

COMMUNITY CHARACTER

1. To what extent do you agree that the following attributes significantly contribute to making Bennington a desirable place to live?

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know
Village Center with New England Charm	18	32	14	9	2	0
Small Town Atmosphere and Rural Character	28	27	15	4	1	0
Natural Environment	25	34	14	3	0	1
Availability of a mix of housing types for all income levels	9	30	23	12	0	6
Good Schools	19	24	15	4	1	11
Friendly People with Community Spirit	18	30	18	6	0	3
Availability of Numerous Outdoor Recreational Activities	17	31	18	12	3	1
Employment Opportunities	9	9	19	12	15	13
Other Attributes, Please List Here:						

Bennington Community Attitude Survey 2014

The Bennington Planning Board is in the process of updating the town's Master Plan. In doing so, the Board must develop a Vision Statement for the town. By participating in this Community Attitude Survey you will provide important input to aid in identifying important growth and development goals for the town.

The survey is intended for Bennington residents and business and property owners. All survey responses are anonymous. You may complete the survey by filling out this booklet and returning it to the Town Hall, the G. E. P. Dodge Library, or the Transfer Station. Your responses are valuable whether you fill out the full survey or only those parts of particular interest to you. If there are two adults in your household you may make two responses to each question, both in this booklet. The Planning Board Thanks you for your help.

Please complete the survey by August 11 2014

2. Please RATE the following community services, facilities, and equipment

	Good	Fair	Poor	Don't Know
Fire Protection	52	13	0	4
Police Protection	54	12	6	1
Rescue/Ambulance	51	14	2	6
Sewer Service	19	1	4	48
Water Service	17	9	1	42
Summer Road Maintenance (potholes, paving, etc.)	20	29	18	2
Winter Road Maintenance (snow plowing, sidewalks, etc.)	47	21	4	1
Transfer/Recycling Center	55	7	2	11
Library Services	46	8	0	22
Recreation Facilities and Program	12	16	15	27
Management of Town Government	20	28	12	11
Primary and Secondary Schools	30	18	3	22
High-Speed Internet Service	28	20	6	19
Cable Television Service	20	22	7	28

3. What LEVEL OF FUNDING do you think the town should be providing for the following services?

	More	Same	Less	Don't Know
Fire Protection	12 1/2	53 1/2	2	2
Police Protection	7 1/2	47 1/2	15	2
Rescue/Ambulance	16 1/2	47 1/2	1	4
Sewer Service	0	24	3	38
Water Service	3	25	2	38
Summer Road Maintenance (potholes, paving, etc.)	31	33	0	4
Winter Road Maintenance (snow plowing, sidewalks, etc.)	19	47	0	4
Transfer/Recycling Center	6	54	2	9
Library Services	8	51	1	9
Recreation Facilities and Program	21	35	3	13
Management of Town Government	3	44	13	6
Primary and Secondary Schools	8	28	13	22

LAND USE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

4. Which of the following best describes your feeling about population growth?

- Favorable: Want the town to grow
- Neutral
- Opposed: Would like to see Town control/limit potential growth

5. To what extent would you agree that Bennington should support the following initiatives in the next 15 years?

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know
Maintain and develop green spaces	24	29	16	5	0	1
Encourage establishment of professional services	16	32	14	7	0	2
Attract tourist-related businesses	17	24	19	9	2	0
Maintain rural character	34	22	13	1	0	1
Develop more employment opportunities	20	24	18	3	2	2
Attract more outdoor recreation-related businesses	17	21	28	0	2	1
Encourage commercial development	13	17	15	18	4	2
Encourage industrial development	9	14	21	16	9	2
Encourage development of seasonal residences	11	14	29	14	1	3

LAND USE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

5. (cont'd) To what extent would you agree that Bennington should support the following initiatives in the next 15 years?

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know
Town-wide access to cable television	17	23	13	11	3	7
Neighborhoods with walking and social interaction	18	15	25	8	5	2
Housing options for the elderly	23	24	16	6	0	2
Recreation space for children, families and the handicapped	26	16	26	3	1	1
Other attributes (specify)						

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

Light Manufacturing	22	17	15	10	5	0
Heavy Manufacturing	5	5	13	30	12	3
High-technology Industry	18	22	14	7	10	0
Cottage Industries/Home Occupations	21	25	25	4	4	0
Resource Extraction (e.g. gravel pits)	1	12	14	23	21	0
Warehousing/Mini-Storage	1	10	19	18	21	1