

TOWN OF CORNISH MASTER PLAN UPDATE

COMMUNITY SURVEY 2017

No. surveys mailed out: 941

No. surveys received and tallied: 340

COMMUNITY CHARACTER

1. How important are the following:

	Very Important	Important	Somewhat Important	Not Important
Rural Character of Cornish	227	83	20	6
Agriculture and Forestry	196	107	31	2
Local School System	147	104	57	20
Historic Character	150	124	49	10
Affordable Home Prices	131	136	53	12
Affordable Property Tax Rate	246	77	11	0
Local (Cornish) Businesses	127	141	58	5
Natural Resources	199	93	32	6
Open Space	175	90	56	13
Roads and Public Transportation	145	136	41	6

HOUSING AND LAND USE

2. What types of housing should be encouraged in Cornish?

	Encourage	Neutral	Discourage
Single Family Dwelling	274	34	9
Single Attached Apartment	135	144	33
Single Unattached Apartment	90	159	57
Two-Family Dwelling	99	150	60
Multifamily Dwelling (3-4 families)	31	79	200
Multifamily Dwelling (5+ families)	11	62	235
Senior Housing	151	125	35
Boarding/Lodging House	38	134	127
Open Space Development (smaller lot sizes w/ common space protected by a conservation easement).	122	100	88

3. Is there any other type of housing that you feel should be encouraged in Cornish? Please specify:

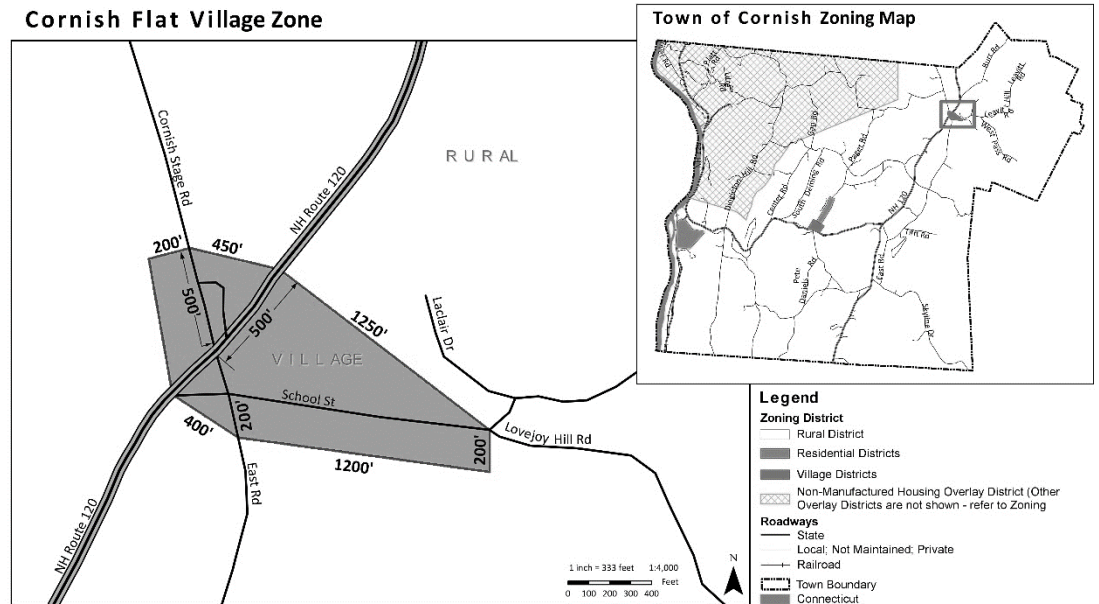
Cluster housing	5
Cooperative along lines of Cobb Hill in Hartford	2
Tiny homes	2
[Open Space Dev.] specific to younger families, not retirees	1
Animal housing without penalty (on existing farms)	1

Assisted living facility	1
Bed & Breakfast or Air B&B	1
Camp	1
Cluster and something country style for the aged population - possibly small apartments in a repurposed building - nothing 'modern style'	1
Cluster or co-housing	1
Co-operative open space development for seniors	1
Don't favor, but two family and rent might help school population	1
In-ground hidden in hills	1
Low income	1
May need smaller lots (2 acre) for young families to move into town	1
Mobile Homes	1
Modular more than mobile	1
No trailers/mobile	1
Not sure	1
Options for local folks with dogs or cats	1
Senior housing	1
Small housing on 2 acres	1
Smaller minimum house size	1

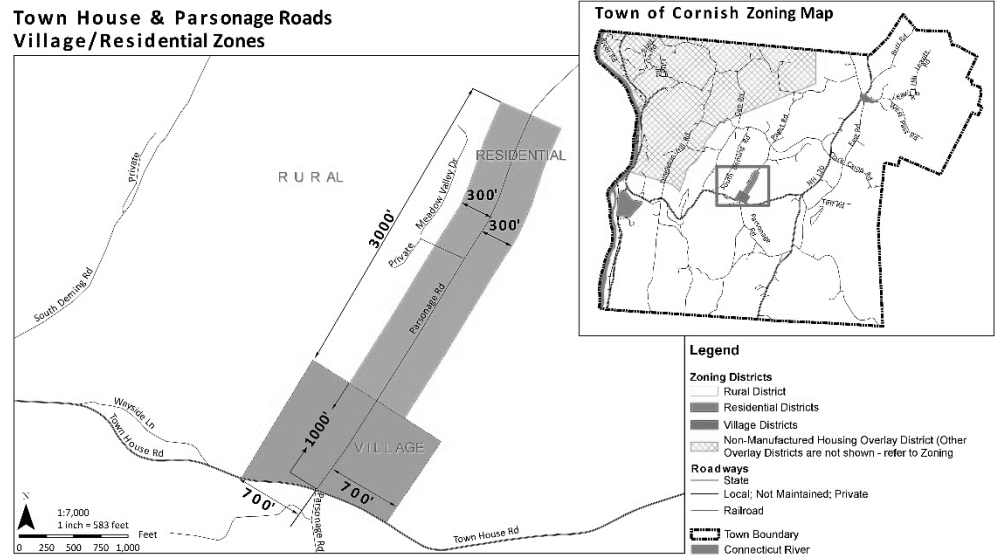
4. Please indicate whether you feel the minimum lot sizes in the Rural, Village, and Residential Zones should be increased, decreased, or remain unchanged. Please refer to the Zoning Map (opposite page) and the Residential and Village District Inset Maps (below and following page).

	Current Minimum Lot Size	Increase	Decrease	No Change
Rural Zone	5 acres	28	58	225
Village Zone	1 acre	17	48	247
Residential Zone	2 acres	28	52	226

5. The Village Zone (1 acre minimum lot size) in Cornish Flat should be
 (57) Expanded
 (18) Decreased
 (220) No Change



6. The Village Zone (1 acre minimum lot size) at the junction of Town House and Parsonage Roads should be
 (60) Expanded
 (21) Decreased
 (223) No Change

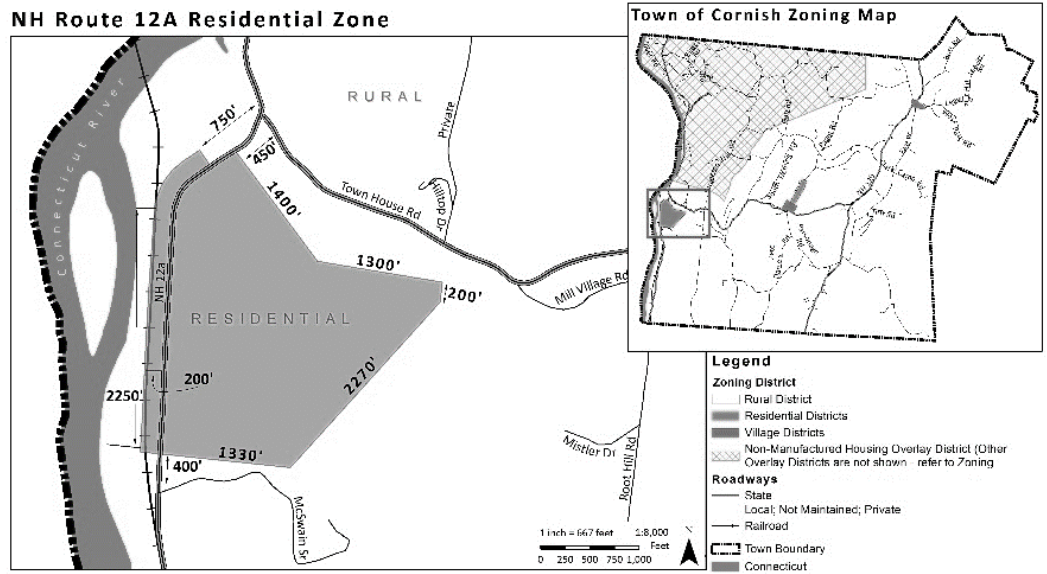


7. The Residential Zone (2 acre minimum lot size) on Parsonage Road should be
 (46) Expanded
 (44) Decreased
 (216) No Change

8. Should the Residential Zone (2 acre minimum lot size) on Parsonage Road be re-zoned as a Village Zone (1 acre minimum lot size)?
 (58) Yes (156) No (89) No Opinion

9. The Residential Zone (2 acre minimum lot size) along NH Route 12A should be
 (55) Expanded
 (58) Decreased
 (213) No Change

10. Should the Residential Zone (2 acre minimum lot size) along NH Route 12A be re-zoned as a Village Zone (1 acre minimum lot size)?
 (58) Yes
 (192) No
 (78) No Opinion



11. Is there any place in Cornish where additional Village Zones (1 acre minimum lot size) should be created?
 (44) Yes (229) No
 If yes, where?

Yes, not sure where	7
Mill Village	6
Cornish Center	3
Rt 120	3
East Road	2
Everywhere	2
Abutting any conservation area	1
Anywhere possible	1
Center Road	1
Center Road near Old Stagecoach	1
Jackson & 120	1
Near school	1
Route 12A/Town House	1
Rt 120 south of Cornish Flat	1
Rt 120 south of Town House	1
Town House & 120	1
Town House, north side, east of school	1
Would love to see a sidewalk at least on Route 12A	1
Yes if water available - anywhere but a wetland	1

12. Would you be in favor of a Conservation Zone with a minimum lot size of 25 acres and restricted uses as a way of protecting water resources east of Cornish Flat? (160) Yes (79) No (76) No Opinion

13. Please indicate if Cornish should encourage or discourage the following:

	Encourage	Neutral	Discourage
Preservation of Farmland	287	39	7
Conservation Easements	188	108	29
Residential Development	107	142	74
Senior Housing Facility	147	133	51
Establishment of an Historic Preservation District	124	139	67
Home Based Businesses	210	110	10
Cottage Industry (0-4 employees)	196	114	20
Expanded Cottage Industry (0-8 employees)	144	124	61
Retail Business	139	127	64
Light Industry (e.g. small scale end-user consumer goods)	109	118	101
Heavy Industry (e.g. large scale equipment or machinery manufacturing)	29	76	225

TRANSPORTATION

14. Do you use public transportation? (4) Yes (Regularly) (293) No (37) Occasionally

15. A weekday bus service has been proposed along the NH Route 120 corridor between Claremont and Hanover with a stop in Cornish Flat. Would you regularly use such a service? (51) Yes (265) No

16. Would you use a Park & Ride located on NH Route 120 near Cornish Flat? (65) Yes (254) No

17. Would you use a Park & Ride located on NH Route 12A in Cornish? (55) Yes (265) No

PUBLIC FACILITIES AND SERVICES

18. Please rate the quality of the following services, facilities, and departments in Cornish.

	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	No Opinion
Ambulance Service	117	115	11	1	82
Animal Control	32	86	34	13	155
Cemetery Care	95	122	19	2	87
Fire Department	178	100	7	1	41
Highway Department	102	134	60	16	18
Local School System	58	120	55	26	70
Police Department	112	139	33	12	35
Public Library	64	124	36	8	93
Recycling Center	196	84	6	3	41
Town Health Services	29	58	20	4	214
Town Welfare Services	40	64	16	2	204
Conservation Commission	70	111	24	8	111
Planning Board	44	118	41	8	112
Selectboard	52	129	43	11	90
Zoning Board	44	114	43	10	112

19. Are you satisfied with your cellular phone reception in Cornish? (73) Yes (230) No (31) No Opinion

20. Do you support additional cell towers in Cornish? (238) Yes (49) No (42) No Opinion

21. Are you satisfied with your internet service? (156) Yes (138) No (38) No Opinion

22. Please describe the internet service in your home.

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| (14) No Internet access available | (6) Dial-Up |
| (138) Cable (e.g. Comcast) | (11) Wireless line of site |
| (83) DSL (e.g. Fair Point) | (18) Internet available, but do not subscribe |
| (14) Cell Modem/Hot Spot | Other: |
| (45) Satellite | Non-resident 5 |
| | Don't have it 2 |
| | Smoke Signal 2 |
| | Don't know 1 |
| | Don't use internet 1 |
| | Need other choice! 1 |
| | No internet, low income 1 |
| | None 1 |
| | Wavecomm 1 |

23. Which facilities do you use for recreational activities? Please mark all that apply.

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| (71) Cornish Recreational and Educational Area (CREA) | (17) Trinity Church |
| (105) Town Forest | (70) Cornish Elementary School |
| (102) Town Hall (next to school) | (50) Meetinghouse (Cornish Flat) |
| (142) Fairgrounds | (67) Town Offices (upstairs) |
| (99) Do not use town facilities. | Other: |
| Not specified 3 | Cornish Flat Swimming Area 1 |
| Fire Department 3 | Historical Building Valley Quest Searches 1 |
| Library 2 | Neighboring properties and town roads 1 |
| Bike on 12A, 120, Town House 1 | Snowmobile/ATV Trails 1 |

ENERGY

24. Should Cornish encourage or discourage the following types of renewable residential energy generation?
Residential energy generation primarily serves the energy needs of a single residence.

	Encourage	Neutral	Discourage
Residential Solar Energy	267	55	10
Residential Wind Energy	210	84	36
Residential Biomass/Wood Energy	155	132	40
Residential Hydro Power (water) Energy	150	132	45

25. Should Cornish encourage or discourage the following types of renewable commercial energy generation?
Commercial energy is primarily generated to supply the electrical grid.

	Encourage	Neutral	Discourage
Commercial Solar Energy	182	85	60
Commercial Wind Energy	130	109	89
Commercial Biomass/Wood Energy	67	148	109
Commercial Hydro Power (water) Energy	107	134	87

CONSERVATION

26. Should Cornish do more, do less, or are we doing enough to protect and/or promote the following:

	Do More	Doing Enough	Do Less	No Opinion
Protect groundwater/aquifers	118	135	2	65
Protect wetlands	99	157	16	52
Protect wildlife habitat and woodlands	110	157	7	48
Promote scenic road designation	88	131	51	54
Shoreline protection: local streams	111	137	11	65
Shoreline protection: CT River	128	117	11	71

DEMOGRAPHICS

27. Which best describes your residency in Cornish? (291) Year-round (22) Part-time (20) Non-resident

28. Which best describes your year-round or part-time housing arrangement in Cornish?
 (298) I own my Cornish residence. (8) I do not own/rent the Cornish residence where I live.
 (10) I rent my Cornish residence. (20) I do not reside in Cornish.

29. How long have you lived in or owned property in Cornish?
 (13) 0-1 yr. (30) 2-5 yrs. (22) 6-10 yrs. (57) 11-20 yrs. (58) 21-30 yrs. (153) 31+ yrs.

30. Which best describes your housing in Cornish?
 (298) Single Family (5) Apartment Other:
 (8) Two Family (17) Non-resident Camp 2
 Single Family w/apt 1

31. Which best describes your employment status?
 (129) Employed full-time (3) Unemployed
 (35) Employed part-time (148) Retired
 (1) Student Other:
 Self Employed 6 Non-resident institution 1
 disabled 1 Seasonal 1
 Farm 1 Semi-retired 1
 Homemaker 1 Volunteer 1

32. How long is your commute?

(27) Work from home
 (25) Under 15 minutes

(89) 15-44 minutes
 (9) 45+ minutes

(17) Varies (work on jobsite)
 (144) Not applicable

33. If applicable, in what town/city and state do you work?

Lebanon	39	VT	4	CT	1
Hanover	18	Meriden	3	Hartford, VT	1
Cornish	13	Plainfield	3	Hartland, VT	1
Claremont	10	Lyme	2	Littleton	1
WRJ. VT	7	NH	2	NH/MA/VT	1
NH/VT	6	various	2	North Pomfret, VT	1
Newport	5	Boston, MA	1	Norwich, VT	1
Windsor, VT	5	Bradford, VT	1	Springfield, VT	1
				Upper Valley	1

34. How old are you?

(0) Under 18 years (2) 18-24 years (24) 25-44 years (127) 45-64 years (170) 65+ years