

## RESPONSES TO SURVEY QUESTION NO. 21

Please do not allow any more large houses (over 200 sq ft) to be built for single families.

Our land (60 acres) has been in a conservation easement for several years. I would like to see the Planning Board encourage more landowners, especially with old houses and the historic elements that accompany the land, to do likewise.

We should have wider gravel or paved shoulders along roads to encourage/facilitate safe bicycling and walking around town.

Bigger community church.

Please remember not to take people's rights away!

Business areas so there would be more sharing of the burden of taxes with the homeowners.

I think small home businesses are fine for Canterbury. We do not need to be like Tilton, Concord, Loudon, Franklin, etc.

Please consider expanding commercial and industrial zones to encourage more business.

Improving town roads, by hiring professional people to both pave and maintain roads, with attention toward function and aesthetics.

An exclusive bedroom community is not desirable. Affordable (but tasteful) housing should be available. I would support a wind farm as a progressive development.

I am against government changing rules that limit land use.

I think the Plan for Tomorrow should be in part to keep Canterbury the rural country life we all know and love. We are not a city and should not encourage all of the so-called bene's of city life. If folks want community town-sponsored activities for their children, they should move to a more suitable place for that. I grew up in the woods, fields and swam in ponds. We didn't need all of the swimming pools and parks and modern ways to pacify us. Kids need to live in the country to enjoy that. They need to be creative and find their own entertainment without the expense from all.

Encourage clustering to preserve and conserve land.

Multi-family housing should be owner-occupied. Co-op housing should be encouraged, various types of shared residential housing should be encouraged. Consider caps on single family home square footage to prevent mansion building. Encourage home-based small business/professions - agriculture/craftspeople/artists/web-based businesses.

We have everything we need in the town "AS IS". If people want everything they had in the city or bigger towns they came from, they can move back. I settled in Canterbury because I loved the character and environment in the town. Please don't ruin it by doing what everybody tends to do in small towns. Keep growth in check. Do not allow "affordable housing."

I am not a current resident, but own land as part of a family parcel. Have had family in Canterbury for many years. I love the community and will do what is needed to help Canterbury grow in a thoughtful manner.

Along with many of the low income/affordable housing projects comes an increase in need for police, fire and emergency. Please consider this before making hasty decisions.

Encourage more elderly housing to allow long-time residents to remain in town, close to family and friends. Such housing should be as maintenance free as possible and located in a quiet, scenic area.

The execution of a farmers market and community center for activities. Continue offering holiday events, fairs, parades, to encourage others to visit Canterbury. A small coffee shop for people to gather and chat – possibly in the country store and move post office to old library.

I would like to see the town take advantage of the availability of senior citizens who want to volunteer time, yet feel pushed aside by Canterbury's high density, middle-aged "professionals." Also, the town is at risk of being known as out of reach for the average NH family.

If the town can focus more energy, thought, time and money on schools and recreation, that would be a great boon for everyone, specially kids. The library is wonderful, but shouldn't have to meet all the needs it's trying to meet.

Consideration of the philosophy that boards and commissions, etc., do not always have to expand their powers to make/keep Canterbury as a pleasant place to live. More common sense in decision-making, i.e., for every action there is a reaction and often times unintended consequences.

I would think, with all the baby boomers becoming elderly in the near future, that the town would be concerned with more affordable housing for the elderly. You need to take care of what you have already, like the Spruces. The Spruces has really been going downhill in the last few years.

Please keep in mind that a number of people in this community are working to raise a family in a peaceful environment. We don't want to be driven out by tax burdens.

Consider elderly and long-time residents before spending tax dollars.

The future of Canterbury should be one of keeping our character as a wonderful place to live and strong community ties. I would like to see our children have a place to spend summers, take lessons and have summer camp-like experience without being exported to other towns.

Increase house lot size.

The best way to preserve open space and provide affordable housing is through cluster subdivisions with small lots.

We need to do everything we can to make it possible for the elderly to live out their lives here, and for young families to be able to afford to live here.

Potential developers of any type, but particularly in the agricultural genre, should have to develop plans of exactly what they're going to do to avoid regretting a "carte blanche" situation that will harm wetlands, zones such as resource reserve, etc. The town needs to have more knowledge about these situations ahead of time before it is too late.

It's hard to say whether Canterbury should allow more industry or low income housing in the future. That said, it would be a shame to allow a nice town, such as Canterbury, to look like Fisherville Road, Concord Heights, and other areas that have grown significantly. We would like to see Canterbury remain a small rural community if that works in the best interest of all who live here.

Sidewalks/bike paths on roads so alternative means can be used without so much risk to the rider. Possible public transport to and from Concord – less single car use.

Coordinate with Merrimack County.

Concord and Tilton are 20 miles in either direction – leave our town a quiet respite from the Rat Race!

Maybe for people who do not drive or seniors, think about a small bus for use for the elderly or others for medical and shopping trips.

Remain constant with how things are today.

The Planning Board should review the current restrictions prohibiting cluster development and building roads in agricultural/conservation and resource reserve natural zones.

I would be concerned about any form of strip development such as is occurring in Tilton.

Keep Canterbury as is. Please don't allow it to become another Bow.

Less new homes – in turn, less traffic through town is what I love most.

Part of what makes Canterbury a special place to live is the genuine mix of members from different backgrounds...agricultural, professional, artists and entrepreneurs. We should avoid becoming homogenized in either generational or economic background, as that would destroy much of the richness of our community interactions, and would diminish the well of ideas and insights this town will need as it tried to avoid simply becoming a bedroom suburb of Concord.

If a restaurant could be in an old historic home, then I would consider having a restaurant.

I would hope that all plans are going to preserve Canterbury and wildlife. I think a park would be a nice addition for families to enjoy with their families, nothing fancy, just peaceful, for games, cookouts, etc. If developers build, the town should have them put up bonds to ensure they do all they said and don't put a financial burden on town.

How about a town manager?

For over 30 years the Central NH Regional Planning Commission and the Concord Monitor have criticized Canterbury over the lack of affordable housing. The Planning Board is responsible for this by unreasonable two-acre zoning and 300' frontage. Start with a new Planning Board and allow no lawyers or other wealthy people on it.

Consider accessible housing and "universal design" in new developments for individuals with disabilities and 55+ communities.

Be considerate of elderly homeowners, long-time residents, and give them real property tax breaks, so they may die at home and not be foreclosed at the most vulnerable time of their life.

Historic commission needs a clear mandate of what can/cannot be addressed, i.e., inside of homes – not their venue; outside, allowances for different looks – use of updated materials. After all, not everyone in 1800 did things the same. Materials need to allow less maintenance.

Consider an alternative to town-held conservation easements for cluster developments and require all town-held easements be accepted only with a stewardship endowment.

Look into relaxing regulations that make it difficult to have less impact on the environment, such as leach fields. Composting toilets and gray water systems should be allowed without also having to do a leach field.

We should have a 40-50 acre conservation type zone. Our backland is a precious thing – development that seeks to infiltrate should go through rigorous oversight.

Prioritized plans for land preservation and increasing energy efficiency.

We think it is important for various types of housing, e.g., “affordable housing”, be integrated into existing patterns so that Canterbury will not develop “the other side of the tracks” mentality. Patterns of housing must preserve a sense of community.

Put yourself in the shoes of the person standing in front of you.

Canterbury’s Zoning Ordinances are apparently less detailed than surrounding towns. This will tend to attract extensive development, some of which will be out of character with Canterbury community traditions.

Cluster housing is not a bad idea with mixed ages, not just 55+.

I feel this entire survey had a very definite slant towards protecting our admittedly beautiful natural resources, while perhaps overlooking the impact on our human resources.

This town is a model of how careful and thoughtful planning over the long run can reserve a community’s special rural character. Town plans should reflect on what has worked for Canterbury before being tempted to change course on the basis of trends and models which may not be in the best interests of preserving what we like so much about Canterbury.

We need to try to make the town more affordable to the young people.

Stop using taxpayers' money to control or stop the natural progression of things. Please don't try to provide services already provided by cities (i.e., parks, recreational areas, stadiums, etc.).

Development will happen. It needs no encouragement. We should strive to restrict it to those activities that maintain our current way of life.

Turn library into a small upscale cafe or coffee house.

Do not change zoning.

I would like to see Canterbury beach a little more user-friendly (expanded bathroom facilities, closer to water, regular patrols, picnic tables).

Let's make a plan that includes substantial property tax relief for elderly/low income families, and that will reduce our tax burden. Tax relief to those who conserve resources: Build small houses, drive small cars, use less electricity, recycle.

The roads in Sherwood Forest Association are not able to sustain any more traffic. Please do not issue any more building permits!!

Redevelop Elkins Library as a coffee house/pub.

Support private land-owner rights.

Very gently specify that town road agent instruct road crew not to push dirt over existing stone walls. Scenic roads are being widened by two feet after heavy rains, as ditches are regraded wider and wider.

Respect private land-owner rights.

We came here for what is here. Keep it that way!! People who don't like it can leave.

Research (alternative ways) of directing development, not only conservation subdivision. A complete study should be made of this town to determine where development can and should occur. That would also preserve land and not burden the taxpayer.