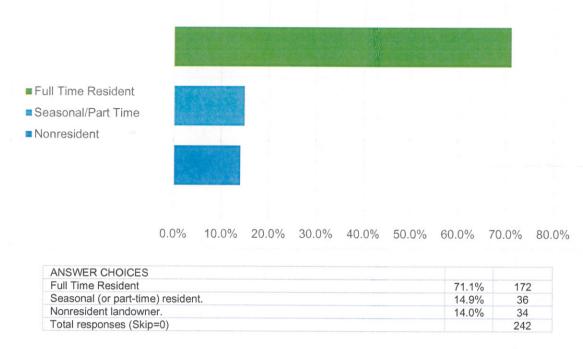
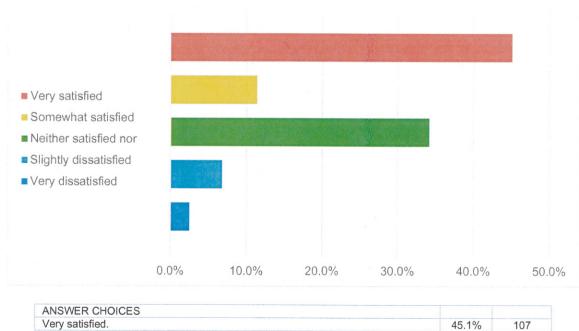
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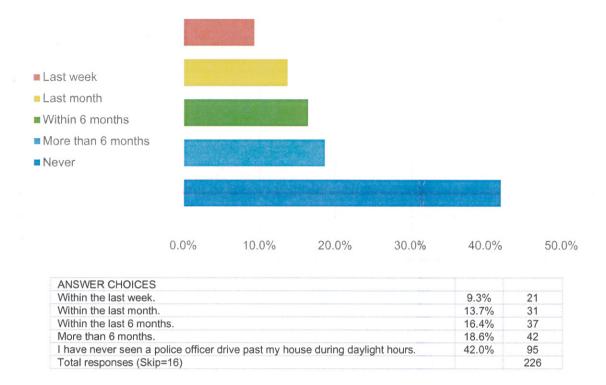


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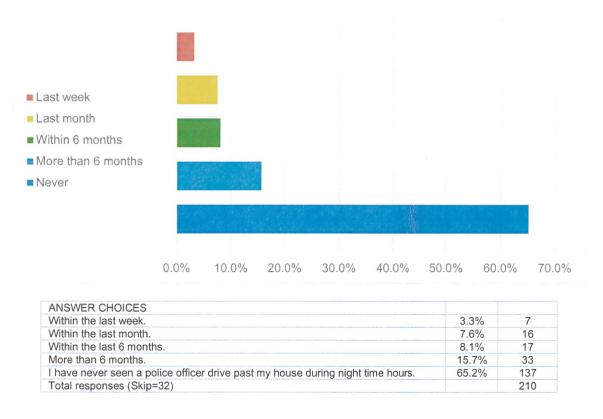


ANSWER CHOICES		
Very satisfied.	45.1%	107
Somewhat satisfied.	11.4%	27
Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied.	34.2%	81
Slightly dissatisfied.	6.8%	16
Very dissatisfied.	2.5%	6
Total responses (Skip=5)		237

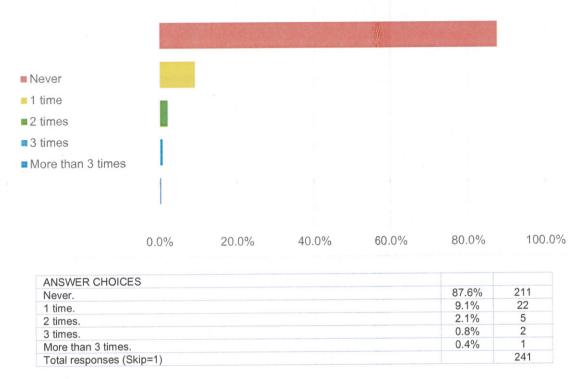
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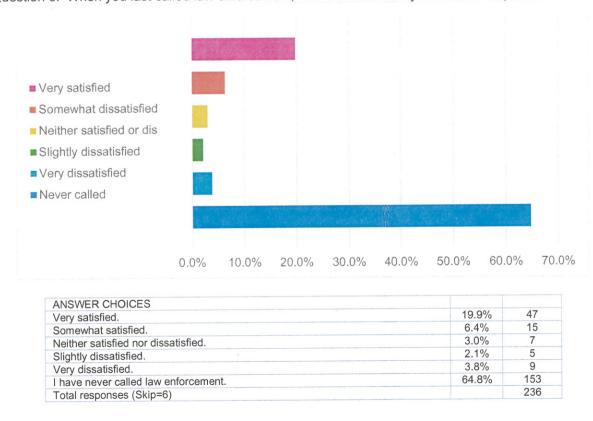
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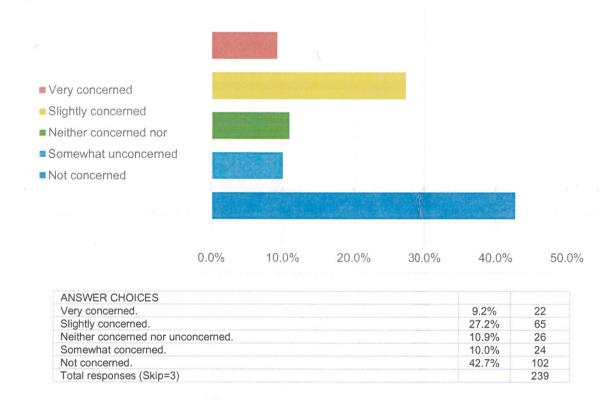


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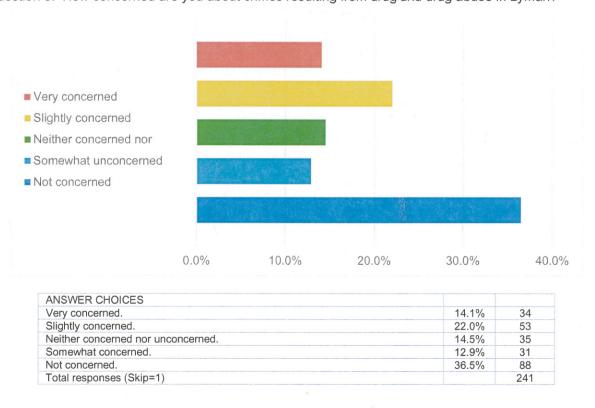


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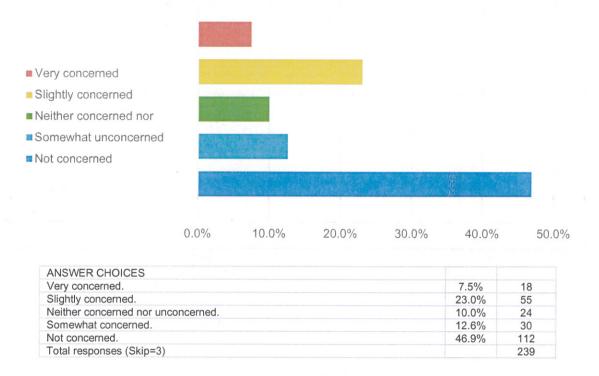
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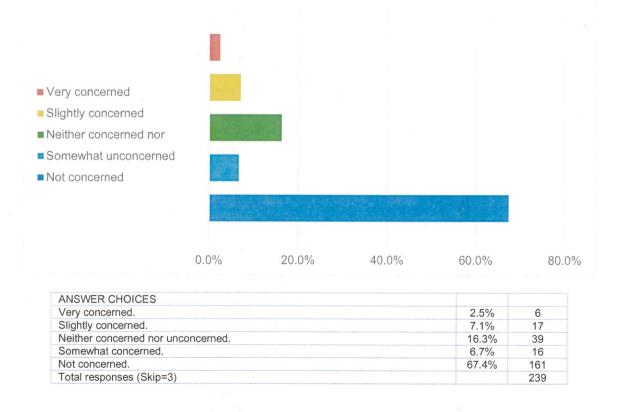
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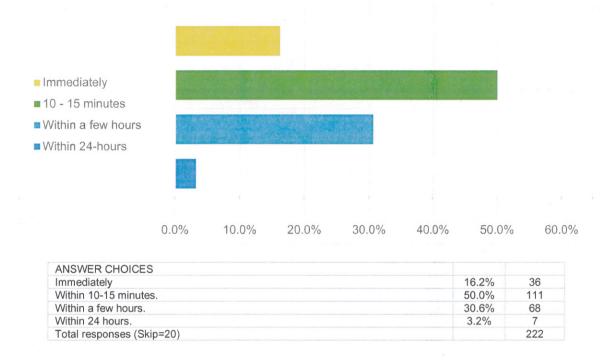
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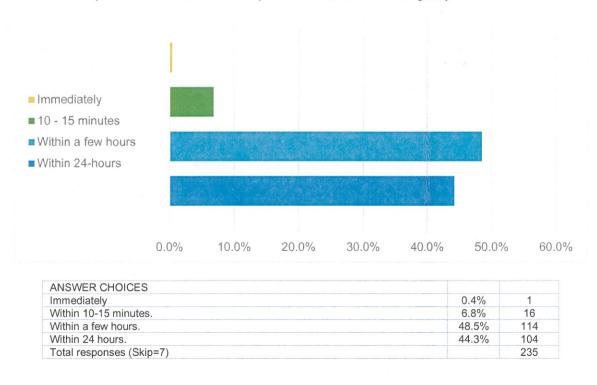
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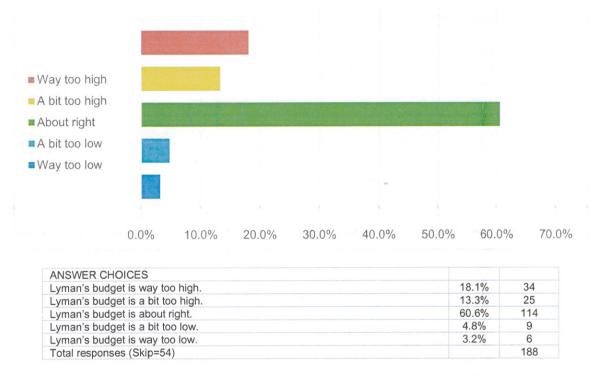
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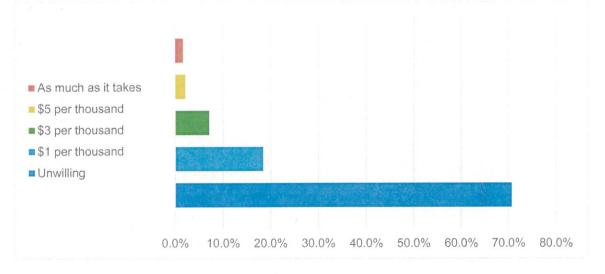
Question 12: I expect law enforcement to respond to a call for non-emergency service:



Question 13: Thinking about value you receive from law enforcement in Lyman.

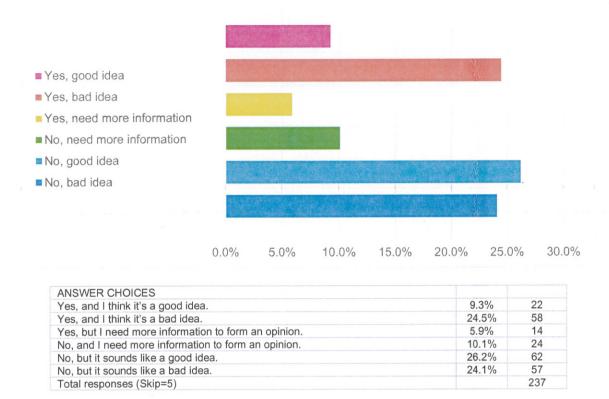


Question 14: When it comes to property tax (tax rate per \$1,000 assessed value of your property) to pay for law enforcement:



ANSWER CHOICES		
I am WILLING to have my property tax increase as much as it takes.	1.7%	4
I am willing for my property tax rate to increase by as much as \$5 per \$1,000 assessed value.	2.1%	5
I am willing for my property tax rate to increase by as much as \$3 per \$1,000 assessed value.	7.1%	17
I am willing for my property tax rate to increase by as much as \$1 per \$1,000 assessed value.	18.4%	44
I am UNWILLING to have my property tax increase by any amount.	70.7%	169
Total responses (Skip=3)		239

Question 15: Before today, were you aware that the towns of Bath, Lisbon and Lyman have established a committee to determine the feasibility of creating a Regional Police Department?



## Regional Police Department Feasibility Study Committee Comments on Lyman Resident Surveys

## Comments in comment box or attached letters:

I would like to understand what is driving the committee to study this? What's the state of things have changed? Is the date is unavailable. Tough to make a supportive decision [signed]

There is not enough information invited to answer# 13 and #14. Regarding #13. There is no information about the present budget for law-enforcement and what services are provided by troop F. Regarding #14. How much we would be willing to spend depends on what services will be provided, and there is no information about that. It is very unlikely that any recommendation that comes out of a study would result in an extra expense to Lyman of only \$1 increase in tax rate. According to the 2021 annual town report found on the website, Lyman's non-exempt tax base is about \$76 million. That means that a one dollar increase in the tax rate would generate only about \$76,000 in revenue which would not even cover the expense of one police officer (salary, benefits and equipment). The selection of \$1, \$3, \$5 seems arbitrary given there is no explanation about the services will result from each. It is likely that any regional effort will benefit only Lisbon by spreading administrative, other overhead cost in capital expenses over more taxpayers. Providing meaningful patrol services over Lyman's many roads would likely cost more than most Lyman taxpavers could afford. Lyman also needs to be wary of any expense sharing formula that is developed to avoid an unfair burden as is now happening with the school tax. We wonder how many other small towns in NH have no police department question? [signed]

I don't believe hiring a police department person is the answer for our town of Lyman. The current law-enforcement we have (troop F NH state police) is doing just fine. Combine with the good neighbors of this town and NH state police, we police it. "See something say something" the criminals we have and had will be here until the courts do the justice. We will end up paying additional cost for something already in place and fulfilled. This is a waste of my dollars and yours! I have lived here for more than 26 years and during those years I personally called NH state police, NH Fish and game, and most recently had 911 called to my address for the first time. Response was timely based on the needs. This town is filled with good people and we outweigh the bad! We are living in a very safe town! [signed]

By no means does Kent Ogontz realty support this. We are totally against supporting this. The bang is not worth the buck. Furthermore the cost on us alone is not viable. However if the town of Lyman needs assistance with its security I am personally willing to assist with a community watch program or I am willing to assist as a constable for the town of Lyman. Very respectfully. [signed]

Honestly we have had no problems and feel very safe in our surroundings. Where we live our neighbors all seem to do a great job looking out for one another. Does a town with a 600 residents really need a full-time police officer to say nothing of 2 or 3? Unless there are prevailing circumstances we don't know anything about, we don't think so. [signed]

Thank you for this information. As an absent land owner who just hikes, I want what is best for our elderly residence. Please contact me with questions. [signed]

You will see that I did not respond to many of the questions as relative to Lyman I only own forest land presently. I know very little about Lyman's problems. [signed]

At last year's town meeting, I believe it was said if one town backed out, it was over. Landaff, Monroe backed out from what you saw as far as I'm concerned, end of story. No go. [signed]

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I lived next to the biggest criminal as a kid and now that he is gone and my company got rid of his house the town wants to bring in police. I think not. If you want to raise my taxes to coat a policeman's pocket to ride around and be nosy would not be a wise decision for the town of Lyman. [signed]

We don't need full-time department. [signed]

Dear feasibility committee, well I cannot recall the last time I saw a cruiser go by my property at night, it simply doesn't matter if there is no need for them. How can you justify patrolling a Town with a 2020 population of 606 residents with little to no crime? Well I commend the efforts of your committee, trying to create unnecessary jobs for you and your colleagues, I believe you are pulling the trigger prematurely. There is simply no need for police coverage. Policing Lyman would create an exorbitant increase in taxes which would only increase exponentially year after year. I can only believe you are trying to instill a fear factor in residence in an attempt steer their vote in your favor. Troop F serves as officially for what we need. In Lyman we take care of our own. Police coverage may be needed in the future, but now is not the time! Warm regards, a concerned taxpayer. P. S. I hope the committee paid for the stationary and postage for the survey, not the Lyman taxpayer.

In the +20 years we've lived in Lyman, we have never needed the service of a police officer for any reason. We are not concerned, nor do we have any reason to be concerned about burglary, drug abuse or vandalism. As a point of interest, "...the New Hampshire property tax burden is the seventh highest in the entire US." Although Lyman, NH (in 2022) ranks 101st (one listed from lowest to highest) out of 232 towns/cities in New Hampshire for property tax rate, Lisbon NH has the second highest property taxes in the entire state. Clearly, Lisbon has their "lions share" of tax burden fueled primary by school taxes. Lyman, find themselves in a binding, unbreakable school contract with Lisbon, it's continually being held to school related tax hikes. Lyman does not need a similar, unbreakable police contract. From 2022 to 2023, the Lyman tax rate has increased by 11.16%. In 2023, Lyman is scheduling reevaluation of property values.

As far as I know, we have currently no law-enforcement in Lyman. I have called the sheriff, been advised to call 911 or twin Mountain state police an hour away. I resent that to improve this is to further increase unfair/unshared property taxes.

NH state police is responsible to provide these services already being paid for by residence. If not acceptable services the process is to contact NHSP chain of command not create another entity they will increase taxes.

We are not aware of vandalism and crime in Lyman as a non-resident. That said I have seven camera, motion detectors, door and window sensors to protect our property, 200 miles away.

Our cabin on Oregon Road has been broken into several times. We can't leave anything of value in the cabin, it gets stolen. Also windows broken, mess is made by people. Police checking cabin would be nice.

I moved here from Southern NH about 20 years ago. I saw firsthand in Londonderry how out of control a police department can become. Make no mistake if you approve a formal police department, it will become a huge tax burden very quickly! They may start small but in no time they demand more benefits and more retirement funding. We don't need this!! Thank you for asking.

I have lived in Lyman since 1994 full-time, I have found Lyman to be peaceful without the occurrence of crime.

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A bit of a stretch for such a small population.

Been here 30 years. Never had a problem. If we did, Lisbon PD can help out.

I am satisfied with current service from state police. I am not concerned about any crimes or no problems in Lyman. Very safe! State police do a great job! Thank you!

Overreaction!!

There is no need for regional Law enforcement.

State police do a great job. And I feel in a real emergency situation local local law-enforcement would be dispatched.

I am a non-resident. Therefore I am not aware of the day-to-day ongoing in town.

If it ain't broke, don't fix it!

Would Lisbon PD be willing to operate as they do in Landaff?

Our tax rate this November is ridiculous! Lyman needs to reduce its cost, not increase it. Lyman has no need for a local police force.

Lisbon has enough political issues that do not need to extend into the town of Lyman. This includes favoritism in hiring of or promoting family members including law-enforcement.

Absolutely not needed in Lyman. I plan on attending any town meeting that involved this matter.

This is a waste of time and money.

We don't need to be paying other towns police department!!

I am against any tax hikes!

Tax rate in Lyman is too high for any increase for any reason.

I think \$2 per 1000 is OK. Patrols in town do not seem necessary. Only responses to calls and complaints seem needed.

We like how we now have control. Be not in a hurry to give over control of yourself to others. The new organization may quickly morph into something not recognizable.

On fixed income, cannot afford more taxes!! Already too high!! Only service is road plowing, which is very good!

When brought to us it included other towns. Lisbon just wants us to pay for new cruisers.

Lisbon has a much higher tax rate than Lyman so entering into a venture with Lisbon would cost Lyman more than is affordable.

Good work so far. Would be interested to know response time for emergency if police were located in another town versus current response time from state police.

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Bath is an extremely large town, I can't see how they would regionalize. Lisbon - Lyman should work together better because of proximity; however manpower needs would increase and where would main station be located?

If we combine forces to save money, why should we have increased additional expenditures?

How much time and budget does New Hampshire state police spend on Lyman?

Note that a crime wave in one area would dilute the response in another area with a regional PD. Do we really want that?

Who else remembers hoodie? But seriously, I think this is a great idea. I just don't have much info about it. Owners like us with vacation homes are probably the most vulnerable to crime.

As a seasonal cabin on Dodge pond, I have not had a need to contact law-enforcement.

My house was robbed in 2012, and is highly visible from a busy road. I found a bloody fingerprint on my front door and evidence of someone trying to break in after I was away on a trip in 2014. The troopers from Troop F practically hung up on me, saying nothing could be done. I have almost been hit by cars (always the same people) getting my mail. The driving has become so dangerous. Something needs to be done. Please.

I am unaware of local issues that warrant a police coverage, but I'm glad there is a committee to evaluate the need.

What is the anticipated size of force required?

Who suggested this idea? Sounds like towns already with police department, just want to have other towns pay for their cost. We are satisfied with the NH police.

Lisbon cost Lyman enough already for school, transfer station etc. cost too much!

Any increases in taxes are bad ideas. This is rural New Hampshire. We can and should be prepared to handle most situations ourselves. State Police can be contacted for emergency needs and can respond when possible.

This whole movement is based on fear mongering. I have not locked my house in 25 years, except when I am out of town for several days or more. Lyman does not need increased police presence or protection. Increase policing will not be cost-effective. The only thing to fear is fear itself (not to mention the fear of an ever increasing tax rate). Stop wasting everybody's time and money!

I only own unimproved land in Lyman so I'm not very concerned but I do pay the tax and look for land value to increase

Taxes are too high at this time. Some people are on fixed income but you don't think about that when you do this.

No need any additional law-enforcement! Waste of money!

Lyman has been doing just fine with state police. Lyman as is is a wonderful little town. Keeping it that way is key! No police needed, no additional taxes needed.

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I came from New York, where I never felt safe. And Lyman I feel 100% safe!

I only have Land in Lyman. I thought Lyman was serviced by Lisbon. My house is in the town of Lisbon.

Some peoples meaning of an emergency could be very different and not really an emergency.

Lyman has not needed a police officer since the early 1970s. The community is small and close knit. I have no expectation for a police force, the New Hampshire state police and Grafton County Sheriff are enough.

Law enforcement won't have a major effect on drugs or drug use and theft as the people involved in these activities know how to avoid the law. This still happens in towns with law-enforcement.

Have not had any problems the way it is. Do not need taxes going up at all!!! Useless!!!

All set thanks.

This is a complete and disgrace to how Lyman has been. Don't move here and change something into something we don't need.

I really believe that it is unnecessary. Cost will always increase.

The tax burden from this would be astronomical. We do not need a regional police department. State police do a great job with coverage.

Now that Alex Lantis is gone, do you want police coverage! Great idea, not!!

The 38 years that I have been here haven't needed police once! Buy patrol time from the state troopers or from Lisbon on an hourly rate. Maybe budget \$3000 to \$4000 per year. Speeding is my number one concern.

We feel that there should be more police presence in Lyman. It is well known that there is not police presence and that has caused problems already. Would it be feasible to have Lisbon cover Lyman like they do in Landaff.

We've lived in Lyman 24 years. Brandon Walker used to be a Lisbon police officer living on Pond Rd., Lyman. There have been a number of incidents recently the last 3 to 4 years when the state police have had to be involved in the neighborhood because of a neighbor miss using property or other issues.

Unless the state police are encouraging Lyman to create regional police department, or, there is a significant increase in crime, we do not see the need. Taxes are too high already!

Would be nice to have a Lyman police department. To share of course with other towns.

We are new to Lyman. We have no idea of how the state police are paid. We were attracted to Lyman because of the low taxes. We are comfortable with the lack of town resources. We love it here.

We do not have a house yet. It would be a very good idea to have a consistent law-enforcement presence.

Thanks for considering our feedback. I've always felt safe in Lyman. I am pleasantly surprised when I do encounter a patrol car on the streets. My only true concern would be in the length of time to respond in emergency.

It would be great to be able to tell police if we are going on vacation so they could check on my house occasionally.

Thank you, select board.

Unfortunately, even with religion regional police response time to any life-threatening emergency will take too long. Nonemergency crime can just as easily be investigated by state police. Furthermore, periodic patrols (stress periodic) will do a little to catch crime, or deterrent. Likely it will just lead to more scrutiny of law abiding citizens, and drive taxes up for a little return.

The only thing this will accomplish is raising taxes. Lyman is one of, if not that, safest place in the country. Also most citizens own firearms, and can protect themselves.

This is an unnecessary expense for the taxpayers of Lyman!

Things are fine! Leave it alone.

Not in favor of it.

We live next to a crack house and nobody does a thing about it not even state police. Thanks.

State police are doing a great job in Lyman.

In the past the town had some shady people that were stealing catalytic converter's and the law-enforcement couldn't do anything about it. Now most of them don't live here!

No need at all for a police department.

The town of Lyman is fine the way it is. We don't need more in government and higher taxes!

Keep tax is low/unchanged if at all possible. The NH state troopers have been very responsive for all calls and issues over the past seven years.

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Need better cell service or safety.

We do not need a police department!

Leave well enough alone.

Stop this!

Bullshit

Comments pertaining to specific questions:

Question 2. We do not need more law-enforcement in the town.

Question 3. Out of town police car: resident returning home.

Question 3. There isn't a problem why would they? If I call, they are there.

Question 3. I cannot see the road from my house.

Question 3. Dead end and not needed.

Question 3. We live on a private road, so no presence.

Question 3. I have no house there, just land.

Question 3. We are just on land and are not there a lot.

Question 3. Can't see the road.

Question 3. This question is invalid as my view of the road is blocked by trees.

Question 3. Cannot see road from house.

Question 3. Don't live here.

Question 3. Except when Todd Landry was a state trooper!

Question 3. A private road.

Question 3. I can't see the road too many trees block the view.

Question 3. Do not live roadside.

Question 3. Cannot see the road from my house.

Question 3. Not at home and during day! I work!

Question 3. I work during the day and we are in a private road so they don't come down our road.

Question 3. Not applicable, at work during the day.

Question 3. Can't see road from house. Did pass a trooper.

Question 3. We cannot see the road.

Question 4. I don't know it is dark.

Question 4. Not applicable, hard to see in the dark with no street lights.

Question 4. At night time we can't tell who was driving by because it's dark out.

Question 4. Not out watching at nighttime hours!

Question 4. Cannot see the road from my house.

Question 4. Do not live roadside.

Question 4. I can't see the road, too many trees block the view.

Question 4. Can't see the road from my house at night, too dark.

Question 4. Private Road.

Question 4. Can't see the road.

Question 4. Not a valid question. You cannot tell what the vehicle is at night.

Question 4. But then we couldn't owing to how our house is sited.

Question 4. Cannot see road from house.

Question 4. We cannot see the road.

Question 4. How would I know. Dark out unless blues are on.

Question 4. I cannot see the road from my house.

Question 4. Unlikely we would see a nighttime drive-by unless they were showing lights and sounding siren.

Question 4. Non-resident.

Question 4. Again.. Lyman does not need patrol. It would be a waste of time in tax dollars.

Question 4. This question is invalid as my view of the road is blocked by trees.

Question 4. I sleep at night.

Question 4. Stupid question, can't tell by headlights.

Question 5. None in last year but several times since husband's death!

Question 5. As an association president.

Question 5. When we hit a tree that fell across Lyman Road last April.

Question 5. On my father-in-law passed away they responded.

Question 7. Risk in any town!

Question 8. Risk in any town!

Question 8. Global crisis with fentanyl, meth, alcohol.

Question 8. having a police force will do nothing to help us. The criminals get arrested and released.

Question 8. Not as I was more than a year ago.

Question 8. It is everywhere but nothing patrol with solve or remedy.

Question 8. Court system doesn't do anything with them anyways.

Question 9. Risk in any town!

Question 9. Beating a dead horse. The chances of a police officer on patrol driving by at the exact time of break in his slim to none. Patrol with solve nothing.

Question 10. Risk in any town!

Question 10. Have guns.

Question 11. This is poorly written, how about one hour or 30 minutes?

Question 11. Dire emergency. Something witnessed or strange.

Question 11. 10 to 15 minutes is the most anyone could expect anywhere.

Question 11. Within the hour.

Question 11. Within an hour would be reasonable.

Question 12. Why would a call be necessary for a non-emergency service?

Question 12. NH state police respond as expected based on service needed.

Question 13. What is current budget?

Question 13. We are covered by state police.

Question 13. This is not necessary!

Question 13. Don't know cost.

Question 13. What is the budget?

Question 13. Was not aware there was a budget item for law-enforcement and Lyman.

Question 13. I do not know anything about Lyman's law enforcement budget.

Question 13. I can't see what the budget is, so cannot answer. As far as I know the line item is zero.

Question 13. I do not know what the budget is.

Question 13. I don't know what Lyman's budget is.

Question 13. Can't answer it without knowing: what is the budget amount for law-enforcement?

Question 13. We, Lyman, cannot afford this!

Question 14. Our taxes this year are extremely high already.

Question 15. Look what regional school district cost us.

Question 15. Terrible idea!!!

Question 15. No, my opinion was to keep business as usual.

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