

BROOKLINE, VERMONT, PLANNING COMMISSION

2016 Town Planning Survey

DEMOGRAPHIC BACKGROUND

Only complete questions 1 through 4 if you are the Head of Household. There can only be one Head of Household per residence.

- 1. How long have you lived in Brookline?
2. My residence or property ownership in Brookline is:
3. My residence in Brookline is a:
4. How many persons live in your home?

All persons please complete questions 5 through 20

- 5. Your gender:
6. How old are you?
7. Your Occupation(s):
8. If employed, where do you work?

**ISSUES OF IMPORTANCE TO BROOKLINE**

9. What do you think are the most important issues in Brookline today?

Please SELECT the TEN issues you think are most important.  
Write "1" in front of the issue you feel is the top priority issue.  
Write "2" in front of your second choice.  
Write "3" in front of your third choice, etc.

- Aging population - with changing needs
- Education
- Emergency services \_ police, fire, rescue
- Zoning -the feasibility of zoning in Brookline
- Development review plan -the feasibility of a development plan in Brookline
- Environment - wildlife, water quality, air quality
- Historical landmarks -preservation of Round Schoolhouse, church, cemeteries
- Medical and Health services
- Recreation -ridgeline, access trails, outdoor recreational activities
- Regulation of development
- Telecommunications infrastructure -access to phone, cable, high speed Internet
- Transportation -roads, bridges, roadside maintenance, signs, traffic
- Transportation - car pool, taxi, extended bus route
- Waste management -recycling, trash, illegal dumping
- Control and management of invasive species
- Other (explain)\_\_\_\_\_

**THE FUTURE OF BROOKLINE**

10. How do you envision Brookline in the future? Please check ALL that apply

- Bedroom community for people working out of town
- Recreation destination for people in southern Vermont
- A more self-sufficient community with more job opportunities
- Retirement community
- Other (describe)\_\_\_\_\_

11. Where do you see yourself in the next 10 years?

- As a year-round Brookline resident
- As a seasonal or part-time Brookline resident
- Not living in Brookline

## **GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT**

Using the code below, indicate whether you AGREE or DISAGREE with the following:

**A = AGREE**

**D = DISAGREE**

**N = NO OPINION**

12. In Brookline, there should be more...

- Agricultural development
- Industry and commercial development
- Home-based businesses
- Residential housing development
- Affordable low-income housing
- Educational institutions

13. In Brookline there should be more Town regulation of:

- Agricultural development
- Industry and commercial ventures
- Home-based businesses
- Multi-family housing development
- Single-family housing
- Noise

## **RECREATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

14. Brookline's natural areas and resources should be used for:

- Recreation (hiking, hunting, skiing, snowmobiling, etc.)
- Wildlife/plant habitat
- Timber harvesting
- Tourism
- Other (describe)\_\_\_\_\_

15. The town of Brookline should make a special effort to manage/protect its...

- Wildlife habitats
- Ridgelines
- Forested areas
- Scenic vistas
- Water resources
- Prime agricultural lands
- Other (describe)\_\_\_\_\_

**CULTURAL AND COMMUNITY RESOURCES**

Using the code below, indicate whether you AGREE or DISAGREE with the following:

**A = AGREE      D = DISAGREE      N = NO OPINION**

16. Brookline should...

- Encourage/expand social and agricultural events (community activities, concerts, garden tours, etc.)
- Promote the preservation and reuse of its historic resources
- Encourage development of after-school programs
- Encourage continuing education for adults in Brookline
- Encourage development of accessible, affordable (low income) housing
- Other (describe) \_\_\_\_\_

**MUNICIPAL SERVICES IN BROOKLINE**

17. Brookline taxpayers...

- Are paying too much for the services they receive
- Would pay less if there were more business and industry in Brookline
- Would (you) be willing to pay for more expanded services and programs?
- Get a good value for taxes they pay

Comments \_\_\_\_\_  
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18. How do you rate the quality of town services for Brookline residents?

Using the rating code below, please rate the following Town services:

**E = EXCELLENT      G = GOOD      F = FAIR      P = POOR**

- School
- Town government
- Road maintenance
- Fire/rescue
- Recycling bins

Comments \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

19. If Brookline could achieve FIVE of the following objectives in the next five years, which five would you choose?

Please choose **FIVE** objectives and **rank them 1 to 5**, in order of importance to you, with #1 being the most important, and #5 being your fifth most important objective.

- \_\_\_ Manage/protect natural resources
- \_\_\_ Maintain rural character/ quality of life
- \_\_\_ Protect scenic vistas
- \_\_\_ Encourage commercial growth
- \_\_\_ Improve access to recreation
- \_\_\_ Improve town government effectiveness
- \_\_\_ Improve roads, bridges
- \_\_\_ Encourage energy efficiency
- \_\_\_ Encourage residential housing development
- \_\_\_ Encourage affordable (low income) housing
- \_\_\_ Encourage improved telecommunications infrastructure
- \_\_\_ Encourage more social and cultural events in Brookline
- \_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

20. There are three unique buildings the Town now owns: The Church, the former Elementary School and the Round Schoolhouse. In order to maximize public benefit from these buildings and minimize Town expenses, do you have any ideas for uses of these structures that could generate income?

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21. Are there any specific issues that you would like to see addressed by the Brookline Planning Commission?

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*We welcome any questions or comments you may have regarding this survey. All Planning Commission members will be available at Town Meeting to discuss, however, prior to that, survey and related questions may be directed to Barbara Bourne ([kbourne24@comcast.net](mailto:kbourne24@comcast.net), 365-4145) or Tom Kavet ([tom@kavet.net](mailto:tom@kavet.net), 221-8050) via phone or e-mail.*

**Thank you for your time and thoughtfulness in filling out this survey!**

**TO MAIL THE SURVEY, TURN TO PAGE 6, FOLD IN THIRDS AND TAPE CLOSED**

**SURVEYS MAY ALSO BE DROPPED OFF AT THE TOWN OFFICE**

In order to avoid duplicate survey responses and so as to save Town mailing expenses by sending these surveys via e-mail in the future, please let us know your:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

**THANK YOU!**

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**TO:**

**Brookline Planning Commission  
Town Clerk's Office  
P.O. Box 403  
Newfane, VT 05345**

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**PLEASE RETURN BY MARCH 15, 2016**

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