

**BROOKLINE, VERMONT, PLANNING COMMISSION
2024 TOWN PLANNING SURVEY**

DEMOGRAPHIC BACKGROUND

Answer questions if you are of voting age whether or not you are registered to vote.

1. How long have you lived in Brookline? _____ Years

2. My residence or property ownership in Brookline is:
____ My primary home ____ My secondary home ____ Land only
____ I rent from a property owner ____ I am the owner and rent to others

3. My residence in Brookline is a:
____ Single-family home ____ Multi-family home ____ Mobile home

4. How many persons live in your home?
____ Number of persons
Number in Each Age Range
Under 21 _____, 22-40 _____, 41-55 _____, 56-70 _____, 71 or over _____

5. Your Occupation(s):
____ Student ____ Employed ____ Retired ____ Other

6. If employed, where do you work? Please check ALL that apply
____ At home or remote ____ Other place in Brookline
____ Windham County ____ Other place in Vermont
____ Another State or Country (indicate
location) _____

YOUR VISION FOR THE FUTURE OF BROOKLINE

7. Where do you see yourself residing in the next 10 years?
____ As a year-round Brookline resident
____ As a Vermonter but not in Brookline
____ Not in Vermont
____ In a downtown/Urban Setting
____ In a Suburban Setting
____ In a Rural Setting

8. **How do you envision Brookline in the future? Please check ALL that apply**
____ Bedroom community (residential character)
____ More Commercial Development and Property
____ Property Usage – More Regulation _____ Less Regulation _____
____ Increased agricultural property and usage
____ Environment friendly- wildlife, water quality, air quality
____ Less property regulation _____, More property regulation
____ Other (describe) _____

ISSUES OF IMPORTANCE TO BROOKLINE

9. What do you think are the most important issues in Brookline to address today?

Please SELECT the TEN issues you think are most important.
Rate the issues by writing a number from "1 to 10" in front of the issue with 1 being your lowest priority and 10 being the highest.

- Aging population - with changing needs
- Education (access to, proximity to quality providers)
- Zoning (costs, regulations, process, personnel)
- Property Development
- Historical landmarks - preservation of Round Schoolhouse, meetinghouse, cemeteries
- Medical and Health Services - Proximity to – Quality of
- Recreation – Indoor and outdoor (ridgeline, access trails, stream and river access)
- Telecommunications infrastructure
- Transportation Infrastructure
- Transportation Services- car pool, taxi, extended bus route
- Law Enforcement (Police)
- Emergency Services (Fire/Ambulance)
- Waste management - recycling, trash, illegal dumping, location of facility
- Control and management of invasive species
- Hazard and Flood Mitigation
- Climate Change
- Environment and Nature Conservation
- Energy Efficiency of Town Property
- Agricultural development
- Character of the community
- Other (explain) _____

CULTURAL AND COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Using the code below, indicate whether you AGREE or DISAGREE with the following:

A = AGREE

D = DISAGREE

N = NO OPINION

10. Brookline should...

- Encourage/expand social and agricultural events (community activities, concerts, garden tours, etc.)
- Promote the preservation and reuse of its historic resources
- Encourage development of after-school programs
- Encourage continuing education for adults in Brookline
- Encourage development of accessible, affordable (low income) housing
- Explore Development of Community Solar
- Create/paint a recreation lane (bike, dog walking, etc) for Grassy Brook and Hill Rd Loop
- Increase business and industry to lessen residential tax base burden
- Address nuisance Properties for environmental and preservation of property values.
- Other (describe) _____

RATING MUNICIPAL SERVICES IN BROOKLINE

11. How do you rate the quality of town services for Brookline residents?

Using the rating code below, please rate the following Town services:

E = EXCELLENT G = GOOD F = FAIR P = POOR

- School
- Town government
- Road maintenance
- Fire/rescue
- Recycling bins
- Should increased services be funded by Taxation___ Grants___ Both___
- Social Programs
- Property owners get a good value for the taxes they pay?

Comments _____

12. There are three unique buildings the town owns: 1) The Meetinghouse, 2) the former Elementary School and 3) the Round Schoolhouse. The Meetinghouse and Round Schoolhouse are of historic significance. The former school is currently economically self-supporting. Should funding for the other two buildings' code compliance, upgrades, repairs, etc. be from taxes, grants, both or other? Furthermore, do you have any ideas for uses of those structures that could generate income and/or provide a social benefit? (response area cont'd next page)

13. Are there any specific issues, opportunities or challenges facing the town that you would like to see addressed by the Brookline Planning Commission?

15. How do you stay informed about town business (Selectboard, Schools, Planning Commission, etc.? Please check all that apply.

- Listserv
- Facebook
- Front Porch Forum
- Notice Boards
- Town Office
- Neighbors
- Other Describe _____

We welcome any questions or comments you may have regarding this survey. All Planning Commission members will be available at Town Meeting to discuss. However, prior to that, via phone or email, survey and related questions may be directed to Barbara Bourne (kbourne24@comcast.net, 802-365-4145) or Stan Noga, Jr. (snoga.brooklinevt@gmail.com, 802-365-7667).

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND THOUGHTFULNESS IN FILLING OUR THIS SURVEY!

**TO MAIL THE SURVEY, FOLD AND TAPE CLOSED
SURVEYS MAY ALSO BE DROPPED OFF AT THE TOWN OFFICE**

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