

Town of Pomfret  
Planning Commission

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With support for the Two Rivers-Ottawaquechee Regional Commission, we mailed 903 surveys this past April to all registered voters and property owners in Pomfret. 309 completed surveys came back, or 34%. The results of the recent town survey are attached. While we are now utilizing the information in our effort to update the Town Plan, you may wish to review the data, too.

If you completed a survey and returned it, thank you! We know it took time and considerable thought. Although the survey covered many issues, here is a summary of the survey's topics and associated responses:

- **Natural Resources** – Residents and landowners clearly have a very strong appreciation for the Town's natural resources. Agriculture, open fields and forests were of strongest interest, as was preserving the rural character of the Town. The Planning Commission will maintain this as the focus of revisions to the Town Plan.
- **Growth** – Residents and landowners favor limited change and growth through planning and zoning. The results were less clear about desired changes to the current zoning regulations, however.
- **Housing** – Respondents are interested in and supportive of ensuring that working families can afford to live in Town. The methods that might be used to achieve this are not clear from the survey response.
- **Schools** – People who answered the survey favored exploring a scholarship fund and/or an endowment fund, and merging the school with neighboring towns. Many people remarked that because of the complexity of the school funding issue, they struggled with the options presented in the survey.

Summaries of the handwritten comments submitted with this survey are available on-line by visiting [www.trorc.org/docs\\_po.html](http://www.trorc.org/docs_po.html). A limited number of hard copies are available at the Town Clerk's office.

The Planning Commission aims to have a public information meeting in the fall for further public discussion on the survey results and the Town Plan process. A notice about this meeting will be placed in the Vermont Standard and the Valley News and will be posted around town. We hope you will attend this meeting – we value your input greatly!

Thank you again, and we look forward to hearing from you if you have any questions.

- Pomfret Planning Commission

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