

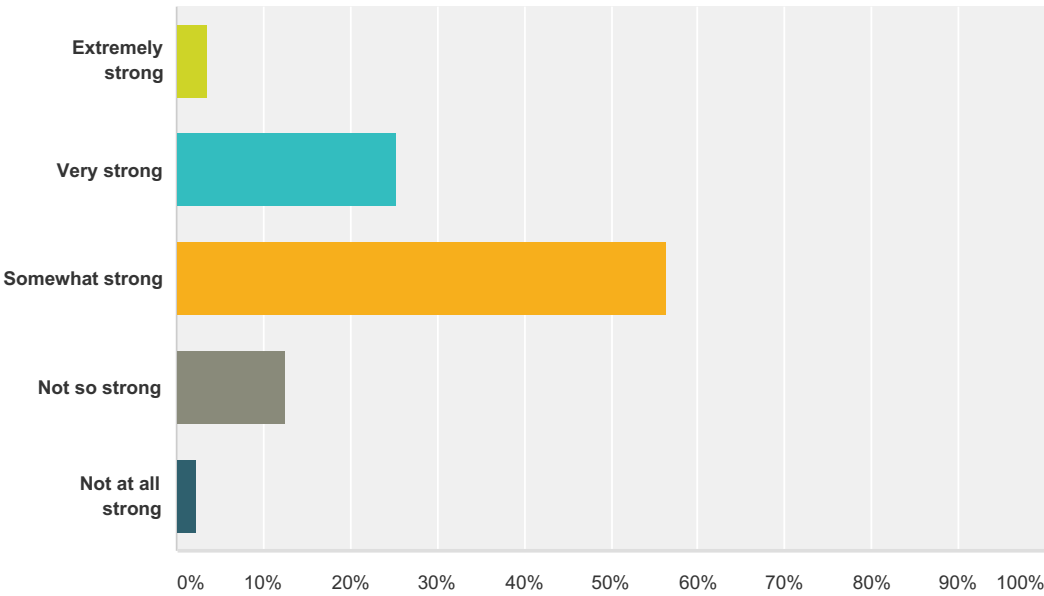
Town of Monkton, VT 2016 Townwide Planning Survey

Conducted by the Monkton Planning Commission



Q1 How strong is the sense of community in Monkton?

Answered: 222 Skipped: 5



Answer Choices	Responses	
Extremely strong	3.60%	8
Very strong	25.23%	56
Somewhat strong	56.31%	125
Not so strong	12.61%	28
Not at all strong	2.25%	5
Total		222

Q2 What do you think would increase the sense of community in Monkton?

Answered: 141 Skipped: 86

Question 2. What do you think would increase the sense of community?

- more get together-eg picnic,sharing
- new town hall
- more community get togethers/events (13)
- More free gatherings
- It's a bedroom town-you need a core community reason to exist besides sleeping here.
- Tough question, It is lacking nationwide, we don't need to rely on each other like years ago, so I fear we may never get back there.
- Don't build a new town hall
- This is the wrong question. #2 should be "Do you require a sense of community while living in Monkton?"
- Town hall with community functions/get together/ Less busy lifes
- More activities centrally located...possibly sponsored by the school? Community use of school
- Working on a community hiking/mountain biking trail system.
- A joint library and town hall building in the ridge that would have public meeting spaces.
- More community events outside of Boy Scouts sponsored- music, food, etc
- It's hard to say but perhaps more town sponsored events.
- A Community Center/space (10)
- Meeting places
- That the "green" clicks stop trying to make others feel like they are unwelcome unless they comply with wanting all local green energy.
- . walking access in Monktonboro and Monkton Ridge
- Post a lower speed limit on the Ridge and from the stop sign to the school and through the borough. 25 miles per hour please.
- More community events and central gathering space other than school gym
- Potlucks, Concerts in Morse Park, or maybe 5K around the pond to fundraise for the school.
- a "town center" green space/park near the Town Hall
- a Town Center to include a new town Hall and sidewalks on the Ridge
- I think the school is what keeps the community together, things that engage the parents will help to keep a strong community
- A town center, businesses.
- A cafe, more talks and presentations, festivals, music events
- Multi-age drop-in community center.
- Pave our roads
- More town functions
- Year round social activities
- unsure
- rustic yet clean general store with more parking
- Events such as corn roast, chili contest, Santa visits, etc.
- open minded people
- To have one central meeting place for community events.

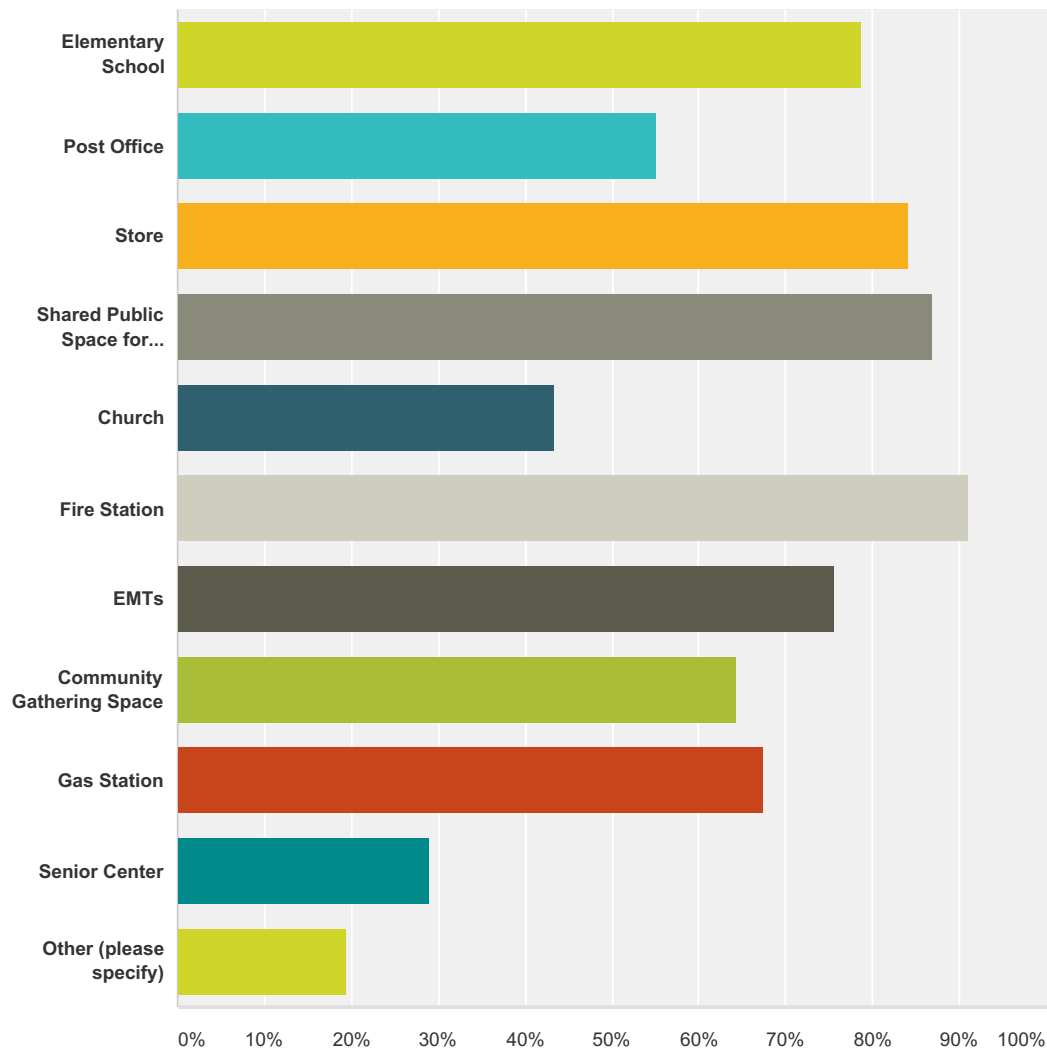
- town hall
- no input
- A gathering spot. I.e. Restaurant, tasting room, bar.
- More celebratory gatherings (e.g., community dinners)
- don't know
- Farmer's Markets, Harvest Festival
- A center of town, everything is spread out now.
- Preschool friendly playground
- Local community groups for folks (beyond just the rec stuff for kids)
- more kids events!
- a town center, coffee shop
- More local business and keeping more business local.
- Maybe a cafe or some sort of community gathering place where people could sit and have coffee
- Have a gathering spot like a coffee/tea house.
- Gatherings for new Monkton residents maybe? We have purchased our house 3+ years ago and hardly know anyone.
- Integration of school and services, ie library
- I don't know as I don't find much other than Morse park of interest
- More town-wide events.
- A centralized place such as a community center with a coffee shop.
- not really that interested so probably nothing. We are used to travelling hours to be with our affinity groups.
- Central gathering place
- Not sure
- The town hall that was designed and turned down by the voters
- Having a modern Town Hall and Library combined multipurpose building.
- it is very strong already
- Wish I knew
- Families with kids at MCS tend to be better connected to the community, and more aware of what is going on. However, this positive effect has faded over the last 5 years or so (speaking as someone who has had kids in MCS for the past 10 years) Not sure how to rekindle and expand this. Maybe MCS could promote school-wide events as "community events"?
- town center
- More social events and a place to hold them
- Not sure.
- very important
- Annual events
- I can't think of anything at the moment.
- Meeting spaces
- A bar
- honest dedicated leadership with a vision for monkton not their wallets
- people are too busy the small community sense is gone

- Evening programming in public spaces (school, library, town hall), an inviting public outdoor space to gather (maintained swimming beach, park on Monkton ridge), a nicer sign outside of library
- More frequent meal gatherings, music, garlic festival or food festivals
- Increase outreach to people without children
- Maybe some live music somewhere during the Summer.
- Town Green
- More inclusion in activities and activities that would include those of all ages and situations.
- Fun Events
- Less taxes!
- Town Hall with community space, more community activities at school, more community activities at library, better store
- a gathering place
- Uniforms for the kids ball teams, more community events at Morse Park or Rec Field
- Central town center: P.O., Town Hall, recreation facility for gatherings
- a town green near town hall and the monkton general store
- new building for post office and community center.
- Town meeting place
- New town hall with community center.
- ban flatlanders from moving in
- Not sure
- More public events, public/child friendly town center or park that is centrally located and easy to get to.
- More summer events i.e. Picnic, concerts, etc on a scheduled basis.
- No idea.
- additional family-friendly shared space, farmers market, playgroups/new parent connections, increased communication between Monkton Central School and general public
- The school and store are what ties the community...not sure how to increase those.
- More town wide events.
- a better town hall / community center
- Do outdoor projection movies at the elementary school.
- Why does it have to be?
- We need to work/play/do business together - how about building the new Town Hall together?
- a town center with a coffee shop
- if something motivated me to join in more
- Friendlier people
- A traditional central town square/part
- Is there a program encouraging retirees to volunteer at the school? If not, that might help.
- More community activities that involve all ages groups in town not just those that involve people with kids.
- More local businesses, community space other than the school. Restaurants/cafe

- more places besides the school and store where people see each other
- We currently have an unofficial facebook site, perhaps an official facebook site may be better
- a new town hall with adequate meeting space
- I'm not interested in this
- a meeting place and additional town wide activities
- groups
- community meeting space / coffee house
- Gathering place, especially for people without children.
- town gathering spot, activities
- Social gathering place, occasional winter social events
- stuff and things
- More ways for people to meet each other

Q3 Which of the following services are important to have in Monkton? (Please select all that apply)

Answered: 221 Skipped: 6



Answer Choices	Responses
Elementary School	78.73% 174
Post Office	55.20% 122
Store	84.16% 186
Shared Public Space for Recreation such as Morse Park, Rec Field, etc.	86.88% 192
Church	43.44% 96
Fire Station	90.95% 201
EMTs	75.57% 167
Community Gathering Space	64.25% 142

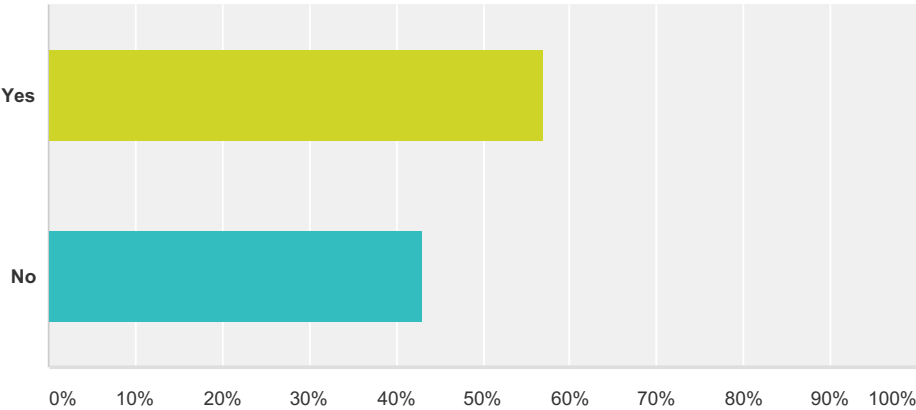
Gas Station	67.42%	149
Senior Center	28.96%	64
Other (please specify)	19.46%	43
Total Respondents: 221		

Question 3. Which services are important to have in Monkton?

- You need to build Pride in the community- people just pay their taxes and complain that they are too high.
- Putting the road grader to work.....
- Natural Gas for home heating and fuel. Improve the town sign....a little paint maybe and some solar lighting? Or go hi tech with an LED solar powered display
- Important
- Restaurant/coffee shop/bakery for folks to gather at. (6)
- Community garden space
- Access to bristol
- Library (6)
- larger library
- Local businesses
- Nature Center/nature trails/ bike path
- a "town center" green space/park near the Town Hall
- Request one of the previous Post Mistresses to return. I avoid using the Monkton PO these days.
- Public transportation
- Community center
- NOT a Seniors only center, but a community center that also supports senior programs
- any and all business
- town hall
- Police presence
- bigger library
- emergency shelter
- senior houseing
- shared public space is sufficinet as is now
- Car repair facilities
- A creative place to make art/music.
- It's rediculous that we still have a post office. It's a boondoggle. People refer to it as a community gathering place, but I've never seen it. Let's stop wasting money, even if it is federal money.
- A public trail. Maybe something like the Trail around Middlebury
- Events like those formerly planned by Monkton Coffee House
- School taxes are WAY too high == need to ingtegrate districts
- all the above, which we already have.
- Community wood, community solar, wholesale food buying club
- Tennis courts

Q4 The town of Monkton has voted down 3 town hall plans. Is a new town hall something you think we should continue to pursue?

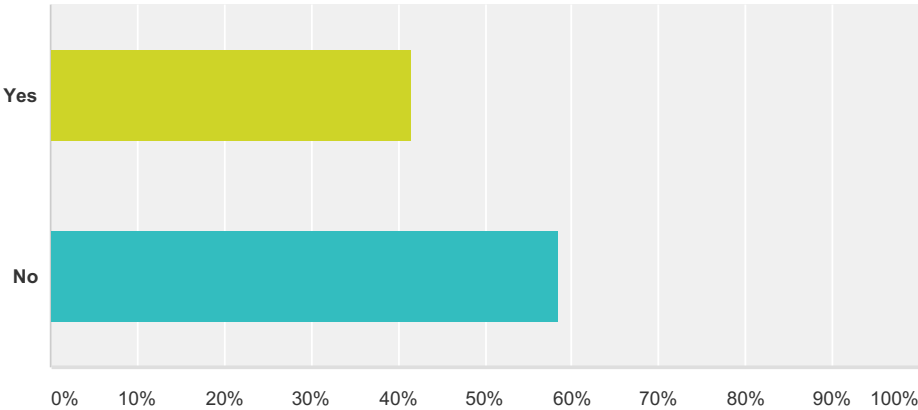
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Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	56.94%	123
No	43.06%	93
Total		216

Q5 Do you feel safe using Monkton roads for non-motorized uses such as walking, running, biking, horse back riding, etc.?

Answered: 205 Skipped: 22



Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	41.46%	85
No	58.54%	120
Total		205

Question 5. Do you feel safe using Monkton Roads for non-motorized uses such as walking, running, biking, horse back riding, etc.?

Comments 118:

- that why we have a walk path at Morse Park
- Boro Hill Road- Piney Woods Rd
- Since this is a rural setting it would be difficult
- biking not very safe on most roads, but is the only one that should be encouraged
- Our roads in the current setup are not friendly to other uses at all, again a whole state issue. Building in wider road edges when repaving would be smart, and it may actually save the road from collapse. Some roads should not be used for anything but vehicles, i.e. Silver st.
- Monkton vergennes rd
- Silver St, 116
- Bristol-Monkton road
- walkways, cross walks
- Monkton road
- Some roads yes, some no. Paved rds without shoulder/line = no.
- Some people are driving too fast on Boro Hill Rd. State police or sheriff need to monitor in early morning. How about flashing speed signs? Do not pave Boro Hill Rd....people will go faster. Allowing some businesses on Boro Hill Rd. And Hardscrabble Rd. is OK but not others like a creemee stand in a neighborhood?!
- On the ridge and by the school (Vergennes Rd)
- All paved roads should have fog lines.
- see above
- Dirt roads are mostly OK, but higher speeds with no shoulder is a serious hazard on paved roads
- Shoulders aren't wide enough
- Monkton/Vergennes Rd. needs speed tables, truck restrictions, and a bike/walking lane.
- Depends on the road, but mostly not. Drivers are distracted and there aren't any shoulders.
- mostly safe...
- from school to town hall to Rotax Rd
- drivers need to slow down on Mountain Road. Do not pave any gravel roads in Monkton..
- Bristol Rd. needs shoulders or a parallel bike path
- The road from the ridge to the school needs a bike path separate from the road.
- Speed on Mountain Road is an issue
- mountain rd, monkton-bristol rd
- All paved roads
- dirt roads should be paved
- Wider shoulders on all roads would help.
- Ridge Road, Road to Elementary School
- All of the paved roads need a break down/bike lane.
- Main roads

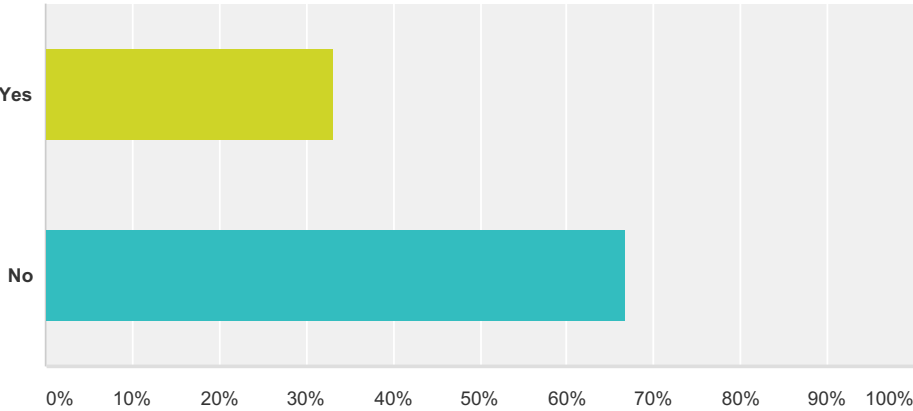
- Mountain Road is becoming a speed way!!!
- The roads are narrow with fast traffic and narrow shoulders, so it is hard to choose.
- Traffic goes too fast on Ridge and nearby roads.
- Silver Street feels quite unsafe for either walking or biking.
- Silver Street, Bristol Rd, Monkton (to Vergennes) Rd.
- No shoulders are available, and no bike lanes either. The main Monkton Vergennes road definitely should get some attention. There are many blind turns, and people just drive too fast. Problem is exacerbated due to construction on Rte 7.
- Only the dirt roads are safe for nonmotorized activity.
- Most all of them. No police enforcement of speed limits
- General statement due to cell phone use by drivers
- Monkton Road
- Mountain road
- most dirt roads
- Monkton Vergennes Rd around pond could use wider shoulder
- The roads aren't safe to be shared anymore because of cell phones
- road to school from 3 way stop
- some roads- but not the one I live on
- Silver Street, Vergennes-Monkton Road, Ferrisburg/Hollow Road - all paved roads
- cars go too fast, I cannot even bring my children for bike rides on Mountain Road!
- lower speed limit on Pond Rd
- It's mostly portions of Bristol Rd and Vergennes rd
- Traffic is too fast on Silver Street
- Monkton road by the school, cars FLY through there very fast. Our cat was hit this summer :(
- Pave and provide shoulders. The \$ saved on constant maintenance of dirt roads would pay off eventually
- Roads need greater right of way
- Monkton Road from Ridge to Central School
- Wish silver st was safer but not sure how to help that situation.
- Sidewalks and bike paths needed
- Ridge road. Access from school to ridge.
- paved roads shoulders are too narrow, dirt roads have dogs off leash in people's yards that come charging at people.
- Hollow Rd, Monkton Vergennes Rd and Bristol Rd and Silver St.
- Bike lanes need to be installed on all.
- Monkton Rd. Too many speeders/unsafe drivers to use. Sidewalks would be wonderful!
- I use Pond Road, connecting dirt roads and the rec path by the school
- Monkton Ridge to Monkton Boro, eventually extend down Monkton Rd at least to corner near Huizengas (the rest of the way to the Ferrisburg town line doesn't seem so bad to me, for some reason..
- Yes and no. I think that a little more of a shoulder would help on main roads, back roads are good.

- I was very nearly hit by a vehicle on Monkton Road near Morse Park. I don't think the driver saw me until he was past me.
- Hollow rd
- Old Hollow Rd
- Rotax road
- Hollow Road for sure. Possibly Monkton Road as well.
- All public roads
- Boro to ridge
- It's the drivers. Not much can be done about how people drive.
- Roads have no shoulders. Not safe
- Safe for the most part. I would like to see Mountain Road be paved. If traffic speed is a concern, add law enforcement or traffic flow devices (ie.stop signs, round abouts, speed bumps, speed sensors with cameras etc.)
- Sliver Street is posted 40MPH, Everyone is doing 50 or more
- it's not the roads it's inconsiderate people
- I would say yes for the most part. The main roads ,like monkton,silver. Are not wide enough for multi use, however it is the same across vt.
- Monkton-Vergennes rd b/t ridge & boro. Also, people drive way fast on Boro hill.
- I feel that all roads need decreased speed limits, or at a minimum strict enforcement of existing limits.
- Boro Hill Rd, Monkton Vergennes Rd
- Monkton Road between the ridge and the boro
- none, ride your bike or walk somewhere else, the roads are too narrow for those activities.
- It is hard without sidewalks. Silver Street, Pond Rd
- Mountain Road.....blind hills and people drive too fast
- Exception of Monkton/Vergennes Road, way too busy for non-motorized uses
- Monkton Vergennes Rd. More roads for safe horse, bike, walk activities
- Silver Street/Monkton Ridge and Monkton Road
- borohill/lower the speed limit please
- Silver St and prison hollow rd
- You need to define what type of road you are referring to
- The back roads are great. I don't use the main paved roads.
- Hollow Rd., Monkton Vergennes Rd., Silver Street
- Bristol-Monkton Rd. and Vergennes-Monkton Rd. Otherwise my answer is Yes but I had to select no to fill this out.
- the intersection by Monkton General Store. It amazes me we don't see more accidents there. Why don't people coming up the hill on States Prison Hollow have to stop there??!!! A yield sign on the left side??
- Mnkton-Vergennes Road
- Covered Bridge Road
- Restrict ongoing use to less-0traveled roads
- Traffic does not follow speed limit on many roads. Parks-Hurlburt is horrible!
- The roads should be used for vehicle traffic only.

- some dirt roads are not walkable or bikeable, too narrow.
- Which roads?
- I don't use roads for non-motorized uses.
- Mountain Road has turned into a high-speed straightway
- roads are too narrow- could expand gravel shoulders
- roads being re-paved should include two more feet for bikes
- Drivers on Boro Hill Road travel much too fast to feel safe walking.
- all
- I feel safe only on the dirt roads
- Bristol/Monkton Road
- All - the speed limits on the back/dirt roads is almost as fast as Silver street. People speed down those roads in an effort to avoid the police cars monitoring traffic on the paved roads.
- Wider shoulder on all roads. Do not allow signs at the intersection of silver street and Davis road, very hard to see around the signs advertising for the berry farm. Redesign intersection of prison hollow and silver street. Move town billboard that is on the Ridge as it blocks view when turning off prison hollow. Better define where did can park at the general store, trucks often block view coming off prison hollow road.
- Monkon/Bristol Rd.
- Monkton Rd, especially btw Ridge and MCS
- if possible sidewalk along the ridge and around the school & pond
- Cemetery Road is so bad, the post office refuses to deliver my mail.

Q6 Do you think sidewalks are necessary in Monkton?

Answered: 199 Skipped: 28



Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	33.17%	66
No	66.83%	133
Total		199

Question 6. Do you think sidewalks are necessary in Monkton?

Comments (73)

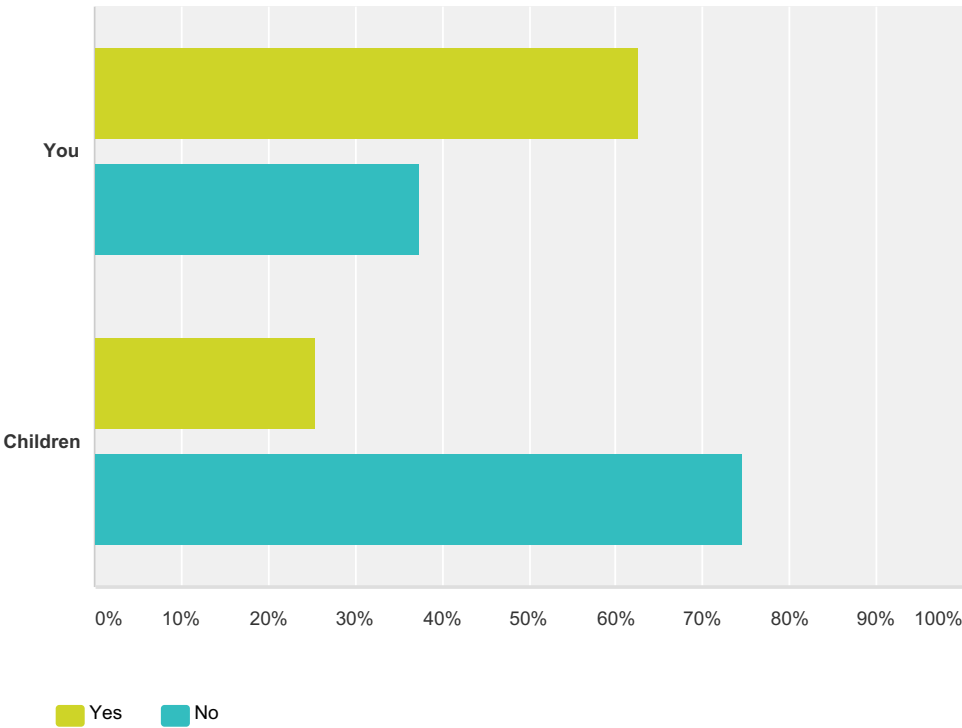
- to and from the school
- Wider roads. Two birds one stone
- on and around ridge
- Nothing stands out to me as really needing connecting at this point.
- Only in the Ridge
- Ridge and Boro
- not certain, where?
- On Silver street from Davis to Monkton Road and Monkton Road to Pond
- A protected pedestrian/bike lane (seperated by planters)
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- from school to town hall to Rotax Rd
- Monkton Ridge from current Town Hall north to church on west side of road onnly. Also, sidewalk from Ridge to Monkton Central School, and path from church to school through the woods.
- In places. Most important from the ridge to the boro.
- bike paths on all main paved roads (to Bristol, Hinesburg, Vergennes)
- On the Ridge, around the library/town hall/store
- School to Ridge to church
- Ridge Road (I am a land owner on ridge road and would be willing to give up property for the sidewalks)
- between the school and the village and thru the village heading north
- Not sure
- Rec field to Town hall
- from monkton ridge to elementary school
- By store / library / town offices.
- walking spaces around the center of ridge/pond
- On some paved roads, especially by the school, the store, and the post office.
- In the town center
- Monkton Vergennes Rd near Pond
- Until there is Monkton center. There's no reason
- some areas of town yes- near the school, store, church
- Moutain Road for walking kids in strollers and bike riding- cars are dangerous
- gravel walking path from school to ridge and boro
- Ridge and by school
- Pave and provide shoulders, safer for bikes also
- Larger sholder would be nice on Monkton Road
- Monkton ridge. Especially if this is an area where we are thinking of building.
- Between Ridge and Boro
- Safety.

- they would be good if we had more of a town center with a couple of places to walk between
- between the school and the town hall and along the road on the ridge between town hall and where Davis St takes off.
- Monkton Rd. Kids could walk to and from school.
- on the main road near the store and town hall
- Necessary? no, would I however like to see some along the main stretch by the school and center of town, YES
- Priority: Monkton Ridge to Monkton Boro, possibly extend to other areas. I think side walks are often a better choice than widening the shoulders, as the latter just seems to encourage speeding. I suggest "side trails" rather than sidewalks (no paving or cement, maybe gravel or just a mowed strip?)
- Sidewalks would be nice, but many houses on Monkton Rd already have very little front yard.
- It would be great to safely be able to walk around the pond, monkton Road being the dangerous part.
- Connect Boro with ridge
- Boro to ridge
- I think a path over the ridge and around Pond Road would be nice. Could be a 3+ mile trail.
- Near town office building or anywhere people congregate and there is high foot traffic.
- Only from the school to the town office area
- Connecting Ridge & Boro, perhaps to Boyers orchard in Boro
- Through town we need wider shoulders or sidewalk/bike lanes.
- A shoulder wide enough to walk safely in the Ridge and to the post office
- On main roads only
- I would like to see them on Monkton Ridge
- on the Ridge
- Monkton/Vergennes road needs sidewalks, especially from Monktonboro to Monkton Ridge
- from school around to boro hill
- In town
- How about a cross walk from the Monkton Store to Town hall for starters
- Through main part of town, also to and from school.
- Boro between school and Rec Field on Hollow
- In the main downtown area between town hall, school, store.
- In the center of town, and further as needed.
- Read the other questions then tell why this question is even on this survey
- Center of town.
- Around the town hall
- If grants are available, they should be pursued. To schools - MCS and Mt. Abe.
- In the village area
- Between the town clerk's office and the store.
- But a bike path could be nice!

- Ridge to Boro, Bristol Rd
- Monkton Ridge
- limited
- Connect Morse Park to Monkton Ridge. Allow for development along the Ridge.

Q7 Do you think you or your children will live in Monkton in 20 years:

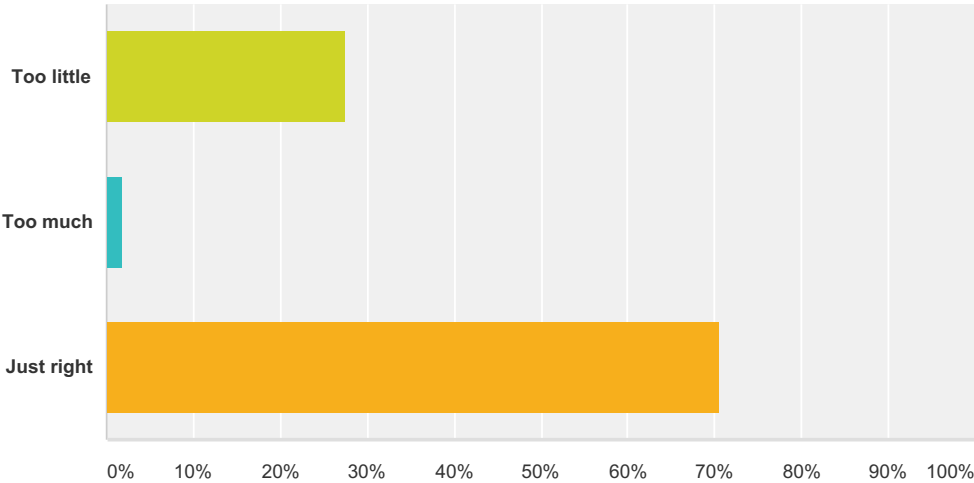
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	Yes	No	Total
You	62.56% 127	37.44% 76	203
Children	25.49% 39	74.51% 114	153

Q8 The following are examples of current open space in Monkton: Monkton Recreation Field; Morse Park; Raven's Ridge; Pond Brook Wetland; Fishing Access off Pond Road. Is this amount?

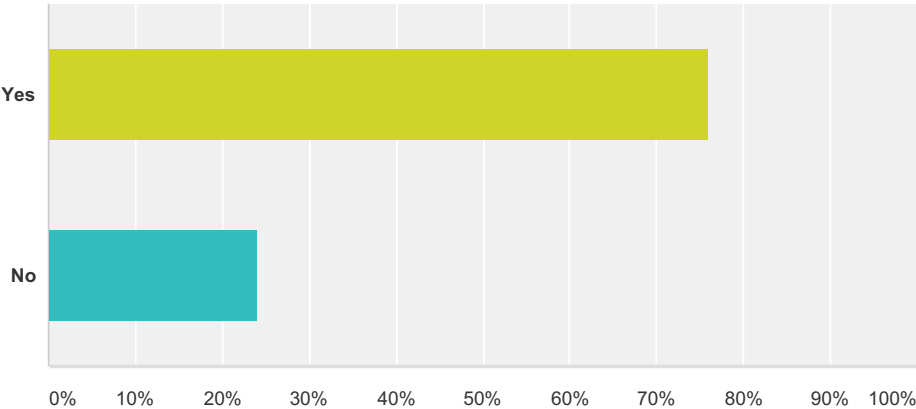
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Answer Choices	Responses	
Too little	27.60%	61
Too much	1.81%	4
Just right	70.59%	156
Total		221

Q9 Do you believe that Monkton has enough space for recreation?

Answered: 217 Skipped: 10



Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	76.04%	165
No	23.96%	52
Total		217

Question 9. Do you believe Monkton has enough Rec space (57)?

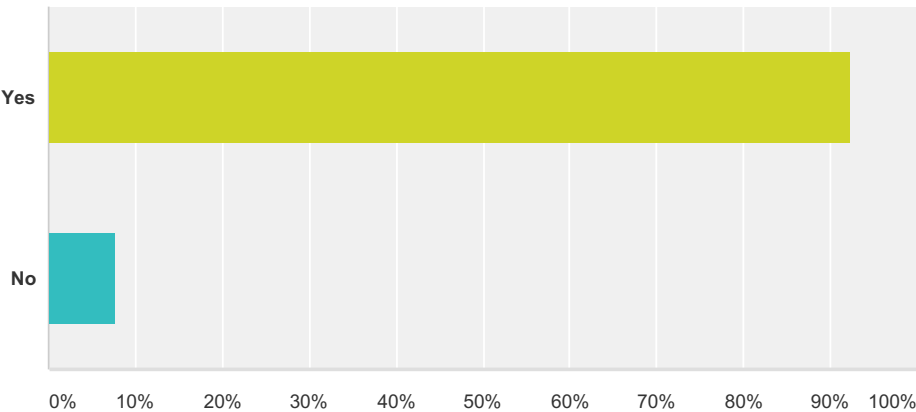
- Other than Raven's Ridge, not enough natural land, or forest that we can recreate, Parks are ok, but swamps are not that much fun.
- Needs a golf course
- It would be great if the local mountains could be opened up for hiking as has been done in Hinesburgh.
- More walking/biking/hiking trails
- We need a more extensive hiking/mtn biking trail system, Suggest a trail north to south on the HogBack, connect to the trails behind Bristol pnd.
- Pickle ball court marked off at school gym
- More trails
- Indoor recreation space needed
- walking and xc skiing trails
- More community accessible forest
- More accessible natural spaces.
- more conserved land for hiking trails
- safe walking/bike/running path around the pond?
- Consider options as they become available.
- Morse park need to be developed more for other sports like baseball
- Disc golf
- Not sure
- Multi-age drop-in community center/library/coffee shop/gym open during the day.
- Publicly accessible land for Cross-country skiing, and dog walking without leash.
- Space is adequate, but could use improvements.
- I would like to see more extensive woodland walking trails like the ones they have in Hinesburg.
- Community Center
- Need port o Potties at the park locations
- more kid friendly things
- It would be nice to have some connecting trails that would allow walkers and bikers to get around more easily. I know this may not be possible!
- more hiking trails
- An in door place to gather and make art and music.
- This is a supplemental answer to #10: I support conservation of farms and forest but not by way of changing zoning to effectively force conservation, but rather by a property owner voluntarily conserving
- Bike lane
- There is so much potential. I'm happy to hear that mountain bike trails are being built.
- Basketball court
- More woods trails for hiking, biking, interconnected.
- i would love off-road vehicles trails
- Would love to see a network of trails (for non-motorized access) connecting various parts of the town and/or spanning large wooded areas. This would require cooperation of a lot of private landowners, some of whom would likely want to limit amount or type of

access, but it would be interesting to explore. Any possibility of using parts of VGS right-of-way for a walking/bike trail (again with landowner permission)

- More conserved lands with public right of way access
- A larger mixed forest land parcel would be nice to hunt.
- A maintained swimming area (raked for milfoil)/beach would be fabulous. The pond is such an asset, potentially, but there's nowhere to just sit and enjoy it, let alone swim in it.
- There should be a formula for green spaces as the town grows. England has such a plan for years
- extended access to walking trails utilizing Pond Rd extension, Bennett/Nichols Rd, Stillson Rd, Weisenbach Rd, Cemetery Rd. and other class 4 roads into a network.
- More trails
- better access to hunting areas.
- Swimming area
- Somewhere to hike/ride horses share the trails somehow.
- A town park for gathering, picnics, walking, sitting, relaxing....perhaps a town green that is centrally located.
- Space yes, facilities no. Existing ones need to be improved (dugouts at rec field for example) and other options added at Morse Park (fenced in dog park for example)
- yes
- additional open space
- Adequate but more walking/hiking trails would be nice
- More walking trails
- Community gym
- Could use more
- hiking trails, tennis courts
- additional hiking / mountain biking trails
- designated hiking/biking trails
- Town Forest with walking trails.
- walking riding and biking trails
- Hiking trails, swimming access to the pond,

Q10 Do you support the conservation of farms and forest lands within Monkton?

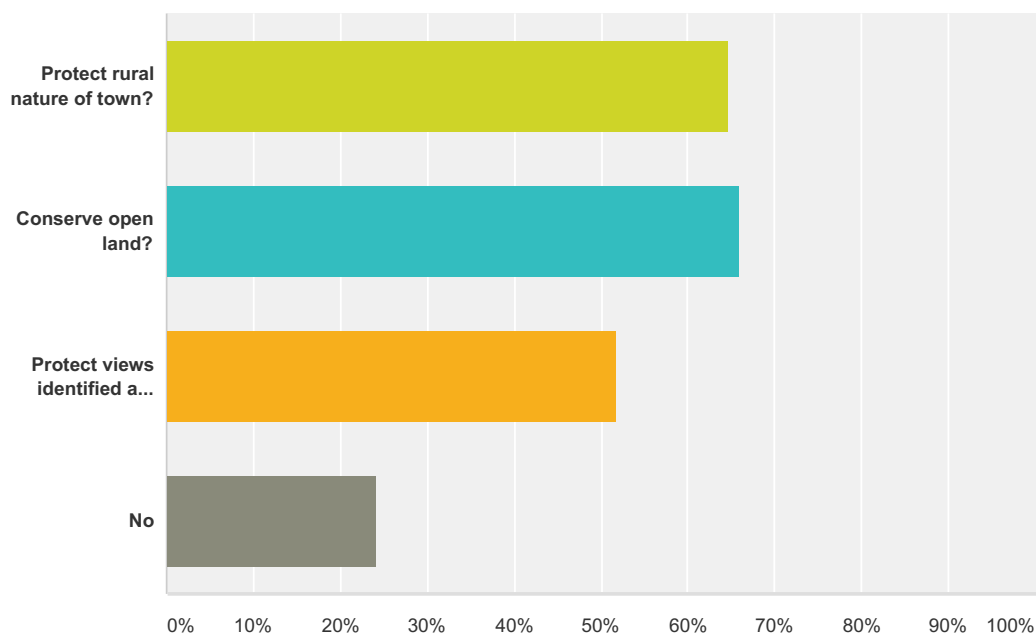
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Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	92.27%	203
No	7.73%	17
Total		220

Q11 Do you support Monkton allocating town funds to support purchasing the development rights and/or outright purchase of land to:

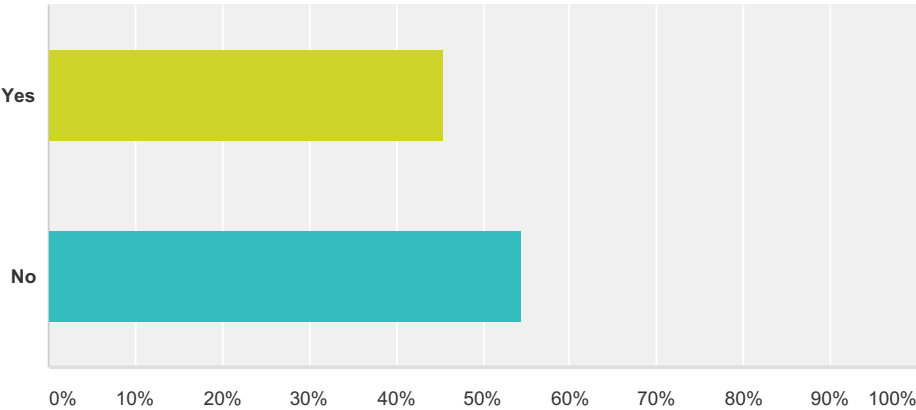
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Answer Choices	Responses	
Protect rural nature of town?	64.68%	141
Conserve open land?	66.06%	144
Protect views identified as important to Monkton?	51.83%	113
No	24.31%	53
Total Respondents: 218		

Q12 Do you feel that all age groups, from young adults through senior citizens, are adequately represented on town issues?

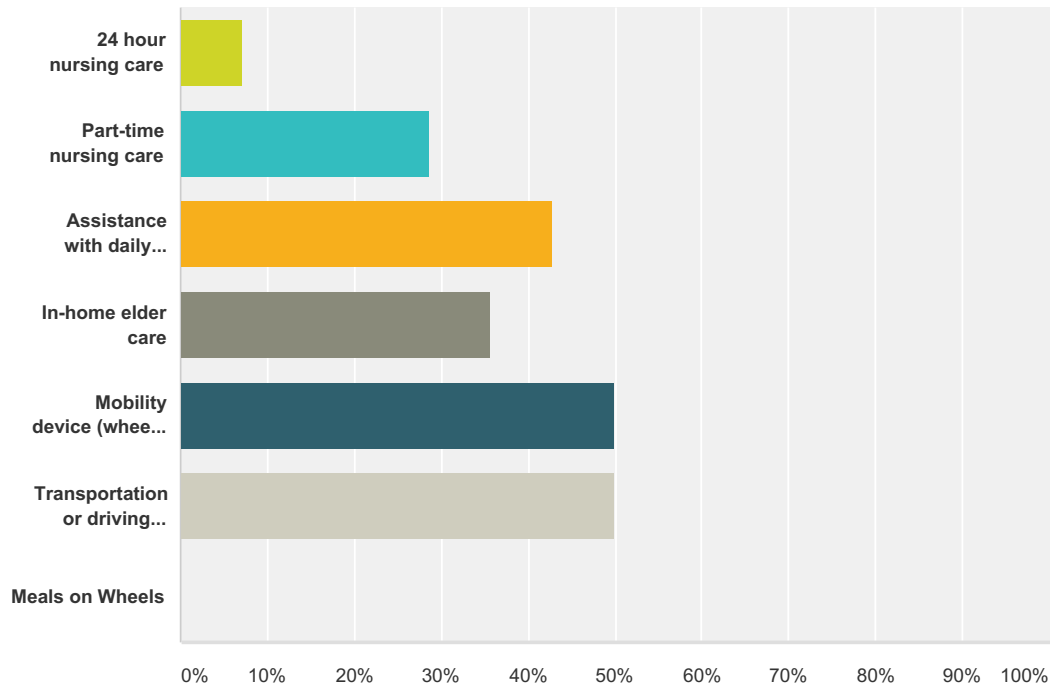
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Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	45.50%	86
No	54.50%	103
Total		189

Q13 Does anyone in your household currently require any of the following services? Indicate all that apply.

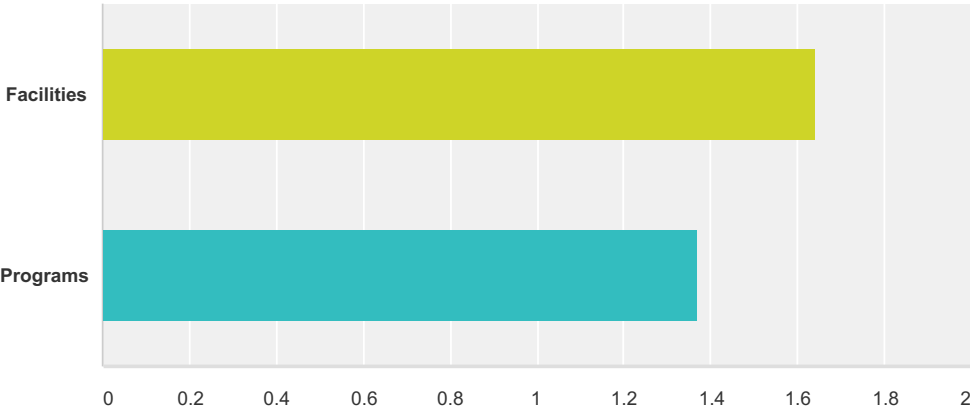
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Answer Choices	Responses	
24 hour nursing care	7.14%	1
Part-time nursing care	28.57%	4
Assistance with daily chores	42.86%	6
In-home elder care	35.71%	5
Mobility device (wheel chair, walker, etc.)	50.00%	7
Transportation or driving assistance	50.00%	7
Meals on Wheels	0.00%	0
Total Respondents: 14		

Q14 Do we need additional elder care facilities or programs in Monkton?

Answered: 165 Skipped: 62



	YES	NO	Total	Weighted Average
Facilities	36.42% 55	63.58% 96	151	1.64
Programs	63.40% 97	36.60% 56	153	1.37

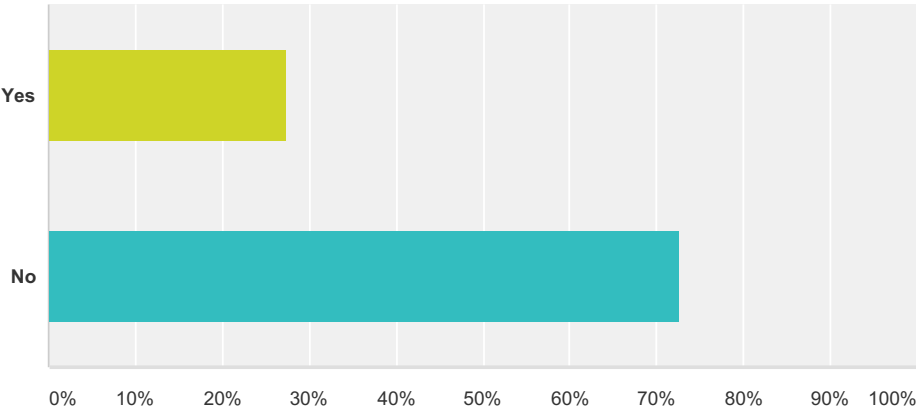
Q 14. Do we need additional elder care facilities or programs (61)

- S.A.S.H Senior Center
- elderly housing
- Why such a focus on elders?
- day activity
- Meal site. Gathering place in ridge that is accessible and a paid part time person to organize activities
- Elementary school senior connections
- Meeting space
- Exercise activities
- Assistance programs to match demand
- Senior Center, senior housing and services, public transportation.
- housing
- Transportation
- should be community driven not taxpayer funded
- doctor office/private owned
- I'm not in need of them, so I don't know what is lacking. Transportation to medical appts, or senior care?
- town center would be good facility. Proj. Ind. 20 miles away.
- Activities for elders at a community center in town. I must admit that I don't know what services are currently available (e.g. Meals on Wheels).
- Support for elderly. Maybe mail pick up, or just checking in periodically to avoid possible tragedies.
- Senior or Community Center
- not sure/Don't know (11 similar answers)
- Community center, visiting health care worker
- meeting space for elders to get together
- health care for the elderly in their homes
- senior center, classes,
- sponsored gatherings, luncheons, dinners
- expanded library or community center would work. transportation is key
- support groups, activities,
- Anything that would help our elderly get together and enjoy activities and get them out of the house on a regular basis and be social
- Had to relocate Mother due to lack of affordable services in Monkton
- Partnering opportunities for youth and elders
- A common place for people of all ages to gather.
- Home health aides adequately paid so that people can stay in their homes longer.
- A Municipal building for multipurpose uses.
- I'm not familiar enough with needs in this area to judge. My bet is that anyone who has a relative or close friend who needs this care will say "Yes" to both. Those who don't have such a connection will say no, or will not be aware of the need.
- Transportation/Driving assistance

- affordable community assisted housing
- I'm not familiar w/ this issue.
- Elder housing (ideally overlooking the pond), ACTR transportation to Middlebury and BTV
- Programs that would get seniors out to events
- Activities for elderly with easy access
- Senior center and community meeting soace
- Gathering place for recreation and enjoyment, assistance with chores, meals
- no
- Maybe both.
- We need to make the school and churches the center of our community for a wide variety of uses
- Something more than the nothing we have.
- I am unfamiliar with what is offered currently
- Services/programs to support elders, involve elementary school and the community.
- not sure, elder housing is expensive and better provided in Bristol & Middlebury
- Multi generation center, meals
- group senior activities -meals, game gatherings

Q15 Do you have adequate information about the Town's emergency plans for assisting residents in case of an emergency?

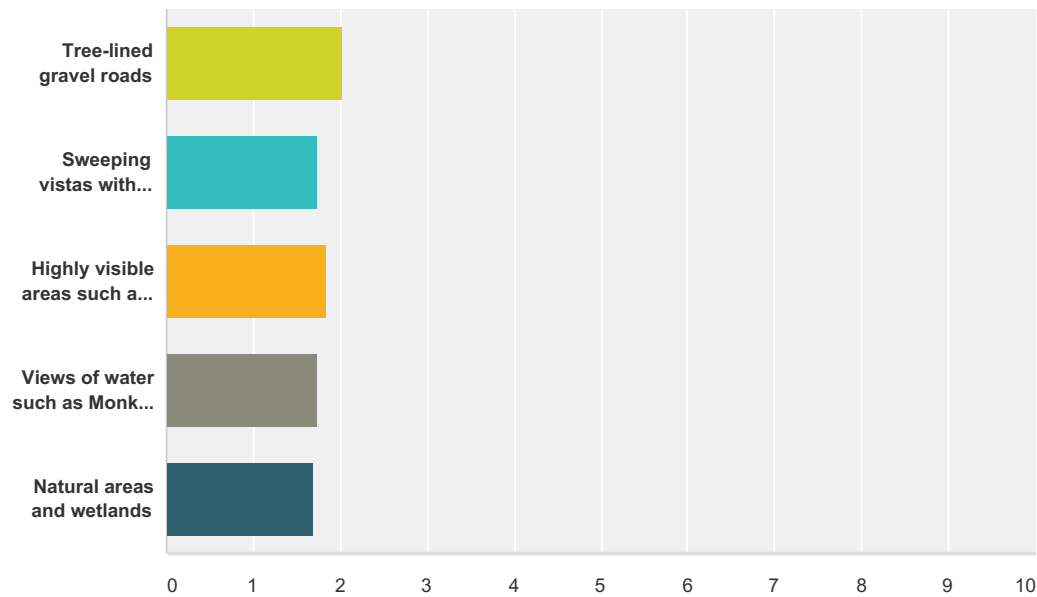
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Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	27.31%	59
No	72.69%	157
Total		216

Q16 A recent study identified the following as being important to the rural nature of Monkton by some townspeople. How do you feel about the following?

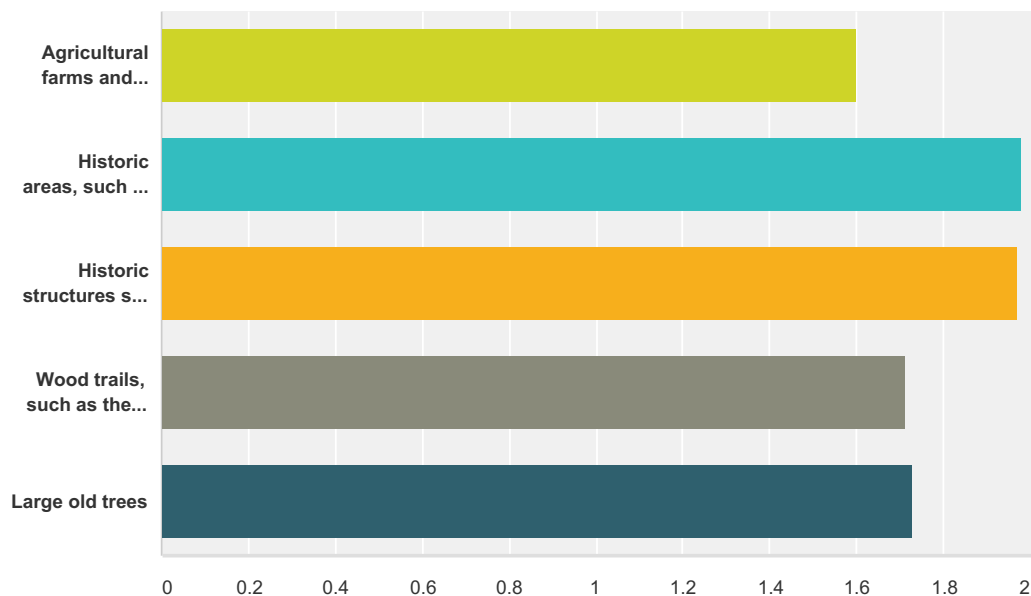
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	Strongly Agree	Agree	No Opinion	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Total	Weighted Average
Tree-lined gravel roads	38.16% 79	37.20% 77	12.08% 25	9.66% 20	2.90% 6	207	2.02
Sweeping vistas with mountain views	45.85% 94	38.54% 79	11.71% 24	3.41% 7	0.49% 1	205	1.74
Highly visible areas such as ridge lines	42.03% 87	38.16% 79	14.49% 30	4.83% 10	0.48% 1	207	1.84
Views of water such as Monkton Pond	45.89% 95	40.58% 84	8.70% 18	4.35% 9	0.48% 1	207	1.73
Natural areas and wetlands	49.52% 103	37.02% 77	8.65% 18	4.33% 9	0.48% 1	208	1.69

Q17 A recent study identified the following as having outstanding scenic resource value to the town of Monkton. Do you:

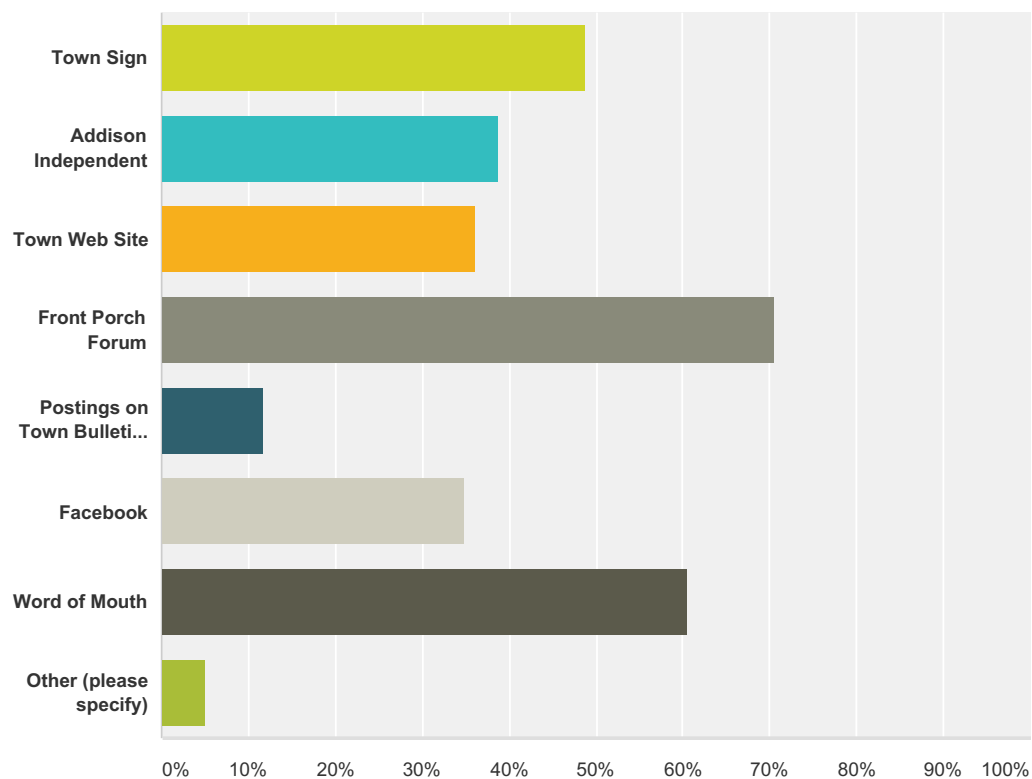
Answered: 210 Skipped: 17



	Strongly Agree	Agree	No Opinion	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Total	Weighted Average
Agricultural farms and fields	50.24% 105	42.11% 88	5.74% 12	1.44% 3	0.48% 1	209	1.60
Historic areas, such as the War Memorial or cemeteries	28.85% 60	47.12% 98	21.63% 45	2.40% 5	0.00% 0	208	1.98
Historic structures such as the East Monkton church	32.21% 67	43.75% 91	19.71% 41	3.37% 7	0.96% 2	208	1.97
Wood trails, such as the Raven Ridge trail	48.79% 101	35.75% 74	11.11% 23	3.86% 8	0.48% 1	207	1.71
Large old trees	48.08% 100	34.62% 72	13.94% 29	3.37% 7	0.00% 0	208	1.73

Q18 How do you keep informed about town news?

Answered: 221 Skipped: 6



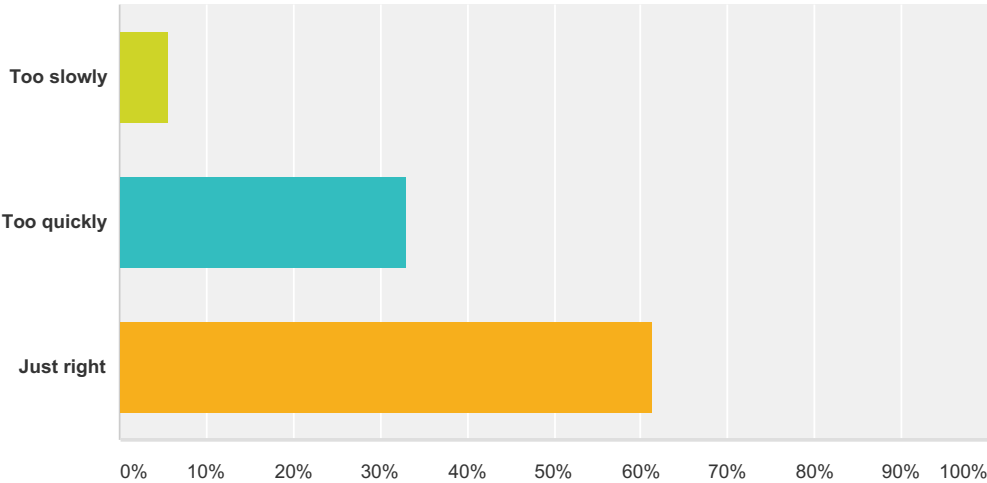
Answer Choices	Responses
Town Sign	48.87% 108
Addison Independent	38.91% 86
Town Web Site	36.20% 80
Front Porch Forum	70.59% 156
Postings on Town Bulletin Board, Store, or Library	11.76% 26
Facebook	34.84% 77
Word of Mouth	60.63% 134
Other (please specify)	4.98% 11
Total Respondents: 221	

Question 18. How do you keep informed about town news?

- town hall
- Monkton General Store and library
- meeting minutes
- I'd like to say Town website, but very sadly lacking. As regards Q's 16 & 17, we already enjoy those vistas in every direction. To say we need to improve or now provide would be indulgent at the cost of the taxpayers. I believe in allowing property owners the opportunity to provide alternative energy sources: wind, solar.
- e-mail town officials if I have questions
- staying active in school and community. (IMO, FPF stinks as a way to keep informed - it does not lend itself to discussions/back and forth exchanges, and it's hard to find previous posts.)
- not really updated... I check website once in a while
- Town email list
- Direct mailing
- I do not feel informed at all since our kids left school system
- I seldom drive Silver St so don't see the 'Town Sign'

Q19 In the last five years Monkton has added an average of 11 new homes per year. Do you think Monkton is developing:

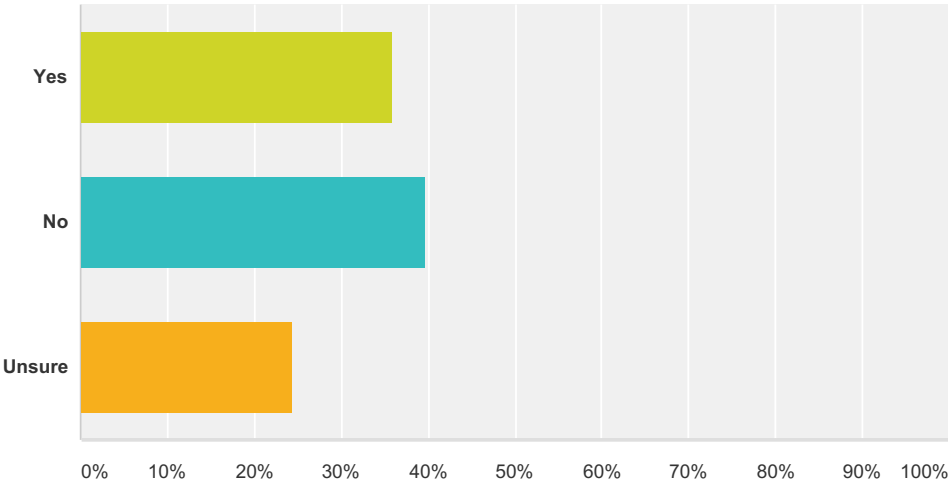
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Answer Choices	Responses	
Too slowly	5.58%	12
Too quickly	33.02%	71
Just right	61.40%	132
Total		215

Q20 Do you think the town should limit the number of new houses that can be built in a given year?

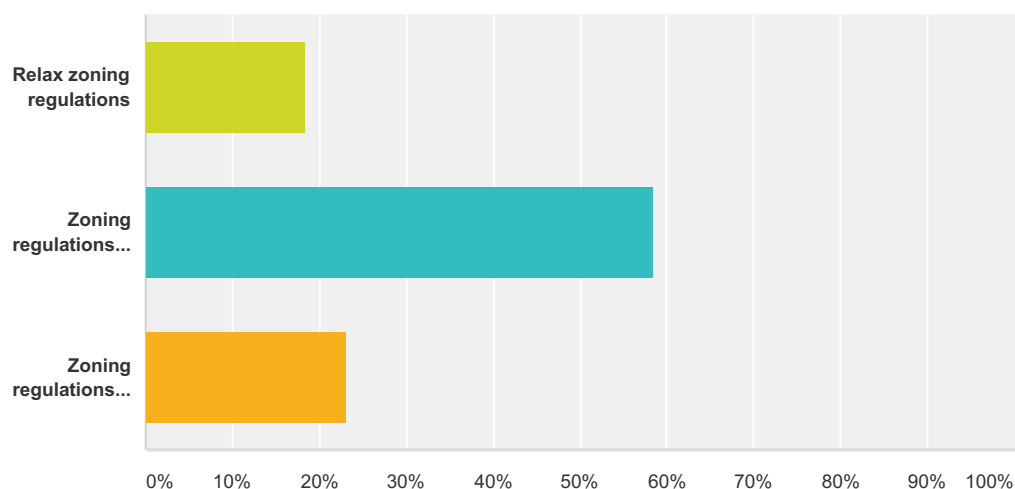
Answered: 217 Skipped: 10



Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	35.94%	78
No	39.63%	86
Unsure	24.42%	53
Total		217

Q21 Which best describes your attitude towards continued development in Monkton?

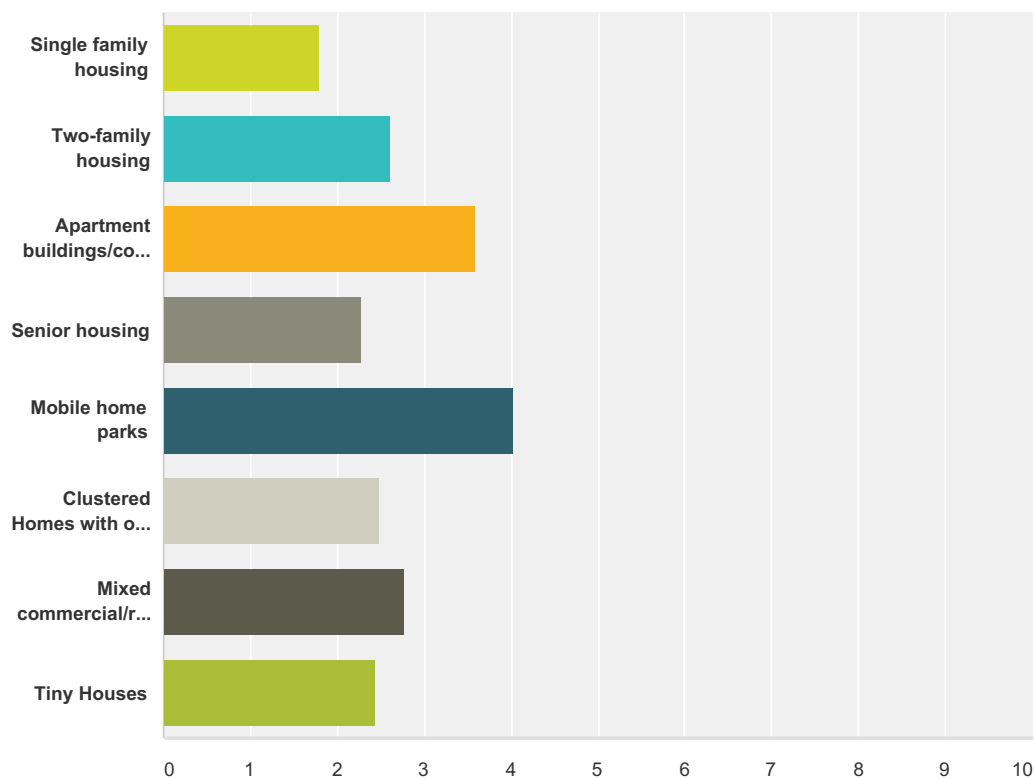
Answered: 207 Skipped: 20



Answer Choices	Responses	
Relax zoning regulations	18.36%	38
Zoning regulations meet the needs of the town as currently written	58.45%	121
Zoning regulations need to be strengthened	23.19%	48
Total		207

Q22 What type of development do you want to see in Monkton?

Answered: 216 Skipped: 11



	Strongly Favor	Favor	No Opinion	Against	Strongly Against	Total	Weighted Average
Single family housing	38.16% 79	48.31% 100	10.63% 22	1.45% 3	1.45% 3	207	1.80
Two-family housing	11.79% 23	43.08% 84	22.56% 44	17.95% 35	4.62% 9	195	2.61
Apartment buildings/complexes	6.67% 13	15.90% 31	16.92% 33	31.79% 62	28.72% 56	195	3.60
Senior housing	18.09% 36	47.74% 95	25.63% 51	5.53% 11	3.02% 6	199	2.28
Mobile home parks	1.60% 3	3.19% 6	25.00% 47	30.85% 58	39.36% 74	188	4.03
Clustered Homes with open space	23.27% 47	37.62% 76	18.32% 37	9.41% 19	11.39% 23	202	2.48
Mixed commercial/residential development	11.50% 23	39.00% 78	23.00% 46	13.00% 26	13.50% 27	200	2.78
Tiny Houses	18.72% 38	36.45% 74	33.50% 68	4.93% 10	6.40% 13	203	2.44

**Q23 Where would you like to see
development in Monkton? Please list top
three locations in order of your preference.**

Answered: 110 Skipped: 117

Answer Choices	Responses	
First Choice	100.00%	110
Second Choice	63.64%	70
Third Choice	40.00%	44

Question 23. Where would you like to see development in Monkton? First Choice (110)

- village areas
- Mountain Rd
- Barnumtown
- Anywhere there isn't tillable farmland.
- Monkton ridge- Town Center (30 responses)
- Abandoned properties
- Tyler Bridge rd
- Any where on Hard Scrabble road
- In the area around the school. That is where the town center should be.
- Monkton Bristol Rd.
- No development ! (6)
- Walking distance to school, church, store, library
- Clean up town hall
- ridge and boro
- Around the Boro area
- Areas with housing in place.
- Former agricultural land
- State Hollow Road
- Around Town Hall
- Along the ridge. Make it a cute village, town center.
- anywhere is fine and good for help with taxes / school
- Piney Woods
- anywhere
- Unsure/no opinion (5 responses)
- Bristol Road
- 150feet from roads
- any where
- ridge/ school area
- open farm land
- Monkton Bourough - near Central School
- Siver Street (town center) down Tyler Bridge Road and down road towards MCS
- main road- near monkton general store
- centralized on ridge, Monkton Boro, or East Monkton
- back roads
- Any place where a property owner can develop in compliance with the regulations
- Housing needs to fit it's space as regards zoning
- The ridge as long as views are not abstrusted.
- states prison hollow rd
- Main Road
- Define "development". Are we talking developers coming in or are we talking case-by-case scenario. I can envision senior housing as a small cluster of homes in an area but not a multi-storied building in town.

- Bristol road
- Commercial Development
- Farthest away from my house
- any where people should be able to do what they want
- near the town center
- Abandoned and previously develop ed lots
- Multi age housing in Ridge
- Pond Road (local foods restaraunt looking over the pond)
- Boro
- Silver St,
- Where it's allowed
- group commercial business heavy truck traffic loc ?
- Near the center of the town
- single family only
- Fix up the town clerks office its a beautiful old building
- Centralized near the center of the town.
- Main downtown
- Around town center/ store
- Into wooded area so homes are not easily seen
- where there is a need.
- New Library next to the Friends Methodist Church.
- Tyler Bridge Rd near fire station
- Village Core
- Closest to the town center
- Village - would be nice to have a more walkable "downtown" like Bristol with services and residences
- specific designated locales
- Along the Ridge/village area on silver street and the intersection towards the schol and towards Prison hollow road intersection
- No where - but if any, it should be tasteful and fit the local vermont historical vernacular
- borough
- villages
- Closer to town center

Question 23. Where would you like to see development in Monkton (2 choice) (70)

- clustes
 - Hardscrabble Rd
 - Boro
 - Lower end of rotax Rd
 - Paved portions of Boro Hill
 - Tyler Bridge Rd
 - Church
 - near ridge and boro
 - On or near the Bristol Road in the south end of town
 - Borough Hill
 - Rotax
 - Around post office/fire dept
 - Borough
 - Clean industrial, along States Prison between the ridge and the fire house
 - Boro
 - Near school
 - Prison Hollow
 - Unsure
 - states prison hollow rd
 - School area
 - Silver St.
 - anywhere
-
- maybe some in wooded hillside Vergennes Road
 - Monkton Boro Area
 - near library
 - Ridge to hollow Rd
 - State Prison Hollow Rd
 - No opinion
 - Pond rd Rotax rd area.
 - States Prison Hollow Road
 - mountain rd
 - Paved Roads
 - One mobile home park in town is sufficient
 - Monkton Boro
 - Nowhere
 - Silver street
 - Residential Development
 - Boro
 - please do not develop
 - Pond Area
 - Boro village

- NIMBY
- Monkton Boro
- Near town center
- Monkton Boro
- Co housing units in the Boro
- Hollow Road
- Ridge
- Hollow Rd
- Morse park area
- boro
- ?
- Near elementary school
- n/a
- none
- Main Roads or areas already failry developed like Montain Rd.
- Monkton Boro
- same as above
- By the walking area near Monkton Central School.
- Silver Street north of general store
- boro
- Along the Boro area and intersection with the Hollow Road
- Near rec field
- Development is not needed, part of the appeal of monkton is the lack of development.
- 4 way stop with Hollow Rd
- Fire Station
- town center
- b
- boro
- away from view
-

Question 23. Where would you like to see development in Monkton – 3rd choice (44)

- ridge
- School
- other places
- Mt Rd
- Cluster housing and Senior housing on Mountain road, but not single-family housing.
- Hardscrabble
- Bristol Rd
- Unsure/no opinion (4)
- Boro area
- anywhere
- Paved roads from hinesburgh to Bristol
- Prison Hollow
- Baldwin Rd
- In Monkton Boro
- Back Roads
- possibly Barnumtown (if it can be laid out well - may be too late to get a "village-style" layout?)
- Nowhere
- Single Family upscale housing
- Barnumtown
- please do not develop
- Low Lands / Farms Lands
- Prison hollow rd
- Right in town--the ridge
- East Monkton
- Along main rds
- East Monkton
- Clustered housing leaving planned open space any other place that preserves rural integrity
- Vergennes Road
- East
- By fire dept
- none
- Increased development should be on paved roads.
- same as above
- By the Rec. park.
- **ALONG THE PAVED ROADS**
- Meader Hill area
- Morse Park Area-People could walk to the park from home rather than a majority driving
- Barnum Town
- not on prime ag land

Q24 Where would you not like to see
development in Monkton?

Answered: 102 Skipped: 125

Answer Choices	Responses	
First Choice	100.00%	102
Second Choice	63.73%	65
Third Choice	36.27%	37

Question 24. Where would you not like to see development in Monkton? First choice.

- farms (12)
- Boro
- Around the pond/ waterbodies
- Ridge
- a 2 mile radius of the town hall
- Mountain tops or good farm land.
- Boro hill Rd.
- Wooded areas
- Bristol rd
- Around the pond and Morse Park
- If there is land, it should not be up to the town to say.
- Ridge tops
- On the shores of Monkton Pond
- Forested land
- Cedar Lake Shoreline
- Green fields
- around pond
- Willowell
- Anywhere spread apart
- Dirt roads
- Pond Road
- Ridge, by town office/store
- no where
- Unsure
- monkton boro
- Monkton Ridge
- States Prison Hollow Rd
- Town Center
- Anywhere else
- Not along roads
- way up the mountains
- Monkton Ridge
- forested mountainous areas
- mountain road
- No sprawling over woods and farmland
- Resource areas- pond etc
- Hollow Rd
- on the ridge
- Wetlands
- Monkton Boro
- No opinion
- Any where were views would be hindered.

- Around Monkton Pond
- monkton rd
- Mountain tops
- Open Fields
- Protect Wildlife corridor E-W from Hogback Mountain/Starksboro through the "Town Swamp" and Boro Hill area to salamander crossing and to Ferrisburgh line
- Anywhere
- in time
- Ridge lines
- Mobile Home Parks
- Higher elevations; ridgelines
- East Monkton
- Ridgelines
- Near my house
- Around the pond
- Around waterbodies like monkton pond and streams
- Any place that will impact scenic views
- Where it's already open and rural
- Mountain Road
- Dirt Roads
- Cedar Lake
- Steep slopes
- Cemetary
- Mountain Road
- Around the pond
- Existing open fields
- boro hill
- Not near the center of the town
- no mobile homes
- Everywhere
- Back Roads
- State Prison Hollow Rd.
- Boro Hill Rd.
- Hardscrabble area
- protected natural areas
- In areas of open land
- Open farm fields - open lands
- Boro hill
- No opinion
- Mountain Road
- The wildlife corridors including the out of view from road back side of parcels
- Around cedar lake
- The farms on Rotax Road
- Mountain Road

- mountain road
- Ridges
- ridge lines
- Near scenic areas

Question 24. Where would you not like to see development in Monkton 2? Second Choice. (65)

- open spaces
- Barnumtown
- Around monkton pond
- States Prison Hollow Road. Should be kept scenic.
- Hardscrabble Rd.
- Monkton rd
- Prime Ag land
- In agricultural fields seen from main roads
- Ridge tops
- Close to water
- Monkton Ridge
- Farm Land
- Mountain Road
- village area
- Unsure
- Rotax Road
- East of the Post Office
- Monkton Ridge
- agricultural lands
- Large wooded areas
- Rural areas w view
- Silver St
- Ridge lines
- Near PO and Fire Station
- No opinion
- On the ridge over Monkton Pond
- blocking vistas
- Farms
- N-S Boro Hill Rd to Piney Woods and down to The Watershed Center, Possible connections to existing conserved areas on Fuller mtn and/or Raven's Ridge)
- Anywhere
- it will
- Monkton pond
- Low income housing
- Conserved Land
- Farmland
- High. Ridges
- Any development that makes Monkton feel suburban
- Where there are currently farms
- Prison Hollow Road
- rural areas
- Monkton Pond

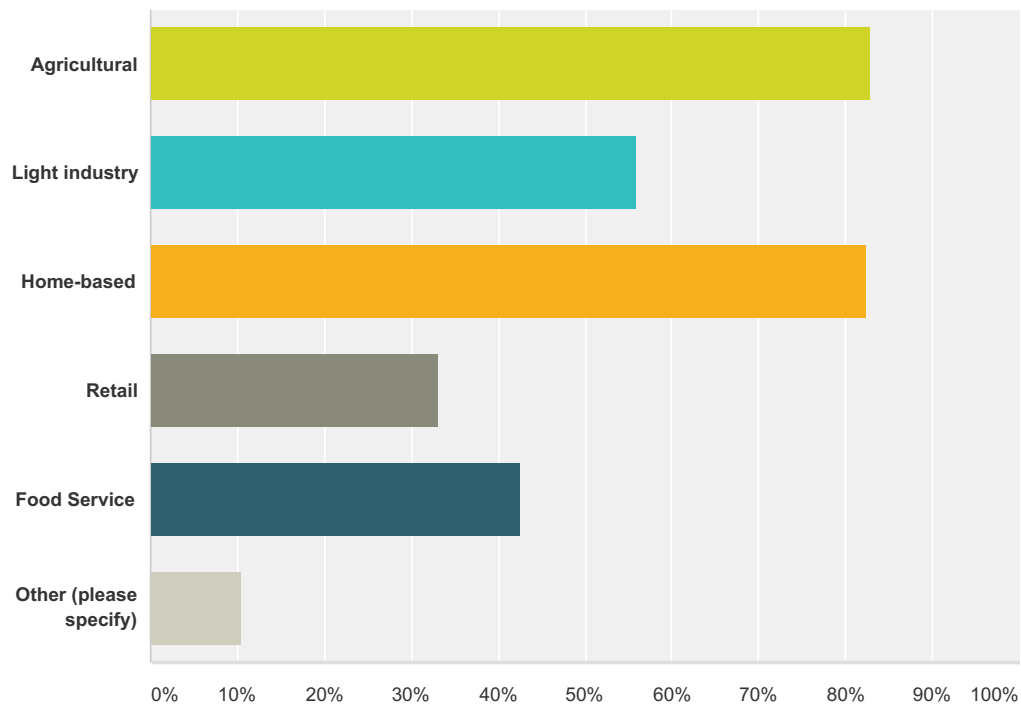
- Wetland areas
- Morse Park
- Mountain road area
- Houses with less than 10 acre zoning
- ?
- Rural unpaved road
- no hippie compound/communes
- Everywhere
- Silver Street
- State Prison Hollow Rd.
- Piney Woods
- same as above
- in wetlands
- Taking up all the open land
- not on working forestland
- Working forestland
- On the hill sides and ridge lines
- Not sure
- Mountain ridges
- Monkton Pond area
- e
- Prime Ag land
- open spaces
- Prime agricultural land
-

Question 24. Where would you not like to see development? Third Choice. (37)

- Ridge
- Mountain Rd has become a housing strip. Slow down.
- Prime forest land
- On high slopes above the Boro
- On shore of Cedar Lake
- States Prison Hollow
- monkton road
- Unsure
- Bristol Monkton Road
- Monkton Ridge
- small, deadend, gravel roads
- Pond Rd
- No opinion
- Hill Sides
- IF the whole E-W wildlife corridor won;t fly, at least protect/conserv the ridge near the salamander crossing
- Anywhere
- be developed -no rush-
- tiny houses
- NIMBY
- Undisturbed large blocks of land
- Tyler Bridge Road
- Prime ag soils & protected areas
- Rec Fields
- States prison hollow road
- ?
- no housing developments like s. burlington/hinesburg
- Everywhere
- Hollow Rd
- Bristol Rd.
- Boro Hill
- same as above
- not scattered about
- Not sure
- Disrupting natural views
- Prime forest land
- along roadways
- Monkton pond area

Q25 Do you think Monkton should promote the growth of the following types of businesses?

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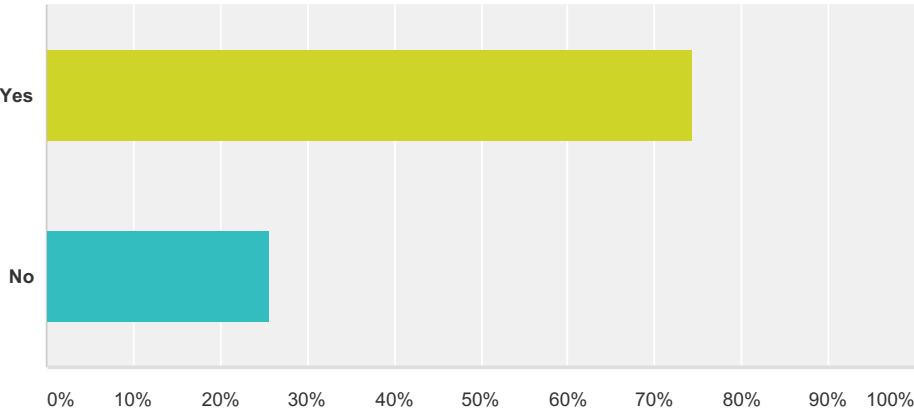
Answer Choices	Responses	
Agricultural	82.94%	175
Light industry	55.92%	118
Home-based	82.46%	174
Retail	33.18%	70
Food Service	42.65%	90
Other (please specify)	10.43%	22
Total Respondents: 211		

Q. 25 What Businesses should Monkton Promote?

- Telecommuting
- NO CHAIN STORES OR BUSINESSES! VT local, small enterprises like cafes, restaurants, shops, etc.
- any and all business
- should be welcoming to new business.
- All businesses should be supported in order to have a well rounded community
- children based stores or services
- Elder and boomer housing,
- Small businessess
- Define promote.
- Small engine repair
- Internet Based Opportunities
- Not sure if we have the population or traffic to support more retail or food services. Support MGS in any way we can (town purch generator to assure fuel availability in emergency? MGS can use to protect refridgerated food when not pumping gas?) Would love to see a decent reasonably priced restaurant, but I suspect we don't have the traffic to support one.
- Small Farms
- It's good to be small. That is the appeal of Monkton
- gravel pits shooting ranges
- Keep it rural in n nature
- let the growth develop by the need.
- We need to diversify and attract real economic life into the community rather than just being a pretty bedroom suburb
- Any growth would be good
- Boyers, Norris Berry Farm, Monkton Maltary, all great products/businesses!
- Tech
- Gravel extraction
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Q26 Do you think utility upgrades should be limited to those that provide a direct benefit to the town of Monkton and it's residents?

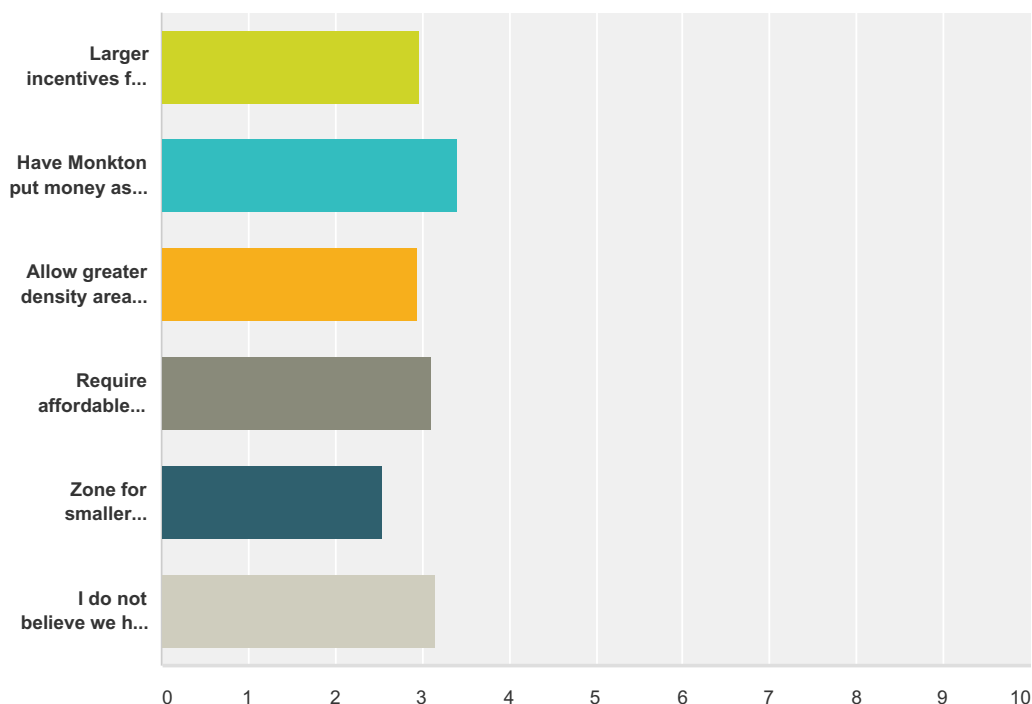
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Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	74.26%	150
No	25.74%	52
Total		202

Q27 To increase affordable housing in Monkton what would you support?

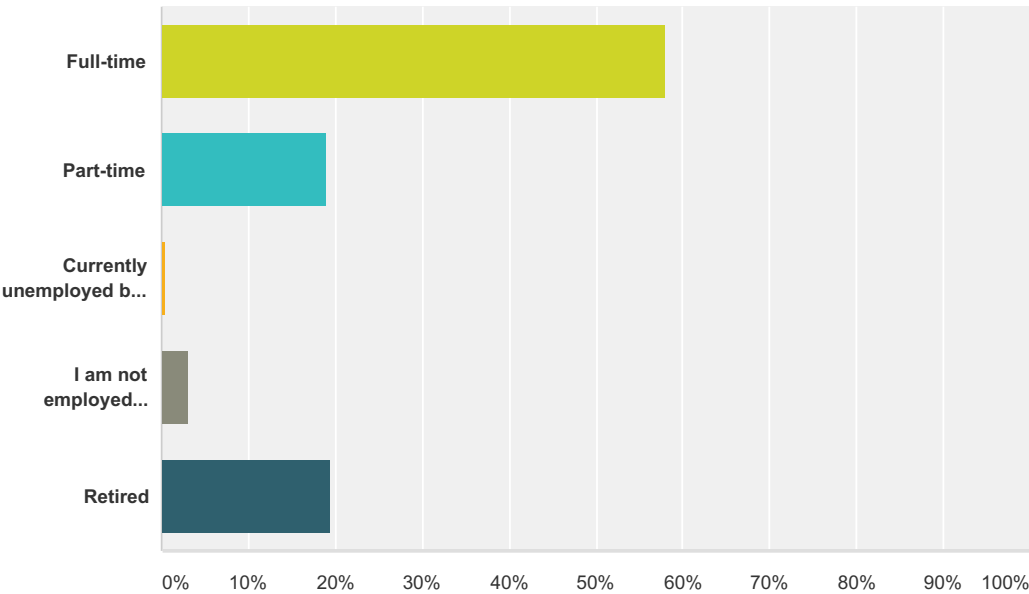
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	Strongly Support	Support	No Opinion	Do Not Support	Strongly Do Not Support	Total	Weighted Average
Larger incentives for developers to include affordable housing in subdivisions	13.57% 27	27.64% 55	19.60% 39	26.13% 52	13.07% 26	199	2.97
Have Monkton put money aside to support affordable housing	5.15% 10	19.59% 38	21.65% 42	36.08% 70	17.53% 34	194	3.41
Allow greater density areas if they include affordable housing	9.60% 19	35.86% 71	17.17% 34	25.76% 51	11.62% 23	198	2.94
Require affordable housing in all subdivisions	11.06% 22	24.12% 48	23.12% 46	25.63% 51	16.08% 32	199	3.12
Zone for smaller footprint houses, work-force housing, and other innovative approaches	14.85% 30	41.58% 84	25.74% 52	9.90% 20	7.92% 16	202	2.54
I do not believe we have an affordable housing shortage in Monkton	7.03% 13	16.22% 30	44.86% 83	18.92% 35	12.97% 24	185	3.15

Q28 Are you employed?

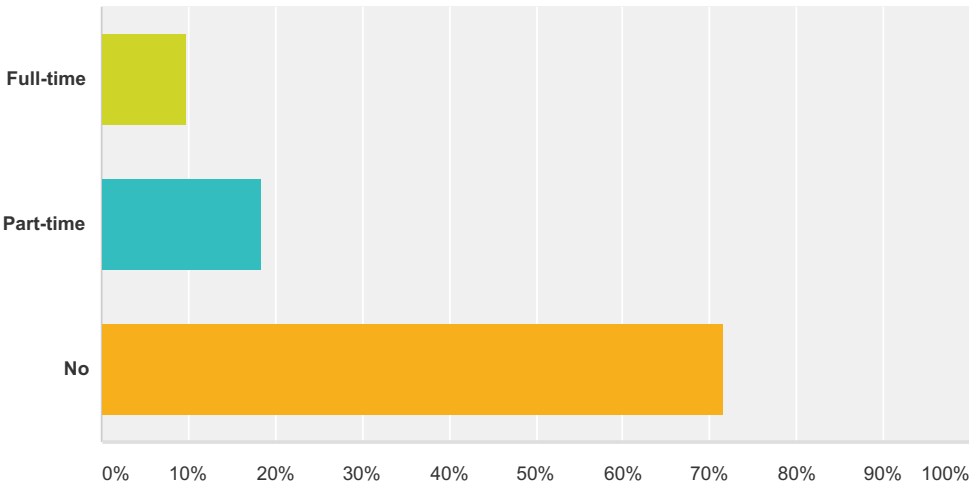
Answered: 217 Skipped: 10



Answer Choices	Responses	
Full-time	58.06%	126
Part-time	18.89%	41
Currently unemployed but looking for employment	0.46%	1
I am not employed outside of my home	3.23%	7
Retired	19.35%	42
Total		217

Q29 Do you telecommute?

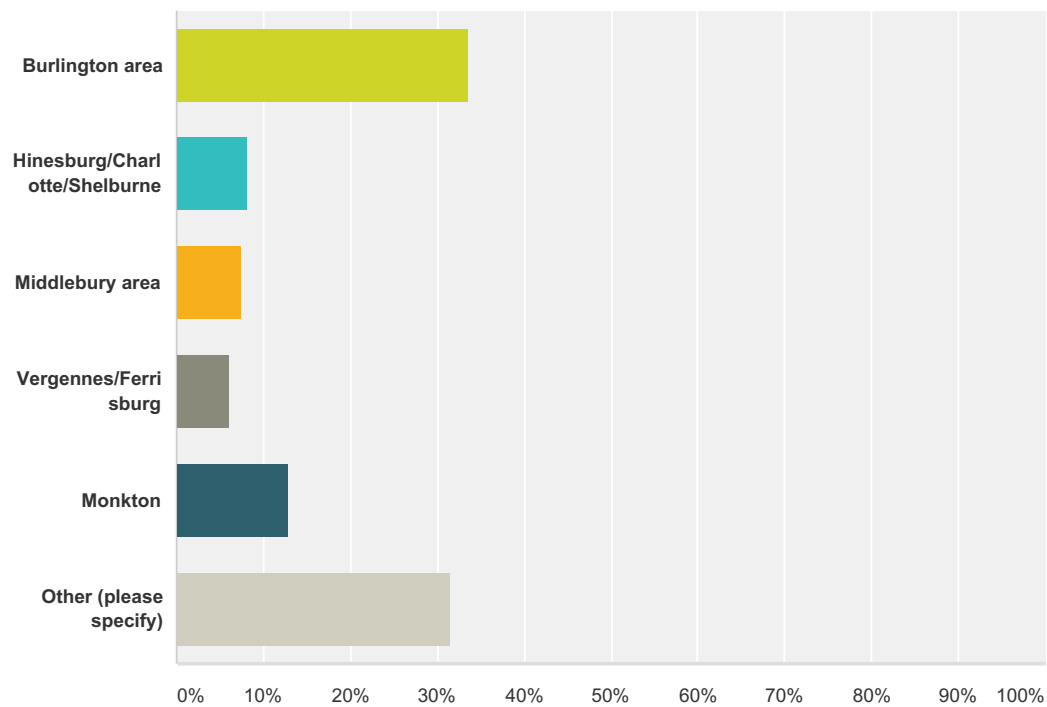
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Answer Choices	Responses
Full-time	9.91% 21
Part-time	18.40% 39
No	71.70% 152
Total	212

Q30 In what regional area do you work?

Answered: 184 Skipped: 43



Answer Choices	Responses	
Burlington area	33.70%	62
Hinesburg/Charlotte/Shelburne	8.15%	15
Middlebury area	7.61%	14
Vergennes/Ferrisburg	5.98%	11
Monkton	13.04%	24
Other (please specify)	31.52%	58
Total		184

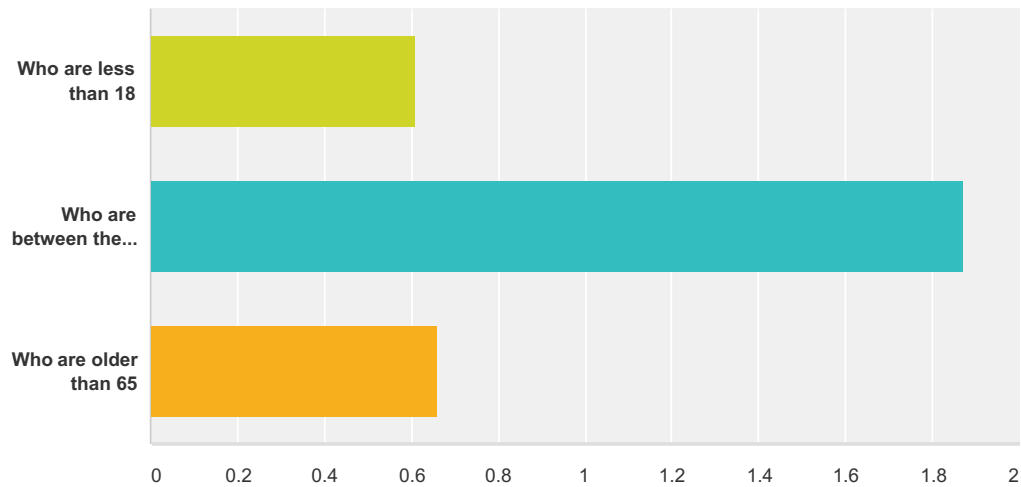
Question 30. In what region do you work? (58)

- out-of-state
- Montpelier
- Entire state
- Retired (6)
- Bristol (11)
- Statewide by appointment
- Addison Northeast district
- addison and chittenden county
- N/A
- varies
- burlington and middlebury
- I am an educational consultant and work all over VT.
- Other
- Underhill/ Jericho
- Williston area
- small part time companion care job
- Addison County
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- Richmond and husband works in Massachusetts.
- Telecommute out of state
- nationwide
- New York City
- none of your business
- Addison and Chittenden Co areas
- Williston
- Vermont
- Montpelier
- All addison county (home health)
- Waterbury/Montpelier
- telecommute but I have an office in S. B'ton.
- Work and live in southern VT
- Addison and Chittenden Counties
- State-wide, mainly Chittenden county
- work from home
- hinesburg
- I have 3 jobs: Williston, Monkton & Winooski
- St. Albans
- entire U.S., via internet
- Montpelier
- Five town area
- Brandon and Randolph
- ABC

- Statewide by appointment
 - na
- Total
- 184

Q31 How many people live in your household

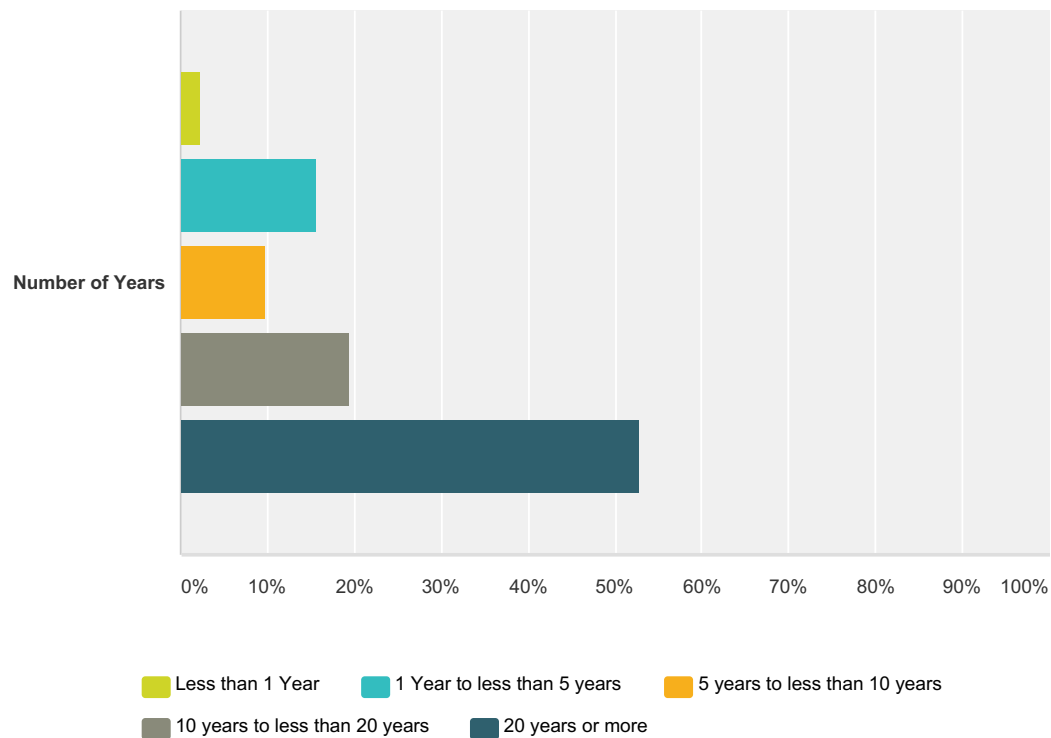
Answered: 213 Skipped: 14



Answer Choices	Average Number	Total Number	Responses
Who are less than 18	1	95	156
Who are between the ages of 18 and 65	2	359	192
Who are older than 65	1	91	138
Total Respondents: 213			

Q32 How many years have you lived in Monkton?

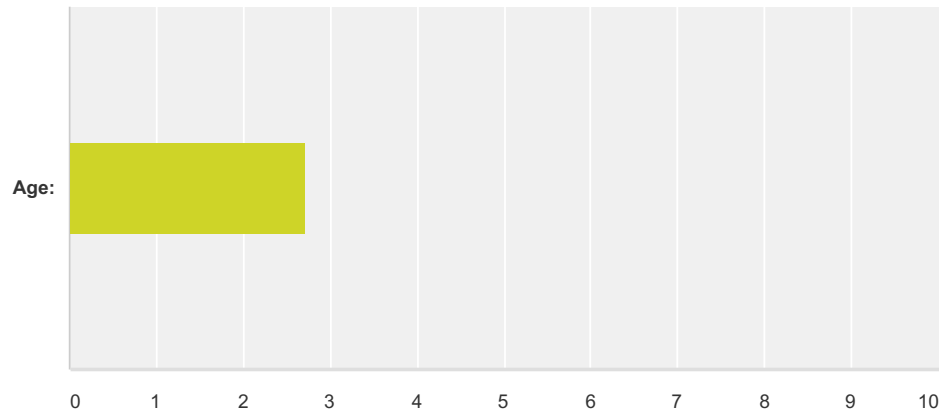
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	Less than 1 Year	1 Year to less than 5 years	5 years to less than 10 years	10 years to less than 20 years	20 years or more	Total
Number of Years	2.31% 5	15.74% 34	9.72% 21	19.44% 42	52.78% 114	216

Q33 What is your age range?

Answered: 217 Skipped: 10



	18 to 30	31 to 50	51 to 70	71 or older	(no label)	Total	Weighted Average
Age:	5.07% 11	29.03% 63	55.76% 121	9.22% 20	0.92% 2	217	2.72

**Q34 Please add any additional comments
that you would like the Planning
Commission to be aware of as we begin to
review the town plan:**

Answered: 97 Skipped: 130

Q. 34 Additional Comments you would like us to know (97)

- All of us were attracted to this area by its rural nature. We should keep this in the forefront of our thoughts each and every day.
- Monkton is an example of a country town with beautiful scenery, mostly because of farmers. Let's not get it built up that it loses the country flavor.
- Limit new houses to 5/year
- I would like the Planning Commission to be aware of my correspondence with the Development review Board/Monkton Zoning for my request of meeting minutes of the March 27, 2007 hearing that determined the status of my property. Enclosed are related material to my question.
- If you have conservation and scenic or other aesthetic considerations in the town plan you better consider the cost benefit that this places on the landowner. If you make the town attractive and a regional drawing card, you best factor in the infrastructure that will have to be built to support that for example- Piney Woods and Boro Hill road has become a major transportation road, it is also a very scenic thoroughfare. Speed limits-signs-are no help-and make no difference. Silver St/Bristol/B/Monkton Rd to name a few others. Just look at Hinesburg what has happened there. Good luck.
- I have lived here since 1971- I am 86 years old
- New town hall should only be done at reasonable size and cost
- The elimination of small lots in the new UPD was a pathetic sneak attack and another instance of spot zoning. As people become aware of the new rules they will become much of an issue.
- Please don't fall into the trap in believing that cutting developers a break on taxes, etc, if they build affordable. Look to the other communities that have done this. Did they think it was a benefit, and not just to the developer. I don't think Monkton wants to follow in Hinesburg's footsteps.
- I believe single family homes should not be restricted in number of permits per year if the intent is to be "Owner Occupied".
- Enforcing zoning laws already in existence. What's the point of any of it if we don't enforce it?
- Thanks for working hard on these important issues
- It seems we are becoming a town of houses. (ie, bedroom community) very few businesses. Housing doesn't help with high property taxes and breaks up the landscape. Maybe we need to tie housing growth to business development. 2. The topography of land near the store doesn't really accommodate development, I think we should be developing more toward the school where there is better land. A town center could work there. Move the town hall over there and remodel it with funds obtained from selling the parcel it is currently on.
- Diesel air pollution and noise from idling trucks
- I would welcome higher speed internet to the town. I also feel we need to have better cell phone coverage.
- Thank you for making the effort to gather town views and data to promote a sound planning document.
- Please enforce the speed limits in town.
- Focusing development in town center for right-sized, mixed use, 30% affordable housing requirement for apartments, etc. and low height (no more than 4 stories). Making it pedestrian and bike friendly. Working to get a GMTA bus stop at Town Hall and by the elementary school. Thanks so much for your work.
- no ridge line development for utilities or housing.
- With dwindling school populations in our 5 town district, I think we should consider a union middle school (5-8) and a union elementary school (1-4). With Kindergarten remaining in

Monkton. All three schools should be located in Bristol. This would help alleviate some of the space issues and mixing younger kids at the high school by only having 9-12 grades. It would help with all towns whether they are growing or shrinking in size. Then we could use Monkton Elementary our town offices, library, and kindergarten

- Good luck!
- Ridgeline overlay districts can be punitive to homeowners whose land falls in medium density areas. Use of design review to restrict siting, color & material choices, berms, exterior night (dusk to dawn) lighting
- put some money into our roads
- I would not want any of my opinions expressed in this survey to be used to justify use of taxpayer money or the increase of government regulation. A town plan is great, but it should not be used to override the will of the people or justify spending town money against the will of the citizens of Monkton.
- ~~Relaxed zoning for affordable housing was not a selection. Relaxing the zoning, especially on existing smaller lots would be the best way to increase affordable housing.~~
- Taxes are too high and now the town is re-assessing, any plan that increases the tax burden I will vote against.
- when ever possible preserve our RURAL community
- Too many real estate interests are influencing Monkton's development.
- Support a renovation of existing Town Hall. Would like to see LIMITED apartments for rent in Monkton, but not cheap condo complexes.
- If we build a new town hall have it be big enough for voting, and post office as well.
- Growth is OK. Please, no 200 house sub-divisions.
- All town government should not be over-regulating processes
- Go slow, Monkton is a great little town with time to improve
- Hinesburg and Bristol are developing so quickly that you can almost feel the squeeze in Monkton. Please do not make the same mistakes they have. Monkton should be preserved as a small community with it's integrity and nature intact. Acting like Monkton needs to be "on the move" and pursuing constant development is a misstep that would drive my family out.
- The lack of community is horrible.
- baby steps! conservative restrictions
- Some of the zoning regulations are too constrictive- such as needing a conditional use permit in order to MAINTAIN a building! I should be able to maintain any and ALL structures on my property regardless of their location to boundary lines.
- leave Monkton Ridge alone do not destroy the land
- would love to have more services/business near the library and monkton store like restaurants that are local and vegetarian or a natural foods store since Mountain Greens closed in Bristol years ago! Something that all the families on Mountain Road can enage in with their kids!
- consider reviving Nichols & Weisenbach as thru roads. explore ways around 10 acre min lot size to stop sprawl.
- Thanks for making this survey. I think some measured growth in monkton would be good, if we protect the rural nature of the town, and emphasize community and small bits of commercial activity in the heart of town.
- When I think of charming small VT towns Warren comes to mind, because of its store. Monkton needs a gathering place. There are a lot of musicians here so a small stage would be great, there fire house and the school just don't offer the kind of charm I'm thinking of. Also there needs to be a town center and the logical place seems to be the ridge but not so built up that the view would be lost. Glad to have this invitation for input. I would still like to create a small artist retreat to put older and younger artists together.
- Enough with the ridiculous Town Hall plan. Way too much money spent thus far.

- I have been disappointed every time plans get turned down. It's time for a innovative and modernized changes while at the same time preserving the beauty and history Monkton holds. If we are going to attract young families that want to stay in Monkton for the long term then changes need to happen and community spaces are needed.
- High speed internet (25mbps ++) and cell good phone coverage is essential for people who tele-commute and work in Monkton.
- a better and bigger library focused on technology and it's use would be valuable, especially if it was also a secular gathering place or meeting place
- Zoning should allow home owners that pay taxes on time to build a garage for storage to make yards look better or be willing to let people to add on to homes.
- Enforcement of the number of unregistered cars/vehicles allowed in yards, trash burning, illegal development near waterways. limit abandoned RV's and trailer homes on properties. enforce illegal recreational use of motorbikes and ATV's on public roads
- *Im in favor of a new town hall but it needs to be efficient and affordable I am also in favor of solar energy for the town*
- Do we have an affordable housing issue in Monkton?
- This survey REALLY needed a question gauging support for a Town Forest (our Town Swamp is NOT the same thing - does not lend itself to community activities/participation like a town forest does). Developers get a "free ride" in that they build the houses, but the rest of th ecommunity bears the increased cost of providing ongoing survices. Suggest an impact fee or similar. Proceeds could go to ANAC fund, low income housing support (I feel STRONGLY that property tax revenue should not go for low income housing support. This should be supported at the statewide level. The town could assist by focused zoning. regs/benefits). Limits on new houses per year could be considered, but there are probably better ways of focusing and controlling our growth to a manageable level. I hope we have a FOLLOW-UP TOWN-WIDE MEETING where all the suggestions made are presented, and the town asked for input on what should be the priority (like what ANAC did some years ago to engage in dialog and assess level of interest in various possibilities)
- Zoning restrictions against junk in front yatds
- *We hope that you will keep Monkton small, quaint, and relatively undeveloped. It's why many of us moved here, and we hope that any development that happens is responsible, and fairly hidden/blended in the landscape. Save the big development projects for Burlington and work on increasing transportation for those that need it and building more of a sense of community - without big structures.*
- if you want a town it needs to have a location, the store does not complete the requirements. if you want traffic to slow through town you need evidence of a town ,a reason to slow; lights and buildings, fences, parking spaces.
- I would like to see retail development or housing (upscale), no mobile homes, no dollar stores.
- I'd like to understand more on how zoning is enforced
- Fragmentation of properties
- A town hall would be great but the price has been ridiculously high. Would the town vote on this plan? It shouldn't be JUST at town meeting day. I work Saturdays and can no longer participate in town meeting day because trying to get a day off on the weekend is WAY more difficult than a week day. I think there should be special votes for plans like these that impact EVERYONE'S taxes.
- We need quality, planned, and sustained growth to grow the tax base and provide jobs for our children.
- dissolve the planning commission and get some vermonters who have lived a minimum of 20 years to fill the board
- li would just say we dont want. To end up looking like downtown. Hinesburg

- Thanks for your efforts. Low hanging fruit: let's get a really nice sign (posting events) to replace the ugly one in the center of town. Nice job on new Monkton road signs & shelter at school parking lot.
- For development, it makes sense to have clusters of development, while preserving large open areas. Development within scenic areas should be done in a way that minimized visual impact.
- Some of your questions such as do we have enough affordable housing are not clearly stated. we support planned growth and thoughtfulness in planning so we don't look get homogenized
- Public restaurant/pub overlooking our pond supporting local farms
- Monkton is not for profit. We are for helping who we hold
- Consider more Stormwater requirements
- I feel that clusters of houses would look out of place in Monkton. I like the small town feel of our town.
- Thank you for doing this hard work!
- Thank you for your time and efforts to keep our community a community!
- I do not understand certain zoning decisions for example why some parts of Mountain Road have lower zoning requirements than others. These are all rural areas and I am unclear on the process that went into decision-making about allowable parcel sizes for development.
- need industrial park /to much heavy truck traffic
- If people want affordable housing, they can look at other towns which have plenty both Chittenden and Addison county.
- I feel think that you should try very hard to restore any historic buildings you have in town.
- Consider smaller lot sizes for homes concerning zoning 2-4 acres
- I don't mind spending money on conserving land as long as it is open to everyone. That 10acre zoning proposal really revved up development for 5 or 6 years until the proposal was scrapped. let's not do that again. Consider a few more areas for 1 or 2 acre zoning near the town center.
- You completely ignored summer residence. We pay same taxes as year round residence but do not enjoy same benefits.
- I don't want the urban sprawl that I see in Hinesburg to reach Monkton.
- Would like to see more pedestrian connectivity between the Boro and the Ridge. Would be great to have sidewalk from the Ridge down to the school, over to the Rec Field on Hollow, and down to Boyers on the Monkton-Vergennes Road.
- Comments about the survey - Some "questions" were unclear exactly what the question is (#17 listed a bunch of things but didn't ask a question). Survey did not clarify whether you actually live in Monkton.
- Very slow development, keep it as rural as possible
- don't overplan.
- I would be in favor of a new Town Library along with a new Town Hall.
- Keep Monkton rural. Don't turn it into a Williston.
- Monkton should remain Addison County, not become Chittenden-like
- I don't want the rest of the town to look like Mountain Rd.
- This survey is appreciated but seems to be a bit leading rather than open. Some of the yes/no questions needed a maybe with option to comment.
- Keep the local feel, vt farmhouses, ag fields and great views. Big no to subdivisions, developments that take away from our small country town.
- A strong statement regarding development of renewables that would give the town standing in light of recently passed legislation on the matter
- more flexibility in zoning for additional structures on private property
- Question 20 - how do you intend to take away a landowners rights?

- Please don't change present densities for development. Cemetery Rd is being developed. We hear trucks, traffic tearing up the road. I hope we are not restricted in the future.
- Expansion of Monkton Ridge and around Cedar Lake is possible with planning. I think if we allow for development of these areas we can increase property tax revenue and allow for a controlled expansion of the a downtown. Sewer and water facilites
- thanks for the survey!
- xyz
- DRB needs to be more flexible, zoning should not be determined by soils but by where we want developement
- We ned more questions about the viewshed study.