

# Initial Report

Final Town of Morse Community Survey 2016

August 10th 2016, 3:24 pm CDT

**Q2 - People have many different reasons for living in a rural area. Some of these reasons are listed below. Please read each statement carefully and, for each statement, check which best describes how important the reason is to you.**

Question	Not a reason		Slightly important reason		Important reason		Very important reason		Total
1. I was born or raised in the area	49.67%	75	8.61%	13	22.52%	34	19.21%	29	151
2. I have friends and/or relatives living here	25.00%	38	9.87%	15	37.50%	57	27.63%	42	152
3. I enjoy peace, quiet and relaxed atmosphere of living in a rural area	3.82%	6	3.82%	6	35.67%	56	56.69%	89	157
4. I enjoy the scenic beauty, wildlife and forests	2.53%	4	5.06%	8	34.81%	55	57.59%	91	158
5. I am planning on starting a new business here	88.65%	125	4.26%	6	4.96%	7	2.13%	3	141
6. I am a business owner in the area	81.51%	119	1.37%	2	6.16%	9	10.96%	16	146
7. The air and water are cleaner and less polluted than other areas	8.44%	13	20.13%	31	28.57%	44	42.86%	66	154
8. I am retired here or would like to be retired here someday	29.61%	45	14.47%	22	30.26%	46	25.66%	39	152
9. I like activities such as fishing, golf, walking and/or hiking	8.28%	13	16.56%	26	39.49%	62	35.67%	56	157
10. The crime rate is less than other places	10.22%	14	16.06%	22	34.31%	47	39.42%	54	137

Field	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count	Bottom 3 Box	Top 3 Box
1. I was born or raised in the area	1.00	4.00	2.11	1.22	1.48	151	80.79%	50.33%

2. I have friends and/or relatives living here	1.00	4.00	2.68	1.13	1.27	152	72.37%	75.00%
3. I enjoy peace, quiet and relaxed atmosphere of living in a rural area	1.00	4.00	3.45	0.74	0.55	157	43.31%	96.18%
4. I enjoy the scenic beauty, wildlife and forests	1.00	4.00	3.47	0.71	0.50	158	42.41%	97.47%
5. I am planning on starting a new business here	1.00	4.00	1.21	0.62	0.39	141	97.87%	11.35%
6. I am a business owner in the area	1.00	4.00	1.47	1.01	1.03	146	89.04%	18.49%
7. The air and water are cleaner and less polluted than other areas	1.00	4.00	3.06	0.98	0.96	154	57.14%	91.56%
8. I am retired here or would like to be retired here someday	1.00	4.00	2.52	1.16	1.35	152	74.34%	70.39%
9. I like activities such as fishing, golf, walking and/or hiking	1.00	4.00	3.03	0.92	0.85	157	64.33%	91.72%
10. The crime rate is less than other places	1.00	4.00	3.03	0.98	0.96	137	60.58%	89.78%

**Q3 - 11. Other reasons why you chose to live here. Please list below.**

11. Other reasons why you chose to live here. Please list below.

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Snowmobile recreation, able to get "more for our money" in terms of house and land.

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Not a resident

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Location of our deer hunting cabin since the 1960s.

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Getting away

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I now live in Montana and own land in WI. I would consider moving back if they didn't have so many federal regulations.

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Parents bought land

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Great people!

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Not applicable, not a resident

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Family

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Property on Lake Galilee with cabin.

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I am a seasonal resident. In the fall. This is a family hunting camp founded by my Dads uncle (my Grandfathers brother) and maintained by my father. I have owned it since 1975.

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Hunting

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3 season resident

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We love the proximity to Ashland and Lake Superior. We have a cottage there now (Mellen).

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I just like living in a small rural area. No big city problems.

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Small, but good quality school system

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Enjoy hunting and target shooting on my property.

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My job is near Mellen

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Employer is in Mellen

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Deep family roots

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I was raised in a rural area; just not this area.

**Q4 - Please check how you feel about the following (check one on each line): - 1. The Town should establish guidelines and locations for mobile home sites and season trailers**

Question	Strongly Agree		Agree		Disagree		Strongly Disagree		Total
1. The Town should establish guidelines and locations for mobile home sites...	25.00%	39	44.23%	69	17.31%	27	13.46%	21	156
2. Use of ATVs, dirt bikes, and snowmobiles is acceptable in and around Tow...	33.96%	54	50.31%	80	7.55%	12	8.18%	13	159
3. Utility and communications structures such as satellite towers should be...	22.50%	36	65.63%	105	10.00%	16	1.88%	3	160
4. The Town should have more restrictive zoning	10.00%	15	28.00%	42	50.67%	76	11.33%	17	150
5. Current zoning adequately promotes public health and welfare	11.68%	16	69.34%	95	16.06%	22	2.92%	4	137
6. An industrial park would encourage more development and jobs	19.08%	29	46.05%	70	22.37%	34	12.50%	19	152
7. I think the Town can achieve prosperity without economic growth	5.92%	9	16.45%	25	54.61%	83	23.03%	35	152
8. I think the Town can achieve prosperity without population growth	5.84%	9	33.77%	52	46.10%	71	14.29%	22	154
9. I think the Town should limit the size of Concentrated Animal Feeding Op...	39.60%	59	32.89%	49	22.82%	34	4.70%	7	149
10. I think abandonment of wells should be regulated by the town	11.41%	17	51.01%	76	25.50%	38	12.08%	18	149

Field	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count	Bottom 3 Box	Top 3 Box
1. The Town should establish guidelines and locations for mobile home sites...	1.00	4.00	2.19	0.96	0.92	156	86.54%	75.00%
2. Use of ATVs, dirt bikes, and snowmobiles is acceptable in and around Tow...	1.00	4.00	1.90	0.86	0.73	159	91.82%	66.04%
3. Utility and communications structures such as satellite towers should be...	1.00	4.00	1.91	0.63	0.39	160	98.13%	77.50%
4. The Town should have more restrictive zoning	1.00	4.00	2.63	0.81	0.66	150	88.67%	90.00%
5. Current zoning adequately promotes public health and	1.00	4.00	2.10	0.62	0.38	137	97.08%	88.32%

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6. An industrial park would encourage more development and jobs	1.00	4.00	2.28	0.91	0.83	152	87.50%	80.92%	
7. I think the Town can achieve prosperity without economic growth	1.00	4.00	2.95	0.79	0.63	152	76.97%	94.08%	
8. I think the Town can achieve prosperity without population growth	1.00	4.00	2.69	0.79	0.62	154	85.71%	94.16%	
9. I think the Town should limit the size of Concentrated Animal Feeding Op...	1.00	4.00	1.93	0.90	0.81	149	95.30%	60.40%	
10. I think abandonment of wells should be regulated by the town	1.00	4.00	2.38	0.84	0.71	149	87.92%	88.59%	

**Q5 - 11. What should the Town establish guidelines for that are not listed? What existing guidelines should be eliminated?**

11. What should the Town establish guidelines for that are not listed? What...

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Abandoned rail grade - town should petition for trail use to connect with nearby recreational tourism areas (Hurley, UP, etc.)

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Commercial property rental - online and should at least recover tax on rental.

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No open pit mining of iron, gold, etc.

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Putting in culverts, filling lake shore and wetlands.

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Don't spend money on an industrial area until/unless an industry contracts to come in. We cannot afford a 'maybe'.

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No mining

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It seems when you have ATVs and snowmobiles the garbage and rutted areas are plentiful.

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#4 and #5 - Hard to answer not knowing current zoning regulations

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We only have a cottage. May retire there but aren't well versed in current policies.

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Very hard to do when the state took that option away from us.

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Need more guidelines for mines. To keep them out!! No big cow or pig or turkey farms

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Town should regulate CAFOs and industrial types of agriculture to provide maximum protection to lakes, rivers and well water. Impact on public health and well-being of residents can be adversely affected from pollution, smell and noise.

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ATVs, snowmobiles and dirt bikes are often loud, stinky and lead to erosion. Where they can be, they need to be restricted.

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I don't want my taxes raised.

**Q6 - Please check what types of housing development you would like to see encouraged by the Town:**

Question	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Total
1. Single family homes	50.00%	47.44%	1.92%	0.64%	156
2. Seasonal tourist housing and/or guest houses	25.83%	58.28%	13.91%	1.99%	151
3. Seasonal employee housing	4.79%	48.63%	36.30%	10.27%	146
4. Mobile home parks	2.03%	27.70%	45.27%	25.00%	148
5. Affordable housing	18.54%	61.59%	13.91%	5.96%	151
6. Energy efficient housing	33.99%	58.82%	5.23%	1.96%	153
7. Low income high efficient housing	11.92%	36.42%	31.13%	20.53%	151
8. Year round rental housing	10.81%	63.51%	18.92%	6.76%	148
9. Senior housing/Assisted living	35.48%	57.42%	7.10%	0.00%	155

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1. Single family homes	1.00	4.00	1.53	0.57	0.33	156	99.36%	50.00%
2. Seasonal tourist housing and/or guest houses	1.00	4.00	1.92	0.69	0.47	151	98.01%	74.17%
3. Seasonal employee housing	1.00	4.00	2.52	0.74	0.55	146	89.73%	95.21%
4. Mobile home parks	1.00	4.00	2.93	0.78	0.60	148	75.00%	97.97%
5. Affordable housing	1.00	4.00	2.07	0.75	0.56	151	94.04%	81.46%
6. Energy efficient housing	1.00	4.00	1.75	0.64	0.41	153	98.04%	66.01%
7. Low income high efficient housing	1.00	4.00	2.60	0.94	0.89	151	79.47%	88.08%
8. Year round rental housing	1.00	4.00	2.22	0.72	0.52	148	93.24%	89.19%
9. Senior housing/Assisted living	1.00	3.00	1.72	0.59	0.35	155	100.00%	64.52%

**Q8 - 1. Please check how you would rate the quality of blacktopped roads in the Town:**

Answer	%	Count
Excellent	4.32%	7
Good	38.89%	63
Average	42.59%	69
Poor	14.20%	23
Total	100%	162

Field	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count	Bottom 3 Box	Top 3 Box
1. Please check how you would rate the quality of blacktopped roads in the...	1.00	4.00	2.67	0.77	0.59	162	85.80%	95.68%



**Q9 - 2. Please check how you would rate the quality of gravel roads in the Town:**

Answer	%	Count
Excellent	9.32%	15
Good	31.06%	50
Average	37.89%	61
Poor	21.74%	35
Total	100%	161

Field	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count	Bottom 3 Box	Top 3 Box
2. Please check how you would rate the quality of gravel roads in the Town:	1.00	4.00	2.72	0.91	0.82	161	78.26%	90.68%

### Q10 - 3. Please describe below any additional comments you have regarding transportation

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Please leave the gravel roads. The world needs more gravel and less blacktop and cement roads.

We wish plows would leave some "shoulder snow" on designated snowmobile routes.

Crown the gravel roads. Grate ditch area.

Would pave road from Meter Lake to Long Lake and Ashland Forest Road and boat launch.

You maintain Long Lake Rd. very well. Thank you!

You are doing an excellent job!

Not a full-time resident so not sure.

My property is off Long Lake- not accessible a good amount of the year due to snow and snowmobile use and spring thaw. Needs some quality gravel on it.

Gravel roads must be improved so they hold up better in the spring when the frost comes out of the ground and the snow melts.

ATV, snowmobile operation regulations are poorly enforced on township roadways. Speed, over road center, ditch and slope travel promotes erosion.

Gravel roads are not graded so the water runs off into the ditches so it runs down the road. Roads need to have the sod cut way back and roads graded higher in center and lower on sides (rounded). Too many chatter bumps.

Please put more gravel on the roads. People live year-round.

Dirt roads should be maintained better both winter and summer. More frequent grading and snow plowing.

Blacktop roads are all broke up. Small cars are tracking bottom??

Blacktopping of Sackett + Meder Lake Roads

Caroline Lake Road needs to be re-graveled. Grading only is no not working. Very difficult to get in at times. Crew tries to graded but road needs gravel.

The sparing of 169 was a bad thing to do. It didn't help anything

Blacktopping roads in our township is foolish. Other than to help stop erosion. Our township, on average, has some of the best roads in our entire region.

Who is responsible for road assessments? Culvert assessments? How often are they done? Why do some parts of town get more service than other parts? Who supervises the town employees?

Crown the roads more so water can run off.

More BART bus options

Look into products that reduce dust on gravel roads. Roads oftentimes very rough/potholes, etc.

For where we are they are above average.

Gravel roads are average to poor much of the year, but good during the late summer and fall. Public transportation options should be explored - ride sharing, UBER

Properly maintained roads would cost the town less in the long run.

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Begin blacktopping roads near town residential areas.

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Given the strain on the road construction because of climate (freezing/thawing), I think the town does the best it can.

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I'm not a road engineer, but I really think if the gravel roads were graded with more of a crown they would not degrade to potholes so fast.

**Q12 - Please check the types of economic development that should be pursued in the Town:**

Question	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Total
1. Tourism	47.10% 73	44.52% 69	7.74% 12	0.65% 1	155
2. Service businesses	32.43% 48	60.81% 90	6.76% 10	0.00% 0	148
3. High tech/IT industries	22.82% 34	59.73% 89	16.11% 24	1.34% 2	149
4. Timber resource industries	27.52% 41	64.43% 96	8.05% 12	0.00% 0	149
5. Cottage (home based) industries	28.19% 42	64.43% 96	7.38% 11	0.00% 0	149
6. Agriculture and local food	29.14% 44	65.56% 99	4.64% 7	0.66% 1	151
7. Light industry/manufacturing	23.84% 36	62.25% 94	9.93% 15	3.97% 6	151
8. The Town should actively promote a business park	23.03% 35	40.13% 61	25.00% 38	11.84% 18	152
9. I would support the Town's efforts to create new jobs through coordinati...	32.21% 48	57.05% 85	8.72% 13	2.01% 3	149
10. I would support environmentally safe mining	24.84% 39	28.66% 45	15.92% 25	30.57% 48	157

Field	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count	Bottom 3 Box	Top 3 Box
1. Tourism	1.00	4.00	1.62	0.66	0.43	155	99.35%	52.90%
2. Service businesses	1.00	3.00	1.74	0.57	0.33	148	100.00%	67.57%
3. High tech/IT industries	1.00	4.00	1.96	0.66	0.44	149	98.66%	77.18%
4. Timber resource industries	1.00	3.00	1.81	0.56	0.32	149	100.00%	72.48%
5. Cottage (home based) industries	1.00	3.00	1.79	0.56	0.31	149	100.00%	71.81%
6. Agriculture and local food	1.00	4.00	1.77	0.56	0.31	151	99.34%	70.86%
7. Light industry/manufacturing	1.00	4.00	1.94	0.70	0.49	151	96.03%	76.16%
8. The Town should actively promote a business park	1.00	4.00	2.26	0.94	0.89	152	88.16%	76.97%
9. I would support the Town's efforts to create new jobs through coordinati...	1.00	4.00	1.81	0.67	0.45	149	97.99%	67.79%

10. I would support environmentally safe mining	1.00	4.00	2.52	1.17	1.36	157	69.43%	75.16%
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## Q13 - 11. Please describe below any additional comments you have regarding economic development

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No such thing as environmentally safe mining.

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A topic that would take up more space than you have here.

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(on question 9: if it is voted on by the community) Please keep government out of it.

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No mining or trucking.

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Senior living, CBRF is the next industry! Affordable housing, dorms, may assist the workers/CNA's, etc. and/or mining...

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If mining is allowed, it will only help the mining company at the expense of the town, the health of the residents and the destruction of our natural resources and environment. Do NOT encourage mining.

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No mine can be totally environmentally safe.

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I would accept mining for local employment only if it can be proven to be safe. Our water resource is too important to be poisoned.

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No mining.

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No such thing as environmentally safe mining. Small farms, no CAFOs.

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Economic development will be influenced to some degree by zoning regulations. #4 - Need high speed internet

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I believe zoning could be used to promote development while keeping the rural atmosphere.

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There is no such thing as safe mining.

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We need the mining jobs!

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I don't support any mining in Wisconsin. None of it is environmentally safe.

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Mining only if it doesn't harm the environment or water table.

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Make better use of copper falls

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Protect our natural environment when considering any economic development. Promote this more.

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No mining!! Or big farms ever!!

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I do not believe at this time we have environmentally safe mining. Unless a tap based on a tonnage charge that could adequately fund a clean-up, mining should not take place in our township.

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Tourism and service businesses cannot provide an adequate living wage. I would support mining if it were 100% guaranteed to be environmentally safe.

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We can have dinner pail jobs that are good economically and environmentally.

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In this area it appears there is no such thing as "environmentally safe" mining.

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Not sure about mining.

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We need employment!

The town should not spend tax dollars for economic development. The town needs to keep spending and taxes down.

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I do not believe mining can be undertaken in an environmentally safe manner. It is inherently destructive of the environment and threatening to the public's health.

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No mine at all.

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No mining!

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There has never been shown to be environmentally safe mining.

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No mining!

**Q14 - Please check which best describes your feeling about activities on which the Town economy might be based: - 12. Small in-home businesses (such as mail order, wholesale, computer services)**

Question	Greatly Encouraged		Encouraged		Discouraged		Greatly Discouraged		Total
12. Small in-home businesses (such as mail order, wholesale, computer servi...	24.67%	37	68.00%	102	5.33%	8	2.00%	3	150
13. Farm and garden (fresh fruits, vegetables, eggs, cheese, meat)	42.11%	64	55.26%	84	1.97%	3	0.66%	1	152
14. Carpentry (cabinets, furniture, remodeling)	39.47%	60	58.55%	89	1.97%	3	0.00%	0	152
15. Construction (home and commercial building)	35.10%	53	60.93%	92	3.97%	6	0.00%	0	151
16. Hospitality/tourism related services and businesses (housekeeping, tend...	31.08%	46	61.49%	91	6.76%	10	0.68%	1	148

Field	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count	Bottom 3 Box	Top 3 Box
12. Small in-home businesses (such as mail order, wholesale, computer servi...	1.00	4.00	1.85	0.60	0.36	150	98.00%	75.33%
13. Farm and garden (fresh fruits, vegetables, eggs, cheese, meat)	1.00	4.00	1.61	0.56	0.32	152	99.34%	57.89%
14. Carpentry (cabinets, furniture, remodeling)	1.00	3.00	1.63	0.52	0.27	152	100.00%	60.53%
15. Construction (home and commercial building)	1.00	3.00	1.69	0.54	0.29	151	100.00%	64.90%
16. Hospitality/tourism related services and businesses (housekeeping, tend...	1.00	4.00	1.77	0.59	0.35	148	99.32%	68.92%



**Q15 - Please check which describes your thoughts about each type of tourism listed:**

Question	Greatly Encouraged		Encouraged		Discouraged		Greatly Discouraged		Total
17. Day visitors	50.99%	77	47.02%	71	1.99%	3	0.00%	0	151
18. Campers	51.30%	79	46.10%	71	2.60%	4	0.00%	0	154
19. Cabin and cottage renters	47.10%	73	49.68%	77	3.23%	5	0.00%	0	155
20. Hikers/kayakers/bicyclists	49.35%	76	46.75%	72	3.25%	5	0.65%	1	154
21. Motorcycles/ATV's	36.36%	56	48.70%	75	9.74%	15	5.19%	8	154
22. Golf/Fishing/Hiking	50.33%	77	49.02%	75	0.65%	1	0.00%	0	153
23. Snowmobiles	38.31%	59	51.30%	79	6.49%	10	3.90%	6	154
24. Boating	41.45%	63	56.58%	86	1.97%	3	0.00%	0	152

Field	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count	Bottom 3 Box	Top 3 Box
17. Day visitors	1.00	3.00	1.51	0.54	0.29	151	100.00%	49.01%
18. Campers	1.00	3.00	1.51	0.55	0.30	154	100.00%	48.70%
19. Cabin and cottage renters	1.00	3.00	1.56	0.56	0.31	155	100.00%	52.90%
20. Hikers/kayakers/bicyclists	1.00	4.00	1.55	0.59	0.35	154	99.35%	50.65%
21. Motorcycles/ATV's	1.00	4.00	1.84	0.80	0.64	154	94.81%	63.64%
22. Golf/Fishing/Hiking	1.00	3.00	1.50	0.51	0.26	153	100.00%	49.67%
23. Snowmobiles	1.00	4.00	1.76	0.74	0.55	154	96.10%	61.69%
24. Boating	1.00	3.00	1.61	0.53	0.28	152	100.00%	58.55%

**Q17 - Please check the box which best describes your opinion of the following local services in the area:**

Question	Excellent		Good		Fair		Poor		Total
1. Police protection	26.49%	40	58.94%	89	11.26%	17	3.31%	5	151
2. Fire protection	31.33%	47	54.67%	82	12.67%	19	1.33%	2	150
3. EMS/ambulance service	29.45%	43	48.63%	71	19.18%	28	2.74%	4	146
4. Sanitary/Recycling service	24.31%	35	56.25%	81	15.97%	23	3.47%	5	144
5. Parks	31.97%	47	50.34%	74	15.65%	23	2.04%	3	147
6. Zoning and ordinance enforcement	10.77%	14	46.15%	60	30.77%	40	12.31%	16	130
7. Library	39.19%	58	47.30%	70	10.14%	15	3.38%	5	148
8. School	23.29%	34	58.22%	85	17.12%	25	1.37%	2	146
9. State campground	47.26%	69	43.15%	63	8.90%	13	0.68%	1	146
10. General medical services	7.46%	10	42.54%	57	36.57%	49	13.43%	18	134
11. Alcohol/drug abuse services	6.86%	7	30.39%	31	42.16%	43	20.59%	21	102
12. Mental health services	6.86%	7	29.41%	30	40.20%	41	23.53%	24	102
13. Domestic violence services	3.96%	4	37.62%	38	39.60%	40	18.81%	19	101

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1. Police protection	1.00	4.00	1.91	0.71	0.50	151	96.69%	73.51%
2. Fire protection	1.00	4.00	1.84	0.68	0.47	150	98.67%	68.67%
3. EMS/ambulance service	1.00	4.00	1.95	0.77	0.59	146	97.26%	70.55%
4. Sanitary/Recycling service	1.00	4.00	1.99	0.74	0.54	144	96.53%	75.69%
5. Parks	1.00	4.00	1.88	0.74	0.54	147	97.96%	68.03%
6. Zoning and ordinance enforcement	1.00	4.00	2.45	0.84	0.71	130	87.69%	89.23%
7. Library	1.00	4.00	1.78	0.76	0.58	148	96.62%	60.81%
8. School	1.00	4.00	1.97	0.68	0.46	146	98.63%	76.71%

9. State campground	1.00	4.00	1.63	0.67	0.45	146	99.32%	52.74%
10. General medical services	1.00	4.00	2.56	0.82	0.66	134	86.57%	92.54%
11. Alcohol/drug abuse services	1.00	4.00	2.76	0.85	0.73	102	79.41%	93.14%
12. Mental health services	1.00	4.00	2.80	0.87	0.77	102	76.47%	93.14%
13. Domestic violence services	1.00	4.00	2.73	0.81	0.65	101	81.19%	96.04%

## Q18 - 14. Please write any comments regarding any existing Town facilities

14. Please write any comments regarding any existing Town facilities

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Like the Town Hall

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I don't know!

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I have no opinion because I do not live in the area. I just own land.

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Sorry, can't comment, don't live there but I'm sure they do their best.

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Being a non-resident we aren't aware of many of these services. Mellen has an unfortunate reputation of being too closely policed...Police presence 'too' strong to encourage even safe bar/restaurant practices.

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Morse has good town employees, lots of work for a couple guts- our local schools are hanging on but are unable to provide opportunities of bigger schools. Poor ambulance/medical services.

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Do not have knowledge of how a lot of these services are. Am only here a couple of times a year.

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Not aware of any services/facilities for 11-13.

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Too many police officers for small town.

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Hard to answer - How do you define "local services"? Example - Ashland has excellent medical. Locally, no medical services

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Do not have ant current view ?

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Don't care about mental health or alcohol/drug abuse

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Not well aware of what is available in Town or Morse I only know they're in Ashland and beyond (referring to alcohol/drug abuse services, mental health services, and domestic violence services).

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Drug services poor.

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There have been times that emergency vehicles have had difficulty getting to the address because of weather conditions and signage. Campgrounds have been closed in our area. I think that is a shame.

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Not sure of the boundaries of Morse

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Unfamiliar with some of these so didn't seem fair to mark a choice.

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No idea about zoning, and alcohol/drug abuse, mental health and domestic violence services.

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Schools in the nation vary so much as to the base and equal opportunity to all parents and students. I do not have a full solution; however, parents of better means send their children to more opportunistic schools.

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I don't have a comment due to lack of time spend in the area.

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I think what we have is fine. It is not so far to travel to get medical care. I think it is a worthwhile tradeoff for us to enjoy small town rural life and have to go a little way for all the amenities.

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There is a lot of money spend on city police and the county has many officers locally. Waste of money for city.

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The landing on Lake Galilee needs improvement, at least some gravel.

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Do not know about alcohol/drug abuse, mental health, and domestic violence services; never had occasion to use these programs so don't know.

**Q19 - 15. What support services do you need to live and/or continue to live in the Town.  
Please check all that apply**

Answer	%	Count
Child Care	15.00%	12
Assisted Living	46.25%	37
Home Health Care	43.75%	35
Transportation Assistance	38.75%	31
Meals on Wheels	36.25%	29
Community Center	51.25%	41
Food Shelf	20.00%	16
Home Maintenance Services (grass cutting, snow shoveling, etc.)	52.50%	42
Affordable Housing - assistance in buying a house	23.75%	19
Affordable Housing - finding a property to rent	26.25%	21
Job Services/Employment	45.00%	36
Special Events Building	37.50%	30
Total	100%	80

**Q20 - 16. Please write any comments regarding any needed Town facilities**

16. Please write any comments regarding any needed Town facilities

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Would love to see a pharmacy in town!

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I do not need any of these items for deer hunting and recreational activities.

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No opinions.

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None

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Don't live in town, but all are important.

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Our support services are good for a small town.

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N/A at this time.

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Nothing needed

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Do not live in township

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OK now in future may need elder home health, transportation to Ashland, etc.

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I do not currently need any of these services.

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Does not apply

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None currently

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There needs to be a listing of services that are now available in this area (hard to find).

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I think the present town hall is a wonderful addition to our lives!

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I'm good right now but these are important to others!

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Currently none

**Q22 - Should the following resources be preserved and enhanced, and how would you fund their preservation? (Check one on each line)**

Question	Yes, fund with local tax dollars		Yes, fund with private dollars		Combined public and private dollars		No, not important to me		Total
1. Community-owned gardens	9.03%	13	20.14%	29	23.61%	34	47.22%	68	144
2. Forests	27.66%	39	17.73%	25	48.23%	68	6.38%	9	141
3. Wetlands	31.21%	44	9.22%	13	43.26%	61	16.31%	23	141
4. Lakes and streams	38.03%	54	8.45%	12	49.30%	70	4.23%	6	142
5. Farmland	4.38%	6	56.20%	77	27.74%	38	11.68%	16	137
6. Community open/green space	23.36%	32	8.03%	11	37.23%	51	31.39%	43	137
7. Parks and public boat landings	44.68%	63	1.42%	2	51.06%	72	2.84%	4	141
8. Public trail system for walking, skiing, biking, birding, etc.	30.34%	44	4.83%	7	48.28%	70	16.55%	24	145

Field	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count	Bottom 3 Box	Top 3 Box
1. Community-owned gardens	1.00	4.00	3.09	1.01	1.03	144	52.78%	90.97%
2. Forests	1.00	4.00	2.33	0.95	0.90	141	93.62%	72.34%
3. Wetlands	1.00	4.00	2.45	1.09	1.20	141	83.69%	68.79%
4. Lakes and streams	1.00	4.00	2.20	1.00	1.00	142	95.77%	61.97%
5. Farmland	1.00	4.00	2.47	0.76	0.57	137	88.32%	95.62%
6. Community open/green space	1.00	4.00	2.77	1.13	1.27	137	68.61%	76.64%
7. Parks and public boat landings	1.00	4.00	2.12	1.03	1.06	141	97.16%	55.32%
8. Public trail system for walking, skiing, biking, birding, etc.	1.00	4.00	2.51	1.09	1.19	145	83.45%	69.66%

## Q23 - 9. What other thoughts, suggestions, ideas or recommendations do you have on the Town's natural resources?

9. What other thoughts, suggestions, ideas or recommendations do you have o...

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I feel more selective logging needs to be done. Leave some open fields for wildlife to use. Deer and turkeys need these open areas. Hunters and birdwatchers = dollars for the local economy. These fields need to be open for walking not with the leftover wood that's not wanted; very little maintenance once these areas are established.

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I live in the state of Montana and our logging and mining and land development have been desolated by radical environmentalists.

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Connecting Ashland to Phillips via bike trail would be a way to bring lots of new people to Vilas Co. Attracts thousands of tourists each year with their trails.

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A good biking/walking trail between Mellen and Copper Falls

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#1 - How can you "preserve and enhance something that does not exist?"

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I believe private dollars should drive enhancements/preservation, and use public funds for safety or benefits for the majority/town.

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More open spaces for the public to fish from shore on local lakes (not everybody owns a boat).

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Hunting- support

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I love our forests, lakes, rivers, watersheds and there is much to be done to reinforce natural areas. I'm wondering what has happened in our state. I feel that "lakeshore" is being neglected. We need responsible users and owners of our lakeshore. We need to know what the rules are so that we can keep viable waterways and lakes.

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Continue to protecting the natural beauty and wildlife of this area.

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There are programs already for farmland

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I support maintaining the parks and trails that we have and keeping them user friendly. I don't think we need to make new parks or trails.

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Preserve, but allow sustainable industry use but not abuse!

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If there is money to be made let private business take the risk

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The bike/walking trail, especially the bridge, between Mellen and Copper Falls State Park is an eye sore and needs help



**Q24 - 1. Where do you get your information about what is going on in Town? Check all that apply:**

Answer	%	Count
Mellen Weekly Record	79.87%	119
Attending meetings	20.81%	31
Calling friends who attend meetings	25.50%	38
Ashland Daily Press	48.32%	72
Rumor mill (discussions at the coffee shop, bar, etc.)	40.94%	61
Internet	31.54%	47
Total	100%	149

**Q26 - Other (please describe):**

Other (please describe):

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Not permanent residents, so we don't get the newspaper :(

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Like the newsletter!

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How do I get the Mellen Weekly Record?

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I get no information, I live out of state.

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Hearsay

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This newsletter is a great idea and greatly appreciated. Take some time/visits to see what is working in neighboring counties and towns and see what might apply to our area. Thank you.

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Friends

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Ashland Daily Press is a joke it never has current events usually a couple of weeks behind.

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What is the e-mail address?

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Signs @ library, store, etc.

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None needed

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Lake Galilee Association news letter, local friends

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Since I am only seasonal, I don't get much when I am there I need the two paper

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Used to get the Mellen Weekly Record but let it expire - been meaning to restart our subscription but haven't yet.

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Milw. radio and journal & sentinal

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Ironwood Globe, Duluth News Tribune, Digital TV

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TV

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Attended some meetings about I don't know

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Family

**Q28 - 1. Please describe what you think are major issues for the Town that exist now or will exist in the future**

1. Please describe what you think are major issues for the Town that exist...

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Providing competitive jobs to encourage people to stay or move their families to the area.

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Lack of good jobs in the area to draw new residents.

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(Mellen) shrinking, buildings getting in disrepair

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Good management

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Road maintenance

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Control mosquitoes and ticks.

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I haven't really noticed anything.

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I like it just the way it is!

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Departure of businesses! Bar/restaurant/food work force is not available in the area to staff them.

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Keeping second generation talent in area

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1. need to use our resources to attract tourism (out of community). 2. need to encourage manufacturing/industry. 3. need to protect our natural resources.

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Job creation

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Most of our town roads are poorly maintained. In some areas they are quite good for certain people!! There are many roads in need of gravel.

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Jobs

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Downward spiral of lack of growth

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Jobs

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Tax base for road maintenance. Mining possibility in future could be detrimental if not planned for well.

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Property taxes, school needs much improvement, more positive results for the taxes paid, too much emphasis on sports.

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Maintain the road system. Continue private driveway snowplowing.

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No economic growth No jobs

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Not enough industry to keep our young people here.

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No mines! Protect our pristine waters. No CAFOs!

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Preserve the environment- zero mining

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Having a healthy tax base to fund schools, roads, services.

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Jobs are the major issue to keep people and subsequent revenue.

More affordable public transportation for all residents in the Mellen/Morse/Ashland areas

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Senior housing and assisted living residences

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Maintaining roadways

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Lots of deadbeats- dont need or want low income housing...

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1. Aging population 2. Lack of jobs 3. Lack of affordable housing 4. Taxes too high 5. Clean up town 6. Less visible junk

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Drill

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Fixing roads

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Re-introduction of mining plans

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Our roads are neglected in this area of the Town of Morse

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New homes on Lake Galilee with nice green grass going down to lake/ they must use fertilizer this plus grass cutting and leaves blowing into lake, I have 1 1/2' of muck now on my frontage.

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Rough roads are problematic. They are dangerous in the spring "breakups". The ditches are mud in many areas.

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Need internet services available to entire town of Morse.

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Balancing the beauty and nature with growth for business and tourism. Better cell and internet service.

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Police should be more friendly, service driven.

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Funding

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Quality of housing- tear down buildings in poor repair.

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The upkeep of gravel town roads. The road beds are not covered on many roads.

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Snow plowing practices should be re-looked at.

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Our gravel roads should be better kept up.

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Should keep our gravel roads in better condition.

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All town roads are not maintained, many of the town roads have not been graveled in many years and culverts are not set deep enough.

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A possible need for assisted living facility

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Caroline Wake Road needs more gravel and fixing.

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Road

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To keep the jobs we have now. To help get jobs in that do not harm the places we live and enjoy.

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With recent changes in the state of Wisconsin mining laws, our local municipalities need to have more input and control overseeing mining in our area. Any mining needs to pay our local municipalities taxes to cover the cost of growth and cleanup if mining occurs.

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To few people with vested interest making decisions for the majority.

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No jobs - need better roads

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Roads. Proper maintenance and upkeep would be a plus in trying to bring in prospective homeowners, landowners or businesses. The lack of fiber optic is a problem. Having it would also be a plus in trying to bring in prospective

homeowners and businesses.

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1. Loss or reduction of population 2. Economic growth 3. Commercial development

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1. Cable & Internet service via cable line vs. satellite dish 2. Taxes - property

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Completion of, and addition of more black topped roads. Industrial growth and population would of course improve this chance?

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Roads and trash on roadways

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Few or no decent jobs or poor prospects in the future.

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No major issues except that taxes are too high that is why we need more population and lower taxes would help that.

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Possibly of open pit mining

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Employment, mining, education

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I have heard that the School District will need to have a referendum in the near future. Since many of the district students reside in Town of Morse, I would like to see the town board and residents actively involved in the discussion and passage of this referendum.

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We need more good paying jobs in the area. Our town is dying because no business pays enough for a family to survive!

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Fund what we have at same tax rate

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Roads

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Support for the growing elderly in the Town to maximize independence in the community.

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All homes should have access to fiber optic services for home entertainment and internet. No mining!

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Need to get the Town involved. Door to door.

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Internet access in my area is available only via mobile carrier or satellite, and is both slow, expensive, and data-limited. This puts the area at a huge disadvantage for economic development, education, etc. We need access to the same high-speed DSL internet with no data limit that the rest of the U.S. have.

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Mining, Roads

## Q29 - 2. Please describe your solutions to the issues you identified above. Use additional pages if needed

2. Please describe your solutions to the issues you identified above. Use a...

Provide TIF's to encourage industry to expand or move to Town. Provide local training to meet needs of current industry.

Tax breaks for companies.

Help businesses that want to come into community (mining)

Spray

Keep up the good work.

The chamber could perhaps assist them in recruiting/maintaining workers.

This will only be solved by upturn in the economy.

1. Do not allow state/county to leave the adjacent area of our highways such a mess. bulldoze stumps and plant like they do in Sawyer/ Vilas Co. 2. Look at establishing bike trails. 3. Connect ATV trails with Hurley 4. Plant fish in our waterways 5. Think big- dam a river to make a flowage.

Incentivize businesses to locate

Every board member should routinely inspect roads and road projects throughout the year. This would help identify trouble spots or areas and maybe avoid major projects in the future.

incentive growth for business, ex tax breaks

Be more helpful

Possible TIF for light manufacturing or tech business.

Prepare students better for life after graduation either to enter the workforce or advanced education.

Vigilance and repair to small trouble spots on roads before they become larger problems. Comprehensive cost study on what or if there is actual extra cost to plow private driveways. Maybe this has been done already, but there is a need to know.

Invest in cute- small year round cabins/homes for recreational use. This would spur job growth, building, maintaining grounds, cleaning cottages. Which would bring foot traffic, which would increase demand for restaurants, etc.

Promote more tourism and non-polluting jobs. Help promote "the North Country Trail".

zero mining

Better infrastructure (power, water, communication/internet). Tax incentives for industry/business.

Work with BART in getting possible grants and funding

Better maintenance

Not really a town issue but if courts sentenced drug offences more seriously- lots of these people would be in prison.

Landowners must clean up property

Stop those mining plans

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Lake Association must get to these people who are putting crap in Lake Galilee. It's getting worse every year

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I think that blacktopping and ditching with smaller rocks to prevent erosion. The dust in the dry season is not good for vehicles and the environment.

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You seem to be doing a good job already (assist vendors with more town placement)

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When in town- walk the sidewalks greet people- visit businesses. Wave & smile. Work with and get to know the kids. Stop and throw a ball.

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Roads should be chiseled by supervisors and the Town Chambers

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More gravel should be applied.

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Put on more gravel and don't grade the road led into the ditches.

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The elected town officials should do yearly inspections and should direct the employee's as to how, what, and when these job should be done.

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Possible combined land and building of the nursing home paid by users. Also the employment of people who help in the service of the renter could be a big economic factor. A survey could be used from local and surrounding area.

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Have a local tonnage tax on every ton of ore removed to cover costs and potential costs that will be incurred by to township.

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Seek more input for those that feel disenfranchised.

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Promoting the mine would take care of all jobs and roads.

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Proper supervision of road crew. Regular inspections/assessments of roads, culverts, ditches, signs, etc. Encourage (seek funding) for telecommunications companies to install fiber optic within the town - for all areas of the town.

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By finding and developing ways to promote economic growth and development, should promote population growth. Find more ways to promote in this area.

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We should discourage residents in taking managed forest tax breaks - if everyone pays property taxes, everyone pays less.

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More funding for roads that need to be fixed

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Need a mine opened - and federal government protection from steel dumping by foreign countries.

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More businesses, economic growth and population therefore lower taxes. Need to promote all kinds of businesses.

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Not sure of solution

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Stifling progress among groups, including governing bodies. Promote Charter School - encourage use of WITC

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1. Someone from Board (Town) should be in regular attendance at School Board meetings and report back to Town Board. 2. Create some sort of coalition committee with school board if deemed wise 3. Town Board members on SOS committee

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Don't overspend

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Seek public/private funding for in-home services. Maximize volunteer help for community members in need.

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Notify carriers to have them submit quotes for the area. Do not allow mining!

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Door to door, that's the way it use to be. It's not all about the money and what to do with it.

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Mining - If proceeds and done environmentally safe, could be beneficial to the area; additional jobs and people to the area Roads - Continue to maintain

### Q30 - 3. Are there any issues you wish to comment on or points you would like to make that were not covered in the survey?

3. Are there any issues you wish to comment on or points you would like to...

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I have been coming to the Town for over 20 years. I would like to retire to the area and hope to see the community stay small but flourish.

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As a part-time resident, it would be nice if our % of the school tax \$\$ was slightly less.

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Would like better cell phone service

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Great job with snow removal!

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Money spent on 'beautification' could be used for advertising services/business in the area and recruiting workers.

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Morse needs to cooperate and plan with other townships in Ashland Co. to make this area attractive to tourists and possible manufactures. Must present ourselves well and identify our strong resources. Get county, state, federal govt. agencies on board.

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I have seen many trees that the mower was used on to prune. This is very visually unappealing. Some of the board activities as a board do not follow open meeting rules and I feel we need better representation from our board. Do it lawfully!

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No

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No.

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improve tourism

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Thanks to the committee for their hard work.

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I vacation up there several times a year. I enjoy the peace and quiet. Would like to see that continue. Love the fishing and the small town atmosphere.

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Cannot afford to live and maintain our home because of high taxes, high insurance and cost of upkeep. Home is paid for but all costs are up and living on Social Security, which we earned, is too low.

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Blacktop roads?

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I really appreciated the newsletter, I learned a lot of things that I suspect 'everybody knows' but doesn't.

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There are meetings not posted uptown. Not many people drive to the town hall.

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Regarding your Town newsletter, what issues were you in negotiations with, as they related to Gogebic Taconite?

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The dangers and "pot holes" are hard on vehicles. I drive slowly because it seems to be better for my vehicle.

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Town employees how to properly operate town machinery. The mower should not be used to chop trees.

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Why don't jobs have to be posted so all the people within the town could be on the job.

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I feel it would be more productive for the town workers to carry a lunch rather than drive equipment all the back to town for breaks.

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What about establishing a TIF zone?

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In general I believe the Town of Morse Board and citizens are doing an excellent job of working with our available means at present. A new political climate (flushing!) across the state and country might change the above available



assets.

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I value the privacy and rural-ness of the area. I would not be interested in encouraging population and economic growth. I am willing to travel to Ashland or other larger cities to get my needs met. I do not want this area to become overpopulated. I like it how it is and do not want to see much change.

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Our area is not a private playground - we need to allow advancement that improves the lives of our local citizens.

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No Internet available. It is here but no new subscribers. I have to use a hot spot.

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Overall town is going good

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Yes, we need to enhance internet broadband access to facilitate economic development and community developments.

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Cannot just cut down all these trees More tree planting Care for habitat Highway 13 looks like a disaster hit No worry about invasives?

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The fact that you are doing this survey and looking into these issues is a good think. We think it's important to keep and open mind when it comes to economic development and be open and inviting to new people coming into the area. We think the city's unwillingness to do this has hurt the area.

**Q31 - 1. Please check the appropriate box(es)**

Answer	%	Count
I am a year-round resident	54.27%	89
I am a summer resident	10.37%	17
I am a non-resident landowner of the Town	35.37%	58
I live in the Town and rent	0.00%	0
Total	100%	164

Field	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count	Bottom 3 Box	Top 3 Box
1. Please check the appropriate box(es)	1.00	3.00	1.81	0.93	0.86	164	100.00%	45.73%

### Q33 - 3. In what year were you born?

3. In what year were you born?

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### Q34 - 4. What is your gender?

Answer	%	Count
Male	69.33%	104
Female	30.67%	46
Total	100%	150

Field	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count	Bottom 3 Box	Top 3 Box
4. What is your gender?	1.00	2.00	1.31	0.46	0.21	150	100.00%	100.00%



**Q36 - 5. Please circle below the number of the last school grade you have completed:**

Answer	%	Count
1	0.00%	0
2	0.00%	0
3	0.00%	0
4	0.00%	0
5	0.00%	0
6	0.00%	0
7	0.00%	0
8	0.00%	0
9	0.00%	0
10	0.00%	0
11	1.34%	2
12	24.16%	36
Some college	20.81%	31
Associate's degree	12.08%	18
Bachelor's degree	30.20%	45
Graduate degree	11.41%	17
Total	100%	149

Field	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count	Bottom 3 Box	Top 3 Box
5. Please circle below the number of the last school grade you have complet...	11.00	16.00	13.80	1.42	2.01	149	0.00%	53.69%

## Q47 - Total Household Size?

Total Household Size?

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**Q39 - 6. How many people live in your household over the age of 18?**

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**Q40 - 7. How many people live in your household under the age of 18?**

7. How many people live in your household under the age of 18?

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### Q41 - 8. Does your household have internet service?

Answer	%	Count
Yes	81.05%	124
No	18.95%	29
Total	100%	153

Field	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count	Bottom 3 Box	Top 3 Box
8. Does your household have internet service?	1.00	2.00	1.19	0.39	0.15	153	100.00%	100.00%

**Q42 - a. If so, who is your carrier and how satisfied are you with your service? Please circle your answer**

Question	Excellent		Good		Fair		Poor		Total
Charter	100.00%	3	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	3
Century Link	8.93%	5	17.86%	10	44.64%	25	28.57%	16	56
Direct TV	0.00%	0	50.00%	1	50.00%	1	0.00%	0	2
Excede	0.00%	0	50.00%	3	33.33%	2	16.67%	1	6
Hughes Network	0.00%	0	100.00%	2	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	2
Satellite Dish	16.67%	1	50.00%	3	0.00%	0	33.33%	2	6
Verizon	18.75%	3	31.25%	5	31.25%	5	18.75%	3	16
Wild Blue	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	100.00%	2	0.00%	0	2
ATT	0.00%	0	60.00%	3	40.00%	2	0.00%	0	5
Other	12.50%	1	62.50%	5	25.00%	2	0.00%	0	8

Field	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count	Bottom 3 Box	Top 3 Box
Charter	1.00	1.00	1.00	0.00	0.00	3	100.00%	0.00%
Century Link	1.00	4.00	2.93	0.90	0.82	56	71.43%	91.07%
Direct TV	2.00	3.00	2.50	0.50	0.25	2	100.00%	100.00%
Excede	2.00	4.00	2.67	0.75	0.56	6	83.33%	100.00%
Hughes Network	2.00	2.00	2.00	0.00	0.00	2	100.00%	100.00%
Satellite Dish	1.00	4.00	2.50	1.12	1.25	6	66.67%	83.33%
Verizon	1.00	4.00	2.50	1.00	1.00	16	81.25%	81.25%
Wild Blue	3.00	3.00	3.00	0.00	0.00	2	100.00%	100.00%
ATT	2.00	3.00	2.40	0.49	0.24	5	100.00%	100.00%
Other	1.00	3.00	2.13	0.60	0.36	8	100.00%	87.50%

## Q48 - Please write any other thoughts you have related to internet service in your area

Please write any other thoughts you have related to internet service in you...

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We have a booster for cell phone

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Time Warner Cable

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Carrier: US Family

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Have Frontier in MT

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Do not have internet available.

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Brighthouse Internet

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Time Warner

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Verizon hot spot when @ cabin

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Amherst Tele

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Hughes is expensive and can be subject to weather (snow) conditions

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Country Wireless

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Want to get this but have poor cellphone service at moment

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(Entry error: only Verizon, omit Other)

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Really want internet. Always have problems with phone and data signals through ATT at our place on Popko Rd. Would really like a solid internet option so I can spend more time at our house there. I work from home online and phone but can't in Mellen due to poor service quality.

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Would like to have

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(very) poor

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Would like a cable line

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Phone okay, internet way too slow, cell phone service horrible

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Century link is absolutely horrible company!