

# Planning for the Future of our Town

Weathersfield Planning Survey

April 2002

## (122 Responses received)

List the top three things that you enjoy about Weathersfield (*Planning-related only*) and **do not want to change**:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

List the top three things (*Planning-related only*) that you would **like to change**:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

### Survey directions:

*Please take the time to carefully read the statements below and then circle the response that best reflects your opinion regarding each statement. **Please select a response for every statement. Mail or drop off completed surveys at the Town Office by May 7, 2002 (school budget vote).** The drop-off box is located at the rear entrance. More copies of the survey are available at the Town Office and the Library. THANK-YOU!!*

1. High density (smaller lot sizes) residential development should only be allowed in village centers.	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
	<b>84</b>	<b>28</b>
2. I would like to see higher density in the village/hamlet centers of:		
a) Ascutney	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
	<b>66</b>	<b>46</b>
b) Perkinsville	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
	<b>45</b>	<b>66</b>
c) Downers	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
	<b>54</b>	<b>57</b>
d) Amsden	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
	<b>37</b>	<b>70</b>
e) Weathersfield Bow	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
	<b>34</b>	<b>76</b>
3. Higher density residential development should be allowed in rural areas in exchange for preserving some percentage of open space.	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
	<b>64</b>	<b>49</b>
4. The Town should make efforts to preserve open space in developments of 3 or more homes.	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
	<b>101</b>	<b>17</b>
5. Residential development in rural areas should be done in a way that does not harm natural, historical, or visual resources.	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
	<b>108</b>	<b>10</b>
6. Development should be prohibited along ridgelines.	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
	<b>95</b>	<b>25</b>
7. A ridgeline policy should be created.	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
	<b>104</b>	<b>17</b>
8. The Town should produce an inventory of its scenic viewsheds to be protected.	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
	<b>94</b>	<b>23</b>

9. Telecommunication towers should be restricted to certain locations.	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
	<b>90</b>	<b>26</b>

If yes, list locations okay to locate towers: Ascutney Mountain, on bldgs, clustered with others, Okemo Mountain, church steeples, sides of hill & ridges, silos, no towers on viewsheds

10. Telecommunication towers should be discouraged on:	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
a) Hawks Mountain	<b>77</b>	<b>35</b>

b) Little Ascutney Mountain	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
	<b>79</b>	<b>34</b>

c) Other: Goulden Ridge, Skyline Drive, Ascutney Mt., all ridgelines, Pike's Peak; Weathersfield Center, Tolles Hill, Butterfield Hill, Pinnacle Rock Area	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
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11. Commercial development (other than home occupations) should occur only in and around village/hamlet centers:	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
a) Ascutney (this includes the Exit 8 Interchange area)	<b>93</b>	<b>19</b>

b) Perkinsville	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
	<b>71</b>	<b>38</b>

c) Downers	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
	<b>82</b>	<b>27</b>

d) Amsden	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
	<b>50</b>	<b>54</b>

e) Weathersfield Bow	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
	<b>25</b>	<b>64</b>

12. I would like to see the following types of development at the Exit 8 Interchange (from CVPS to the intersection of Routes 5 and 131):	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
a) Fast food restaurants	<b>40</b>	<b>66</b>

b) Retail development	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
	<b>78</b>	<b>33</b>

c) Residential development	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
	<b>47</b>	<b>58</b>

d) Light industrial/commercial development	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
	<b>77</b>	<b>32</b>

e) No development	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
	<b>25</b>	<b>64</b>

13. There are special areas of Weathersfield that should not be developed.	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
	<b>81</b>	<b>18</b>

If yes, list three: Pike's Peak, Hawks Mtn., Rt 131 West of Downers, Little Ascutney, Weathersfield Center, Weathersfield Bow, base of Mt. Ascutney, Greenbush, Route 5 in Ascutney, Thrasher Rd, Connecticut River Land, Cooks Pond

14. I would like to see more recreation land.	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
	<b>63</b>	<b>42</b>

15. Should larger lot sizes be established outside villages/hamlets to limit development and protect:		
a) Wildlife habitat	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
	<b>91</b>	<b>24</b>
b) Farmland	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
	<b>87</b>	<b>25</b>
c) Forests	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
	<b>87</b>	<b>27</b>
16. Should the Town establish a fund to purchase land to be conserved?	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
	<b>76</b>	<b>36</b>
17. The Planning Commission should establish policies and regulations to maintain the aesthetic integrity of its villages/hamlets.	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
	<b>96</b>	<b>16</b>
18. The Downers/Amsden area should be considered as a future growth center.	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
	<b>93</b>	<b>25</b>
19. The Town should encourage the revitalization of Perkinsville as a village/hamlet center.	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
	<b>103</b>	<b>10</b>
20. Ascutney's village center should be redefined and connected with the new post office.	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
	<b>82</b>	<b>26</b>

***If you would like to help work on the Town Plan,  
please write your name and address in the return address space below:***

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