

Fall/Winter 2005

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Town of Monkton Planning Survey

In an effort to update the Monkton Town Plan to best reflect the goals of the majority of it's citizens, the planning commission is requesting your participation in this survey. Your input will assist us in creating a new town plan that will reflect the collective vision of how growth and development will take place in Monkton.

Please return this survey by Saturday August 27th (a stamp self addressed envelope is enclosed) and then plan on attending a public forum in early September. Also enclosed is a raffle ticket. Return 1 side of the ticket and be you will be entered in a drawing to win a \$25.00 gift certificate at the Monkton General Store. The wining ticket number will be announced and the matching ticket must be presented to claim the prize. Additional comments are always welcome and you do not need to sign the survey unless you wish to. We thank you for your input.

1) Do you think the development that has taken place in the recent past serves the interests of the present residents of Monkton? **Yes No**

127 145
40% 46%

2) Do you think Monkton is developing.....
116 Too Rapidly 116 Just Right 25 Too Slowly
52% 57% 8%

3) Do you think that you or your children will be living in Monkton in 20 years?

Yes No
165 123 53%/34%

4) Please rank the following alternatives for residential development in Monkton's rural areas? (on a scale of 1 to 5, with 1 being the most preferred, 3 being neutral, and 5 being the least preferred.)

Allow development on small lots (2 acres or less) throughout the rural areas

1 2 3 4 5
50 23 38 43 54 15/7/12/14/49%

Accept "strip" development on small lots along existing roads but require larger lot sizes on interior lands.

1 2 3 4 5
27 30 61 35 144 9/10/20/11/46%

Encourage development in clusters, requiring areas be set aside as conserved

1 2 3 4 5 125/60/35/20/58/116

Permit development only on large lots (5 acres or more)

1 2 3 4 5

Permit development only on large lots (10 acres or more)

1 2 3 4 5

53, 47, 66, 37, 82, 24
70, 30, 48, 30, 104, 29

40/19/11/6/19/5
17/15/21/12/27/1
23/10/15/10/33/9

5) Should the town encourage residential development in clusters while conserving larger areas as open spaces through density incentives (PUD's)?

Yes No
64% 200 88 23 28% NA

6) Should the town require major residential developments (3 or more lots) to conform to the town's definition of a PUD? **Yes No**

188 72
60% 23%

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7) Do you think Monkton should limit the number of new homes that can be built in a given year by capping permits at a specific number established annually by town vote? Yes No

188 113
61 36

8) Do you agree that the town should promote the growth of the following types of businesses? (Please consider the desirability of each type of business on a scale of 1 to 5 with 1 being the most desirable, 3 being neutral, and 5 being undesirable)

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	1	2	3	4	5	
78/8/10/0/3// — Resource based (farming, forestry)						244, 24, 31, 0, 8
58/20/15/3/2 — Home businesses						182/ 62, 46, 9, 5
32/16/31/0/11 — Tourist related businesses						99/49, 95, 24, 33
20/18/22/13/17 — Light industry						86, 57, 69, 41, 51
33/9/22/14/19 — Retail businesses						102, 29, 67, 43, 60

9) Which best describes your attitude toward continued development in Monkton?

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62 Existing zoning regulations need to be relaxed. 24
102 Existing zoning regulations appear to be adequate. 34
125 Existing zoning regulations should be strengthened. 42

10) Do you support the concept of developing a town center that could house a new town hall, town offices, library, and post office? Yes No

183 113
070 59 37070

11) Do you support the concept of developing a 'commercial' town center, common to the Ridge and Boro, for various uses such as professional offices, elderly and child care, senior and affordable housing, and light industry.

Yes No
189 114
61 37

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12) How important are the following goals for the town of Monkton? (1 being most important, 3 being neutral, and 5 being totally unimportant)

- To remain a rural, agricultural and economically diverse town

	1	2	3	4	5
%	62	15	14	2	5

 194 46 43 7 15
- To continue the historic settlement pattern of small densely settled enclaves surrounded by farm and forest land

	1	2	3	4	5
%	51	18	17	3	7

 157 57 53 10 22
- To preserve and promote the economic viability of agriculture

	1	2	3	4	5
%	59	21	14	2	3

 186 65 43 5 9
- To discourage development in areas with productive agricultural soil

	1	2	3	4	5
%	53	13	20	5	7

 165 41 62 14 22
- To acknowledge the farmer's right to use acceptable agricultural practices, regardless of the presence of nearby development.

	1	2	3	4	5
%	57	17	12	6	5

 179 52 37 19 14

13) In order to preserve and maintain the rural character of our town, to protect our open land and view sheds, do you support the concept of the Town of Monkton allocating town funds to purchase the development rights and/or outright purchase of prime open land.

Yes No % 60 32 6%
189 105

14) Do you think utility upgrades should be limited to those that provide direct benefit the Town of Monkton? Yes No % 55/35/10
173 108 31

15) Do you support wind generation (windmills) in Monkton? Yes No %
259 36 83/12

16) Do you think Monkton should continue to have Zoning and Subdivision Regulations? Yes No
280 26 1820 people
90% 8%

Additional thoughts or comments:

311 votes
39%
19M Oct.
