

Royalton Town Plan Survey

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Dear Royalton Resident:

The Royalton Planning Commission is currently working on the update and revision of the Town Plan. This document has not been substantially altered in recent years. We feel that this is a good opportunity to take a good look at where our town is at this point in time, and what we'd like it to be like in years to come.

A town plan is intended to be a guide for future development, services, the protection of natural and scenic resources, and economic growth. It should reflect the community's vision for the future and it should ensure the community's ability to be resilient in the face of change. To this end, we have prepared a brief survey, which we hope will provide us with some information about our current population characteristics, as well as specific details about Royalton's economic future and how we treat commercial development throughout town.

This survey focuses on economic development and land use regulation. It was created in order to gather residents' and business owners' actual opinions about how development should or should not be regulated in Royalton. It offers you the opportunity to tell us how you think Royalton could best encourage a stronger economy while reflecting the community's vision for the future.

It is our hope that, whether your family has lived in town for generations or you have recently made your home here, you will take a few moments to complete the survey. Any additional comments would be welcome, and, of course, you are always welcome to join our ongoing discussions. The Planning Commission usually meets on the second and fourth Monday of each month at the Royalton Academy Building at 7:00pm.

We have mailed a copy of this survey to every home in Royalton. If you have more than one individual in your home who would like to fill the survey out, you can get additional copies by contacting Chris Sargent at 802-457-3188, ext. 12 and providing him with a mailing address or you can download a copy from <http://www.trorc.org/towns/royalton/>. Additional copies are also available at the Royalton Town Office. This survey can also be taken online at:

<http://surveys.verticalresponse.com/a/show/1447993/5c74de5518/0>

Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey. When you have filled it out, please use the enclosed self-addressed stamped envelope and return it to:

**Please return this survey by:
Monday, June 30, 2014**

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128 King Farm Rd.
Woodstock, VT 05091

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Demographic Information

1. Are you a registered voter in Royalton? Yes No

2. What is your age?

- | | | | |
|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15 to 19 years | <input type="checkbox"/> 30 to 34 years | <input type="checkbox"/> 50 to 54 years | <input type="checkbox"/> 70 to 74 years |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 20 to 24 years | <input type="checkbox"/> 35 to 39 years | <input type="checkbox"/> 55 to 59 years | <input type="checkbox"/> 75 to 79 years |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 25 to 29 years | <input type="checkbox"/> 40 to 44 years | <input type="checkbox"/> 60 to 64 years | <input type="checkbox"/> 80 to 84 years |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> 45 to 49 years | <input type="checkbox"/> 65 to 69 years | <input type="checkbox"/> 85 years or over |

3. What is your occupation? (select all that apply from the list below)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting | <input type="checkbox"/> Professional, scientific, management, administrative, and waste management services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Construction | <input type="checkbox"/> Educational, health and social services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Manufacturing | <input type="checkbox"/> Arts, entertainment, recreation, accommodation and food services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wholesale trade | <input type="checkbox"/> Other services (except public administration) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Retail trade | <input type="checkbox"/> Public administration |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation and warehousing, and utilities | <input type="checkbox"/> Student |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Information | <input type="checkbox"/> Unemployed (but not retired) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Finance, insurance, real estate, and rental and leasing | <input type="checkbox"/> Retired |

4. If you are currently employed, do you commute to work?

- Yes No

5. If so, how long is your commute (one way)?

- | | | |
|-----------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Less than 20 minutes | <input type="checkbox"/> 40 to 49 minutes | <input type="checkbox"/> 60 to 89 minutes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 20 to 29 minutes | <input type="checkbox"/> 50 to 59 minutes | <input type="checkbox"/> 90 or more minutes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 30 to 39 minutes | | |

Economic Development

6. Should the Town actively recruit businesses to locate in town?

- Yes No

7. If you indicated "yes" above, how should the Town actively recruit businesses to locate in town?

(Select all that apply)

- Provide property tax incentives (such as reduced taxes or tax abatement)
- Purchase, renovate, and lease business space at low rents.
- Provide grants or small loans to businesses
- Help connect them with state economic development programs
- Continue to participate in the Village Designation Program (state tax credits for businesses)
- Expand Municipal Services (sewer & water)

8. What kinds of RETAIL businesses would you regularly frequent if they were located in Royalton?

(Select all that apply)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Lumberyard | <input type="checkbox"/> Dry Goods Store (such as Dollar General or K-Mart) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nursery/Florist | <input type="checkbox"/> Gift shop |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Grocery Store | <input type="checkbox"/> Clothing Store |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Convenience Store | <input type="checkbox"/> Pharmacy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hardware Store | <input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural Supply Store |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> None of the above |

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9. What types of new businesses would you like to see locate in Royalton? (Select all that apply)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Light industrial (example: manufacturing) | <input type="checkbox"/> Services (banks, gas stations, etc.) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lodging (B&B's, hotels, motels, etc.) | <input type="checkbox"/> Restaurants |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Medical (Nursing homes, doctor's offices, etc) | <input type="checkbox"/> Professional Offices |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Retail with outdoor storage (Examples: lumberyard, nursery, etc.) | <input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural (Farm stands, agritourism, etc.) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Retail (dry goods, grocery store, pharmacy) | <input type="checkbox"/> Recreational (Nordic skiing, tube rental, etc.) |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Other, such as _____ |

Examples of businesses types:

Light Industrial can include such things as research and development activities, the manufacturing, compounding, processing, packaging, storage, assembly, and/or treatment of finished or semi finished products from previously prepared materials.

Retail includes the selling of goods, wares, or merchandise directly to the ultimate consumer. Examples might include a grocery store, a hardware store, an auto dealership.

Service businesses include any establishment whose primary activity is the provision of assistance, as opposed to products, to individuals, business, industry, government, and other enterprises. Examples might include things like small engine repair, beauty salon, banking, etc.

Please indicate where in town you would like to see the following types of businesses located:

	Light Industrial	Lodging	Offices	Retail	Service	Restaurant
10. In South Royalton Village	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11. In Royalton Village	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
12. On Waterman Rd.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
13. Fox Stand area	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
14. Along Route 107	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
15. On Royalton's back roads	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

16. Which Statement comes CLOSEST to expressing your opinion regarding property rights?

(Select only one)

- Property owners should be able to develop their land however they see fit.
- Development should be regulated by the town in a way that controls how it impacts its next-door neighbors.
- Development should be regulated by the town in a way that controls how it impacts the whole town.
- Development should be regulated by State Government, not Town Government.

Local Land Use Regulations

The following questions are seeking community input on what types of regulation might be acceptable to residents if zoning were implemented. **Please indicate whether or not you agree or disagree with the following statements:**

If Royalton were to adopt zoning, the regulations should apply to:

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
17. Housing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18. Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
19. Light Industrial	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Please indicate whether or not you agree or disagree with the following statements.

If Royalton were to adopt zoning for housing (single and multi-family), it should regulate the following:

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
20. Setback (distance from property lines)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
21. Height of structure	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
22. Location on parcel	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
23. Location in town	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

If Royalton were to adopt zoning for commercial and light industrial businesses, it should regulate the following:

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
25. Setback (distance from property lines)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
26. Height of structure	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
27. Location on parcel	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
28. Location in town	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
30. Type of Commercial use allowed	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
31. Amount of disturbance caused (traffic, noise, dust, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Royalton should LIMIT development to protect and preserve the following:

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
32. Forests	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
33. Agricultural Land	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
34. Open Meadows or Fields	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
35. Ridgelines	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
36. Wildlife Habitat	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Royalton's Flood Hazard Area (FHA) Regulations prohibit new development in the mapped floodplain, but the maps are not accurate. These regulations should be strengthened to:

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
37. Prohibit new development within 50 feet of the mapped floodplain (FHA).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
38. Prohibit new development within 50 feet of streams that are NOT in the FHA.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

If you do not support zoning in any form, please indicate below:

39. By checking this box, I am indicating that I do not support zoning in Royalton:

40. What are the most important issues Royalton must deal with in the next five years?

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Thank you for taking this survey, the Planning Commission appreciates your input. **Please return this survey by Monday, June 30 using the self-addressed stamped envelope provided, or mail to the following address:**

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