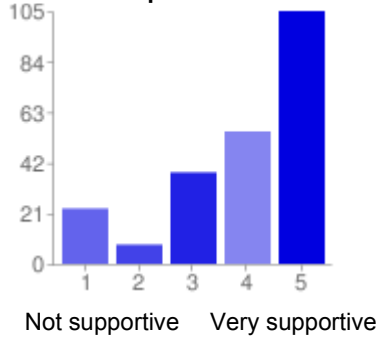


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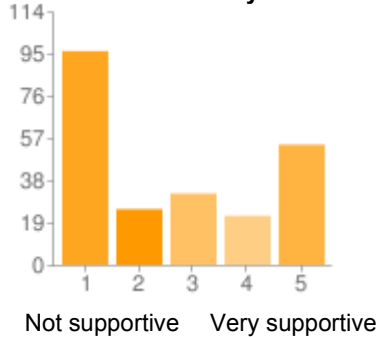
1) On a scale of one to five, would you support a program that controlled and/or reduced the town's costs for disposal of residential trash?



1 -Not supportive	23	10%
2	8	3%
3	38	17%
4	55	24%
5 -Very supportive	105	46%

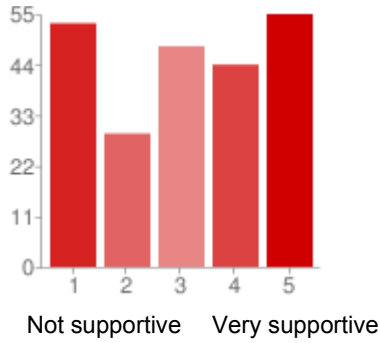
Questions 2 - 10 ask your input on program options for controlling and/or reducing the town's costs for disposal of residential trash.

2) Option A. Residents purchase specially-marked bags for trash disposal. There is no limit to the amount of trash put out each week and recycling is voluntary. This program treats waste disposal like water and sewer utilities so that the user only pays for the amount the user generates through the fees for the bags. Estimated savings on town taxes: \$380,000; however, households pay an additional amount beyond taxes to purchase bags.



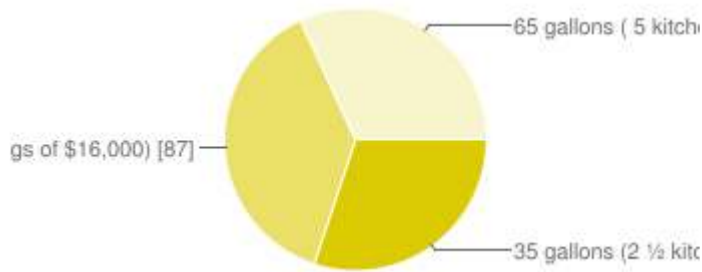
1 -Not supportive	96	42%
2	25	11%
3	32	14%
4	22	10%
5 -Very supportive	54	24%

3) Option B. Residents are limited to a certain amount of trash each week that must be contained within a standardized toter. Unlimited voluntary recycling. Estimated savings on town taxes: up to \$32,000.



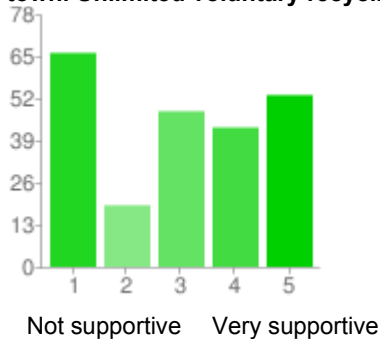
1 -Not supportive	53	23%
2	29	13%
3	48	21%
4	44	19%
5 -Very supportive	55	24%

4) Option B, Cont.'d. Under a program where trash is limited, what should be the maximum amount of trash that is taxed?



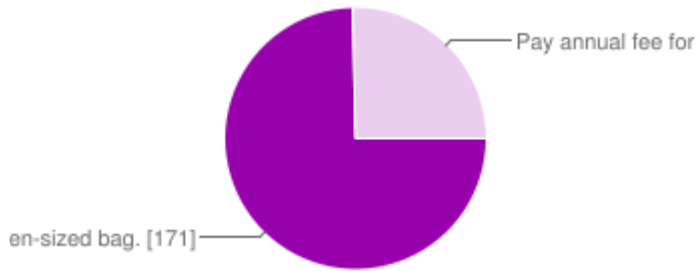
35 gallons (2 ½ kitchen-sized bags – est. savings of \$16,000) [87]
 48 gallons (3 1/2 kitchen-sized bags – est. savings of \$16,000) [29]
 65 gallons (5 kitchen-sized bags – est. savings of \$16,000) [48]

5) Option C. Residents are limited to a certain amount of trash each week that must be contained within a standardized toter. Any additional trash must be placed in a specially-marked bag or toter at resident's cost with the pricing of the bags/toters designed to recover the additional cost to the town. Unlimited voluntary recycling. Estimated savings to town: up to \$32,000.



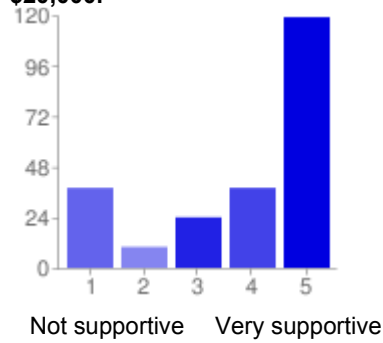
1 -Not supportive	66	29%
2	19	8%
3	48	21%
4	43	19%
5 -Very supportive	53	23%

6) Option C, Cont.'d. For extra trash, what would you want as an option?



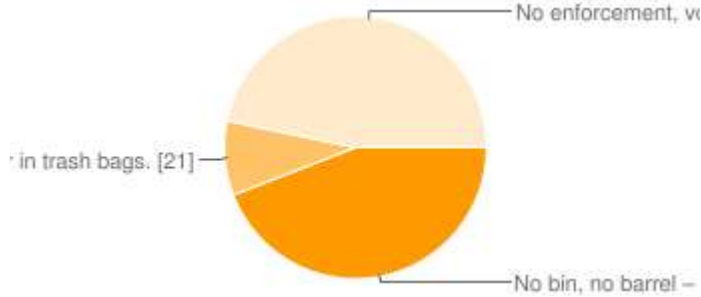
Purchase specially-marked bags at the cost of \$1 per
 Pay annual fee for an additional toter at the cost of \$

7) Option D. Are you in favor of mandatory recycling in Bow? Estimated savings to town: up to \$20,000.



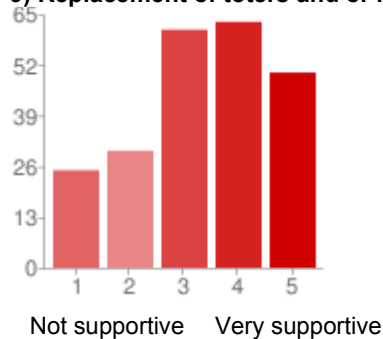
1 -Not supportive	38	17%
2	10	4%
3	24	10%
4	38	17%
5 -Very supportive	119	52%

8) Option D, Cont.'d. What method would you support for implementing mandatory recycling?



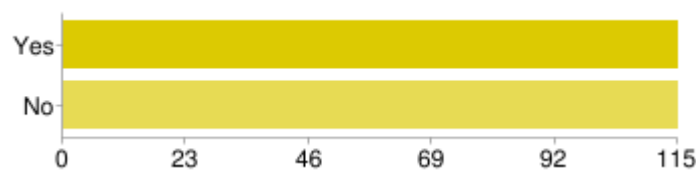
No bin, no barrel – no trash pick up unless there is a
 Trash in clear plastic bags – no trash pick up if recyc
 No enforcement, voluntary compliance with the ordir

9) Replacement of toters and or recycle containers



1 - Not supportive	25	11%
2	30	13%
3	61	27%
4	63	28%
5 - Very supportive	50	22%

10) Single Stream Recycling: Would your recycling efforts increase if the town used single stream recycling (all recyclables in one container) instead of the current dual stream program?



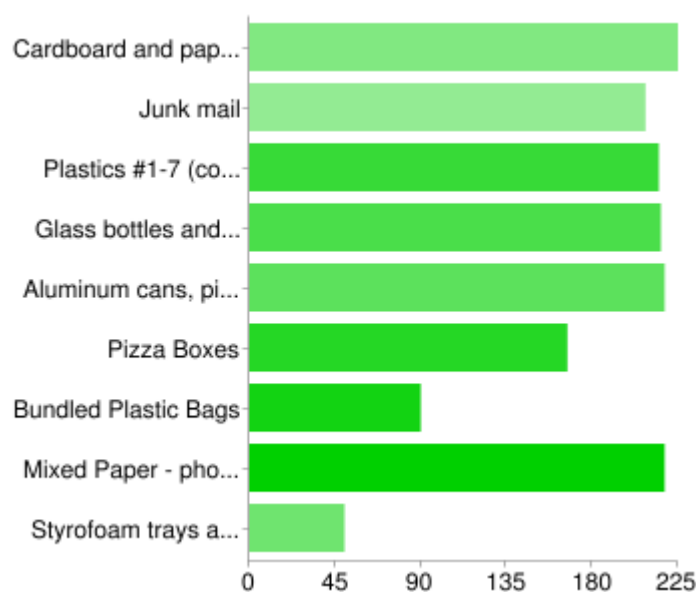
Yes **115** 50%
No **115** 50%

People may select more than one checkbox, so percentages may add up to more than 100%.

Questions 11 - 14 are looking to evaluate the current educational efforts in town with regard to trash and recycling.

Bow residential recycling has reached a plateau at approximately 25% for the past 5 years, even though the average residential recycling rate is 34% across the country, and as high as 75% in other NH towns. Under our present contract, the town saves \$40 for EVERY ton that is recycled.

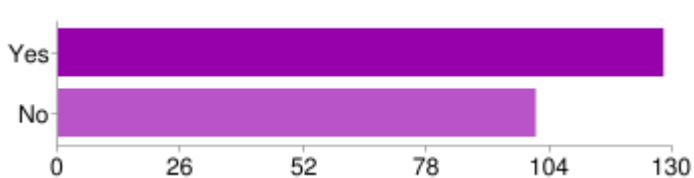
11) Check the items that you think can be recycled under Bow's current waste contract:



- Cardboard and paperboard
- Junk mail
- Plastics #1-7 (containers and lids)
- Glass bottles and jars - all colors
- Aluminum cans, pie plates, trays
- Pizza Boxes
- Bundled Plastic Bags
- Mixed Paper - phone books, magazines, office paper
- Styrofoam trays and packing

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12) Did you know that under our current system, the town saves more than \$35,000 each year thanks to the recycling efforts in town?

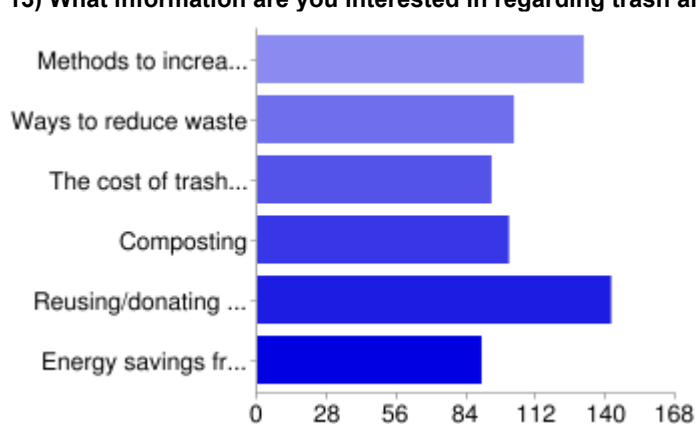


Yes	128	56%
No	101	44%

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Education

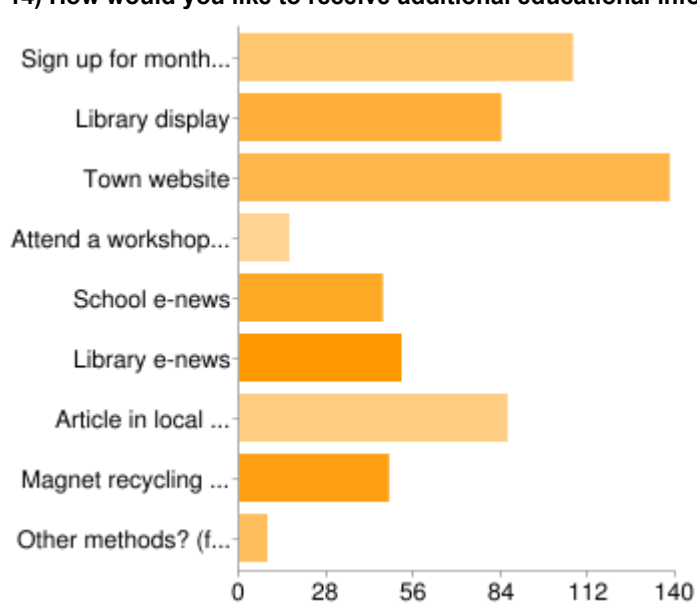
13) What information are you interested in regarding trash and recycling in town?



Methods to increase recycling	1
Ways to reduce waste	1
The cost of trash and recycling	1
Composting	1
Reusing/donating household items and clothing	1
Energy savings from trash reduction	1

People may select more than one checkbox, so percentages may add up to more than 100%.

14) How would you like to receive additional educational information?



Sign up for monthly email tips	107	47%
Library display	84	37%
Town website	138	60%
Attend a workshop/seminar	16	7%
School e-news	46	20%
Library e-news	52	23%
Article in local papers	86	38%
Magnet recycling reminders	48	21%
Other methods? (fill in below)	9	4%

People may select more than one checkbox, so percentages may add up to more than 100%.

14) Continued - What other methods would you like to receive information about waste and recycling in Bow?

Email and website is cheap, and always available for reference. Do NOT increase our taxes with a pay-to-throw. Would like something like a refrigerator magnet listing what is and is not recyclable Mai ...

15) Optional - If you would like to receive regular email updates about recycling and waste reduction in Bow, please provide your email address in the box below. You may enter several addresses separated by commas.

[Redacted email address input fields]

