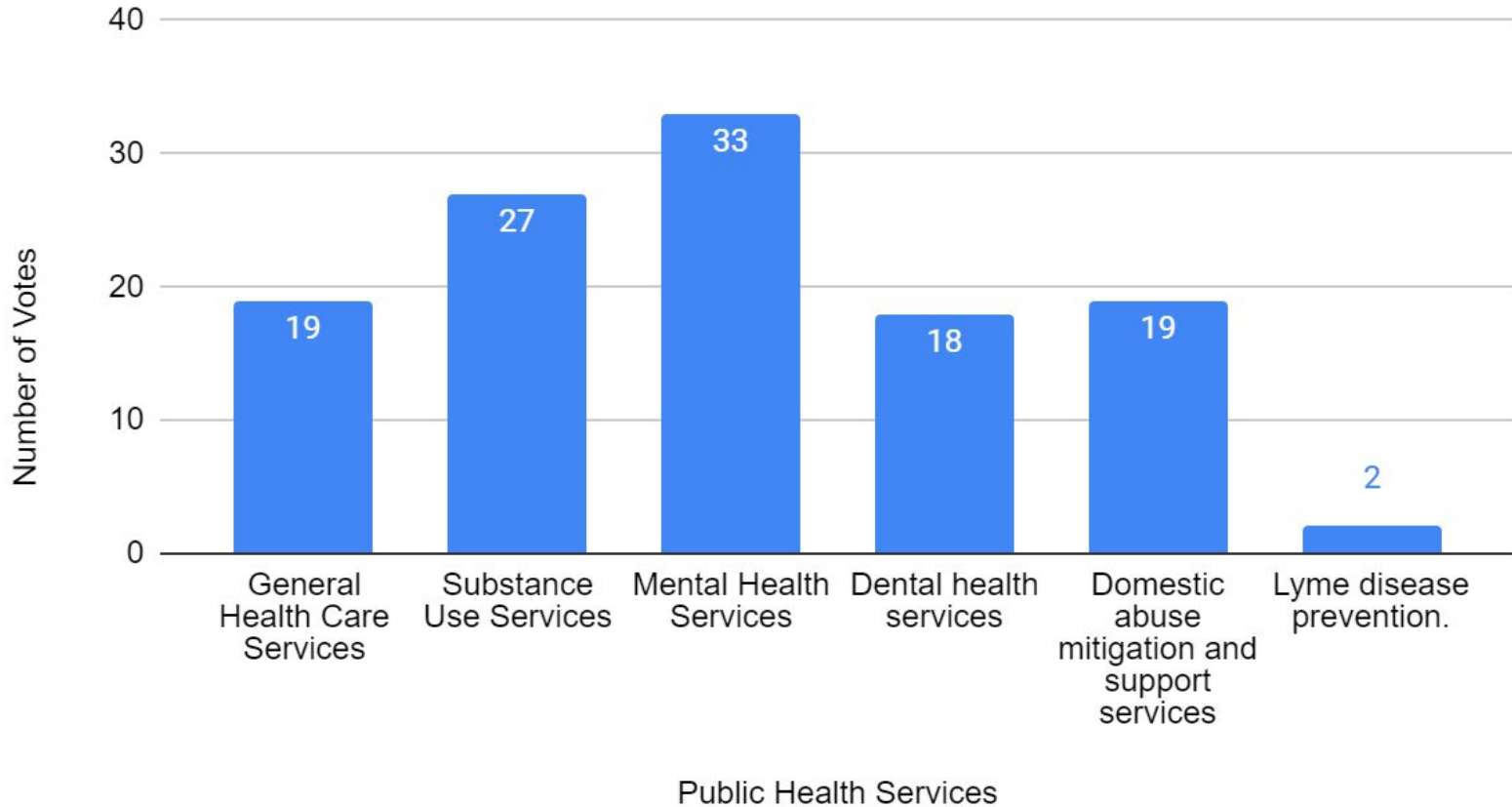


Results of 2022 ARPA Survey

Public Health Services



Public Health

Lyme disease prevention.

1.7%

Domestic abuse mitigation and support services

16.1%

Dental health services

15.3%

Mental Health Services

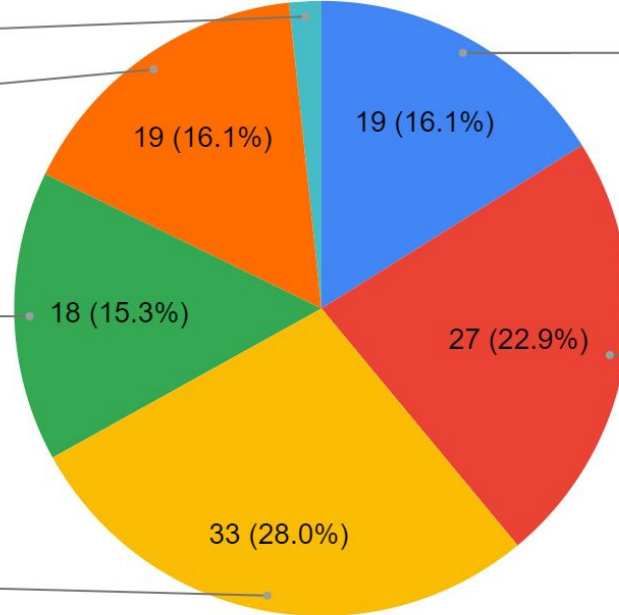
28.0%

General Health Care Services

16.1%

Substance Use Services

22.9%



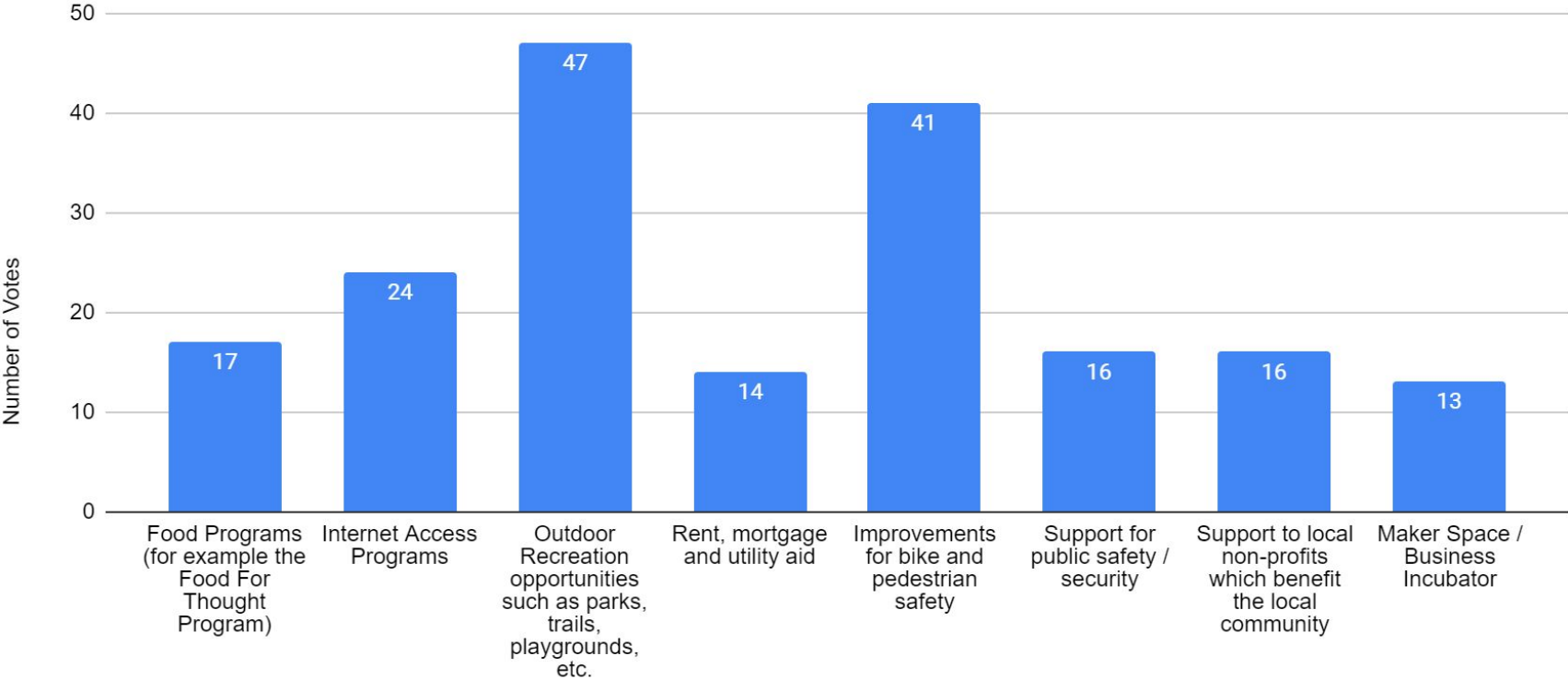
Other Public Health Comments

- All wheel drive **ambulance**
- Apply the money to draw in people to serve on a **paid rescue squad**. There is no reason this money can't be used to help pay for a certified crew to ensure the town can save the lives it keeps asking to move here like a retirement community.
- **Bike/vehicle travel safety**
- Maximize **access to natural areas**
- More frequent **Covid vaccinations** here in South Hero (x2)
- **Recreation** especially during winter months
- How long can we go without a properly certified **EMS** crew? A soon to be operational retirement center and growing community/ restaurant industry behind the emergency services building that doesn't even have a proper staff and depends on wide spread dedicated volunteers and calling far away towns for back up? Use the money to help fund and draw in a crew!!! We don't need more walking trails... we need to be able to save our community members in a time of a medical crisis.

Other Public Health Comments Continued

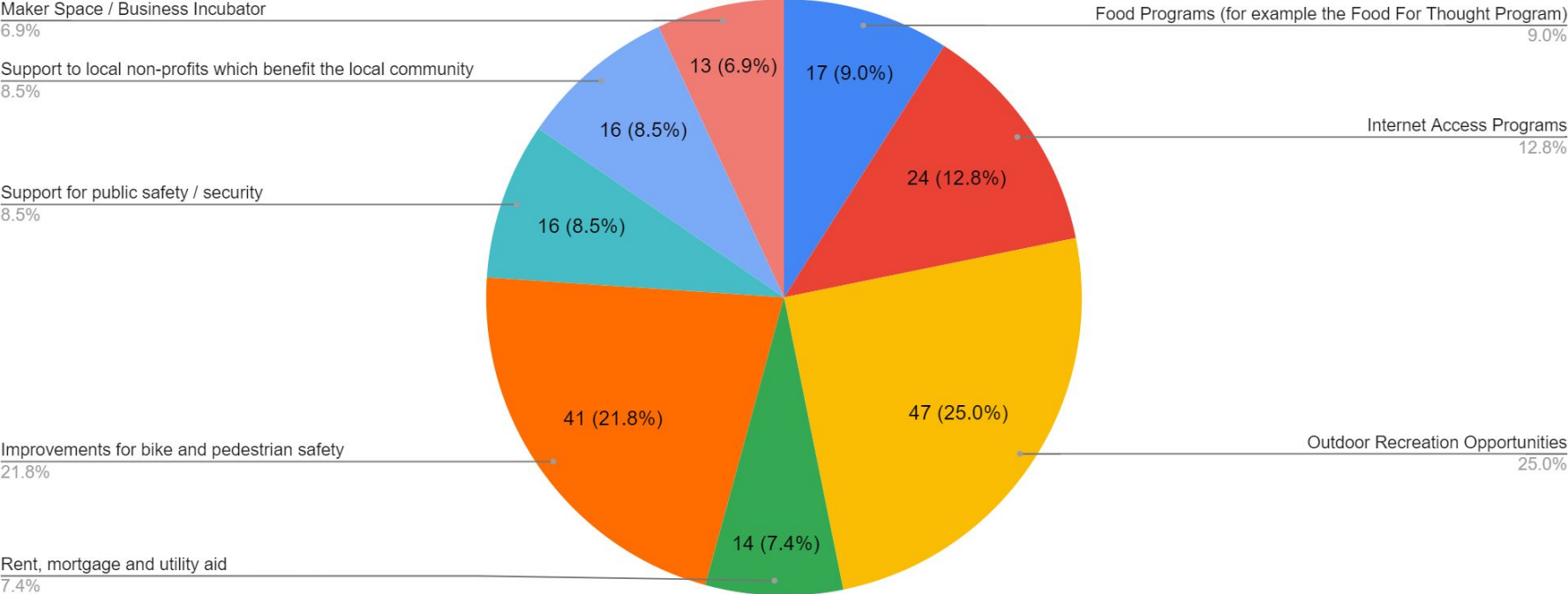
- **Gun Violence.** I would like South Hero to take a proactive stance on gun control. It is unbelievable that we have had gun deaths and shots recently. This is totally not NORMAL and it is bad for our reputation and our health. Also we need **more natural areas as nature has been shown to help with mental health.**
- I would like to see our speed reduced to 40 miles an hour as the 55 mile speed limit is very stressful.
- Recreational opportunities / park
- Purchase and preserve Lavin property as a green space with a bike/pedestrian trail from Rte.2 to Folsom School.
- Please put up a **sign at South Hero Town Beach** notifying people that going out on a canoe, kayak or paddleboard or other non motorized boat without wearing a Personal Flotation Device (PFD) is unsafe, Illegal and can result in a Fine.
- **Increase natural resources** that are protected and accessible. This also helps mental health

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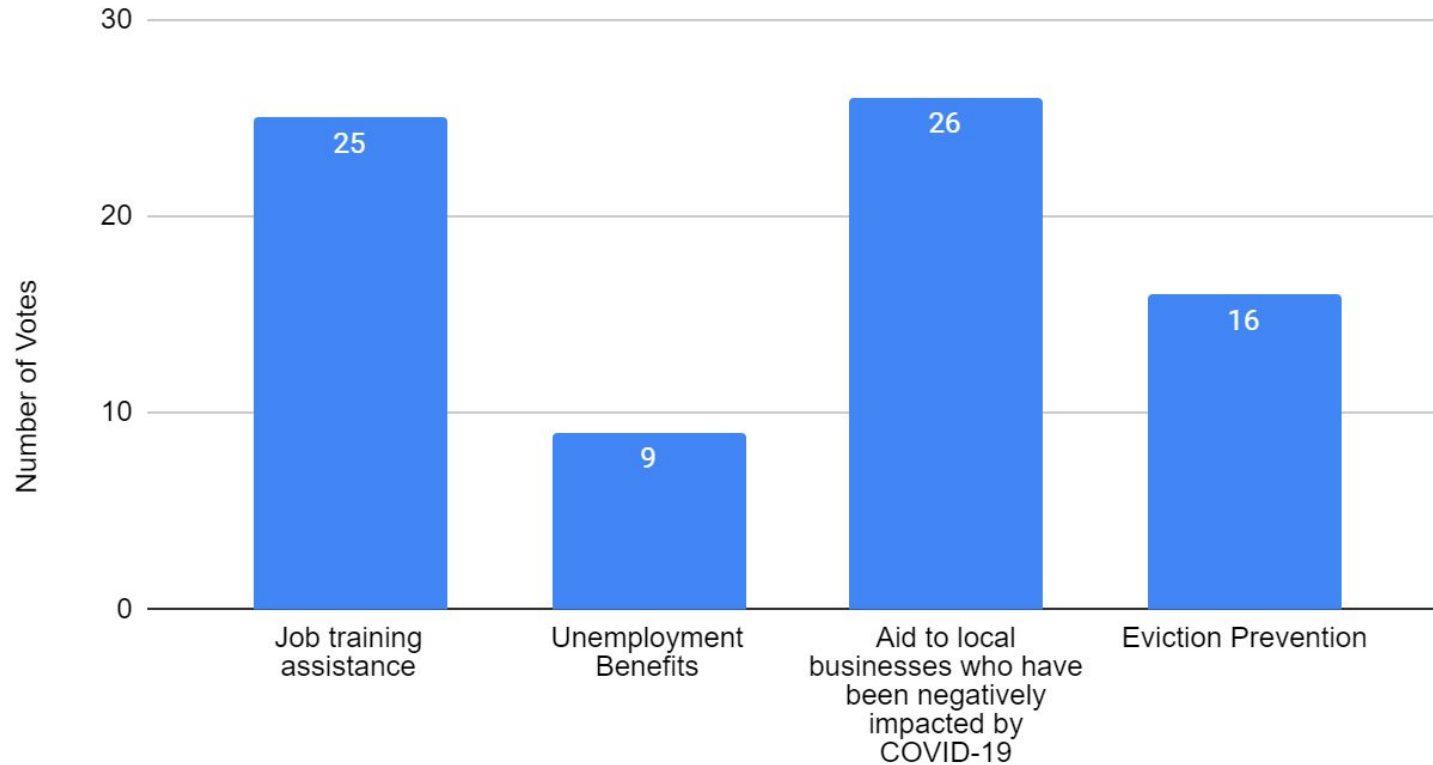
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- **Diversity, equity and inclusion programs and trainings.**
- **Lower speed limit** to 35 before you get to intersection with Tracy Road and Route 2 traveling south
- **Affordable & additional housing.** Can't have new residents, or a workforce for existing businesses without a place to live. There's a **new state program to subsidize creation of Accessory Dwelling Units**. South Hero could set aside ARPA funds to be an add-on to anyone using that program. (That takes care of much of the the hassle of applications and choosing the projects) As the housing need is so dire, this is the one place I'd recommend piggy-backing on state ARPA funds to amplify the effect in South Hero.
- **Expand the town beach. Mostly parking.**
- This town desperately needs **safer roads for biking and walking**. We absolutely need **parking lots** for people who would like to bike and explore this beautiful island. We should offer **port-a-lets for visitors**.
- **Indoor pool, recreation space.**
- Buy more **property for access to the lake** for those who are not lake property owners
- Support the **volunteer fire fighters**
- **Baseball field**. And a program that would offer **swim lessons**.
- **Slow the traffic down**, throughout our entire town
- School structure!
- **Community parking area** with pedestrian access throughout the Town
- **Extend the bike trail to all commercial districts**, working with neighboring towns to connect to the Ferry and to the Lamoille Valley Rail Trail.

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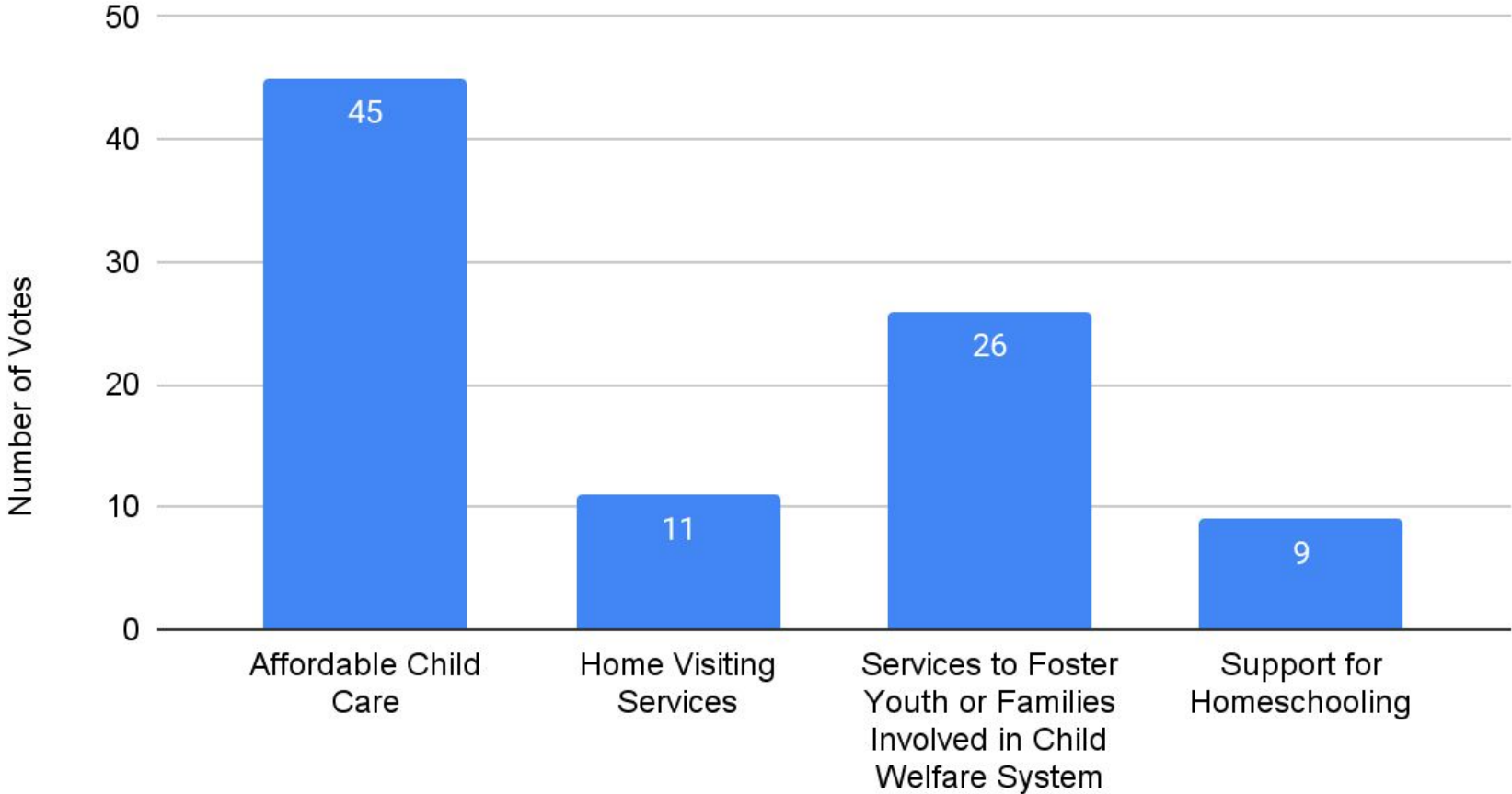


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- **Support for the local farmers** to make the small farms more financially viable.
- **Well paying (\$24+/hr) part time jobs**
- Offset the impact of recent inflation which has resulted from the Federal government spending in response to Covid-19
- **Assistance for any farmers** who have had negative impact as well as our art community
- **Unemployment benefits not a good idea** as we have local & state-wide businesses having great difficulty filling job openings

Improvements to our Local Resources for Children



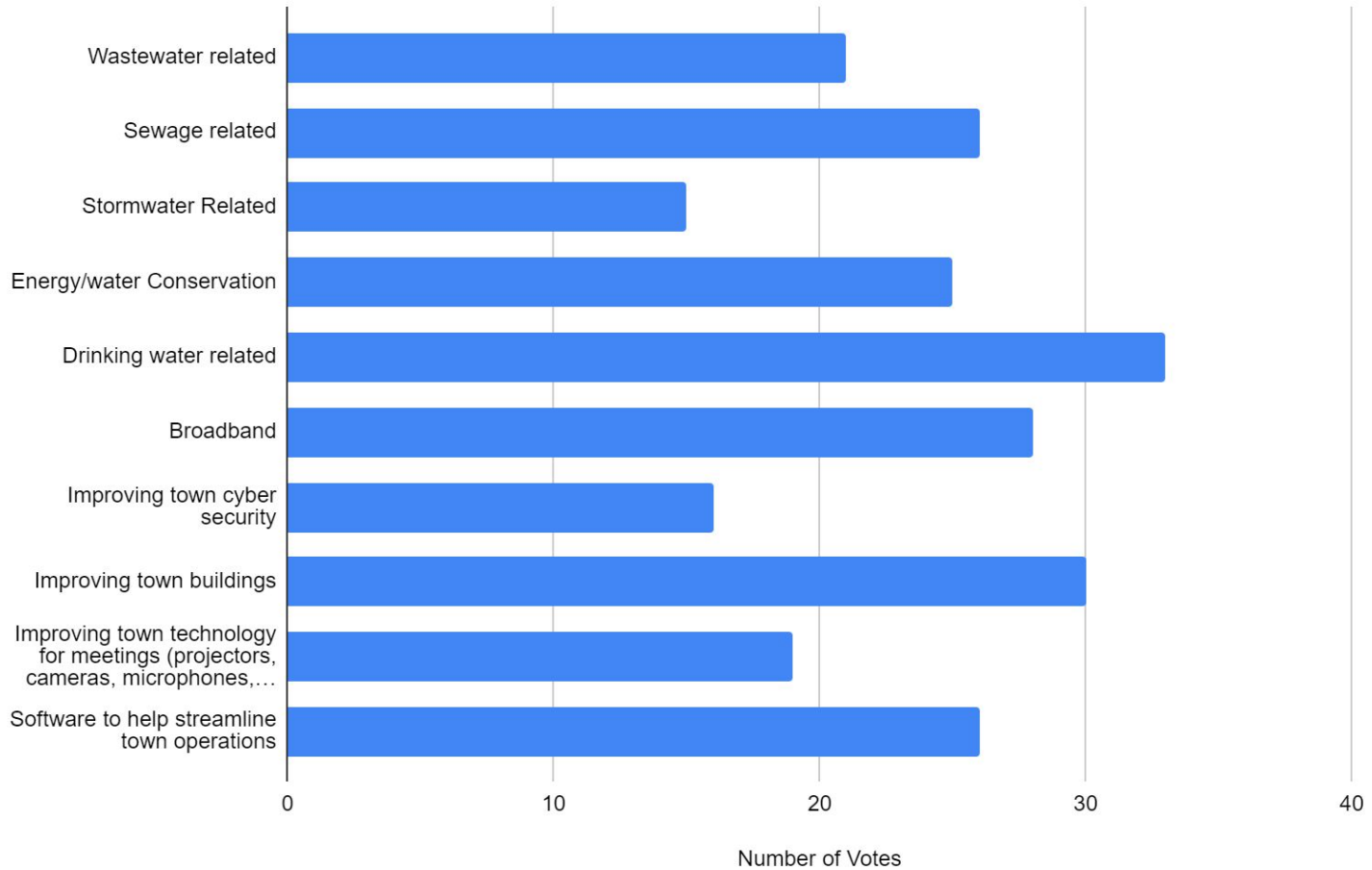
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- **Playground area for preschoolers.** Safe areas for children to play / bike / walk.
- Programs to support children and **students engagement with both their local community and, importantly, beyond** (exchange programs for example).
- Anything to **support local Ag education** for kids/youth
- **Community engagement and activities** for safe fun.
- Additional Programs like the SHLT kids nature programs - very good stuff, lots of demand
- **More rec programs**
- Need to increase availability to **infant / toddler care**
- Improvements in **salary for school aid staffing**
- **After-school programs and recreation for teens**, esp alcohol/drug use prevention
- Improve the schools.
- In the affordable child care arena, I'd support items that are one-time expenses, not ongoing costs, such as: payments to get a building up to standards for Child Care licensing/registration, building a small kitchen or buying a stove & fridge so that a child care center can offer meals, tuition payments for a few staff to get training to qualify a center for additional kids or services (rather than ongoing subsidizing of childcare slots). And if the business doesn't need to amortize those costs for kitchen upgrades, or pay for training, it reduces the need to pass those costs on to parents

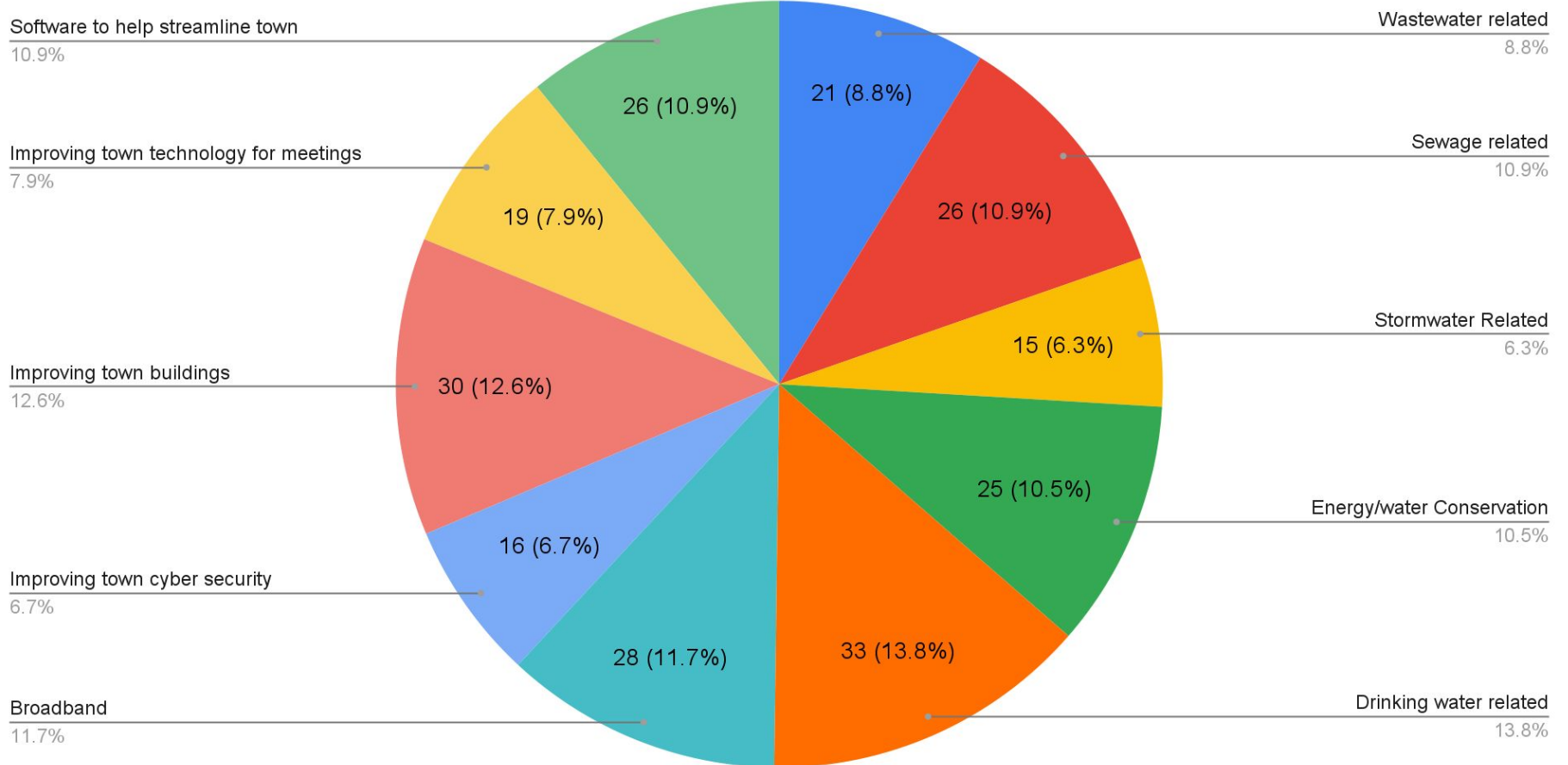
Improvements to our Local Resources for Children Cont.

- **Connecting existing town trails** (for non-motorized travel) will help families and children recreate safely close to home.
- Children need **parks and art and beautiful things**. We should buy the land off Route 2 and preserve a lot of it for our children and our wildlife. We could create a bird sanctuary that children on the Island and other areas of Vermont could come and see wildlife.
- Never put masks on them again.
- **Services for children... library, school meals funded** enough thru town & state/federal!

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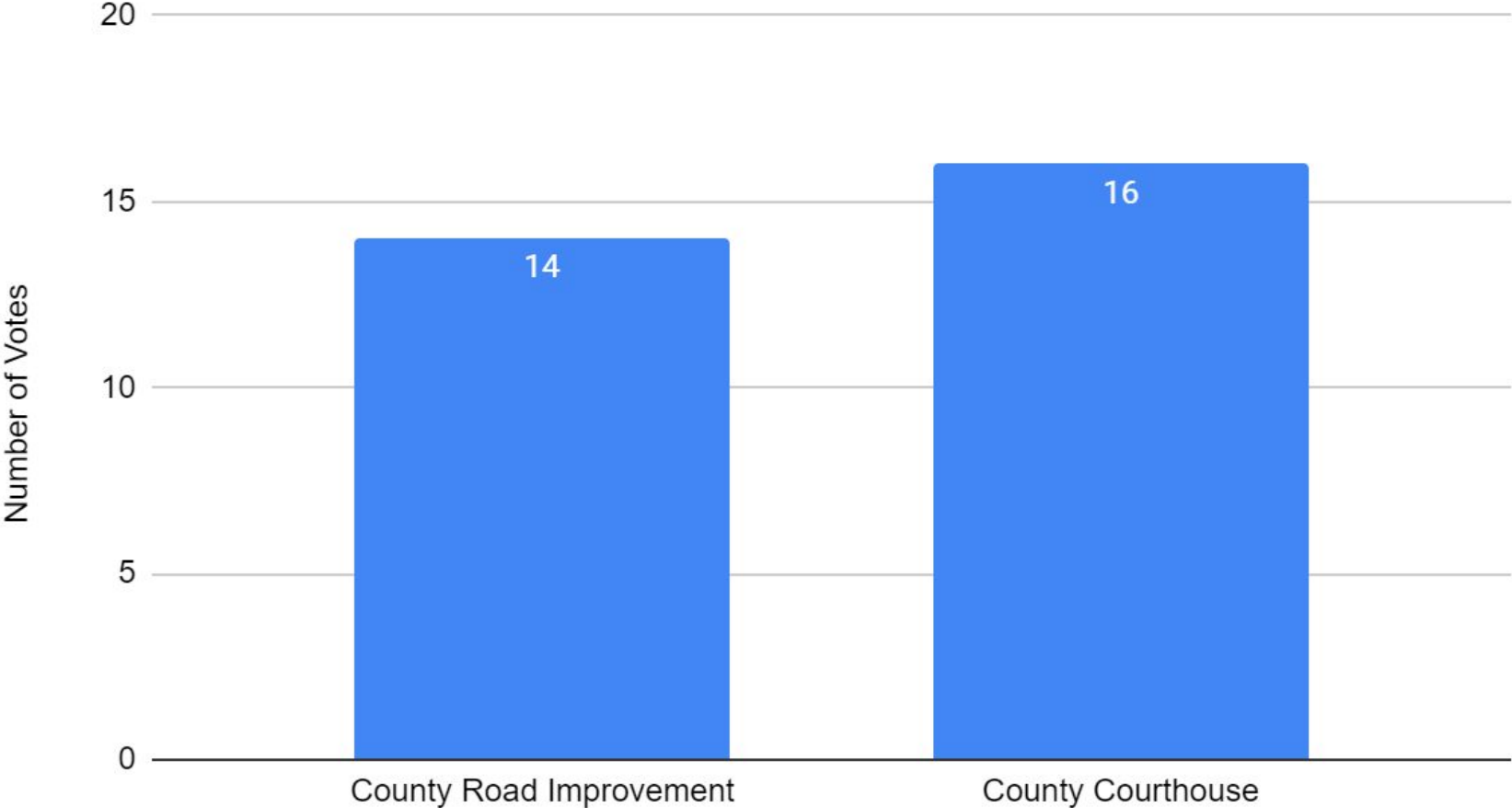
Improvements to Town Infrastructure

- **Improved safety at town beach** - parking, speed limits, water safety
- Residential **trash pickup**; **expand sewage and water to outer areas**
- **Clean up the lake** so we can continue to use it.
- Quickly post permit applications to be reviewed by DRB and DRB decisions on Town website
- **Meeting house** project
- Multiple comments about **adding bike lanes**
- Multiple comments about **making space for pedestrians**, maintaining sidewalks, etc.
- Funding **landscaping along route 2** through town (for business owners and/or road easement land) Street trees etc.
- New **town hall**
- Money should be spent in helping communities **reduce the weeds in the water near the lakeshore**. This is becoming a HUGE problem.
- **Crosswalk at the library**
- **Prevent runoff from farms** into the lake

Improvements to Town Infrastructure Continued

- **Affordable housing** is the #1 impediment to a sustainable Vermont future. We are losing young people/workers, which puts increasing pressure on funding social/other services. I also think ARPA funds should go to long-term improvement funding (ie capital improvements or endowments).
- Every decision in South Hero's government should start with "What can we do to **make sure our actions do not contribute to Climate Change?**" Every decision we make matters for our world. This is not just about South Hero, this is about our world and natural resources.
- Please stop the woke agendas that don't help the people of South Hero.
- Provide appropriate facilities/support to **Granny's Attic** in conjunction with building renovations!
- **Maintain sidewalks** in town. maintain (clear, repaint side line) South Street shoulders for walkers

County Improvements



Count Improvement Comments

- **Bike lanes** on RT 324 from ferry to RT 2 intersection by McKees
- Please continue to **pave all our roads!**
- Space, forums, scheduling and facilitation support for county wide groups and organizations to meet for community building, civic engagement and organizing based within and across identified common interests.
- **Bike lanes.** The south hero town center is too hard to use by bike. Biking to work is difficult because I have to cross route 2.
- **United recreation plan** to attract tourists and outdoor loving workers who currently choose Colorado.

What is Most Important to You?

- **Recreational Areas and Opportunities- 13**
- **Bike Lanes/Bike Safety-9**
- **Pedestrian Safety/Access- 7**
- Drinking Water- 5
- Mental Health-4
- Health of Lake- 4
- Affordable Housing- 3
- Affordable Childcare- 3
- Wastewater- 3
- Substance Abuse Services-3

Most Important To You Two Votes Each

- Supporting Families
- Support for Youth
- Support for Low Income Residents
- Meeting House
- Maker Space
- Health Care
- Food Assistance
- Energy Conservation/Renewable Energy
- Dental Health
- Broadband Internet

Most Important to You- 1 Vote Each

- All Wheel Drive Ambulance
- Business Incubator
- Expand Fire District 4
- Improved Landscaping
- Job Training
- New Town Hall
- Support for businesses and residents affect by COVID
- Well Water Improvement
- Volunteer Fire Support
- Support for Home Schooling
- Support for local farmers

Other Comments

- More **police presence**
- **Sustainability and renewable energy improvements** for the town that will reduce energy use and costs on an ongoing basis.
- **Parks.** The school is one of the only places where a family could meet that is not white's beach. It would be incredible to see a park near Wally's, and the doctors office.
- A **bike lane that runs through South Hero** would be a major statement to infrastructure norms.
- More questions answered on islander
- **Support of local farming** operations
- **Creating a street-scape** for the village district. **Pedestrian friendly, tree-lined.**
- Anything to **maintain and foster the rural and community feel** of South Hero
- Another town beach and/or boat launch
- Making our community **more welcoming for new and young people.**
- **Bring people together** and not just a bunch of individuals living on the lake. We could do so many creative things for **people with disabilities and people of difference.** Lets work together to make a big difference!

Other Comments

Please think about:

1) Making grants that can have a lasting impact with a one-time investment. With any investment ask yourself how with this community benefit from this investment once this grant money dries up? Things like a maker space, expanded broadband, helping 5 accessory dwelling units get built, improvement in the physical space or the quality of childcare, better storm water management, improved town cyber security and recreation facilities all have lasting impact. The suggestions for services are excellent, but without a sustainable plan, we don't do anyone any favors by pulling the rug out from under those services in a couple of years.

2) Is the proposed amount of money to a particular item a therapeutic dose? Is it enough to really make a visible difference? Nearly a half million dollars sounds like a lot till it gets divided up into a little bit to every ask, and then you've given out a wad of cash, but haven't drastically changed outcomes. A suggestion: Set aside a small amount (\$25,000?) where organizations or businesses could apply for a grant up to \$3000+/- . For the size of entities in South Hero, a new fridge for a farmstand, a higher capacity bagel-maker, or contributions towards converting a porch or garage space to add another few available childcare slots could make a difference for those entities. Then pick 1-3 big ticket items (\$125k-\$400k) to really move the needle on the most pressing needs of the town.

Other Comments

- Also we need to allocate money for **OAK TREES, as they survive well for Climate Change**. We have lost so many ash trees. We need to **replant trees** in our community as soon as possible! Oaks trees help with carbon, but really help with caterpillars that feed birds.
- We have questions about Covid 19, subsidies, children but nothing regarding Senior citizens??
- Hire a **landscape architect to make recommendations**.
- In the new recreation area: **an indoor pool!!!**
- Don't try to tackle items that others already do. We are becoming a very high income community with a lot of lower income families, who can not afford it. Our property taxes may jump hugely due to the increases in property values and lack of available housing. You can't bring new people here when most truly don't want them.
- **Dog Park**
- Please make a **New Sign for South Hero Town Beach**. That old sign that says Whites Beach is ridiculous. Change the sign. The Whites never owned the land. Yardy Stephenson would be horrified in this day and age by the implications of that racist sign.

Themes Noted Throughout

Many requests for tree lined streets downtown both for aesthetics and for the speed control (driving past trees makes you feel as if you are going faster).

Overwhelming number of requests for bike lanes and more sidewalks

Support for farmers

Many requests for parks/spaces to meet.