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1	Timestamp	What aspects of Amherst's current approach to government do you like?
2	5/12/2016 7:54:40	I think both the Budget Coordinating Group and the Joint Capital Planning Committee are excellent examples of collaborative leadership that allow citizen engagement but move projects and work FORWARD with and by people who are knowledgeable and focused on the whole of the town, not just one thing. The community can then see how they voted, what they supported and understand the process. There is strong value in a professional town manager, similar to having a school superintendent and chief of police and fire.
3	5/12/2016 12:24:56	I want a Town government without Open Government, that is free to negotiate deals behind closed doors on a closed Yahoo listserv, like Town Meeting.
4	5/12/2016 12:26:03	I want a Town Government that is immune to conflict of interest, under MGL 268a, like Town Meeting.
5	5/12/2016 12:26:47	I want a Town government without fiduciary duty, like Town Meeting.
6	5/12/2016 12:27:18	I want a Town government where elected officials are free to use their elected office to influence a state-mandated board for personal reasons, like Town Meeting.
7	5/12/2016 12:51:27	N/A
8	5/12/2016 15:30:13	I think the various boards: Select, School, Finance, Zoning, JCPC, BCG, Library, etc, work hard and generally do a good job. I think there are a ton of options for the public to weigh in on many, many meetings that take place.
9	5/12/2016 18:37:56	One signature means a low bar to run for Town Meeting. Many opportunities to serve on meaningful committees. Many people engaged in the process. Town staff respects work of committees.

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10	5/12/2016 22:05:24	I like that my involvement in Town Meeting and committees provides an ongoing education that broadens my thinking, tolerance and sense of connection to community at every level, that is greater than my likes and dislikes.
11	5/13/2016 13:53:41	1.Ease of participation - Anyone can participate. Two votes can elect someone to Town Meeting. There are many openings on town permitting boards and committees. 2.Resistance to careless change - Careless change is rare because the system as it operates is biased to inaction. Gravity lies with those opposed to change.
12	5/16/2016 21:10:56	Passion, enthusiasm, and dedication from those involved.

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13	5/18/2016 8:51:00	
14	5/18/2016 10:12:30	Professionalism of Town staff. Dedication of Select Board and many other town boards and committees. There is an incredible talent pool here.

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15	5/22/2016 12:18:06	Town Meeting
16	5/27/2016 16:08:51	Town meeting (and in truth all of Amherst's many governing and administrative entities) aspires to consensus, which is a laudable, if unrealistic, goal. This aspiration arises from the desire to foster community.
17	6/1/2016 20:37:13	
18	6/3/2016 11:45:36	I very much like and believe in direct citizen participation in town government and value the tradition of town meeting that I believe has been instrumental in keeping Amherst a great place to live despite some challenges that we need to overcome as a town.

