

VISION

Bennington, New Hampshire is regarded by its residents as a charming small rural town. Residents value its good schools, friendly and community-spirited people, and the availability of a wide range of housing types. The natural environment, scenic beauty, and many opportunities for recreational activities help to make Bennington a nice place to live.

Most town-provided services are highly regarded, with the current level of funding considered adequate. However, road-service repair (potholes) is thought to be in need of increased funding.

There is no consensus on the desirability of future population growth. Citizens favor green spaces and maintaining Bennington's rural and historical character. More recreation programs and neighborhoods conducive to walking and talking are deemed desirable. Improved access to childcare is desired.

Support for business, particularly existing businesses, is strong. Attracting domestic and small businesses is favored, particularly along State Route 202, the main highway through the town. However, major changes are narrowly opposed. Residents express strong support for small-scale farms. "Alternative energy sources" are considered worthwhile.

In summary, opinion favors maintaining a rustic and historic atmosphere with increased availability of recreational activities to enjoy the town's natural environment and scenic beauty.