

## 2020 Piermont Community Survey v2.3

The Town's Master Plan is a critical document in that it identifies the vision for the foreseeable future of the town. It is the guiding instrument on which all town decisions are based. The town reviews its plans and updates them every ten years, to best remain current within the context of contemporary life, the needs and desires of its residents.

As the Piermont Planning Board prepares for the development of its next ten-year Master Plan, we seek your input to ensure the new plan represents and captures the broadest voice possible.

We know your time is valuable and thank you, in advance, for answering the following questions. Your response may be submitted anonymously.

Please circle, underline, or check below (if you choose to add items, please write legibly)

### Personal Information:

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Are you a:             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Permanent Piermont resident</li> <li>b. Seasonal resident</li> <li>c. Non-resident property/business owner</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. Piermont resident for:             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Less than 5 years</li> <li>b. 5 – 10 years</li> <li>c. 10+ years</li> </ol> </li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. Do you:             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Own your home</li> <li>b. Rent</li> </ol> </li> <li>4. Occupation:             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. _____</li> <li>b. Self-employed</li> <li>c. Town/State of employment<br/>_____</li> </ol> </li> </ol> |
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### Life in Piermont / Community Strengths

	<i>Identify as</i>	<i>strength</i>	<i>or</i>	<i>concern</i>
5. Friendly people		_____		_____
6. Community Services				
a. Fire protection		_____		_____
b. FAST Squad (EMT)		_____		_____
c. Police protection		_____		_____
d. Library		_____		_____
e. Road maintenance		_____		_____
7. Town administration				
a. Select board		_____		_____
b. Town clerk		_____		_____
c. Planning board		_____		_____
d. Zoning board		_____		_____
e. Conservation committee		_____		_____
f. Tax collection		_____		_____
g. Historical Society		_____		_____
8. Community spirit / civic organizations		_____		_____
9. Small town atmosphere, peace and quiet		_____		_____
10. Business / employment opportunities		_____		_____
11. Real estate values		_____		_____
12. Public school system		_____		_____
13. Scenic natural environment		_____		_____
14. Recreation opportunities		_____		_____
15. Transfer Station		_____		_____

	<i>Identify as</i>	<i>strength</i>	<i>or</i>	<i>concern</i>
16. High property taxes		_____		_____
17. Lack of business/employment opportunities		_____		_____
18. Town services		_____		_____
19. Other _____		_____		_____
20. Other _____		_____		_____

**Desires / Vision for the Town**

21. Should the town limit growth	Yes	No
22. Should the town take specific steps to preserve any of the following		
a. Historic buildings	Yes	No
b. Areas of scenic beauty / recreation	Yes	No
c. Areas of wildlife habitat	Yes	No
d. Farmland / working farms	Yes	No
e. Other _____	Yes	No
f. Other _____	Yes	No
23. Over the next ten years, would you like to see development in:		
a. Multi-family homes	FOR	AGAINST
b. Condominiums	FOR	AGAINST
c. Mobile homes	FOR	AGAINST
d. Light industry	FOR	AGAINST
e. Heavy industry	FOR	AGAINST
f. Retail shopping	FOR	AGAINST
g. Restaurants	FOR	AGAINST
h. Home Businesses	FOR	AGAINST
i. Professional Offices	FOR	AGAINST
j. Rental apartments	FOR	AGAINST
k. Senior living / housing	FOR	AGAINST
l. No development	FOR	AGAINST
m. Other _____	FOR	AGAINST
n. Other _____	FOR	AGAINST

24. Additional Comments:

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**All completed surveys must be received by March 14, 2020.**

Please mail survey to: Town of Piermont  
P.O. Box 27

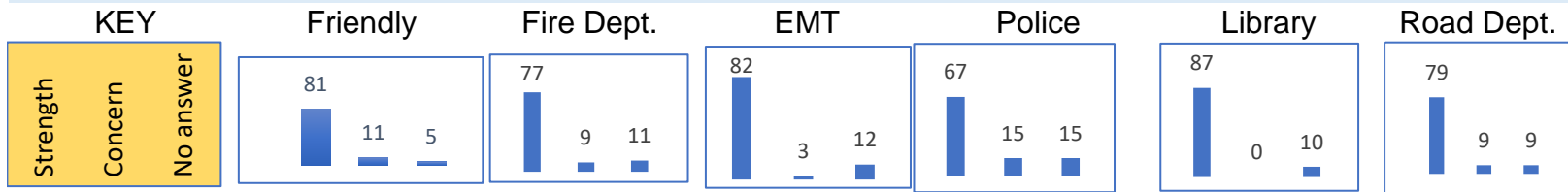
or drop off at either the: Piermont Town Clerk office  
or at the: Annual Town Meeting

# 2020 Piermont Community Survey Results

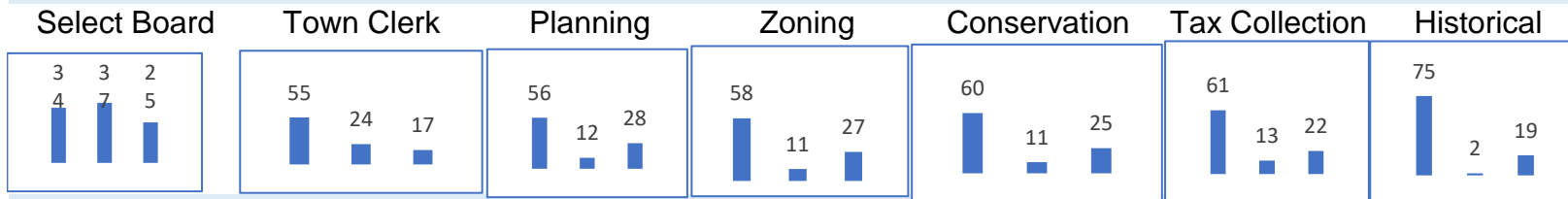
## PERSONAL INFO

Residents	Permanent 67 (69%)	Seasonal 14 (14%)	Non-resident 16 (16%)	No Response
	Years <5 8 (8%)	Years 5-10 9 (9%)	Years 10+ 64 (66%)	15 (15%)
	Owner 83 (86%)	Rent 2 (2%)		12 (12%)

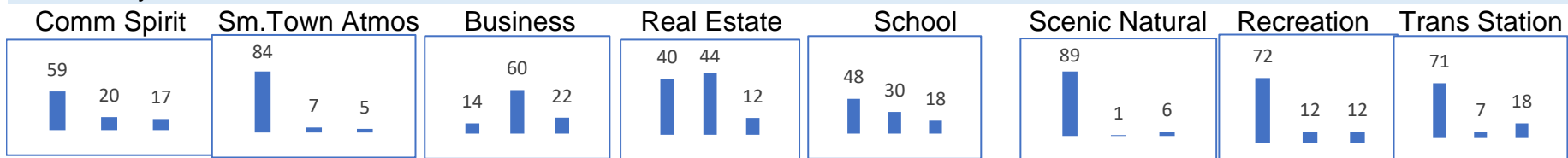
## Life in Piermont



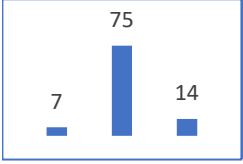
## Town Administration



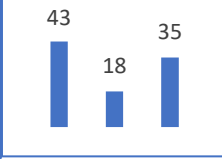
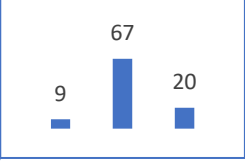
## Community



High Taxes

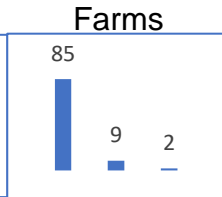
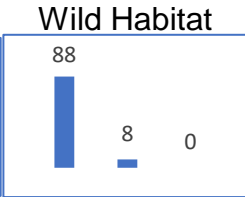
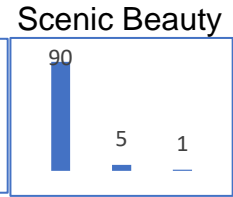
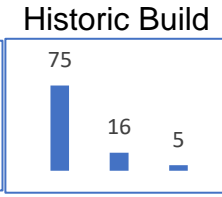
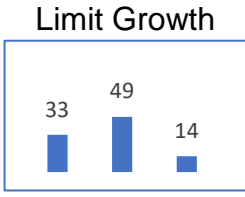


Lack of Business Town Services



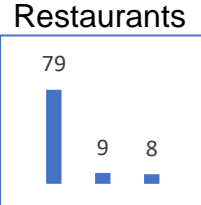
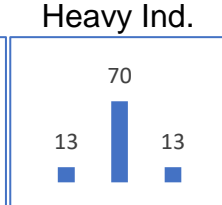
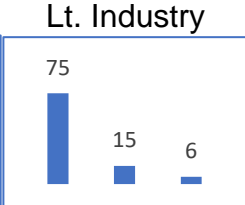
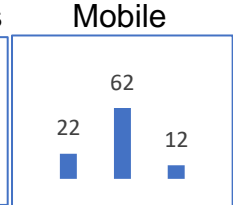
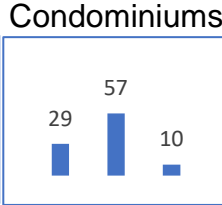
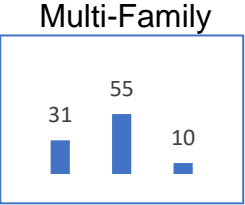
Desires/Vision for the Town

Key		
YES	NO	No Answer

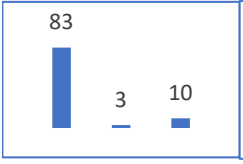


Ten Year development

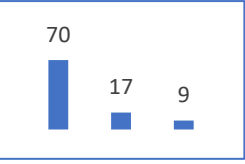
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For	Against	No answer



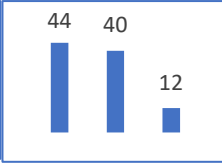
Home Business



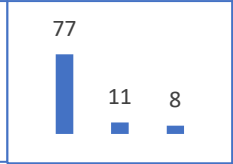
Professional Off. Rental Appt.



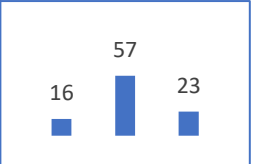
Senior Living



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No Development



PIERMONT 2020 COMMUNITY SURVEY COMMENTS

Nothing for Senior Housing or Transportation, Safe walking area for everyone. Inforce State Regulations, not add to them.

All development should be untillable land. Housng on land not suitable for crops. Leave open space for future food source.

Do not want to be like Hanover or Lyme.

Would like to see careful and moderate growth.

Hard to be for or against anything without knowing how well it will be maintained. Like Piermont to be town to be pround of.

Not worried on High Property taxes and lack of business. We have Farmway.

State needs to change tax system. National Forest should develop trails around Tarleton. Seasonal Homes, Cottages (hunting cabins, beach houses).

Moblle homes in developed park. Maintain rural character, controlled growth in specific areas.

No Dollar Stores, or anything like them. Some type of continuing care retirement community.

Expand the Library, Would town to maintain buildings better. Growth would raise property values + add employment.

Love this town and it's people, a caring community.

Support Summer Camps, Heavy Industry within reason.

School parking and traffic flow. Lack of confidentiality among town officials. Lack of services centralized.

High Speed Internet, Limit excessive timber harvest cuts, more town clerk access hours.

Building a new Town Office is a waste of our time and tax dollars. We are for Delevelopment

Same people are in everything. School seems very expensive. No organized programs. Selectboard should be thrifty

Town doesn't need to do anything to preserve areas, much of town is already natural. Farmers shouldn't need help.

Think Piermont can grow without sacrificing it's best features, wilderness, small town vibe, etc. Transfer Station too expensive, use another town 1/2 price

Clean up the junk yard on route 25

Fire Dept. and Selectboard a bit dysfunctional

Select Board: no room for nastiness. Naming someone like Wayne to the Board was short sighted. Transfer Station: buying a bag and having a weight limit is wrong, should be able to fill it as much as you can. Also people should be treated with respect. Everyone but Wayne is polite and respectful. Development: Keep Moblie homes to the present number. Some industry will help the town, but not heavy industry, strain on resources and services. Follow the Master Plan.

Preserve Wetlands, Get rid of heavy foliage and trees along roads, for a clear vision of Wildlife crossings. Preserve old barns and stonewalls.

Need for lower property Taxes!
Tough to answer with a simple strength or concern. Tough to answer with a simple for or against. Could improvement be made and considered development improve the quality of life in Piermont, Yes.
My concerns about town services are not against the people/volunteers, just concerns about the number of volunteers.
Thank you.
Taxes are outrageous.
Piermont is a wonderful town. Making more town events and an family gathering would make it more special.
Less road widening. Can we partner up with other towns like Pike and get involved in wildlife promotion? Fish Hatchery ect? We need to help farms produce top notch product and get it to market. Milk, cheese, beef, meats etc.
Some people are friendly. School is too expensive and overstaffed. There are no snowmachine,ATV, Mountain bike trails. High property taxes driven by the school. Constant escalating cost for the school is a huge concern. Small and steady growth is positive. As a town it would be unwise to to overboard with enviromental concerns.
More Town Clerk hours.
Fire Protection- live on an island. Don't transfer station. Cellular service on Lake Armington would be good.
Need more than a convenience store/gas station. A small grocery store/supermarket near Lake Armington or a summer only farm stand would be great for servicing Lake cottages and local residents.
The select board needs more stability and anchored by long time residents. A big Thanks to Wayne & Donnie Mitchell and others for serving.
I love the beauty and small town atmosphere of Piermont and hope you can keep retail stores like the Dollar stores from opening.
Walking Trails.
Have we considered merge with another Town? Property taxes are high for services received.
Elderly opportunity to work for town or school departments to lower property taxes.
Road maintenance on Inidan Pd & summer on the Heights road not always the best. Conservation comm. Wish there would be a concerted effort to conserve headwaters feeding Upper Baker and Lake Armington. As noted above our land in Piermont is resting forest land next to our home in Orford. I would have loved to have taught in Piermont school, but there were no openings at the time. We have not had occasion to use Piermont services other then the PO, 4-corners store and the fabulous Piermont- Orford swim program at Indian Pond.
I am a non resident who grew up in Piermont so, as an outsider looking in I have answered accordly.
People not taxed the same, lots on Lake are over taxed, road not Maintained by town.
We have had property in Piermont for 50+ years and not much has changed, which makes me love the area for that reason.

Police-over protected. Piermont is in a prime position to capitalize on the increasingly unfriendly business tax environment in VT. And ought to responsibly develop a retail/business/light industry park. And promote the private development of residential areas to attract a strong middle-class family environment.

Would like to see small house lots allowed.

Protect farmland, open space and access to lakes, rivers and trails.