

Town of Martinsburg Results - Comments

Q2.a Please indicate the number of years you have resided or owned land in the town.

0 – 5	6 – 10	11 – 15	16 – 20	21 - 25	26+
28	26	14	27	12	74

Q5.a Please indicate other reasons for choosing to live and/or own property in the town?

- Family/ancestral connections
- Farm land need for crops
- Life resident
- Just a house we happened to pick
- Was left property in a will
- This is where God wanted us.
- Father owned it first, cut wood
- Father had land he gave us.
- Lived here all my life
- Was the scenery
- Investments
- Born here
- My parents owned that acreage since approximately 1925. It was willed to us on Tug Hill.
- It's home
- Investment
- All white community
- Bought for snowmobiling
- It's home.
- Lived here all my life (home)
- Have lived here all my life.\
- I like the hunting up there and ATV 4-wheeling, camping
- Bought for back taxes to help a friend
- Farming
- Purchased business
- Born and raised here
- buildings were located there
- Agricultural business
- was born here
- Acted on an affordable business opportunity
- Business located in township
- rural area yet populated
- Own a dairy farm
- Need an affordable place to move my parents to bring them closer to us.
- Health, X-peaceful, quiet, and family here also
- Available land to hunt
- Only so much land available

- Good farm land
- Availability of land
- Wood lot and hunting camp
- Born here
- Born and raised here
- Family lives here
- Inheritance
- Always lived here
- Farming
- Own farm business
- Additional farm land
- family property
- Born and raised in Martinsburg
- Availability - was difficult finding land to build on.
- Country living, no visible neighbors
- Hunting, quiet getaway
- lifelong resident
- Land was given to me 35 years ago
- our farm location
- Family property
- I love Tug Hill, I've always lived here
- Married into the town
- Own apartment house on Rt 12
- An attempt to earn additional income from restoring income producing property and to build long term positive cash flow and equity.
- I was brought up in the town of Martinsburg
- Lived in Martinsburg 24 years
- Born and raised and work here
- Restaurant owner
- Privacy, location
- rural, privacy, quiet
- Connection with community in which we grew up
- Inherited - retirement project
- Like the spot
- Born and raised here
- Investment
- I love the Tug Hill region
- It's my home
- Got the house for a good price
- Rural setting, it was quiet before the wind towers
- Originally low taxes but now they are higher than where I lived before
- To keep property in the family
- A nice yard and affordable at the time I bought it
- Grandparents settled here
- Fertile soil
- This is our home farm for 3 generations
- I like the out of village style

- We were looking for a small farm
- Love the snow on Tug Hill
- Investment - bought land, built camp
- Just a place to go where it is quiet
- Was peacefully serene, no longer
- Born here, purchased family farm

Q9.a Please indicate other issues you are concerned about.

- Water quality
- Condition of town roads
- Wind farm has interfered with TV, we aren't benefiting, taxes went up, and assessment went up.
- Keep ATV and dirt bikes off streets
- Immigrants
- Desire hunting and fishing opportunities
- Water - next to Black River - contamination
- I would like to see white lines on our roads.
- Poor water pressure, quality of water
- Think the wind farm development is good.
- A lot of housing development on farmland.
- No place to ride ATVs
- Commercial property for sale next to us!!
- Roadside trash, junk cars on properties, potholes, abuse of private property by road crews
- Out of town people need to pay their fair share of taxes
- Taxes have doubled in the last 15 years. 1 weeks pay per month just for lodging.
- The humane society should have a paid employee
- No municipal power with wind farm? How did that happen?
- The responsibly of windmills if they are ever abandoned. Who will pay for removal costs?
- Business taxes are out of control
- Snowmobiles are ruining crop land
- Poor job of fixing roads up in the wooded area of town
- Dogs running loose
- Wind farm seems nice. We hope it will stabilize taxes
- Stricter control of junk
- Pollution from large farms, noise.
- Also housing, way people treat each other, especially the poor are treated badly.
- Possibility of village sewer system
- Junk cars, collapsed building structures
- Adding more turbines in this same size farm
- Junk on property
- Noise, fights, troubles at Rocky's Pub in Glenfield
- I doubt snowmobiles and ATVs are considered annoying, the trail goes to a board members home
- We need to establish ATV trails
- Large farm machines are ruining our roads; Tiffany and Glendale Roads
- Poverty
- Water problems, liquid manure pits
- Lack of code enforcement

- We should outlaw the AVA dump
- The constant drift away from biblical Christianity
- Taxes have gone up just because out of state people buy property
- Lack of convenience store for gas, groceries
- Old Glendale cemetery upkeep quality has decreased

Q13.a Please indicate other areas you would like to see growth in.

- Junkyards
- Town of village store, groceries
- Improved maintenance, not more roads
- Camping
- Don't want to see more growth in tourism, ATV trails or snowmobiles
- Someplace to make gas and sugar cane
- Maintain roads better, terrible upkeep
- Energy producing agricultural sites
- Capitalize on assets
- Home improvements and historical preservation
- Education, better housing for the poor, not 600 per month
- Opening trails for ATVs is very important for business
- Restoration of historic buildings
- The state already owns too much land
- I would like to see a small coffee shop in Martinsburg
- Village playground improvement
- State owned land development\
- Sidewalks on all streets
- Less state land, they have too much already
- Development of Church based communities
- Creating jobs appealing to young adults

Q14.a Please indicate other areas of the Town you think are worthy of special protection for the future.

- Protect nothing - make a buck
- You don't have enough space
- All of the above
- Rivers
- Need to define special protection
- ALL. I feel that some of the drilling/blasting/digging for the windmills has changed the quality of our water.
- Community center
- Sears Ponds
- No more snowmobiles, snowmobiles off my land.
- Private land ownership protection
- Protect what brings people here
- Quality of water, village water isn't quality water

- Historical buildings and cemeteries especially need attention, long term projects, develop historical driving tour
- Whitaker Park
- Current homeowner property
- Whitaker Park
- We need to be concerned about spending tax payers monies, taxes are a heavy burden
- Our town park needs more effective supervision, especially the camping area

Q17.a Please indicate other items your household has in the event of a natural disaster.

- Gas stove for cooking
- We need most of the above
- Propane
- Candles
- Gas lighting, gas cooking
- Propane heater
- Wood heat and supply of food
- No one can afford to get ahead
- Propane for hot water and cooking
- Bedrooms if needed by another family
- Elderly, 80+
- A cellar
- Natural running water in basement
- Emergency communications
- Roof to sit on if water gets too high
- No house on property
- Landowner
- A prepared emergency evac bag w/flashlights, blankets, first aid, etc.
- 4-wheel drive trucks, chain saw, tractor
- Bible
- We have a supply of food to last several days; freezer is full, good supply canned foods
- Candles and kerosene lanterns

Q18. Please use the following space for any additional comments you would like to make.

- This survey can be interpreted in too many ways.
- Top priority should be construction of roads on Tug Hill.
- We believe the roads need serious attention.
- Do not reside there.
- Good idea. Forward thinking and planning is essential.
- As an (out of town) landowner, I recently realized the town offices are only open two days a week. (Rather discouraging). The windmill project has caused the seasonal maintenance road condition (Centerville Road) to deteriorate, consisting of large potholes and tire ruts. Additionally, the added or increased vehicular and pedestrian traffic has taken away that “Back woods” or remote location feeling.

- Since I am a landowner and I only come up one or two times a year, I am unable to give an opinion on most of the questions.
- Why was all paperwork for our property in Martinsburg only listed in the name of Walter Beyer, when it is deeded in my name also? I'm to leave Walt's mail alone. He's not able to read so important mail goes unattended like the farm exempt. Please check this out. Thanks.
- I think that there is too much snowmobile running and also too much ATV trails, etc. in the town of Martinsburg. I have lived here all my life and no longer feel safe on the snowmobile trails in the area. Money generated helps only a few people in the area, but negatively affects the riding for the majority of the local population.
- Please if Phase II of the Wind Tower comes in Martinsburg, will you please try and get the power instead of taking tax relief this time! Thank you.
- We need to have snowmobile trails and ATV trails to get them off the main roads and private land. They generally make their own trails wherever, like the old days. Wasn't right then, not right now. Speed limit should be 40 mph at the most on trails. Try doing 55 mph with a car or truck all the way up the flat rock road, it isn't safe. What makes anyone think it's safe to do that speed in the winter with sleds or summer with ATVs?
- Believe we have more than ample ATV riders on the town roads. Would not be in favor of trails, which would invite more riders and create damage to private property. As riders tend to make their own trails and/or detours, at the expense of private property. Also there are only 1 or 2 establishments in the town who benefit from ATVs. Only a few benefit from the influx of ATV riders.
- Wind turbines are all finagled in place by a handful of people in the town of Martinsburg. They took no consideration on the effects of the non-participating neighbors. All they seem to care about is themselves and the MONEY. I'm trying to convince myself that this will be better for all of us in the town of Martinsburg. Every time my house has a shadow rolling threw, or I turn on the TV and watch it blink, or the wind kicks up at 3:00 o'clock in the morning and wake up because whistling of the 100 foot blades. As I put up with the effects from these wind turbines I as myself this: Are our taxes going to do down? Are our electric light bills going to go down? The answer I keep coming up with is NO. The only thing these wind turbines will create is a lot of fighting over how to spend the MONEY! Why do they call themselves Wind farms? Since when does making electricity become farming?
- Road maintenance in the Town of Martinsburg is very, very poor. The road superintendent and the crew need to get some education in how to maintain roads. When on 10-hour days, they should be able to accomplish a lot, but its not happening – waiting for the windmills doesn't cut it. On the plus side, plowing and sanding has been acceptable.
- Just remember, Town of Martinsburg, that there is also Glenfield to think about. Not just what Martinsburg needs. We are always last!
- Our property is located in the Town of Martinsburg on Centerville Road. It would be great if there were a parking area at the intersections of Keener Hill Road and Wildwood Lane so we could park "off the road" during the winter months. This would keep the road safe for snowmobiles, emergency crews and the plow crews.
- Fee/Whittaker Park – No fee for Lewis County residents. Fee for all others – we avoid holiday weekends when there is large rowdy crowd from Rome, Utica, etc.
- Anyone out of Lewis County should pay to go to Whitaker Park. If you have a sump pump you should have access to a generator if the power goes out.
- A nice rural type town/community. Obviously, we need some sort of economic base to grow or improve our town. We keep losing farms, while not gaining other businesses. Our appeal for tourism, i.e.: snowmobiling and ATVs is a huge draw. However, lack of trails and/or snow in recent times affects the viability of those sports to contribute to our economies. Lastly, I feel upset that

with the development of the wind farm some sort of relief from our outrageous energy bills could not have been negotiated.

- I would like them to cover up the culverts and just push the snow away from my mailbox. Sometimes they push it over with the plow and don't take the time to put it back up. They are really nice fellows. I'm 74 years old, and I shouldn't have to be shoveling snow away from my mailbox. I look down the road, and push the snow in places where it shouldn't have to be pushed. But enough of that. I can't explain but I sure could show you. As far as the senior citizens, I haven't seen or heard from anyone who cares about the seniors out side of town.
- Our home was here first – then the ATV/snowmobile trails were put nearby. We gain nothing from this except noise, speed and sleepless nights. We won't be surprised to hear of an accident as the open fields are used as a racecourse. No one seems to care, or patrol, about those of us who put up with the tourists who drive by on their way to various bars on the hill – the ones who really benefit from the traffic. Also, we are in some ways a growing county. (Fort Drum has had its effect). Why is it taking so long for the towns and county to get into the communication game? Many of us are on satellite dishes with no local service. Dial up is still the only avenue for many Internet customers. Please encourage cable companies to expand their regions. They will gain in the long run and so will many people in the county. How about taxes break in the future because of the windmill money?
- Wind farms should be providing municipal power to the bulk of Lewis County. If people are residing in Whitaker Park for the season then they should have to pay to stay for extended stays.
- More work on the Gardner Road and the turn around on the Moran Road. Finish the work started in 2004 – what a mess.
- Charging for trailers parking in Whitaker Park and clean up the riffraff down there.
- The roads have been improved for the windmill project. Before that there was no maintenance on Tug Hill. Occasional grading would have been satisfactory. I understand they are seasonal but they do need some work. I'm glad for the windmill project and hope they can benefit the local people both scenic and tax wise. I'm also in favor of a small fee or dues for ATV and snowmobile to non-taxpayers who visit. They do require extra work for local road crews.
- I think the Town of Martinsburg needs to consider the future of this town, and what is best for the people and their families. The area is lacking in any major development other than the Windmill project. What about a store, a community center, or other benefits for this town. What about a place for our children to go to, where they can have planned activities or play sports!
- About snowmobiles and ATVs. Many of these people that use our area for recreational purposes do not live here, or contribute anything (bar rooms maybe). Landowners, such as myself, supply our land (we own to center of road. The town only has a right-of-way). Why don't you find a way for the users to contribute and use money to reduce our tax burden!
- I'm actually considering selling our 2 family home in Glenfield. There isn't much that the village has to offer.
- I would like to see a water line extended north of the village of Martinsburg on route 26. I have a small farm and a house and my family has two other homes on a small spring. It's enough water except in a dry summer. None of us have very good water pressure so we would all be relieved to have an alternate source of water. I live about ½ mile north of this village.
- I would like to see the roads changed from minimum maintenance to seasonal maintenance so they will stay as nice as the wind power people have made them.
- I do not feel we need to cater to the reckless ATV, snowmobile industry. They are buying land and living here part time skewing the tax. Further I am tired of board members with self-serving motives.
- Would like to see cable TV service extended to all areas of town; roads improved, using wind farm money to offset some of the tax cost before doing unneeded improvement projects.

- I own a camp in the Township of Martinsburg; I bought the land and built the camp because I thought it would be a good thing. Then I found out how much my taxes on the property are. Higher than taxes in town, my land is recreational, on a minimum maintenance road. I see no benefit from the high taxes I pay on my property.
- I can't get cable TV, I can't get DSL, I can't get village water or sewer, I can't even get a dedicated phone line yet my taxes are the same as those that can.
- A concern I have is all the monies that will be coming in from the wind tower project will be spent, instead of setting aside a portion of it for future use and for the next generation.
- The town should have a plan to designate as a shelter in case of a natural disaster where people could keep warm, eat and sleep.
- I'm happy to hear of Martinsburg's choice for caretaker of Whitaker Park. Maybe he can control the extended stay campers! It's getting out of hand.
- The road should have work don right along. I have a bad back and it would like to kill me with pain. Up keep the road and lower fuel prices. Thank you.
- I feel snowmobile run across my land and no one does anything about it.
- Light bill got way too high. Gas prices way too high.
- This town is a historical community and it needs to be preserved. It is a good area for recreation and for farming. Whitaker Park should be free to Martinsburg town people but charge to outsiders.
- With the wind tower financial backing – please maintain roads on Tug Hill and repair holes and washouts. Also, it would be nice if they were maintained from our main roads to the Montague line – not just the first few miles!! And it would be nice if they were maintained in early spring – not the end of July! Money and manpower were always an issue – it should be solved now with the money in the Township!! Please show something for the taxes we pay!!!
- Dog leash law enforced. ATV trails opened.
- I believe the town of Martinsburg is a great town to own property in, however I feel the tax burden is greater as I have property in 3 other towns in Lewis County and my taxes are highest in Martinsburg. I'm satisfied with the services the town provides and again hope the wind towers will help stabilize the tax rate.
- Let's reduce and eliminate any and all old debts. Let's stabilize and reduce taxes. (It seems to me that we should be able to see a sizeable reduction in taxes). This would encourage prosperity and better looking properties and more folks would live here increasing our tax base again. Lets create an environment economically that would be friendly towards small (1-20) employee size businesses. This would increase revenues all around again. These businesses spend locally verses large corporations profits tend to migrate elsewhere. Perhaps a 50% reduction in taxes for 6 years, 25% for 6 years, full tax charge in 10 years for small businesses.
- Make an accurate map of sewer and water lines in Glenfield. Institute a regular program of mosquito control for Glenfield and any other populated area with a problem. Clean up the ravine and stagnant water behind Deforest Avenue that is a mosquito breeding ground. Make a park/nature trail. Also possibly develop (minimally) the abandoned railroad bed and roads in the old Keystone Village area behind the 36 field for walking and cross-country skiing trails. Request and fund/contract if necessary additional increased Lewis County sheriff patrols in the Glenfield village and other populated areas to increase general security and particularly in the evening/nighttime (7 pm – 3 am) to effectively police problems with illegal ATV riding, noise and drunken driving/disorderly conduct. Presently there is little chance of catching lawbreakers even if the sheriff is called; response times are unacceptable and the lack of visible police presence encourages problem-causing behavior.
- Would like to see a convenience store in Martinsburg.

- I don't know how busy the boards are now? Don't forget every town may have a different opinion on what's good for their town – no two approach problems the same way – but if money says you have too then I suppose ---but I see problems.
- Thank you for asking – Please keep the areas as pristine as possible and look down the road at what will make the area more appealing. We truly do have one of the best recreation areas in the state and should be proud of it. By improving facilities I believe the areas would grow especially for retirees.
- I would need more information on reason or question 15 to answer yes/no. I believe this entire North Country needs another look at long term planning. It seems to me that the majority voice is calling for the development of, & necessary support systems for tourism. Everything seems geared toward attracting snowmobilers and ATVs, which I'm sure will generate dollars for the local economy and still not change our small town country look. I don't personally believe it's the only economic answer available to this area, and I'm not convinced that we should continue to try to keep things as they have always been! This used to be an agricultural and logging based economy, but that has already changed drastically in my lifetime! We need to find and encourage industries to this area that will fit in well with the area and that will provide a base for tax dollars as well as employment for local people that will provide cash flow into the local economy.
- I am concerned about the number of properties that have become “eyesores” in the town. Some examples include the Bushey house across from the Cemetery Road on Route 26, Ken Widrick's property and Karen Denings barn. There are others! Martinsburg was the original “County Seat” and tremendous historical significance, and yet to drive through the village on Route 26 makes me think that no one cares!!
- Since the windmills have caused all the damage to the roads fix them and not by just filling them in with some soft tar that lasts a few days. The E. Martinsburg Road and the Whitaker and Cemetery Roads took a real beating in 2005. The power generated from the wind power only increased my bill 15%!! So much for politics. (This is probably only fire started)
- ATVs – must control – damage to State Park and land owners, more police on trails, break ins on camps mostly by ATVs going behind gates, etc. Control wind farms – there is noise from them; at night you can hear them. Large farms bringing waste on Tug Hill spill roads, etc.
- Property taxes have skyrocketed, with no apparent increases in services to residents or landowners. It seems that those participating in the flat rock wind power project have been unfairly taxed.
- We shouldn't have to pay for village water that we don't use. We didn't ask for a line passing by. Other townships don't charge unless you are using the water. Some people want a dump station. Don't penalize people for making their home look better by raising taxes when they remodel or do outside work. Check out Canada's attitude on home improvements. At least they used to give money back to the owners for home improvement.
- I feel we need to open back up our trails for ATVs. We need to do something to get other people to come into our town that will spark their interest and keep them coming back. There is no place for kids to go to keep them entertained or keep them off the streets and out of trouble. Maybe have a dance hall or game or pool hall for them without bar rooms around them. Thank you.
- The town of Martinsburg needs to have better enforcement of the speed limit through the hamlet. The speed that cars travel is extremely dangerous – even in the middle of the night.
- Side roads should be repaved. Convenience store needed in town.
- We need more community gatherings – dancers, dinners, etc. and town picnics.
- More maintenance on ATV trails to bring more income to town.
- Please don't get all big and fancy with this out of town camp and wind farm money. Pay your people a living wage, keep your machines and infrastructure up, but keep our taxes down so we are not driven out by people who can afford more than we can.
- Since we are in the area for one or two months in more recent years (and only a few days per year earlier), I do not have a very good insight to answer some of the questions.

- There is little doubt that the area is growing. We have the opportunity to do this correctly.
- Terry Thisse said in his pre-election letter that taxes would go back to 2004 levels. Please make that happen? Use the windmill money to keep taxes down. We don't need new things. Update and repair. With wise planning to use the money to keep taxes down in the future, the value of living in the town of Martinsburg will invite development.
- Getting power to remote areas.
- Regarding Whitaker Park – keep people from camping (living) there all summer by charging a fee.
- I think it would be a benefit to a lot of people if we had a sewer system in Martinsburg “Hamlet”.
- Please log on www.sussexcountyjustice.com. This could happen in your state!
- People are great. We love to support the local. Businesses while we enjoy our ATVs and snowmobiles.
- A chance for people that just purchased homes in Martinsburg to be able to connect to the sewer at a fair rate or no rate.
- I would like to see a reduction in property and school taxes. In Martinsburg, we need to extend water and sewer lines.
- Better water – less chlorine.
- What are we doing with Greystone Manor?
- Very poor management in highway department.
- Taxes are my main concern. I'm on a fixed income.
- I would sure like to see better policing of ATV and snowmobile traffic, and roads that the taxpayer can actually drive on. Thank you.
- Lower property taxes. Better maintained roads.
- I grew up in the suburbs of Syracuse. I really enjoy residing in Lewis County and Martinsburg. I commend the Highway Dept for clearing snow off our little dead end street in Glenfield in the morning. I do have a problem with the noise and trouble from Rocky's Pub in Glenfield.
- Question #9 – No need to be concerned about the Wind Farm Development. It's already here. Every taxpayer should have had a chance to voice his or her opinion. A little late!!
- Lower property taxes.
- I would like to see the dogs in Martinsburg that are running loose and barking, at you when we're out walking TIED UP. They aren't friendly acting. Nice weather is here now. I don't think I should have to fear walking because of a dog.
- I would like to see increased police presence on an ongoing basis here in Glenfield to reduce the occurrence of kids loitering near the fire hall intersection or joyriding on River Street. I think that the tax money we pay should ensure or enhance our quality of life, and that means spraying or protecting against the mosquitoes in our hamlet. I served on the committee a few years ago that met with the Board of Legislators to discuss the problem. The Town Board told us that Glenfield would not be declared a bug district because that kind of money would not benefit the entire Town of Martinsburg. So, because the folks on Rt. 26 don't have a mosquito problem, the lower part of the township can't enjoy the property we pay for. Add to this the increasing concern for West Nile Virus, and I would say that the Town of Martinsburg government is treating Glenfield residents very negligently. Additionally, we are very unhappy with the snow removal as it dumps snow from the Greig Road intersection into our driveway and onto our front yard. In the spring our property has a tremendous amount of sand to clear. But I must have been away when they came to take it away. Please don't spend money to make our town “bigger”? Spend it on taking care of all residents. If you wish to discuss any of our concerns further with us, we'd welcome the opportunity.
- In regards to charging admission to Whitaker Park; I strongly recommend that some admission be charged. It is unfortunate that the riffraff know that it is free and in some cases reside there are summer. This includes their drinking, drugs, language and lack of respect that they bring. It is a nice place to visit during the day but I will not let my family stay overnight. If this sounds harsh,

just check with the State Police! This is a beautiful, local treasure. If it's free they will be there. If you charge a little most will not pay. The money could even pay for an attendant. We need a plan to get the 'Undesirables' out! Thank you. Father of four.

- A major community concern: There are such things as natural "Road Hazards" and putting up with Mother Nature on blind Hills. However, there's an accident ready to happen now that spring is here. Example: In the past 5 years traveling down Tiffany Rd to Route 12, I have taken the ditch, nearly had several collisions, and was almost forced off the road several times by the HUGE farm tractors and liquid manure machines that travel the road. Their width is that of 1 ½ lanes wide and I find that no matter how careful I am approaching the blind hills, they are always right there in my lane when we meet. There are 3 places on Tiffany Road alone where these machines enter and exit their fields. I have been in two accidents on that road coming home from work due to the massive debris on the road that is left from these machines. It is taxpayer's dollars that build townships. I ask you this...would you give me the right to empty my septic tank in the middle of the road, add some stones and dirt, and park my vehicles ½ way in the road so I could profit a business? And if you got in an accident on the road there, who is at fault? Can't the town put a limit to the size of machines that are breaking up our roads? Please, at least take me seriously on this issue? Tiffany Road is only one example. Also...where are the dogcatchers in this town? Has your vehicle been halted by 2 dogs that roam Glendale Road? Take a drive!!
- I like the windmills! I don't like snowmobiles and ATVs having too much freedom to run wherever they want. I'm not saying get rid of them, just be nice to the people who live here. I love this community!!
- Whitaker Park – favor-charging admission only if collected funds are targeted for improving the park solely. We favor a countywide trail system for snowmobiles and ATVs to eliminate faults with current system of volunteer groups. Secondary roads in township need repairs.
- With all the additional tax revenue from the wind farm project and seeing as how we are getting no help with disgruntled electric, maybe our property taxes should be reduced or at least not increased. Town of Martinsburg is a bit high!!
- I would like to see the roads replaced that were damaged because of the windmill travel. Give our ATV trails and roads back. Make a leash law. Base water bills on how much you use. Maybe village sewage.
- I am a landowner on Gardner Road. Now that the wind towers are constructing I would love to see Gardner Road greatly improved. The condition of the road, especially in the spring and fall, does not support the amount of traffic that road bears. In the summer, dust control is always an issue. I visit my camp quite often all year round. The road is always the best in the dead of winter. My compliments to the snow removal crew – excellent job!!
- Since the start of the Windmill project in May 2005, the condition of Eagle Factory Road and the Gardner Road in Martinsburg has significantly deteriorated. Both of these roads need significant maintenance from the windmill project or the town.
- I wish the Town of Martinsburg had thought about planning for our community's future before the allowed the windmill development. It would have made much more sense to do this before we ruined the face of our beautiful farming community with 400 feet, loud, ugly wind towers. Better late than never in most circumstances but not this time!!
- Whitaker Park has become a summer home for undesirables. Most of who do not reside in the township. There needs to be better management to attract travelers and vacationers who will feel safe and want to come back again as it is not I would not want to stay there! Charge people what they would pay at state parks. "We have a special place".
- Consolidation of Fire and Ambulance Services between several local small townships. How foolish it is that other community's benefit from our natural resources for cheaper utilities and ours goes up. It can't be that hard to create a municipality similar to Oneida County.

- We need real jobs that will bring people back and then extensive campaigning to spend locally to keep them open.
- I live in West Martinsburg and I want to know if Martinsburg: When you ask in questions like #15 are you referring to us too? In addition, overall I'm satisfied but two things are a concern to me constantly. First, stray or unleashed dogs. I've lived here for 5 years and have seen 4 dogs killed on the West Road. I jog and some dogs chase me. They defecate in my yard. Second, I'm very concerned with excessive speed through the Hamlet. There are over 12 children in a ½ mile radius and cars and trucks regularly "speed" through. Thank you.
- Town and County taxes are due the last of each year. Cost for people is high and should be broke down in quarterly installments. That we can afford to pay for all incoming payments and not go to the poor house.
- Whitaker Park – it depends what the money is going to be used for, it it's to keep the park clean and have activities for the children, then charging a fee would be a positive motion. Extension of water/sewer is costly to install and don't see where the town would benefit. The development of garbage collection/recycling will keep the town clean. Consolidation of government/assessing could save money, but certain towns may benefit better than others. Occupation is needed in order to keep the children in the area is the most important thing to keep in mind for the future of the area.
- We would like to see something done about the old buildings falling down, abandoned houses, areas of junk, etc. Are there existing laws concerning this that could be strictly enforced? If not, there probably should be. Also, what could be done to help owners do a better job with upkeep? (Grants, etc). It's almost embarrassing to tell people that you live in this town. The main route through the town does not show that we have much pride in it. So many dogs are running around town, and on our properties. Are there any leash laws? If not, we need some; otherwise they need to be enforced. Maybe if the town charged a fee for camping at the park, we wouldn't have the problems existing there like we have now. It's an embarrassment for the residents here. (No charge for picnics, use of pavilions, etc.) Let's put a stop to it. Let's finish the upstairs in the Town Hall. We should be very proud of the women who worked so hard to restore it. The public should be able to use it. (Most of our children who grew up in Martinsburg are not even aware of its past and have never been up there).
- I like living in a small town like Martinsburg. With the wind turbine money coming in I don't think we should try to make Martinsburg bigger or more developed. It would be nice to have ATV and snowmobile trails to keep the people off the roads and also have fewer accidents and deaths. It would also be nice to have the wind turbine money benefit the taxpayers who have been paying taxed to the town for years – maybe in the form of a rebate by the number of years you've paid.
- I would like to see a significant reduction in my taxes. My understanding is that our town will be receiving 1 million dollars annually from windmill revenues – our town's budget is 50% of that. Theoretically, it would seem that we should need to pay no taxes. The town is benefiting from the windmill farm. Many of the town's residents are dissatisfied with the aesthetics – believing the landscape has been adversely altered... a tax break seems reasonable. I am opposed to the building of a new town barn, offices, etc. Let's spend this money in a reasonable way.
- Whitaker Park should charge for people who do not live in the Town of Martinsburg. Liquid manure pits in the village of Martinsburg. Don't feel we should allow them after what happened last year. The water is nasty. We don't drink it and don't feel we should have to pay for water. This has been a problem for years and hasn't got no better. Smells like fish. Stains everything. No one likes to drink it. This should be free water. Very poor quality. Have had my water tested – GROSS!!
- We moved here because we loved the open farmlands and small town atmosphere. Now it's turning into a recreation area. The wind farms are an exception. We do need the energy. Wal-Mart we could have done without. Two many decisions are made on the amount of money they bring in – not on how it preserves our community.

- I understand that the street I live on is classified as residential, yet on one side of me is junk and plenty of it, lined up along the property line. Across the street from me is a garage with a steady stream of cars and trucks going in and out all day long, especially on weekends. I shouldn't have to point out these things as a town board member lives just down the street from me. Why isn't the code being enforced? Blue Street, Glenfield.
- This is Tug Hill. Let's not drive out the local natives that have lived here all their lives with unnecessary rules, regulations, and cost of living. We have to try to keep out the rich out of staters for their own gain. If you buy here, you should have to live here. Take the good with the bad.
- I think the Adirondack Park is wrong for not allowing ATVs in the park. They pay for a license and insurance and can't ride in the park – that's wrong. They give the snowmobiles money for trails. Horses have trails for nothing. I don't have an ATV but I think they are getting a bad deal.
- Keep property taxes low.
- Get our road systems back up to decent repair.
- I lived in Martinsburg for 7 years and moved to Lowville because of very noisy redneck welfare neighbors that rented the house next door. I believe this was the work of the Lord, because we now have a wonderful Christian home in town and have been very blessed. The Town of Martinsburg in my opinion is not being blessed by God although I know that certain individuals are. I have a 10-acre lot with about a 1-acre field. The soil is good and crops grow well. This is the main reason I still own my land, with family recreation becoming more popular also.
- The need to keep taxes under control is very important, for those who own land, and building, it becomes a major concern if taxes keep going up and our income does not follow that trend. It is not easy when milk prices drop, and everything else goes up that can bring about very hard times for some people.
- The Town of Martinsburg definitely needs to take better care of their roads, and I don't only mean the paved ones. Back in the day when Virgil Doyle and others were road Superintendent the roads got graded and taken care of very good. For quite some time now they grade late in the year and the roads never get much chance to dry. You call to get something taken care of and they are hard to get a hold of and it takes forever to get done. If we only own camps or whatever we still pay taxes and have to drive these roads to get back and forth to them, and a lot of them are a mess.
- I live at 6485 East Road Extension, with village of Lowville water. Why do I have to pay the extra \$150 for the water shed? Could this money come from windmill project? If you blacktop my road, would we pay extra and not someone from another road? For example; I guess I don't understand everything that I should. Maybe someone could explain this in more detail. Thank you.
- We need some standards for minimal maintenance of property, e.g.: junk removal and clean ups of falling down buildings. Thank you for this opportunity to help plan ahead.
- Need to develop communications between recreational clubs (Snowmobiles, ATVs, etc) and the towns so that a clear understanding between residents, land owners, town members can be met. This will keep your beautiful area open to all the recreational tourists and bring the extra money into the area also. Also, I am concerned for what the windmills have done to your countryside. From our camp, all we can see are windmills in every direction. What happened to our beautiful view? It's sure gone now! And so has the value of our land and privacy we had. Our quiet "get away" place has gone!!
- Hard for people to move into your town when they buy land and want to live there, but you have no maintenance on the roads, so you are telling people you do not want to develop their areas. Lets see where taxes go with the wind tower money. I'm sure it will be sucked up in the budget and spent and taxes will continue to increase just as much as usual or more.
- I really enjoy my family living in Martinsburg. I feel it is a nice neighborhood and love having the security that my children are not around too much crime. I do however feel that the town needs to have more as far as a park that the kids can really enjoy and more for them to do. We want our kids to play and have things to do to keep them off the streets and out of trouble. ATVs and snowmobiles

are creating a negative feeling across many landowners. There needs to be better control than the anything goes. More restrictions may improve the sport and improve this feeling.

- I just have a camp in a remote area. My taxes were increased and I get no services. I don't mind that because I am in a remote area and I don't want the windmills to come any closer to me than they are now.
- We need some type of store and gas station, like a Quick Stop, Sugar Creek or Nice and Easy where once can buy groceries, gas and get a cup of coffee with a place to sit down with a neighbor and chat for a little while.
- As a long time resident and taxpayer in the town of Martinsburg – I have been very disappointed in the condition of the campgrounds at Whitaker Park. Maybe if a time limit as to how long a camper can stay was put into effect it would help. Perhaps not allowing ATVs would make it more desirable for those who want peace and quiet while they camp. I think if you charge admission for campers only that may keep some of the less desirable out. I have noticed that some people use the campgrounds as a summer residence. I would also like to study the possibility of a higher education facility, maybe a satellite of JCC or MVCC.
- Wind turbine concerns – they should have had money's put aside for direct concerns of those involved in the construction routes. Vehicle concerns – tires, spring, alignments, ball joints, care wash tokens for the cement undercoat – dust control glycol; dust on homes – cement dust and dust, we lost our privacy – tourist traffic, construction traffic; TV reception – still not quite right; noise from turbines – can hear inside at night, annoying by day – prop shadow crossing near house; should have substantial tax deduction; they have affected my recreation – flying; Snowmobiling has become unaffordable – registration, insurance, club establishments, ATVing – guidelines for riding 2 on 1 ATV, registration, insurance; wind turbine representative's attitude – poor – they avoid personal contact with those affected – poor neighbor agreement offers of those affected most (came in the mail), town concerns – I'm sure they didn't spend much this winter to maintain roads – fuel – OT – machines – winter will come again – they may want to consider getting a new blower, retire the older blower – they will need it! I'm sure I will have to deal with all the same concerns again this year – when and if the new road comes will the turbine snow, track machines – destroy them in the future – will we get a nice blacktop road or the asphalt spray and stone. width of Borkowski road – will it be returned to original width as stated or forgotten about? I'm sure I will get my standard tax increase – even as I lost footage of land! After you read this, will I be a “Son of a Bitch”?? PS – I'm sure I can come up with more.
- The West Road, Glendale Road, and Cemetery Road need repair. Fix the roads and lower taxes. No new services. Instead of providing new services, the town taxes should be lowered from the funding received from the wind generator farm. The guardrails on the bridge over Roaring Brook by Whitaker Park (on the east side) and too close to the road and crowd traffic. There is also a washout developing at the edge of the bridge on the Northeast side. Keep the ATVs and snowmobiles off of the main county roads (traffic hazards)!
- Whitaker Park has been an on-going problem over the years, the last 2 years have been bad, and the fire places are never cleaned out. Young kids drinking and playing loud music all night long. I feel they should have a person at the gate to stop young kids from driving around all hours of the night. I don't feel the person taking care of the park should live there all summer and let all these problems go on. We have a sheriff department for a reason. I also feel people that don't live in Martinsburg should have to pay for camping and using other parts of the park, this might make the park improve. There has been problems with people living in the park for the summer and the sheriff's putting troubled people there for weeks at a time to keep the problem out of jail (just what everyone wants when they go camping). This would also keep the young kids from having drinking parties. Need an employee that will improve the looks of the park.
- In lieu of the recent wind farm project, we feel this survey has arrived too late. We purchased a small rural lot in West Martinsburg 16 years ago. We built a new home that did not have an electric,

telephone or cable TV wires connected to it. The cost of concealing these utilities was substantially higher so as to preserve the integrity and the value of our home. Today, we have 235 KV wind farm wires nearly running through our backyard. Now we wait for our annual increase in taxes though the value of our home has greatly decreased. We are truly saddened that you changed from your original plan. Our quality of life here has forever changed.