

**SURVEY RESULTS**

For many of the questions, you are asked to rank your responses according to whether you agree, disagree or have no opinion. Please read the question thoroughly and then circle the appropriate number (1=strongly agree, 2=somewhat agree, 3=neutral, 4=somewhat disagree, 5=strongly disagree):

**I. Living conditions in Canterbury:**

1. What aspects of Canterbury would you most like to see remain the same?

|                                            | Strongly Agree | Somewhat Agree | Neutral | Somewhat Disagree | Strongly Disagree |
|--------------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|---------|-------------------|-------------------|
| a.(203) Small Town Atmosphere              | 77%            | 15%            | 4%      | 3%                | 1%                |
| b.(199) Uncrowded, quiet living conditions | 82%            | 16%            | 2%      | 0%                | 0%                |
| c.(201) Canterbury Shaker Village          | 82%            | 9%             | 8%      | 1%                | 0%                |
| d.(191) School system                      | 15%            | 12%            | 16%     | 20%               | 37%               |
| e.(192) Friendly people                    | 69%            | 14%            | 15%     | 2%                | 0%                |
| f.(195) Community spirit                   | 59%            | 25%            | 13%     | 2%                | 1%                |
| g.(196) Scenic natural environment         | 80%            | 15%            | 4%      | 1%                | 0%                |
| h.(202) Primarily residential atmosphere   | 62%            | 20%            | 7%      | 7%                | 4%                |
| i.(187) Minimum lot sizes of 1-2 acres     | 61%            | 20%            | 6%      | 8%                | 5%                |
| j. Other: 35 comments                      |                |                |         |                   |                   |

**II. Zoning in Canterbury:**

(For questions on zoning, please refer to the attached zoning map if you are not familiar with Canterbury's zoning districts)

2. Do you believe that enough land in Canterbury is zoned for commercial uses such as retail stores and professional offices?

(202) Yes 42% No 46% Don't Know 12%

3. Do you believe that enough land in Canterbury is zoned for industrial uses such as research facilities, light industry, and warehouses?

(199) Yes 44% No 41% Don't Know 15%

4. Do you feel that the amount of land zoned in Canterbury for conservation and natural resource protection is:

(196) Too little 25% Too much 14% About right 61%

5. How should Canterbury accommodate affordable housing for individuals and families with limited or fixed incomes?

|                                                                          | Strongly Agree | Somewhat Agree | Neutral | Somewhat Disagree | Strongly Disagree |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|---------|-------------------|-------------------|
| a.(196) Allow accessory apartments                                       | 29%            | 29%            | 13%     | 10%               | 19%               |
| b.(194) Allow greater density for developments with "affordable housing" | 15%            | 14%            | 9%      | 21%               | 41%               |
| c.(192) Encourage duplexes or triplexes                                  | 7%             | 13%            | 12%     | 21%               | 47%               |
| d.(198) Encourage multi-family housing                                   | 7%             | 10%            | 14%     | 21%               | 48%               |
| e.(194) Encourage manufactured housing                                   | 5%             | 9%             | 18%     | 14%               | 54%               |
| f.(199) Allow conversion of large homes to apartments                    | 14%            | 26%            | 17%     | 14%               | 29%               |
| g.(197) Encourage elderly housing                                        | 39%            | 33%            | 20%     | 4%                | 4%                |
| h. Other: 25 comments                                                    |                |                |         |                   |                   |

6. Should Canterbury make changes in zoning to encourage development as follows?

|                                                                         | Strongly Agree | Somewhat Agree | Neutral | Somewhat Disagree | Strongly Disagree |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|---------|-------------------|-------------------|
| a.(195) Allow retail scattered throughout town                          | 11%            | 19%            | 7%      | 18%               | 45%               |
| b.(196) Allow retail in expanded commercial zones only                  | 28%            | 27%            | 15%     | 12%               | 18%               |
| c.(196) Allows offices scattered throughout town                        | 15%            | 30%            | 13%     | 15%               | 27%               |
| d.(190) Allow office in expanded commercial zones only                  | 19%            | 25%            | 23%     | 14%               | 19%               |
| e.(196) Expand commercial zone at I-93 Exit 17 area                     | 36%            | 25%            | 12%     | 11%               | 16%               |
| f.(196) Expand commercial/industrial zone at I-93 Exit 18               | 41%            | 28%            | 9%      | 9%                | 13%               |
| g.(197) Expand commercial zone on Route 106                             | 47%            | 32%            | 7%      | 5%                | 9%                |
| h.(199) Expand commercial zone in town Center                           | 15%            | 14%            | 10%     | 18%               | 43%               |
| i.(197) Allow commercial development on Shaker Road near Shaker Village | 6%             | 11%            | 9%      | 11%               | 63%               |
| j. Other: 32 comments                                                   |                |                |         |                   |                   |

7. If Canterbury encourages commercial/industrial development what types of development should be allowed?

|                                                    | Strongly Agree | Somewhat Agree | Neutral | Somewhat Disagree | Strongly Disagree |
|----------------------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|---------|-------------------|-------------------|
| a.(196) Home occupation/cottage industries         | 64%            | 22%            | 6%      | 2%                | 6%                |
| b.(201) Retail (factory outlets)                   | 14%            | 14%            | 10%     | 9%                | 53%               |
| c.(201) Retail (shopping center)                   | 14%            | 15%            | 10%     | 10%               | 51%               |
| d.(200) Individual retail stores                   | 23%            | 28%            | 18%     | 11%               | 20%               |
| e.(200) Light industry such as research facilities | 36%            | 32%            | 15%     | 6%                | 11%               |
| f.(199) Outdoor recreation businesses              | 38%            | 32%            | 16%     | 6%                | 8%                |
| g.(197) Hotel/Motels                               | 19%            | 19%            | 14%     | 12%               | 36%               |
| h.(203) Bed & Breakfast establishments             | 59%            | 26%            | 10%     | 1%                | 4%                |
| i.(193) Other tourism related businesses           | 29%            | 30%            | 21%     | 9%                | 11%               |
| j.(198) Restaurants                                | 28%            | 31%            | 20%     | 9%                | 12%               |
| k.(198) Supermarkets                               | 11%            | 11%            | 17%     | 16%               | 45%               |
| l.(193) Manufacturing facilities                   | 17%            | 19%            | 10%     | 13%               | 41%               |
| m. Other: 18 comments                              |                |                |         |                   |                   |

8. Should Canterbury enact zoning to restrict the location of adult entertainment?(201) Yes 76% No 13% Don't Know 11%

9. Should the Town consider adoption of zoning regulations specifically directed at:

|                                       |         |        |                |
|---------------------------------------|---------|--------|----------------|
| a.(199) Preserving open space?        | Yes 72% | No 19% | Don't Know 9%  |
| b.(203) Preserving agricultural land? | Yes 70% | No 20% | Don't Know 10% |
| c. Restricting development:           |         |        |                |
| (201) In Wetlands?                    | Yes 84% | No 8%  | Don't Know 8%  |
| (201) On steep slopes?                | Yes 65% | No 14% | Don't Know 21% |

### III. Community Facilities

10. Should the Town provide more recreational facilities or programs for:

|                               |         |        |                |
|-------------------------------|---------|--------|----------------|
| a.(190) children?             | Yes 54% | No 30% | Don't Know 16% |
| b.(189) senior citizens?      | Yes 48% | No 30% | Don't Know 22% |
| c.(195) residents in general? | Yes 55% | No 30% | Don't Know 15% |

11. Which of the following new recreational facilities would you support, assuming that town property taxes would increase to support the construction and maintenance of the facility? (Please place a "1" next to your first choice, a "2" next to your second choice and so on)

[Since many responses to this question were checkmarks instead of rankings, the results are summarized by showing the total checkmarks or rankings of 1-5 that each choice received]

|                             |    |                                          |     |
|-----------------------------|----|------------------------------------------|-----|
| a. softball/baseball fields | 40 | g. hiking trails                         | 103 |
| b. basketball court         | 24 | h. bicycle paths                         | 86  |
| c. volleyball court         | 23 | i. cross-country ski trails              | 83  |
| d. tennis courts            | 47 | j. indoor recreation center              | 50  |
| e. ice skating rink         | 49 | k. land acquisition for recreational use | 58  |
| f. swimming pool            | 64 | l. No recreational facilities needed     | 48  |
|                             |    | m. Other: 39 comments                    |     |

12. Should the Town explore provision or improvement of any of the following facilities:

|                                                                               | Yes | No  | Maybe |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|-----|-------|
| a.(193) Municipal Water                                                       | 11% | 75% | 14%   |
| b.(192) Municipal Sewage disposal                                             | 12% | 75% | 13%   |
| c.(190) Merrimack River or other waterfront recreational facilities           | 56% | 22% | 22%   |
| d.(186) Other Recreational Facilities (e.g. parks, indoor recreation centers) | 36% | 39% | 25%   |
| e.(190) Adult Education in Town                                               | 37% | 36% | 27%   |
| f.(189) More fire protection                                                  | 22% | 42% | 36%   |
| g.(188) More police protection                                                | 18% | 46% | 36%   |
| h.(192) Increased amount of paved town roads                                  | 25% | 52% | 23%   |
| i.(183) Expanded recycling requirement                                        | 47% | 31% | 22%   |
| j. Other: 25 comments (mostly about recycling plastics)                       |     |     |       |

13. Should the Town consider adopting a formal capital improvements program? (A capital improvement program establishes priorities for town department needs based on projected available funding. Capital projects could include road improvements, major equipment purchases, expanded buildings, recreation improvements, etc.)

(193) Yes 67% No 12% Don't Know 21%

14. With regard to Canterbury Center, indicate whether you agree with the statement:

a. (200) The Center should continue to be an historic district with development reviewed by the Historic District Commission.

Yes 74% No 20% Don't Know 6%

b. (193) The Town should consider other ways to protect the aesthetic values of the Center, such as a separate architectural design review for new construction and external renovation.

Yes 55% No 30% Don't Know 15%

c. (193) The Town should protect scenic vistas leading into the Center by increasing setback requirements or requiring landscaping to shield incompatible development.

Yes 57% No 28% Don't Know 15%

d. (195) The Town Center should not be subject to special zoning restrictions.

Yes 21% No 66% Don't Know 13%

15. How would you feel about each of the following locating in Canterbury?

|                                | Strongly Approve | Approve | Neutral | Disapprove | Strongly Disapprove |
|--------------------------------|------------------|---------|---------|------------|---------------------|
| a. (200) Private high school   | 32%              | 33%     | 19%     | 5%         | 11%                 |
| b. (196) Private College       | 27%              | 30%     | 22%     | 8%         | 13%                 |
| c. (198) Shopping mall         | 10%              | 15%     | 12%     | 11%        | 52%                 |
| d. (199) Manufacturing concern | 15%              | 22%     | 19%     | 12%        | 32%                 |
| e. (201) Individual retailers  | 20%              | 28%     | 26%     | 12%        | 14%                 |
| f. (198) Supermarket           | 7%               | 11%     | 20%     | 20%        | 42%                 |
| g. (200) Farmers' market       | 51%              | 35%     | 9%      | 2%         | 3%                  |
| h. (200) Crafts cooperatives   | 50%              | 34%     | 11%     | 3%         | 2%                  |

16. Should minimum lot size and frontage requirements:

|                                                                                                  | Strongly Agree | Somewhat Agree | Neutral | Somewhat Disagree | Strongly Disagree |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|---------|-------------------|-------------------|
| a. (198) Be reduced in general                                                                   | 9%             | 9%             | 13%     | 21%               | 48%               |
| b. (192) Be increased on steep slopes                                                            | 28%            | 26%            | 32%     | 6%                | 8%                |
| c. (192) Be increased in areas with wetlands                                                     | 43%            | 23%            | 22%     | 5%                | 7%                |
| d. (192) Be increased to preserve agricultural land                                              | 32%            | 18%            | 20%     | 18%               | 12%               |
| e. (193) Be decreased in the Center if waste disposal and water supply will meet state standards | 8%             | 16%            | 21%     | 17%               | 38%               |
| f. (198) Be decreased in cluster developments to encourage affordable housing                    | 16%            | 15%            | 14%     | 18%               | 37%               |
| g. (194) Be decreased in cluster developments to encourage preservation of open space            | 18%            | 24%            | 20%     | 12%               | 26%               |

17. Should the Town impose impact fees on new development to help fund municipal services needed to service the new development in the following areas:

|                            | Strongly Agree | Somewhat Agree | Neutral | Somewhat Disagree | Strongly Disagree |
|----------------------------|----------------|----------------|---------|-------------------|-------------------|
| a. (194) Fire Protection   | 46%            | 26%            | 11%     | 8%                | 9%                |
| b. (194) Education         | 44%            | 24%            | 13%     | 9%                | 10%               |
| c. (195) Road improvements | 47%            | 28%            | 10%     | 6%                | 9%                |

18. Are the following buildings adequate as they presently exist, do they need renovations, or should they be replaced?

|                             | Adequate | Renovate | Replace | No Opinion |
|-----------------------------|----------|----------|---------|------------|
| a. (198) Sam Lake House     | 75%      | 4%       | 2%      | 19%        |
| b. (199) Town Hall          | 27%      | 56%      | 1%      | 16%        |
| c. (194) Town Garage        | 40%      | 15%      | 11%     | 34%        |
| d. (198) Library            | 50%      | 28%      | 5%      | 17%        |
| e. (198) Historical Society | 69%      | 4%       | 1%      | 26%        |
| f. (193) Police Station     | 47%      | 9%       | 6%      | 38%        |
| g. (191) Transfer Station   | 65%      | 12%      | 0%      | 23%        |

**IV. Personal information**

19. How many years have you lived in Canterbury?

(205) Average number of years: 17

Minimum: 1 Maximum: 73

- 1-4 years: 16%
- 5-9 years: 20%
- 10-14 years: 17%
- 15-19 years: 15%
- 20-29 years: 15%
- 30-39 years: 6%
- 40-49 years: 6%
- 50 or more: 5%

20. How many people are in your household?

(202) Average number in household: 3

Minimum: 1 Maximum: 7

- 1 person household: 8%
- 2 person household: 41%
- 3 person household: 19%
- 4 person household: 22%
- 5 person household: 7%
- 6 person household: 2%
- 7 person household: 1%

21. How many children live in your home?

(202) Average number of children in household: 1

Minimum: 0 Maximum: 5

- No children in household: 51%
- 1 child in household: 18%
- 2 children in household: 23%
- 3 children in household: 6%
- 4 children in household: 1%
- 5 children in household: 1%

**V. Other Comments**

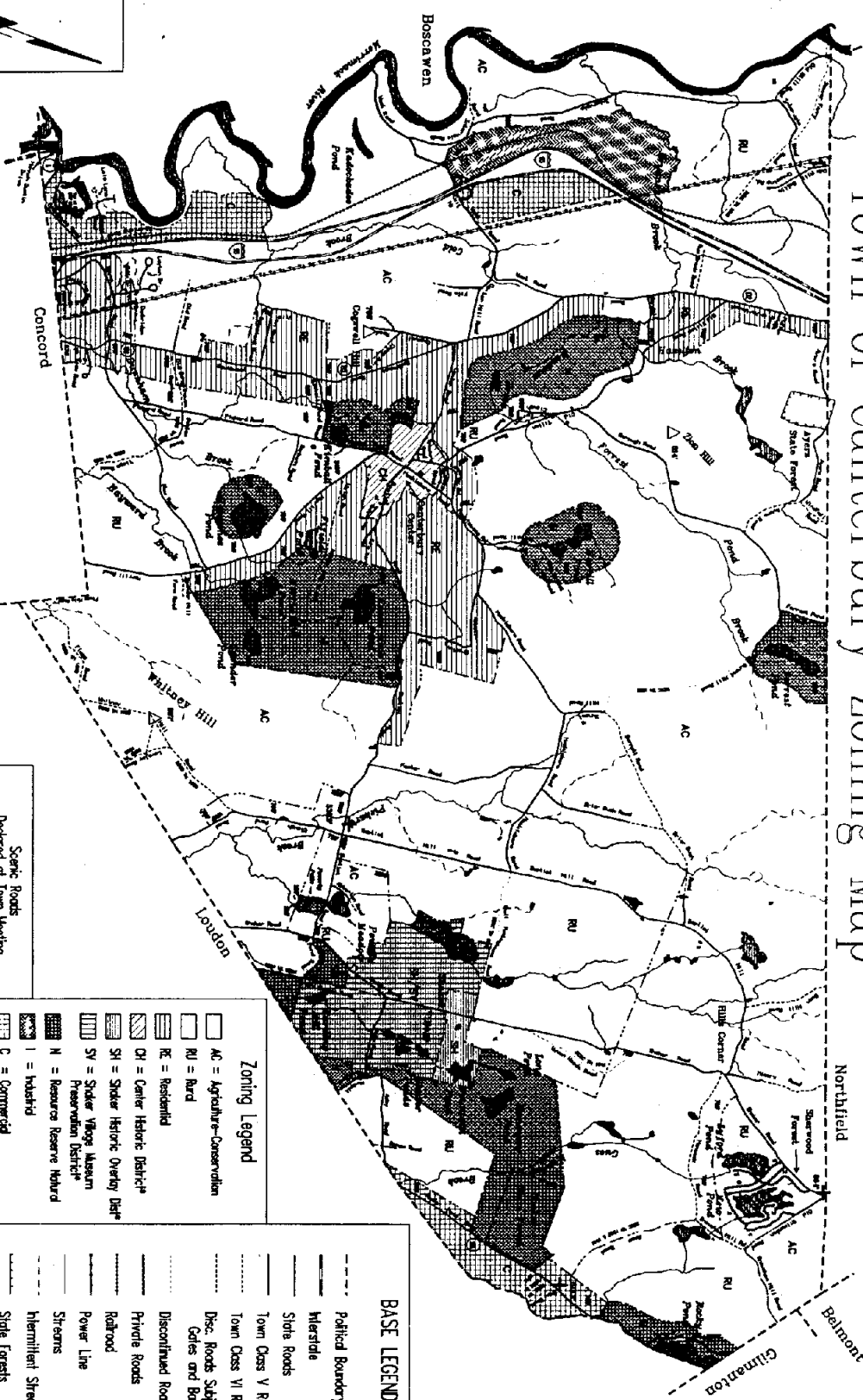
22. Please describe in 2 or 3 sentences your view of the type of community that Canterbury should strive to be over the next 10 years?

158 comments

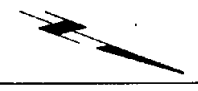
23. Please provide any additional comments which you would like the Planning Board to consider in its revision of the Plan for Tomorrow:

101 comments

# Town of Canterbury Zoning Map



200 David Webster, Highway  
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 (802) 768-2529



Source: 1997 Official Zoning Map, 1987 and 1977 data, and the Town of Canterbury. The Town of Canterbury makes no representation or guarantee of the accuracy of the content and boundaries of this map. For planning purposes, this map is to be used for legal boundary determination or for regulatory purposes.

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- Shaded Road Key
- 1 Bar Road Line
  - 2 Shaded Road Line
  - 3 Cemetery Stone Drive
  - 4 Killbuck Road
  - 5 Main Street
  - 6 Hill Road

- Scenic Roads  
 Declared at Town Meeting
- B7's  
 Barlet Hill Road (from Barlet Road to Bar Road Line)  
 Oak Hill Road  
 Henderson Road  
 Oak Hill Road  
 Wharton Road  
 B7's  
 Original Road

**Zoning Legend**

|  |                                                   |
|--|---------------------------------------------------|
|  | AC = Agriculture-Conservation                     |
|  | RU = Rural                                        |
|  | RE = Residential                                  |
|  | CH = Center Historic District                     |
|  | SH = Shaker Historic Overlay Dist*                |
|  | SV = Shaker Village Museum Preservation District* |
|  | N = Resource Reserve Natural                      |
|  | I = Industrial                                    |
|  | C = Commercial                                    |
|  | Zone Boundary                                     |

\* -1st Step-

|              |              |
|--------------|--------------|
| AC = 5 acres | N = 10 acres |
| RU = 3 acres | I = 3 acres  |
| RE = 2 acres | C = 1 acre   |
| H = 2 acres  |              |

\* see Historic District text maps for detail

**BASE LEGEND**

|  |                                             |
|--|---------------------------------------------|
|  | Political Boundary                          |
|  | Milestone                                   |
|  | State Roads                                 |
|  | Town Class V Roads                          |
|  | Town Class VI Roads                         |
|  | Disc. Roads Subject to Cales and Bars (OSB) |
|  | Discontinued Roads (DSC)                    |
|  | Private Roads                               |
|  | Railroad                                    |
|  | Power Line                                  |
|  | Streams                                     |
|  | Intermittent Streams                        |
|  | State Forests                               |
|  | Water Body                                  |
|  | USGS Benchmark                              |
|  | Elevation Point                             |
|  | TM 19XX = Town Meeting Date                 |