think any other way.
10664199	10/07/2014	PLAN AND SIMPLE. CONSOLIDATE!!!! We need to.
10664621	10/07/2014	The towns Achilles heel is the older generation who never looked beyond the mill, who are now in charge. They are desperate to bring the mill back and I believe there are still many who think it can still come back
10663944	10/07/2014	Overall, I see there being too much blind faith in the idea that the paper industry will somehow still save Millinocket. Paper was essential to the Millinocket that has existed in the past, but with the Millinocket mill gone, and more mills disappearing through out the state, we need to start moving on and not passing up opportunities because it may jeopardize future paper products investments.
10664415	10/07/2014	something should have been done a long time ago. Now it may be too late to make a comeback
10664595	10/07/2014	some people older folks don't like change
10664254	10/07/2014	It's not a "blind spot" that the community is experiencing but rather a lack of life experience teaching them how to survive without their paper company.
10664180	10/07/2014	The pride is strong here almost to strong. We need to combine everything we can with the other to communities. I know the biggest problem is they can't swallow their pride and do

1066480	10/07/2014	the right thing but we need to keep trying if we are all going to survive.
10665772	10/07/2014	Resistant to change
10665078	10/07/2014	Pride, blind pride.
10666390	10/07/2014	Too many seem unable to move beyond the mill
10666919	10/07/2014	Their Achilles Heel is that they cannot adapt to change.
10666120	10/07/2014	The town has never developed much of an entrepreneurial spirit. Other towns without smokestack industry show this. It CAN be developed.
10667483	10/07/2014	no
10667581	10/07/2014	Some people are still under the illusion that the mill will come back we need to move forward
10667566	10/07/2014	They all think paper is going to save them because it's all they know. They can't wrap their brains around anything else because paper got them through 100 years.
10667605	10/07/2014	Attract retired people here. Low cost of living.
10668265	10/07/2014	No
10668637	10/07/2014	No
10668516	10/07/2014	the old adage "The Northern Owe Me"... still rings in my brain. I did not live or grow up with dependency on the Mill or it's wages. I do not believe the mills owe anyone, you work for your money! People need to know that they own nothing but what they have paid for themselves and what others do with theirs is not their business at all.
10668415	10/07/2014	I believe the silent majority have already made major changes and are much more adaptive than 20 years ago. I also believe that certain media outlets sell papers by focusing, magnifying and exploiting negative incidents which gives outsiders a negative view of Millinocket. We need some positive press to at least be able to open dialogues with potential businesses. I would hope that, in your study, you are able to discern negative comments as to their true origin. I happen to know that some, outside of Millinocket, will try to skew the results due to personal animosities. Good luck and thanks!
10668287	10/07/2014	Myself, and many like me, believe the Town Council has driven this town to it's grave. Get rid of the current council, bring in "fresh faces, fresh ideas", and maybe, just maybe something could be done. The town cries poverty, and yet spends outrageous amounts of money for things like a swimming pool, that can only be used for a couple of months, instead of going where it ought to go, like repairing the horrendous cracked, and pothole laden streets!
10668176	10/07/2014	Not willing to accept the reality of fiscal policies that will bankrupt the town.
10669648	10/07/2014	Everyone needs to change their attitudes and realize not only do we have wonderful people here but we have a lot of assets.
10669551	10/07/2014	Looking for the one answer to fix the community when it is a very complex undertaking and involves many moving parts and vision beyond what our town leaders can provide. Don't get me wrong I appreciate their service but they are not visionaries, they are business developers they are just ordinary folks that care about their town but I think it is beyond their skillset to re-build the town.
10669440	10/07/2014	Hubris has been a problem in Millinocket for many years. The sense that the town is better than surrounding towns was the norm and seems to still be in the air. Pride goeth before the fall! The town has been buying scratch off tickets for years hoping to win big and now the wallet is empty. The mill is not going to save us!
10670631	10/07/2014	Stuck in past, which is long past.
10669018	10/07/2014	Not sure how to answer this question
10670883	10/07/2014	no
10674149	10/07/2014	Too many proud people and private social groups that are not now and never have been open to others well.
10683988	10/08/2014	There are many elderly people who just want to keep cutting. Our children are the future and we have cut too deep in education now. Consolidation is a must for future development
10682164	10/08/2014	Millinocket put all of its eggs in one basket where the Mill is concerned. That didn't work. Now, is the time to spread the eggs around.
10685962	10/08/2014	They live in the mindset of the prosperity of the old "Great Northern Paper Co"
10686233	10/08/2014	Old ways we have been spoiled by the good life of high earnings it is time to accept that the price of community is far greater than dollars
10686588	10/08/2014	The town is its own worst enemy
10691555	10/08/2014	hopefully will come back to this survey
10689500	10/08/2014	Town leadership needs to be willing to look at all options. I'm not saying they haven't, just saying it needs to be done.
10691980	10/08/2014	The community is tied to the memory of the past, and many struggle with visualizing a different kind of millinocket. We need to help them understand that survival depends on change
10690188	10/08/2014	It's not easy to let go of what was successful in the past, but in order to move forward we must not reject any potential opportunity merely because it involves a significant change in some way.
10697190	10/08/2014	Most people don't know better.. we need an unbiased eye..
10697505	10/08/2014	Not sure
10697604	10/08/2014	There is no "I" in team and it will take a "greater Millinocket community" effort to survive.
10696927	10/08/2014	At this stage in the game we need to change and try any thing
10700797	10/08/2014	I think years ago the Town of Millinocket should have favored receiving companies from afar and let them establish their businesses here.
10700873	10/08/2014	xxx
10702092	10/08/2014	pride
10703015	10/08/2014	It has been a one industry town since it's birth. It is hard for people to move on.
10701682	10/08/2014	The town leadership and it's residents need to identify with the changes needed and embrace them for its salvation. Sticking your heads into the sands of doom won't make it happen. Be proud of what this area has to offer and welcome in the change. As always... a change in motivation and spirit among the leadership has to start first. Embrace, Promote and be proud of what your area has to offer. Stifle the naysayers and lead by example.
10703709	10/08/2014	GNP is gone move on
10705007	10/08/2014	no
10705410	10/08/2014	It's been over 25 years since some suggestions were made to develop the recreational potential of this area. It was not well received then because most believed that GNP would be there forever. Maybe now they will be willing to listen, act and move forward.
10704500	10/08/2014	Constructively assess what are strong and weak spots and focus on the strong and eliminate the weak
10706404	10/08/2014	Still allowing sports rivalries that diminished years ago to dictate future decisions. That mill mentality is strong and vital - it needs to be overcome.
10707813	10/08/2014	Some residents are still stuck in the old beliefs of isolationism. Not willing to work with outside help or banding together with its neighboring towns for shared services. The Katahdin area and its towns are all in this together and must band together in the best interests of all its citizens and businesses. Be more pro active in change for the better.
10709435	10/08/2014	People looking and wishing for the past. Get over it and move on with gusto.
10709865	10/08/2014	People need to be open to change Things need to change to get Millinocket back where it use to be
10710294	10/08/2014	A lot of community folks live with blinders on
10712516	10/08/2014	too many people grew up on the gravy train and need to learn how to thrive on their own two feet
10710907	10/08/2014	The environment that was created on day one with Millinocket being "Mill #1" and East Millinocket being "Mill #2." The towns should have been one from the start. Now, even something as obvious as school consolidation hasn't been worked out even though we've been discussing it since the mid 80s. In other words, we are our own Achilles heel. It is understandable that our towns identify with our schools to the degree that we don't want to lose them, but it is unforgivable that we would rather whittle them down with extreme budget cuts every year that hurt the education of our kids rather than working together to solve our problems. They are so similar and caused by the same dependency on the one giant gorilla that died several years ago.
10712796	10/08/2014	I don't have an opinion for this question.
10719472	10/08/2014	Town Leaders and School Board leaders unable to work together for the good of the town.

10720457	10/08/2014	I think the whole town should be apart of it but also ask all the locals that moved away. They really loved it and no one really wants to move but it was inevitable. Im sure if there was a reason to return; we would.
10727506	10/08/2014	People do not want to look past the paper industry.
10727257	10/08/2014	The Millinocket community's greatest achilles heel is its competitiveness between the three towns. Millinocket, East Millinocket, and Medway need to pool their resources together in order to survive this economic downturn.
10727090	10/08/2014	The Achilles of Millinocket has been it's inability to shed the political leadership that continues to protect the status quo of the industry that has long abandoned the local population. The leadership is entrenched in the profits of the Forest/power industry while these industries continue to divest their interest in the area. The mill yard is a potential federal waste site and we now speculate on taking it over by eminent domain. The only potential the site has is in it's hydro potential yet this potential will be protected by governing bodies and the court system.
10726245	10/08/2014	We need everyone to help with this town, it is well worth saving. Nothing should stop us
10729583	10/08/2014	Our inability to consolidate our schools...pride.
10729750	10/08/2014	Clean out the drugs
10730805	10/08/2014	I feel so much time was spent trying to keep the mills open when the writing was on the wall that maybe Millinocket lost out on some other opportunities
10732857	10/08/2014	Gender discrimination, isolationism, bullying from leadership toward those who are different. Cliques and clans.
10734612	10/08/2014	People need to give up the past and move on
10734245	10/08/2014	Mindset is the key - if we believe we can survive we can. It takes hard work and tenacious people who will not give up.
10736447	10/08/2014	We have been in the mode that the paper company will take care of us. This is not true we need to take care of us first
10737687	10/08/2014	A stubborn population that thinks the mill will save the day. Been this way since the 1980's
10738496	10/08/2014	weak leadership
10736690	10/08/2014	older generation not allowing change to happen. Maybe rumors, but I have heard of some good business who wanted to come to Millinocket and were turned away. Younger generation have to try and step forward to show a positive forward thinking view of the town.
10739373	10/08/2014	the emphasis should be put on Medway. Millinocket is not a destination. Medway has interstate.
10744930	10/08/2014	Remembering our proud past , but forgetting the ingenuity it took to achieve it
10744345	10/08/2014	People don't want to let go of those mills running and being paper mills. It's over. Obviously. If we were to buy the land or the mills we better have a damn good plan for what we're doing with them. Otherwise we need to leave them alone and follow another route.
10756077	10/08/2014	This is greatly the problem, inability to think outside the box and Adapt
10754394	10/08/2014	No
10806066	10/09/2014	Accepting that things change and that this is no longer the age of paper and finding a new direction for town. Also this town has a lot of good things that seems unappreciated by the community
10811781	10/09/2014	A lot of stubborn people up there that do not want to open up to new ideas. All the young people are leaving is the biggest blind spot.
10819546	10/09/2014	THE MILL
10823558	10/09/2014	Our local government needs to go!!!! Fresh people, fresh ideas!
10831137	10/09/2014	Having been completely focused on manufacturing and forestry since its inception, the community seems to not be able to broaden its view to include tourism. the town doesn't have to choose; it can have both (maybe, if some kind of manufacturing can survive.)
10839773	10/09/2014	We need younger people to step up and be creative and willing to work for the future and to stop taking things for granted....
10841231	10/09/2014	Millinocket's achilles heel is its prosperous past. Those currently living in the community that remember the heyday of the mills and the money that flowed from them will never embrace anything new that isn't \$20/hr, 6 wks pd vacations per year. Trying to get the older generation to realize that living in the past is going nowhere is the biggest challenge. I believe what is left of the younger generation in town (if they have stuck around) understand today's climate and could care less about having "a mill" in town and instead would just prefer having a job...one that they can work full-time at and pay their bills. The days of camps on the lake, 4 snowmobiles, ATVs, boats, for every family is gone and most of the younger generation understand that.
10856482	10/09/2014	I'm not sure why but it seems to relate entirely to the school systems in all three towns. It seems there is no way they can come to a decision that would be for the good of all taxpayers. Maybe the ratio of voters that are in fact taxpayers to those that aren't? Or should I say the ratio of voters that pay their taxes to those that don't!
10859507	10/09/2014	Some loud nay sayer that don't represent the majority opinion
10858828	10/09/2014	I think if the people of this town would just look past the pain and devastation of the Mill closing and move forward. Stay positive and focused on a solution we will come out on top! If we all put our (opened) minds together we can figure it all out.
10860806	10/09/2014	Need to realize that papermaking is in the past
10861013	10/09/2014	Need to realize that the mill is gone and papermaking will not be back in the town
10861223	10/09/2014	Lack of consolidation
10864904	10/09/2014	Negativity and the victim / worker bee mentality. When you're used to being a pawn to a large corporation, both the problems and the solutions are largely out of your control. It takes a little while to figure out what to do in the power vacuum that comes when the large corporation disappears, and your fate is entirely in your own hands. I think Millinocket is in that place now, and that culture and identity evolve more slowly than bankruptcy proceedings.
10870150	10/09/2014	People want a quick fix- and there just isn't one available at this time. All communities are hurting. The Mill workers- having made good money for many years- as unskilled labor- are now trying to re-enter the work force thinking they deserve that same hourly wage.
10884666	10/10/2014	Always looking to the past and no forward vision.
10891734	10/10/2014	no comment
10891259	10/10/2014	Millinocket's Achilles heel is the "old School" memory of GNP, and not accepting the fact that it is forever gone.
10899474	10/10/2014	Rivalry between the towns should end and we should work better together.
10921405	10/10/2014	The blind spot is the towns attorney.
10919988	10/10/2014	We have a few great Young people here that have the capability to create a nice town and are good at it if there ever is a plan
10938102	10/10/2014	m
10949825	10/11/2014	The only thing I can think of is Millinocket's negative feelings towards joining forces with their neighboring towns of East Millinocket and Medway. Divided, Millinocket will fail. The 3 towns need to stick together to help each other out.
10978851	10/11/2014	We have a lot of older people who still cling on to the mill, I feel like it keeps the younger generation from moving on and keeping the town alive.
10979065	10/11/2014	This was a hay day area. It has ended. It will now be Maine's next Ghost Area. If it were possible for a mill to operate, it would. But the citizens taking it over would end with the same, actually worse result.
10976012	10/11/2014	As I stated before, some residents have had an overprotective attitude towards keeping "others" out of their own private playground. Mill jobs provided everyone with the means to have a house in town, a camp, a snowmobile, a boat, nearly whatever they wanted. That opportunity is gone now. People have to come to grips with that and make a new way forward. A COMMUNITY needs to work together to find a way through times like this. It won't always be easy, but I believe it can be done.
10980596	10/11/2014	I think the people of this Town are ready to give up. There's a lot of negativity, however, the majority of people want this community saved and back on the map.
10981203	10/11/2014	Whatever needs to be done to make this town half of what it use to be then so be it. Do whatever is necessary.
10981278	10/11/2014	read the book "Our Real War: What Happened to America"
10981987	10/11/2014	Some people still thinking Millinocket is better than East Millinocket and Medway....instead of thinking of what a great tri town area we are.
10982458	10/11/2014	Too much living in the past. The past is over. People want to live here & raise family's. Just in need of more jobs.
10982102	10/11/2014	SAID IT PREVIOUSLY, LEADERSHIP!

10986094	10/11/2014	Care street capital is the problem.
10985880	10/11/2014	I think there is a contingent of people that are not willing to accept people from "outside", which is very disturbing, and a major blind spot that needs to be addressed.
10989402	10/11/2014	Change is hard. Old rivalry is hard to let go of. United we stand.
10990736	10/11/2014	The paper industry which built the area is dead and not coming back and people need to stop pinning their hopes and dreams on that. My husband worked at the Millinocket mill for 30 years and then another 10 in East it's a sad reality but the old jobs are gone and not coming back.
10992144	10/11/2014	Millinocket was taken care of so well by Great Northern for over 100 years that some people have had great difficulty accepting change. They want and believe that there is another "Great Northern" out there that is going to come and everything will be all right again. They don't believe that we have to settle for the low wages and trinket sales of a tourism industry.
11000794	10/11/2014	I believe there are strong people in this community that are ready to lead in a positive direction even though there are a few that are afraid to take a chance but are beginning to see we must move forward .
11003843	10/11/2014	notsure
11004249	10/11/2014	We have depended too much on the paper mills, now it has gone. We need to focus on the future to keep young adults here, so we need jobs to make this happen. Also jobs to pay for education for our children, they are our future.
11010744	10/11/2014	I think the community as a whole wants change and success, but I also believe they are stuck in their ways and are not willing to make certain necessary sacrifices to get the town where it could be.
11012269	10/11/2014	school consolidation is their achilles heal. millinocket needs to consolidate
11012597	10/11/2014	Council members who still believe #11 will run again in Millinocket. Council members that still believe they can spend spend spend. A School Board that is totally out of control. A small group of citizens and business owners who believe the town will flourish on hikers.
11012436	10/11/2014	yes they cant see the future because they keep looking in the past. turn around and look their still are people here willing to work lets get industries in here and live
11013039	10/11/2014	They are stuck in the past. They continually believe the mill is going to come back and save them.
11014748	10/11/2014	..
11030072	10/12/2014	Millinocket Pride
11035291	10/12/2014	Towns have to hatred between them. They act like spoiled children. When I hear at a school board meeting we will never consolidate on my watch. That makes me sick to think of the narrow mindedness of some people. The time has come for the towns to work together and grow up. We need to do true consolidation the right way. The towns are all in this mess together.
11042723	10/12/2014	88
11043102	10/12/2014	Millinocket, East Millinocket, and Medway people need to think of ourselves as one unit and get over the competitiveness that one town is better than the other. We inter-marry, we need to work together to do what us best for all in the school system and business arena. These petty arguments that stop progress needs to stop.
11068683	10/12/2014	..
11070865	10/12/2014	Millinocket has never had to worry about the future and thus many don't know how to even start so they are frozen.
11075893	10/12/2014	Most residents are afraid of the unknown. Paper making is all that they have known. Nellie naysayer needs some talking to
11076758	10/12/2014	they lack the ability to ask for advise.
11076794	10/12/2014	Town council is our biggest problem, they have their own agenda and don't really care what the people think or want, and it's a thankless job no one seems to want so we keep the same people on.
11077580	10/12/2014	not wanting change
11078206	10/12/2014	No
11078007	10/12/2014	Be positive and more look to the future.
11078404	10/12/2014	enough of this bull and lets rid ourself of the worthless ones who try to run this town
11078849	10/12/2014	Community needs to be open to external offers (of assistance markets from VA) etc as genuine offers to spark creativity and approaches. Will not be overnight!
11078255	10/12/2014	Letting go of the life style that Millinocket had under GNP might be a difficult change to accept; however we need to move toward a new future that likely may not involve large industry.
11086103	10/12/2014	For some there seems to be a fear of change, even though change has come. Overcoming that fear and the irrational desire to keep things as they have always been is as great a challenge as actual revitalization.
11100363	10/13/2014	East Millinocket School should be K-8 and Millinocket should be 9-12. Millinocket school has all of the shops and other facilities School system should be renamed the North Woods School System
11101368	10/13/2014	Our town as a whole is older, more frugal, and the the best of them do not get involved in town affairs the way they should. Mainly because it can be a lot of drama. Maybe with everything at stake, people will step up.
11105343	10/13/2014	I think the thought of tax rates going up has been the driving force behind most decisions being made in the Katahdin Region. Yes our taxes are going to go up, the largest tax payer is going to be gone. At this point rather than be creative and look for help from their communities that have had the same type of struggles we simply want to keep cutting, we cannot rebuild or restart a community with this tactic, you cannot cut yourself in to prosperity. So the thought of what is inevitable, taxes going up, is our biggest problem at this point.
11106393	10/13/2014	There are three segments to the population in Millinocket. There is the traditional population who are unable to think beyond the mill, other than to pray for something else like the mill. Then there are those who have moved in to the houses abandoned by those who can no longer find work; largely, they are on welfare and have no desire to work, or they wouldn't have moved to Millinocket. Lastly, there are the pro-park people who have moved in to make sure that the town does not revive.
11107385	10/13/2014	The Achilles heel is the underlying feeling by many that the mill will reopen.
11106980	10/13/2014	The numbers of player, which have blind spots an/or hide them by share others, quickly melds into meltdown of all. It is the reason that an outside look , a real telling, of them all is needed. All of them so that no one can squirm out of the lense.
11114918	10/13/2014	Because it's a small town, there are frequent issues which cannot be resolved without outside arbitration, so to speak, because everyone is related to someone who might lose something. As just an example, downsizing the school has been an impossible situation because everyone has a spouse, a parent, a sibling, a cousin or friends who are employed by the school, and no one wants to hurt those they love. For this reason, the idea of filing for bankruptcy and having an uninvolved party from Augusta take over administration for the duration of the difficult choices is attractive. The town dissolving, on the other hand, is not. Additionally and separately, ideas which have been brought up are frequently poo-pooed, generally because people shut down their listening cap and their fears take over. Closing the police department and contracting with the Sheriff's Department is an example of this. When it's brought up, most people seem to hear "shut down," "police department," and "Sheriff's Department." They begin to imagine that they would have to wait 60 minutes while the Sheriff's Office sends out a car. They cannot hear you explaining that the SO would station people in the town because their fear overcomes their auditory sense.
11122096	10/13/2014	Those who keep getting elected to public office are incapable of considering options that don't involve either a national park (disaster) or another sugar daddy business, like the mill (won't happen). Plus, there is a vocal group of newcomers who are intent on killing the town in order to bring about a national park.
11123564	10/13/2014	The school board under Dr. Smith and refusing to act to pink slip employees. This could have caused a big loss of money we cannot afford to throw away. The pink slips were not a guarantee of job loss, but a way for the town not to incur costs should staff had to have been laid off. This was a travesty to the citizens of this town and the school board and Dr. Smith should be ashamed. The hard choices have to be made. No one is going to like the outcome, but cuts are going to be necessary. Maybe a school system that is not accredited will become necessary. Very hard choices...
11128973	10/13/2014	Paper industry is the towns blindspot. Need to move on paper in this town is done.
11147477	10/13/2014	Its inability to hav frank discussions without remaining professional
11151942	10/13/2014	They're not willing to give up on the old GNP mentally and look for a savior to ride in and make it all better.
11155240	10/13/2014	Our town council has many blind spots in my opinion. We have business people in this town who have had to fight for every move they want to make to have events and draw people here, thank goodness they continued to move forward. These events draw people into town, helping the other local businesses, some of these people are also helping other business get better established. A lot of places have volunteers, people are very giving here and are more than willing to help if there's a need.
11175516	10/14/2014	If the tri-town area could consolidate services and get together in some way to start new businesses. We will have a bright future that we can all afford.
		I think there are a lot of people here who have a fear that developing our outdoor resources into business opportunities will destroy the relatively untouched nature of the forest and rivers that surround this town. Now that is a real fear as one can see just by looking at what has happened to places like Jackson, WY or Stowe or Ludlow VT. Those once rural towns were populated by folks like people here, who had everyday small town or rural jobs - but since the tourist business moved-in and dominated those areas, now mostly affluent people

11188890	10/14/2014	live near in those towns and the people who work the elbow-grease jobs commute from poorer, far-less-scenic, inconvenient communities several miles away. Extensive tourist development of outdoor resources can destroy a community as a community. It's a real fear. But it doesn't have to be like that. West Yellowstone and Moab both seem to have avoided that fate, as has Mystic CT - another well known tourist spot. For Mystic, the saving grace has been the existence of major industries in the area. Unlike a lot of Connecticut mill towns, the industries along the Thames River (Pfizers, Electric Boat, US Navy, US Coast Guard Academy, two other colleges) ten miles to the west supports and maintains a balance of business that protects the area from "tourist take-over). For Moab and West Yellowstone, I think the saving grace on protecting the communities is distance from major markets. Both those towns are far removed from the nearest major urban areas, namely Denver, Salt Lake City, and Seattle/Tacoma/Portland. Their isolation and distance has insulated them from rich-person take-over and tourist-flooding, despite their total dependence on tourism as their only real industry. I think wise town planning, aggressive zoning, our very real isolation and our distance could and should protect this area from the community destruction and out-of-control property value problems of places like Jackson, South Lake Tahoe and Stowe. The trick is to not cave in to developers. Some development will be unavoidable because you can't stop development outside town boundaries - but you can aggressively protect the town with forethought. You can also work with East Millinocket, Patten, Medway, etc. to sign-on to regional recreation development and town planning strategies. Also, you can extend control over the process if Millinocket found a way to incorporate Spencer Cove into the town, in order to extend the tax base and control the development out there on our doorstep,
11212832	10/14/2014	A positive attitude has to prevail with the help that is offered.
11217055	10/14/2014	Yes
11218326	10/14/2014	I feel that many people in Millinocket are not willing or able to change.
11242263	10/15/2014	Stubborn neighbors (East Millinocket, Medway)
11251858	10/15/2014	Paper mill town mentality. Let it go, people! Nobody thinks outside the box. They just want to hang on to the past.
11255150	10/15/2014	One of the questions above points to a major problem "should the Town take the Millinocket mill properties". We need to stop dwelling on these properties, the Town should never assume the environmental liabilities, and it is time to be thinking of new businesses. We are blessed to have the largest industrial park in Maine when measured in acres. It is the forgotten Huber Park. I hope we are looking to utilize it.
11257462	10/15/2014	Millinocket's older population hate change and are scared of it. It's time to wake up the younger population of young families. There are MANY of them, just go to the 4th of July festivities to find out.
11261427	10/15/2014	A mill that no longer exists has a strong hold on the thought process of every person town council member. I believe they truly believe the town wants the mill back. This could not be further from the truth.....we want our town, our community, our way of life back.
11271970	10/15/2014	Heavy manufacturing is gone and will not return in that form. Get over it. Tourism can be a very productive source of revenue if people take advantage of it. The philosophy of "cut the school" must be tempered. The concept of everything closing up because certain groups want Millinocket to be only a retirement community must be abandoned.
11296325	10/16/2014	Millinocket is primarily older citizens, changes may be hard bit they will want their town to appeal to younger generations. Millinocket needs to appeal to young families. Plenty of family starter homes are available too.
11311342	10/16/2014	Too many people are stuck in the past and are afraid of the future changes that will have to be made
11315791	10/16/2014	community rivalries, East vs West
11324481	10/16/2014	The town council is completely uneducated and easily persuaded by others. When major decisions are made regarding industrial establishments, a board of educated and experienced individuals from the area of ALL ages should be created to make recommendations to the council.
11325203	10/16/2014	older people don't like change that's our only problem
11327043	10/16/2014	to many nay sayers who seem to gather the public attention and votes and school runs the town by always saying "its for the kids" and everyone falls for it.
11328289	10/16/2014	xxx
11359850	10/17/2014	As in many small communities, the town doesn't want to give up what is "theirs", schools being an example. I've seen this in our Florida community where consolidation of police services was an issue several years ago, no one wanted to give up "their" department and it didn't happen. Unfortunately here, the people cannot afford their taxes raised any higher to pay for the services they want, things have to change.
11366835	10/17/2014	not sure
11402143	10/18/2014	Yes, Unions! We as a community have to focus on what is best for the community, not on what is best for the unions.
11406468	10/18/2014	This town can't get out of the mill "is coming back" move on they did it long ago in Mass. when the mills moved to south US after the second war.
11438854	10/19/2014	The community as a whole is still living back in the day.... is not open minded to new ideas and still doesn't readily accept outsiders or their ideas
11452276	10/19/2014	consolidation
11469443	10/19/2014	Again, failure to work together, both on the municipal AND school fronts is a big problem.
11469565	10/19/2014	People think their high paying mill jobs are going to come back even though there is no more mill.
11504819	10/20/2014	too many residents are still waiting for a Great Northern type manufacturer to return and save us. We need to recognize that way of life is over and concentrate on small businesses that serve the tourist, recreational visitor.

Is there a question we should have asked but failed to, that could help us better understand Millinocket's challenges? If so, what can you tell us that will help us learn more?

10102974	09/29/2014	Do you favor the Town taking ownership of the GNP properties when and if the real estate liens mature?
10327347	10/02/2014	What is the anger quotient?
10330428	10/02/2014	These questions are excellent and should give you a great start on understanding this area.
10335345	10/02/2014	You've got your work cut out for you, but I thank you for doing it.
10336554	10/02/2014	Do you believe the current form of government is advantageous to building community consensus?
10335499	10/02/2014	Yes, ask the State of Maine why they claim to be "Vacationland" yet they do NOTHING to try and help promote the natural resources that they control in the greater Millinocket/Katahdin region. I.E. "The Nahmakant Unit, the West Branch Corridor, the Sebois Unit, the East Branch of the Penobscot River and greater assistance with the areas' motorized trail network".
10340832	10/02/2014	Education. Open minds.
10342334	10/02/2014	Not really..... my one best advice is Invest in your own future.
10347079	10/02/2014	I really think that Millinocket is quite unique due to its sociological history. It is hard to know what you "want" when you never wanted for anything before.
10347036	10/02/2014	I think you were very thorough. I hope I was able to put into words my true feelings. I want to stay here. I like everything about the area. Except the constant negative attitudes and the extreme polarization on nearly every issue. If we cannot open our minds we cannot talk intelligently. I want to do whatever I can to be part of the solution. I don't see that you missed much in the way of questions.
10363558	10/02/2014	
10387855	10/02/2014	The only challenge we have is to make Millinocket more Business friendly
10389702	10/02/2014	Is CZB here to promote the National Park in any way and have they been asked by Elliotsville plantation, Lucas or Roxanne Quimby to come here and push their agenda??
10408782	10/03/2014	They need to improve the cellular service in the town. Folks "from away" want to experience the woods, but also want to use their iPhones and iPads in and around town. Service is too spotty.
10410653	10/03/2014	None.
10415669	10/03/2014	
10415026	10/03/2014	I would have liked to have been able to comment on some of the one-word answers. Can Millinocket be brave? My answer was "not really" meaning the town has not been brave up to this point. Will another generation have to die off for it to be brave? We don't have that kind of time...
10415654	10/03/2014	How do we draw younger workers and emerging families to the area - to stay
10415782	10/03/2014	
10415751	10/03/2014	
10416334	10/03/2014	no good luck and thanks
10416032	10/03/2014	No, you have done well we are at a tipping point the question remains which way will we kept.
10415878	10/03/2014	I can't think of any at this time....
10416117	10/03/2014	When you have a whole auditorium full of residents, ask them if they want their kids to come back to the area and what needs to be done to make that happen. People here are driven by their families. Store used to close, and some still do, on Saturday afternoon at noontime so everyone in the family could go to camp. A lot of these people want their kids to come back and would probably sacrifice a lot if they thought something they could do could make that happen.
10419621	10/03/2014	
10418316	10/03/2014	
10419276	10/03/2014	
10416747	10/03/2014	I think your questions were thoughtful and on point. Thank you for reaching out to our community to help us move forward in the "right" direction. While we all want to live here and feel we are doing what's best for our community, it's clear that what we are doing is not constructive. Our town is worth saving, we just need guidance. Thank you for being that guiding light.
10421355	10/03/2014	
10419772	10/03/2014	
10423468	10/03/2014	
10423846	10/03/2014	
10424045	10/03/2014	Yes the question that needs to be asked is this. Are you interested in merging or consolidating with our neighbors?
10420961	10/03/2014	How much of the town's population is already "from away"? Given that almost by definition anyone else who may move to town and invest in it will almost certainly be "from away", what will it take to ensure the town is a welcoming place?
10423576	10/03/2014	Rather than asking what services should be cut, I would have liked to see a question asking people to rank those services in order of importance. Then I would like to see some data from other communities that have been successful in coming out of difficult economic situations to see where priorities should be.
10419872	10/03/2014	If you can better understand why so many people are so reliant on the way things used to be and closed minded to alternatives it will perhaps to be able to persuade in the future
10425677	10/03/2014	not sure
10425518	10/03/2014	
10424384	10/03/2014	
10426518	10/03/2014	
10425759	10/03/2014	
10426430	10/03/2014	Why is there not more talk of Consolidation with other towns?
10427419	10/03/2014	none
10427359	10/03/2014	What industry will support the people of the Katahdin region?
10427954	10/03/2014	
10428078	10/03/2014	
10428143	10/03/2014	
10428279	10/03/2014	
10427808	10/03/2014	
10426649	10/03/2014	not sure right now
10429208	10/03/2014	How should Millinocket educate its children, with a shrinking population and no industrial tax base to share the burden?
10428053	10/03/2014	
10429354	10/03/2014	Not to listen to all the NEGATIVE comments! And understand that not all of us are negative!
10430266	10/03/2014	no
10430618	10/03/2014	
10430836	10/03/2014	YES!! Question? Do you believe the State or Federal Government Agencies Have done anything to help the area? Statements and promises keep coming but nothing has really been

1043030	10/03/2014	done. Do you agree or disagree?
10430614	10/03/2014	No
10431083	10/03/2014	I see the biggest challenge being financial. It takes money to make money! And Millinocket needs money for services.
10431638	10/03/2014	
10430388	10/03/2014	No
10431336	10/03/2014	Na
10432290	10/03/2014	no
10432496	10/03/2014	
10432228	10/03/2014	Why did you wait so long and are you really, truly able to move forward?
10432573	10/03/2014	
10432212	10/03/2014	In many respects the past success of the community has help lead us to where we are now. We grew up fat and happy not needed to diversify our economy - in fact GNP wouldn't allow it - and because they were the great white father to all who lived here we became dependent on them and didn't go against them in seeking other industry and opportunities for the town. Their generosity with their land led us to think we are entitled to access wherever we want and people refusing to believe the mill was dying/dead kept the town from considering moving forward. Those of us who "got out" for a while and saw how the rest of the state/country live are more than willing to grasp change and even push for it but the older generation who has been provided for and never had to leave are scared to move forward. We have to appropriately grieve for what's been lost and then decide we're going to work together to create a new future for us and our children.
10433013	10/03/2014	Why did you allow Cate Street to demolish the mill without receiving tax monies owed.
10433705	10/03/2014	Jobs, jobs, jobs! Most people in Millinocket are retired and don't want OUTSIDERS! This attitude must change
10433760	10/03/2014	Yes, why is the area against help from outside groups that have helped other areas to rebirth? Keep an open mind but do not follow blindly
10433858	10/03/2014	
10433684	10/03/2014	We need to come together as a town/community to survive
10433907	10/03/2014	Spend time there and talking to people will help with answers. Not the transplants who are living for cheap but the working class and the generations of families who grew up there.
10435205	10/03/2014	Why does the council continue to turn businesses away? We'll be losing Family Dollar to East and LL Bean has tried to set up in town. Why not fight to get new businesses in town?
10435682	10/03/2014	Ask questions that make sense in the adult world and be specific, don't waste time beating around the physiological bush.
10435296	10/03/2014	Can we turn this into a tourist destination, with out losing complete control of land use and access? Do we need a park to achieve that goal? What is our greatest fear in achieving the goal of turning our natural resources into a draw for our area? Are our fear based on facts or perceived issues?
10435999	10/03/2014	Need a better council now
10436078	10/03/2014	
10435612	10/03/2014	Most of the people in Millinocket are and were hard working class union people. A lot of them are steadfast in believing the only way to keep the town going is papemaking, they no nothing else. A huge problem is the ongoing rivalry of the towns of Millinocket and East Millinocket. I am hoping that CZB will bring out the best of both communities.
10436712	10/03/2014	
10436887	10/03/2014	I'm sure you will if others respond in good faith to your survey.
10438366	10/03/2014	
10438577	10/03/2014	
10438790	10/03/2014	I'm not sure.
10438631	10/03/2014	only to be open to all possibilities...that, to me is our biggest failure
10439385	10/03/2014	
10440897	10/03/2014	Do you favor joining East Millinocket & Medway Schools & keeping Granite Street?...Do you favor selling Steams to a college or converting it to a assisted living place?
10455694	10/04/2014	we should have purchased the mill and sold the scrap
10457668	10/04/2014	
10459905	10/04/2014	Right now I do not really know.
10460753	10/04/2014	Considering we are the gateway to the great north woods, why hasn't an LLBean set up shop and promoted the area?
10463992	10/04/2014	No
10465297	10/04/2014	
10465058	10/04/2014	This I just forgot to mention in the second act, but goes along with capitalizing on what's here. Some kind of theme park that stays true to our heritage. The closest one is in New Hampshire and many travel to it. Have one here and we'll have a very large radius of people to attract. A theme park, Baxter Park, the bodies of water, etc, there would be many things to do on a vacation!
10466650	10/04/2014	I don't think so, but I'm sure I'll think of some at a later time. Maybe it's a good idea for a "Suggestion Box". Either a digital one or an old fashioned one located at the municipal building, that way people could make suggestions. It would be an aid to the brainstorming process, someone's idea might be foolish, but when presented might spark a great idea from someone else.
10467087	10/04/2014	
10469022	10/04/2014	No
10470638	10/04/2014	Ya. Have the town people. Vote on stuff not just the selectmen the whole. Town
10471746	10/04/2014	everyone work together for a common goal. that would help
10474680	10/04/2014	Not that I have thought.
10476173	10/04/2014	nothing
10477425	10/04/2014	No
10476150	10/04/2014	
10479135	10/04/2014	How can we get our native sons and daughters who have moved away help to identify the solutions, identify the problems and vocalize them? The older folks in the community might sit up and listen if their grandchildren are doing the talking.
10480193	10/04/2014	
10480094	10/04/2014	The question would have been, 'Why are we not diversifying our economy to broaden our reliable tax base?'
10482129	10/04/2014	.
10497008	10/05/2014	What brought you to Millinocket?
10506294	10/05/2014	Talk to our neighboring communities and see what they want to do to combine services without losing them.
10514071	10/05/2014	what can the town do for Millinocket, the State of Maine???
10515479	10/05/2014	All of the land surrounding Millinocket is being gobbled up by conservationists. Look into Agenda 21.
10519727	10/05/2014	You need to involve churches perhaps to try to take the fear away from the few that vehemently refuse to see the inevitable. Not in a religious sense but in a trusting environment that would be listened to or believed what is being said is for their best interest. The challenge is tremendously huge as everything has been given to the people for so many years and it was taken for granted that it would be forever!
10525840	10/05/2014	Again promote the things we already have Hunting, fishing, motorize recreation and the rest of the outdoor activities but the most important is to grow our industrial park.

10526383	10/05/2014	don't give hope there is life after great northern paper
10533758	10/05/2014	Not really
10541172	10/05/2014	Given the rapidly aging community of Millinocket, What services are critical to keep which will allow residents to remain in their homes until they choose to leave?
10566486	10/06/2014	
10567144	10/06/2014	
10567268	10/06/2014	I have found the best way to understand Millinocket is to spend time here and experience the town and it's residents. Over my past 12 years coming to this town I have brought several family members and friends along with me. None of which have disliked this town, many of which in fact have fallen in love with millinocket and come back time after time. Two of my friends along with there families are in the process of transiting to Millinocket know the problems of the town but they share in my favorable outlook
10572014	10/06/2014	The biggest problem that millinocket has is it needs to stop being negative and become a community that instead of being the but of jokes instead the community where others envy and want to live and work and visit which in return people will invest into the community.
10573186	10/06/2014	Hold a town gathering to allow some question and answer time, and also to allow some of these realities/comments/ideas be aired to the community.
10588413	10/06/2014	How did we get here and how can we turn our situation around for the greater good.
10588820	10/06/2014	I'd prefer not to speak for the entire community, my opinion is just that, I can't answer or don't feel comfortable answering for the Town, so with that, I wish the questions would state in your opinion. Question that should be asked...How did we get in this situation and what can we do to prevent it again.
10589654	10/06/2014	
10589877	10/06/2014	I am a professional who recently returned to Millinocket after 30 years and am now employed by them. I lived in Southern Maine, California, and Massachusetts. I have seen a lot and gained much wisdom from my experience outside the Mill town. What I see most is this, when I try to change something to improve the process I almost always get this for a response "but this is how we have always done it". It took me a long time just to get the town to back up their computer systems. They are very resistant to change, however I believe they would like to change but are fearful of the unknown.
10589730	10/06/2014	How about "Do you support an aggressive economic development initiative?"
10591842	10/06/2014	
10590461	10/06/2014	We need a good, safe, reliable base for our economy. One that will provide full-time work for our citizens. We need services that will enhance us and help us: "Of the services still offered in Millinocket, which ones are the most important and useful to every man, woman & child?" My answer is: Fire, Police, Hospital, Schools and Library"
10593982	10/06/2014	No
10594078	10/06/2014	Instead of asking or inquiring to certain people how about asking the overall community
10591897	10/06/2014	I've really wanted population statistics since i moved here: how many live in town and plan to stay. Several houses on my block are owned by people who are considered residents, but they live at their camps and would sell if they could; other houses are seasonal or 2nd homes; others are empty because someone died... How many people live here who need jobs? To me, the vague wish that children and grandchildren could stay in town if there were jobs doesn't have a lot of weight if they've already left town & started lives elsewhere. You probably asked it in different words, but i want to know: Who lives here and what do we want?
10594450	10/06/2014	Maybe, but I can't think of any.
10594503	10/06/2014	
10595080	10/06/2014	
10594667	10/06/2014	
10595104	10/06/2014	
10595217	10/06/2014	
10595589	10/06/2014	
10594718	10/06/2014	for now, the only thing that comes to mind that I've always been frustrated about living here is how the town is so squished together with everyone on top of each other and here we are surrounded by such beauty and you can't own any of it. I always felt like I was behind the iron curtain or "owned by the company store". I wish people could own some land, have some chickens or other animals and be free to live how you want and have that special view
10595552	10/06/2014	
10595795	10/06/2014	You haven't asked how to better communicate this message with everyone. The town if Millinocket NEEDS to do a better job of communicating with the community. There are many of us who can't make the town meetings due to work commitments. Perhaps opening the line of communication to social media to let us know when to vote, what is being discussed...etc... We need to know more as well. I feel like all the town wants from us is our tax money and nothing more.
10595652	10/06/2014	Ask the town what happened to the beautiful marketing video we had made back in the late 90s that never got sent anywhere. This could have brought in something. We need to be marketed like a business. Find ways to profit.
10595819	10/06/2014	
10597064	10/06/2014	No
10597162	10/06/2014	Offering special tax cuts and loans for new business
10596899	10/06/2014	
10597339	10/06/2014	x
10597598	10/06/2014	Millinocket's population is an aging population. There is nothing to bring families in and make people settle down. For college students like me who want to go back and make a life in there hometown are not given the option due to poor job selection and a school system that is very unpredictable.
10597353	10/06/2014	
10597515	10/06/2014	Not sure.
10599747	10/06/2014	
10597398	10/06/2014	having only recently moved here, i don't have a background to provide further insight than i have in my previous answers. i feel my biggest perceptions and concerns are well covered in answering the questions already asked in this survey.
10602763	10/06/2014	Is the community really involved? What can we do to get more support?
10599884	10/06/2014	
10602928	10/06/2014	Sorry. I'm trying to figure it out myself.
10611149	10/06/2014	What would it take you to move back
10623819	10/07/2014	
10624638	10/07/2014	
10622912	10/07/2014	Need investors and lots of money. Employment and talent will follow.
10625031	10/07/2014	Can the towns come together and work as a whole to strengthen the Katahdin Region? Why? Why Not?
10629066	10/07/2014	Do you think that a small vocal group seem to have more input than they should have in town policy making?
10629331	10/07/2014	
10629600	10/07/2014	
10630192	10/07/2014	dont know
10630293	10/07/2014	
10630032	10/07/2014	Is there any option for Millinocket to attract business with reduced energy costs? Why doesn't Millinocket work closer with Baxter State Park? Why is Mount Katahdin such a big secret to the remaining population in Maine and beyond? We have a great tourism product, with a great price.....how about promotion? Links on the town's site to Baxter Park, etc. etc.
10632891	10/07/2014	

10632338	10/07/2014	can't think of it right now
10632190	10/07/2014	There should have been a question to address the potential National Park
10630963	10/07/2014	
10633853	10/07/2014	I think the question of resistance to change has not been fully explored. I think there is a resistance to taking chances and risk failure to explore success. The other question is about the mill returning. This is not going to happen, but there may be some resources that the space, buildings, stacks may provide before they are destroyed.
10632726	10/07/2014	WHY can't we draw a Target etc. type of business to our area
10633931	10/07/2014	One of your first questions was: do you live in town? Our town is very small geographically. There are many of us who live just outside of town, on the ponds and lakes surrounding it. We work, shop, bank and use the hospital and schools in Millinocket. It is still our town and we definitely want to see it prosper.
10634165	10/07/2014	I'm not sure.
10634973	10/07/2014	
10628602	10/07/2014	
10634665	10/07/2014	
10634945	10/07/2014	I think that what you are planning to do is the way to proceed.
10637957	10/07/2014	Look towards investment from other countries
10638889	10/07/2014	Stop living in the past! Move forward and consolidate the 3 towns! Should have been done years ago. Put your differences aside
10639614	10/07/2014	I think one of Millinocket's unique aspects is that it is somewhat isolated, 70 miles from anywhere really. All my life, even when the town was booming, everyone always had "Bangor list". Goods and services are not always available in the immediate area. I think people who have always lived in or near a city just don't understand what it is like to have to drive 70 miles to the nearest Home Depot, super Walmart, medical specialist, movie theater etc. Locals are used to it, but it might make it difficult when trying to attract new residents.
10640953	10/07/2014	Not sure
10633566	10/07/2014	None that I can think of... I think you have covered a lot of ground in your questions!! However, be aware that there are some GREAT leaders in Millinocket that have positive energy and skills to assist with this process. Please look outside of just our elected officials for leadership.
10641033	10/07/2014	
10640698	10/07/2014	Why the Town is reluctant to reduce any of its services in order to save money. IE Fire Dept, Public Works, Town office Staff
10641098	10/07/2014	The dynamic history of this community and it's neighbors has left us totally without hope because we are so isolated and yet thousands of tourists pass through this community in all seasons. We have to find a way to tap into those tourists and give them reasons to spend their money HERE AND to want to stay because of the uniqueness of the area
10640054	10/07/2014	
10641565	10/07/2014	I would ask how can we bring people to the table to act in the best interest of the community, selflessly and without favoritism or prejudices toward one another. How do you get people to put those old grudges and mindsets aside.
10642319	10/07/2014	Mill towns hate change, they have had it good, too good for a long time and it has always been about the mighty dollar and the benefits that the mill provided, they don't feel they have an identity without the mill, they need to re create their identity.
10640446	10/07/2014	The town should take ownership of the old mill properties and create community owned and/or cooperatively owned business facilities where small business people can get cheap space and access to office/tech support and light manufacturing capacities. The town could develop not just a business park, but a whole set of support services for businesses to develop there.
10642400	10/07/2014	Is there long term planning going on?
10642255	10/07/2014	
10644348	10/07/2014	Stop complaining and start acting
10642811	10/07/2014	How many people in the community have children/grandchildren in the school system?
10644089	10/07/2014	Happy to see this survey. It actually gives me a little hope that the proper mechanism is in place to begining righting the ship.
10643737	10/07/2014	Seems you asked all
10644997	10/07/2014	NO MORE IDEAS LEFT...THANKS FOR SURVEY
10646818	10/07/2014	
10646520	10/07/2014	i don't know
10647912	10/07/2014	Make the town a tax friendly place and we may see someone want to come here and build!
10648972	10/07/2014	
10651271	10/07/2014	no
10650178	10/07/2014	How can we attract young families to our town who have school-aged children, who will pay for better homes and who will fill our schools with willing learners?
10646602	10/07/2014	we cant keep advertising for section 8 people to come they are a burden on an already stressed tax base
10645321	10/07/2014	
10654844	10/07/2014	no
10656434	10/07/2014	We still need to look around and think about it real hard to come up with one or more solutions.
10657915	10/07/2014	
10657648	10/07/2014	Can't think of one.
10658184	10/07/2014	
10658882	10/07/2014	Keep an open mind!
10658327	10/07/2014	
10659906	10/07/2014	
10660265	10/07/2014	
10661152	10/07/2014	It goes back to poor town management years ago, when they let them sell off the power and mills for a dollar. Part of that is the governor's fault.
10661436	10/07/2014	
10661695	10/07/2014	Why have we allowed so many companies to take such advantage of us... are we too trusting?
10663063	10/07/2014	
10663126	10/07/2014	R u willing to consolidate to get things done in the town
10663949	10/07/2014	N/A
10662298	10/07/2014	What does the population of Millinocket need? 1. Jobs and a younger generation moving in. 2. Services for the elderly. 3. Grant money to build "destination" places of interest or schools. 4. Retaining the library, post office, grocery and restaurants that are the foundation of the town.
10663913	10/07/2014	
10664621	10/07/2014	
10664199	10/07/2014	Would it matter?? The council makes the town what it is. Ask them. Spend more money, isn't that what they like to do.
10664415	10/07/2014	
10664595	10/07/2014	taxes

10664254	10/07/2014	Perhaps having a greater understanding of what happened to the train of thought possessed by the community...a greater understanding of the isolation this town has always had and the way in which it has left its inhabitants disabled. You need to dig deeper as there are many more layers you've not explored and it is there where you may find the solution.
10663944	10/07/2014	I think that this survey has been well thought out. I would think that an additional question to ask would be: what businesses in Millinocket do you feel are successful and what makes them succeed? There are a few successful businesses in/around Millinocket: Baxter State Park, New England Outdoors Center, Baxter Park Inn, and a few others. One thing that I see in the businesses that succeed is that they make an effort towards customer service. Millinocket can start out as an unwelcoming place, but in time opens up as a welcoming community. Unfortunately, some of this unwelcoming atmosphere can move into businesses and push away customers, especially those people from outside the region.
10664480	10/07/2014	
10665772	10/07/2014	
10665078	10/07/2014	Not at this point
10666390	10/07/2014	
10666919	10/07/2014	I wouldn't know where to begin!
10667483	10/07/2014	
10666120	10/07/2014	I think things such as this survey are a good step forward.
10667581	10/07/2014	Some of us are not stuck in the past. We as the Katahdin area need to talk without any negatives or fear of being judged. We are not bad people. We need to keep the press out because they twist everything. Yes there is bad feeling among the communities, but this finger pointing about what was said or done 20 years ago does help
10667566	10/07/2014	I can't think of any.
10667605	10/07/2014	??????
10668265	10/07/2014	I don't know
10668637	10/07/2014	I don't know. Maybe we should find out where Il bean has all it's product made and propose a MAINE made location in Millinocket and open a factory. Have they reached out to companies and offered a less expensive space?
10668516	10/07/2014	The entire nation has become a dependent society. The now generation is I want it all and I want it NOW. It is easier to say "I can't find a job that pays mill wages" so I'll live off welfare/compensation/benefits. If you can make a wage that pays the bills, puts a roof over your head 365 days/year... then you should learn to live within your means. The question? "How much would you need to make as a wage to accommodate your living style?"
10668415	10/07/2014	We should be consolidating services and boundaries. Create one town.
10668176	10/07/2014	How proactive should town leaders be in lowering the tax rate. Aggressive, moderate, none?
10668287	10/07/2014	I grew up here in Millinocket, born in the 60's, raised in the 70's, graduated in the 80's. I have seen this town go from kids graduating high school, and going directly into the mill, to graduating, and joining the Service! Or college, and moving away. There is no employment here. People that have employment, are lucky. There is FAR too many people on welfare, scraping by, barely, to make end's meet, and far too many people on that system, who use and abuse it. There are drug dealers rampant in this town, convicted pedophiles, and alcoholics who endanger our lives when they climb behind the wheel. the police do what they can, but far too often tum a blind eye and deaf ear to what is going on. the question that should have been asked, is, "Why isn't the police doing more about the crime in town?"
10669551	10/07/2014	Why are you waiting for a manufacturer to come in and provide jobs when you have had many suitors but none have materialized? What does that tell you?
10669440	10/07/2014	Not sure but good luck and I hope this information helped? I do hope the town survives and I know it will never be like it was when I was a kid but that is OK.
10670631	10/07/2014	
10669018	10/07/2014	
10670883	10/07/2014	???
10674149	10/07/2014	before we are completely insolvent as a town, when do we file for protection
10683988	10/08/2014	Yes ask people if the favor consolidation to share services to better our community as well as East Millinocket and Medway
10682164	10/08/2014	N/A
10685962	10/08/2014	
10686588	10/08/2014	
10686233	10/08/2014	The faith of are forefathers carried us to this point may we have the leadership to do so.
10691555	10/08/2014	later in another attempt to finish this survey
10689500	10/08/2014	Are town leaders seriously considering shutting down the town, in a RIP fashion? It may be town to appoint new leaders, people with vision and a desire to save Millinocket come "hell or high water."
10691980	10/08/2014	No
10690188	10/08/2014	Our community has many reasons to be proud, but we must not let our pride get in the way of progress.
10697190	10/08/2014	no
10697505	10/08/2014	
10697604	10/08/2014	Please come and visit the communities, I believe you will find that we are a hard working proud people.
10696927	10/08/2014	No
10700797	10/08/2014	This question would be for either the Town Manager of the Town Counsel.
10700873	10/08/2014	xxx
10702092	10/08/2014	not sure
10703015	10/08/2014	
10703709	10/08/2014	
10701682	10/08/2014	The questions should have more spirit to change, not give a choice to fail. Accept new ideas and develop exploratory committees to gain State and Federal grants to try these new ideas. Working with State and Federal levels to grant tax breaks to new businesses. Make incentives for businesses to start up here.
10705007	10/08/2014	none
10705410	10/08/2014	
10704500	10/08/2014	Take the time to find out who you are doing business with.
10706404	10/08/2014	
10707813	10/08/2014	Change for the better is better than being stuck in the old ways.
10709435	10/08/2014	What do you think you will find outside of Millinocket should you move? What are you looking for in a way of life?
10709865	10/08/2014	No
10710294	10/08/2014	How do we promote/advertise Millinocket to outside investors to come visit our area and consider investing in a new adventure with this small town. Getting Millinocket back on the map in a positive way
10712516	10/08/2014	Nothing was mentioned about consolidation with east and Medway...we need to join with them to make it
10712796	10/08/2014	I think the questions that were on this survey were good questions, should help determine things, and was very clear.
10710907	10/08/2014	I was the economic development director for our communities in the Katahdin region for 8 years and what people sometimes fail to understand is that finding a big employer to move to the region is very unlikely. Electricity is more costly in Maine than anywhere else in the country. The workforce is not here like it used to be. The age of the population is significant and we are missing the age group of 18-40 year olds that make up an attractive workforce. We like to stay in the news (or maybe the reporters like it to keep us there) for fighting about woodlands and parks and other things that make any would be employers shy away. I'd be happy to help in any way that I can and at least offer any connections or information I might have that would help in your efforts. Peggy knows how to get in touch with me.

10719472	10/08/2014	
10720457	10/08/2014	as they say in the kitchen if there's time to lean there's time to clean.. I think its time to clean
10727506	10/08/2014	No
10727257	10/08/2014	I believe that the questions asked were fine.
10727090	10/08/2014	The power extracted from the hydro system is what built this town. The water rights belong to the people of the State of Maine. How can these rights to the water power potential be re-established. The permits that have been squandered by the non will of our political leadership needs to be re-established by demanding the good of the people of Maine be protected.
10726245	10/08/2014	We need new people running this town that want it to stay alive and positive
10729583	10/08/2014	
10729750	10/08/2014	How much section 8 is allowed and why is it so high. Why are there so many drugs in town? Or why would visitors feel as though there is a high amount of drugs?
10730805	10/08/2014	you didnt ask how we felt about consolidation with East...I feel it should have been done years ago, listening to the kids talk, I have a highschool age child, they dont care where they go to school. This just seems like such an important subject to Millinocket and East
10732857	10/08/2014	I've never lived somewhere where the political will for inertia was so strong as in Millinocket.
10734612	10/08/2014	Economic study to find potential for the entire area
10734245	10/08/2014	Can we work within a budge that is realistic?
10736447	10/08/2014	
10737687	10/08/2014	
10738496	10/08/2014	can't think of any
10736690	10/08/2014	The region needs to work together to keep the area alive. Power in numbers!
10739373	10/08/2014	People get off interstate almost daily and stop at my store and ask how to get to McD. They drive back to interstate when I tell them 9 miles. This story speaks volumes about the entire area.
10744345	10/08/2014	
10744930	10/08/2014	Are we ready to be open and ready for other business opportunities ? How badly do we want it ?
10756077	10/08/2014	
10754394	10/08/2014	
10806066	10/09/2014	
10811781	10/09/2014	
10819546	10/09/2014	
10823558	10/09/2014	??
10831137	10/09/2014	
10839773	10/09/2014	
10841231	10/09/2014	Millinocket should takeover the land/property of the mill, tear it all down to the ground, flatten the land and offer it to a large resort company that can come in and build a large/full-scale resort with rooms that look out at Mt. Katahdin, restaurant(s) on property, entertainment on property (small movie room, bowling, for examples) and promote it as a great get-a-way retreat. Millinocket has great daytime recreation but everything is closed up and dead by 5 p.m.. If a resort had restaurants and entertainment in the evening right on property it would encourage more people to come to the area and hike, whitewater raft, snowmobile, etc during the day and then relax at night with things to do instead of sit in a boring, old hotel room with nothing to do. Not only would the construction of a facility provide many, many jobs, but the resort itself could provide many, steady paying jobs while bringing people into the area.
10856482	10/09/2014	Which applies to you? 1) Work at a job 2) Own a business 3) Retired 4) Disabled 5)None of the above
10859507	10/09/2014	
10858828	10/09/2014	If the tri town area only had 24 hours to save this area from falling off the earth would they suck up the past and be come one? One school, one fire department, one police department and most of all let the past stay in the past and join as one. There is power in numbers. Would they be willing to do it?
10860806	10/09/2014	
10861013	10/09/2014	
10861223	10/09/2014	
10864904	10/09/2014	I would try to address questions of identity, because I think it is key to imagining a more vibrant, sustainable future. The people who are most resistant to change are often that way because their sense of identity is very discrete (and static). The people in town who are adapting and succeeding seem to view themselves very differently. I think there's a solution hiding in that difference. I would explore the threads of community identity beyond the mill, and into the surrounding landscape.
10870150	10/09/2014	Why are we losing industry and people?
10884666	10/10/2014	
10891734	10/10/2014	
10891259	10/10/2014	
10899474	10/10/2014	
10921405	10/10/2014	What other industry can we get that will start small and grown large, quickly?
10919988	10/10/2014	Are we alive and really here to help out and give ideas on a daily basis? Can we listen to other ideas and action and provide some encouragement w/ too much Critism?
10938102	10/10/2014	
10949825	10/11/2014	As why people move here. I have talked with several people who moved here for valuable reasons other than the low cost of living. Their insight into the area opened MY eyes.
10978851	10/11/2014	
10979065	10/11/2014	Visit the area !! Have someone come in, and propose to open a Coffee Shop... you will hear how the area has been saved, but the next week you will hear how the venture will only employee 10 people, and how they are not welcome unless that number is 10,000.
10976012	10/11/2014	This was a thoughtful survey that asked tough questions that required some deeper consideration of tough issues.
10980596	10/11/2014	I am very skeptical of our Town Council, they want what THEY want and do not seem to want the public involved in the decision making process. Very narrow minded. I realize everyone has an agenda when running for office, but....remember who elected you.
10981203	10/11/2014	
10981278	10/11/2014	I'm sure there is, we have potential, the environmental groups have been a thorn in the side of this area, they don't want any development, we need to get ahead of it before they get their park. You cannot tax a pup tent, you can a business or house.
10981987	10/11/2014	I have no idea, but I would love to see the tri town area survive
10982458	10/11/2014	
10982102	10/11/2014	
10986094	10/11/2014	Nothing
10985880	10/11/2014	I think you have asked the right questions. I just hope you get some replies from people with insight and a sincere attitude.
10989402	10/11/2014	
10990736	10/11/2014	Go to the places people gather and talk one to one with them. The churches the snow mobile clubs, the senior cafe....

10992144	10/11/2014	I can't think of any. I think your questions have been very good and inclusive.
11000794	10/11/2014	
11003843	10/11/2014	none
11004249	10/11/2014	Our location in the state is against us for a lot of business prospects. Small population, northern Maine, older people. On the plus side, beautiful country, friendly hard working people.
11010744	10/11/2014	I think you have to find a way to turn an industrial community into a tourist based economy.
11012269	10/11/2014	not that i can think of at the moment
11012597	10/11/2014	The town is 90% elderly. The remaining 10% are Druggies living off the State, not paying taxes, and creating a crime rate far exceeding the norm for a population this small. The elderly can not afford to have their taxes raised anymore.
11013039	10/11/2014	Too many are uneducated. In both the traditional sense and in the sense that they are not adapting and progressing with the rest of the world.
11012436	10/11/2014	we need to ask am i willing to change for the better of the communities. our challenge is to get the older generation to see gnp is gone. we need to find something else in order to live. gnp never allowed other industries to come in because they were greedy and so were the mill workers, who would have thought t seventeen dollars an hour to push a broom, or laugh because i am getting paid to cook spaghetti because i am on light duty but yet go out and do what you please once you punch out, gnp got what they wanted out of yo and left you where.....down. never put your eggs in one basket
11014748	10/11/2014	yes take over great northern land.. rebuild.... only way can make money is to bring more in.... consolidate our schools.... split everything 1/3..... anyone ever think of how much the bands in bangor on water front has helped the bangor area.... has anyone ever thought of doing something like that here? if it is in summer we could use one of the fields at school, or the baseball field on midway road. where we used to have the fair. do more town advertising for tourists.. Have a lot of our businesses work together in giving people a package deal.... like rafting and parachuting combined for a long weekend... have a few restaurants also add to the package, and maybe hotels or camp areas near mountain??? / In winter have deals for snowmobilers combined resaurants, hotels, and even save a few cents on gas, if they buy the package. Instead of everyone just trying to survive... put everything together and help each other. People who visit here will see it and gives them more reason to come back
11030072	10/12/2014	Change is difficult for people in the area. Sometimes it takes a little push
11035291	10/12/2014	Why can't we move forward and leave the past behind? True consolidation means sharing control of everything. Not one town having all the say, for example the schools. One town should not have complete control of their school, do it as a regional board.
11042723	10/12/2014	
11043102	10/12/2014	We need to get together in a friendly manner with more people involved. (All three towns show up and bring their friendly, positive faces)
11068683	10/12/2014	..
11070865	10/12/2014	The poverty, mental health, and drug issues need to be addressed. Our citizenry is spiralling and that needs to be addressed in any plans to move forward. Support services, child care/after school programs need to be in place before we lose another generation to this cycle.
11075893	10/12/2014	Are you will to assist us. YES YES lam!
11076758	10/12/2014	
11076794	10/12/2014	
11077580	10/12/2014	no idea
11078206	10/12/2014	How to get out
11078007	10/12/2014	Bender understand welcome the outsiders they may have some answers for us
11078404	10/12/2014	This is dumb ,,I'll bet the council wrote this
11078849	10/12/2014	
11078255	10/12/2014	GNP was a benevolent benefactor to the residents of Millinocket. It may take a generation (or longer) to evolve out of that mind set.
11086103	10/12/2014	Do you think Millinocket's leaders act in the town's best interests? Most do, some do not. Investment and growth should be welcomed, but past efforts at stifling certain types of business are puzzling.
11100363	10/13/2014	
11101368	10/13/2014	
11106393	10/13/2014	The largest voting block in the town are the school employees and their families, and they will block any efforts toward a reasonable school budget.
11105343	10/13/2014	Why do you think the towns in the Katahdin Region are not working together for the good of the region and it's people? How can we work on this problem?
11107385	10/13/2014	Not sure
11106980	10/13/2014	What are the parties involved? Even the most seemingly insignificant can foul up the potential progress.
11114918	10/13/2014	
11122096	10/13/2014	People in Millinocket will vote the same group of people into office over and over, and town officials are unwilling to make the right tough decisions. With the voting block owned by the school, no town councilor is going to vote against the school and stick to it, and the school is interested only in continuing to employ as many people as possible, and to continue growing its budget even as the town around it is dying.
11123564	10/13/2014	Thank you for offering to help Millinocket make some hard decisions/choices for the coming years ahead. We appreciate your offer of help. Do not listen to the nay sayers who were quick to send negative comments to you when your offer first came out. Thank you.
11128973	10/13/2014	
11147477	10/13/2014	
11151942	10/13/2014	Questionnaires won't do near as well as face time with the residents.
11155240	10/13/2014	I think I have said everything in all my other answers. Our biggest challenge is to open peoples minds to a different set of thinking, we are a community of older people who don't like change, they need to change, or sit back and let the younger ones take over and enjoy the ride.
11175516	10/14/2014	
11188890	10/14/2014	I think the question you forgot to ask is: how do we keep Millinocket's young people from moving away?
11212832	10/14/2014	
11217055	10/14/2014	The questions are too general, not presenting the real facts, the hard numbers. The Town Council should (have) host public forums with information monthly at the High School.
11218326	10/14/2014	
11242263	10/15/2014	Are we at bottom, or are we still falling? Do we need new, young leaders that have no ties to the closed mill, new positive outlooks!
11251858	10/15/2014	What needs to be done for Millinocket to take control of its own destiny, instead of a bunch of outsiders pushing their own agendas (including you folks who are doing this survey)?
11255150	10/15/2014	
11257462	10/15/2014	We need to find stores that serve a NEED. We need a backpacking, hiker store. Yes the KG sells some stuff, but how about a mini REI, LL Bean outlet. Trust me, they would do well year round. We NEED a store to get socks, underwear and toilet paper under one roof. Not family dollar, we are worth MORE as a community than family dollar.
11261427	10/15/2014	Does the town have faith that the stewards in charge of our town are competent, adaptive, capable of leading and focusing on change
11271970	10/15/2014	
11296325	10/16/2014	No
11311342	10/16/2014	There's been a lot of water under the bridge. The town is divided between those that want and those that do not want change
11315791	10/16/2014	It will be interesting to see how the residents feel about the Airport. It is our most important piece of economic real estate. It is the gateway to the outside world...
11324481	10/16/2014	There are a lot of very very smart and creative individuals that reside here part time or full time. So smart and creative that they would never run for town council of a dying town with individuals that would rather point fingers that identify problems and take care of them. If these people were approached with no risk, or given an opportunity, they may sit in on a brain storming session. Questions that could have been asked; 1. What can Millinocket do to retain and/or attract younger active and involved individuals to the community. 2. Is

		there good community involvement.
11325203	10/16/2014	people need to change way of thinking anything we can get here with jobs we should paer mills are gone need to rethink and promote the area and all resourses we have in the area
11327043	10/16/2014	where is the money going to come from? the town is mostly retirees and they are dieing off, who is left to pay the taxes? the younge people are moving out.
11328289	10/16/2014	xxx
11359850	10/17/2014	I have nothing additional to add.
11366835	10/17/2014	we need someone from outside to make aplan to to work as an complete region
11402143	10/18/2014	Are you willing to sacrifice a little for the benefit of the whole community?
11406468	10/18/2014	Grow up
11438854	10/19/2014	
11452276	10/19/2014	
11469443	10/19/2014	Find out why people are so unwilling to work together for the benefit of the entire region. Be careful, you're from 'away' so some automatically assume you don't know anything, or are looking for something for nothing.
11469565	10/19/2014	Not a question, but something you should know. We have met several people who have moved into town from out of state because the housing is so reasonable and it's a beautiful, healthy place to retire. Also, your question about GNP made me think that I wish the town could take back the power generating capacity of the old mill from Brookfield. We could nationalize it and it could help support the town's recovery.
11504819	10/20/2014	