

LAND USE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

6. (cont'd) Which of the following businesses/services would you like to see, or see more of, in Bennington?

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know
Gas Stations	7	9	18	24	16	1
Retail Shops	5	30	20	9	7	0
Shopping Centers/Large Retail	4	8	13	26	24	0
Lodging (Bed and Breakfasts, Hotels, Motels)	10	26	22	15	1	0
Restaurants	13	36	19	5	0	1
Small-Scale Farms	21	43	9	1	0	1
Large-Scale Animal Farms	7	19	24	17	5	1
Personal Services (e.g. laundry, Hairdressers, etc.)	5	25	33	6	1	1
Outdoor Recreational Activities (e.g., skeet shooting, mini golf, etc.)	9	25	32	7	3	1
Arts and Crafts	12	24	26	7	2	3
Day-Care Centers	7	26	28	7	1	3
Other Businesses (specify)						

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7. Where in Town would you like to see Industrial Development?

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know
Route 31	6	11	15	13	20	5
Route 47	5	15	14	9	23	3
Route 202	13	19	13	13	8	4

8. Where in Town would you like to see Commercial Development?

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know
Village Area	6	21	11	15	10	4
Route 31	4	18	17	10	12	4
Route 47	5	20	17	8	14	2
Route 202	15	27	13	5	6	2

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9. To what extent do you agree with the following statements?

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know
Quality and affordable childcare are available in Bennington.	2	9	9	12	11	27
It is important for Bennington to encourage development of alternative energy sources.	24	20	17	7	0	3
The town should support/attract small and start-up businesses and provide for their infrastructure needs	14	26	16	8	5	1
It is important to improve the appearance of the town's gateways.	18	22	19	6	4	3
Town leadership is open, effective, and honest about the needs of the town.	5	21	17	12	7	11
New areas should be made available to accommodate commercial and industrial development.	2	27	11	17	12	5

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9 (cont'd). To what extent do you agree with the following statements

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know
It is important to retain and grow existing businesses.	23	45	8	0	0	0
It is important to retain the historic character of the town.	36	28	7	1	1	0
It is important to encourage development of undeveloped and rural areas of Bennington	6	16	23	13	13	2
The town should use tax dollars or provide economic incentives to encourage economic development.	3	17	14	15	15	3
It is important to encourage denser commercial development and redevelopment in the Village and other developed areas.	4	17	14	13	13	1
Zoning should allow small lots (minimum 1 acre) in rural areas.	8	14	12	17	17	3
The Bennington Recreation Department is a vital community resource.	13	14	17	5	5	14

HOUSING

10. Which of these types of residential development would you support?

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know
Single-family residences	33	34	3	1	0	1
Two-family residences (two-unit dwellings)	7	31	18	13	1	1
Conversion of large homes to multi-family residences	3	15	13	31	9	1
Multifamily residences (more than two units per building)	3	8	14	32	13	1
Affordable Housing	12	20	19	15	4	3
Manufactured/mobile homes on individual lots	2	21	11	27	10	1
Manufactured/mobile homes in courts or parks	5	4	10	30	20	1
Cluster housing with single-family homes on small lots, the balance preserved as open space	10	30	11	14	7	3
Residential and Commercial Mixed-Use Buildings	6	28	15	14	8	1
Senior (Over 55) Housing	18	24	16	6	0	3

RESOURCE PRESERVATION

11. Do you support preservation of the following resources in town?

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know
Historic Buildings and Sites	30	28	8	4	0	0
Wildlife Habitat	35	25	6	4	0	0
Wildlife Corridors between Conserved Lands	31	27	8	2	0	2
Groundwater resources (aquifers)	33	30	2	2	0	2
Brooks and Streams	37	30	3	0	0	1
Agricultural Land/Open Fields	26	33	8	2	0	1
Contoocook River Corridor	26	31	8	2	0	1
Lakes and Ponds	32	34	3	0	0	0
Wetlands	30	23	12	3	1	0
Scenic Views	28	25	12	3	1	0
Forest Lands	28	29	10	1	1	0
Ridgelines	23	19	19	3	0	4
Steep Slopes	22	21	12	8	0	6
Community Appearance	36	27	9	3	0	1
Other (specify)						