

SUMMARY OF SURVEY RESPONSES - 2009 WESTFORD COMMUNITY SURVEY QUESTIONNAIRE

Of the 925 surveys sent to all Westford households and property owners, approximately 254 were returned. That means more than 1 in 4 individuals (27%) responded to the survey.

Question #1

Age range of respondents:

Under 18 - 1%

18 to 29 - 2%

30 to 39 - 15%

40 to 49 - 25%

50 to 59 - 31%

60 to 69 - 21%

70+ - 5%

Question #2

74% of respondents live outside the Town Center and Rural Residential Districts.

Town Center - 10%

Plains Road area - 16%

West of Rte 128 - 37%

East of Rte 128 - 32%

Near Rte 15 - 4%

Do not live in Westford - 1%

Question #3

78% of respondent have lived in Westford for more than 5 years.

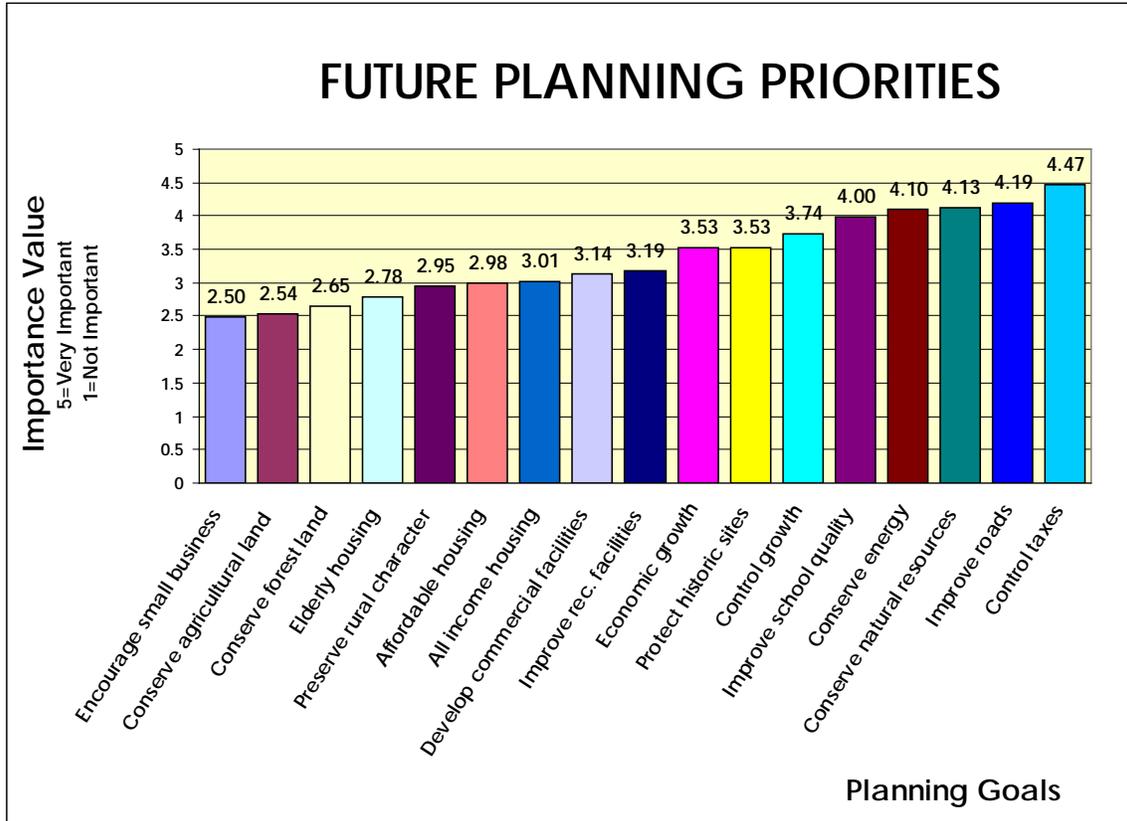
Question #4

90% of respondents plan to stay in Westford for more than 5 years.

Question #5

26% of respondents work from home on a regular basis.

Question #9



Question #11

63% of respondents feel residential growth in Westford has been "just right".

RESIDENTIAL growth in Westford has been:

Too Rapid – 21%

Just Right – 63%

Not Rapid Enough – 9%

No Opinion - 7%

Question #12

An equal number of respondents feel commercial growth has been "just right" and it is "not rapid enough".

COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL growth in Westford has been:

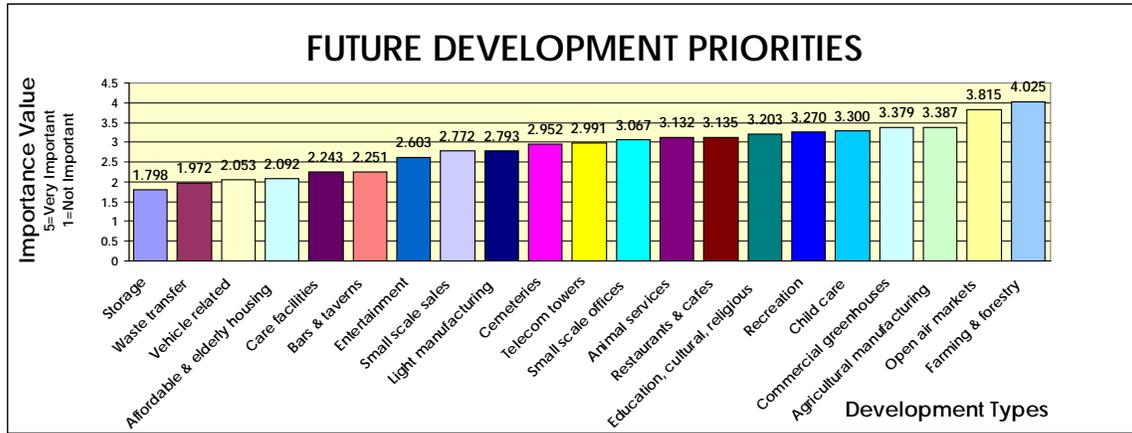
Too Rapid 2%

Just Right – 39%

Not Rapid Enough 39%

No Opinion – 20%

Question#13



Question #15

The number of respondents who strongly agreed or agreed versus disagreed or strongly disagreed that Westford should adopt architectural standards for residential structures in the town center is approximately equal.

The town should adopt architectural standards for RESIDENTIAL structures in the town center?

- Strongly Agree 17%
- Agree- 31%
- Disagree – 25%
- Strongly Disagree – 19%
- No Opinion - 8%

Question #16

71% of respondents strongly agreed or agreed Westford should adopt architectural standards for commercial and industrial structures in the town center area.

The Town should adopt architectural standards for COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL structures in the town center area?

- Strongly Agree – 34%
- Agree – 37%
- Disagree – 11%
- Strongly Disagree – 12%
- No Opinion – 7%

Question #17

55% of respondents disagreed or strongly disagreed that Westford should promote residential development in town.

The Town should promote RESIDENTIAL development?

Strongly Agree – 6%

Agree – 31%

Disagree – 29%

Strongly Disagree- 26%

No Opinion – 8%

Question #18

The number of respondents who strongly agreed or agreed versus disagreed or strongly disagreed that Westford should promote commercial and industrial development is approximately equal.

The Town should promote COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL development?

Strongly Agree – 8%

Agree – 41%

Disagree – 20%

Strongly Disagree – 25%

No Opinion – 6%

Question #19

A) Concentrated development should not be permitted anywhere in the Town.

Strongly Agree – 24%

Agree – 11%

Strongly Agree & Agree – 35%

Somewhat Agree – 17%

Disagree – 24%

Strongly Disagree – 24%

Disagree & Strongly Disagree – 48%

B) Development should be evenly distributed throughout the Town.

Strongly Agree – 21%

Agree – 15%

Strongly Agree & Agree – 36%

Somewhat Agree – 17%

Disagree – 16%

Strongly Disagree – 30%

Disagree & Strongly Disagree – 46%

Question #20

63% of respondents strongly agreed or agreed Westford should promote cluster development with the intent of preserving large tracts of land.

The Town should promote cluster development with the intent of preserving large tracts of land?

Strongly Agree – 22%

Agree – 41%

Disagree – 15%

Strongly Disagree – 15%

No Opinion – 7%

Question #21

53% of respondents strongly agreed or agreed that the character of recent development has been appropriate.

The character of recent development has been appropriate.

Strongly Agree – 2%

Agree – 51%

Disagree – 17%

Strongly Disagree – 11%

No Opinion – 18%

Question #22

Landscaping and screening has been adequate for RESIDENTIAL subdivision developments.

Strongly Agree – 5%

Agree – 43%

Disagree – 13%

Strongly Disagree – 7%

No Opinion – 32%

Question #23

Landscaping and screening has been adequate for COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL development.

Strongly Agree – 4%

Agree – 26%

Disagree – 10%

Strongly Disagree – 3%

No Opinion – 56%

Question #24

58% of respondents strongly agreed or agreed ridgelines should be protected from residential and commercial development.

The Town should protect ridgelines from residential and commercial development.

Strongly Agree – 27%

Agree – 31%

Disagree – 19%

Strongly Disagree – 14%

No Opinion – 9%

Question #25

91% of respondents strongly supported or supported the construction of personal wind turbines.

Would you support the construction of PERSONAL-USE RESIDENTIAL wind turbines?

Strongly Support – 51%

Support – 40%

Do Not Support – 3%

Strongly Do Not Support – 2%

No Opinion – 4%

Question #26

79% of respondents strongly supported or supported the construction small-scale commercial wind turbines.

Would you support the construction of SMALL SCALE COMMERCIAL wind turbines?

Strongly Support – 39%

Support – 40%

Do Not Support – 9%

Strongly Do Not Support – 8%

No Opinion – 4%

Question #27

59% of respondents strongly supported or supported the construction industrial wind farms.

Would you support the construction of INDUSTRIAL wind farms?

Strongly Support – 25%

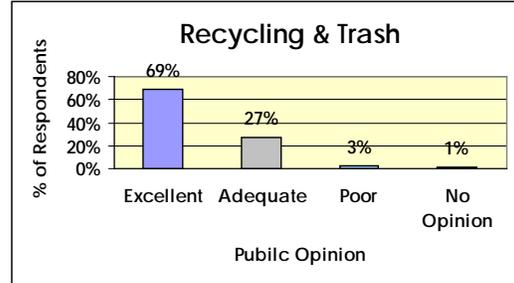
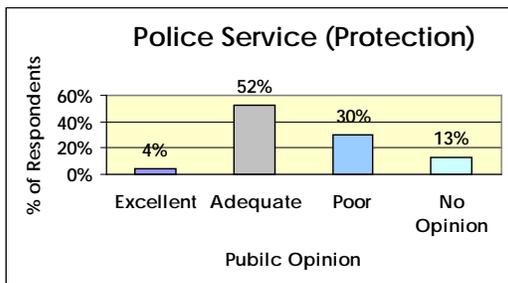
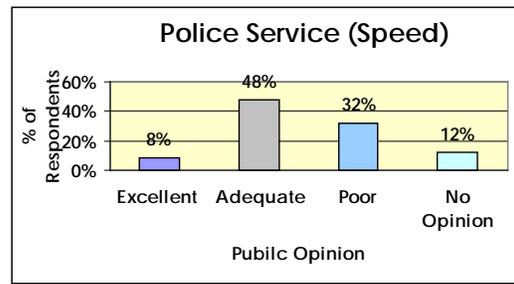
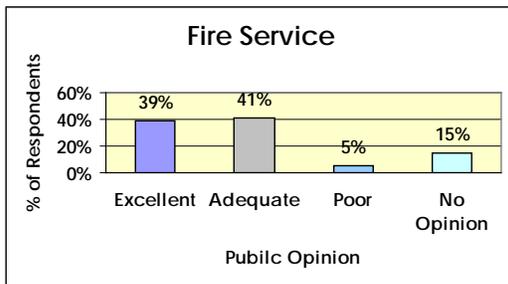
Support – 34%

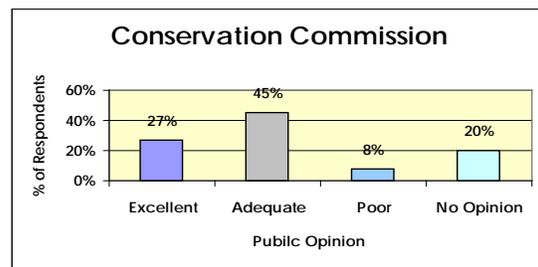
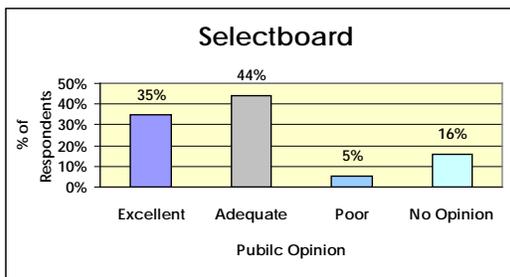
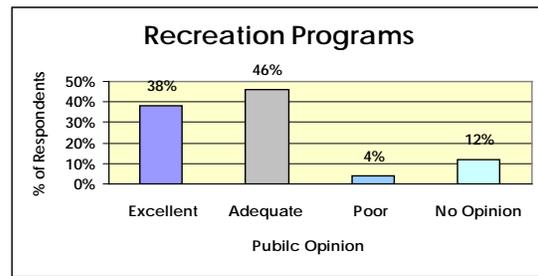
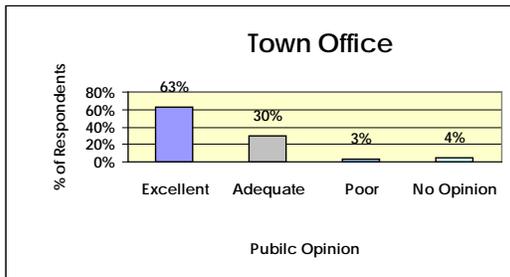
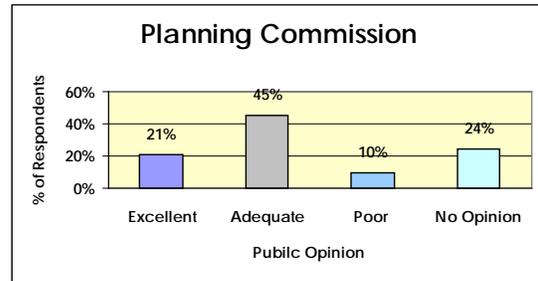
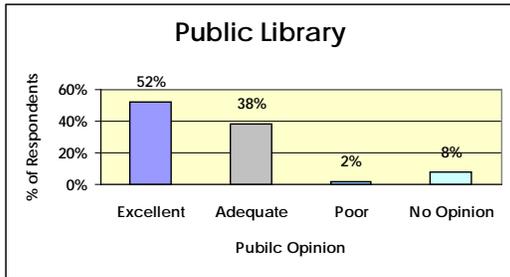
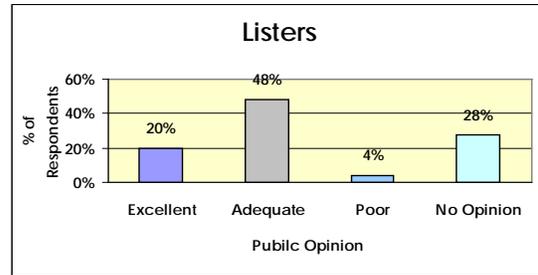
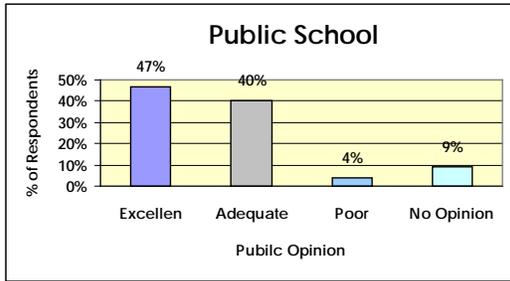
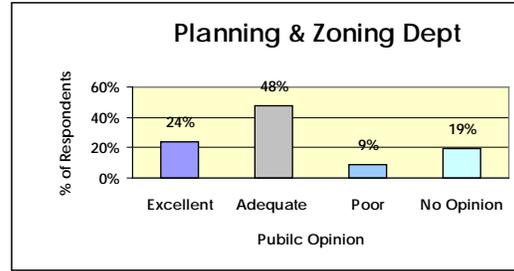
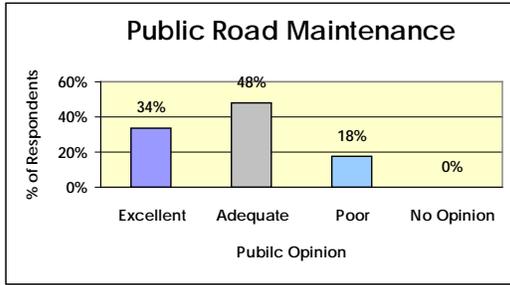
Do Not Support – 16%

Strongly Do Not Support – 18%

No Opinion – 7%

Question #28





Question #29

69% of respondents strongly agreed or agreed that town services have kept pace with the rate of new development.

Do you agree that the provision of municipal services has kept pace with the rate of new development?

Strongly Agree – 9%

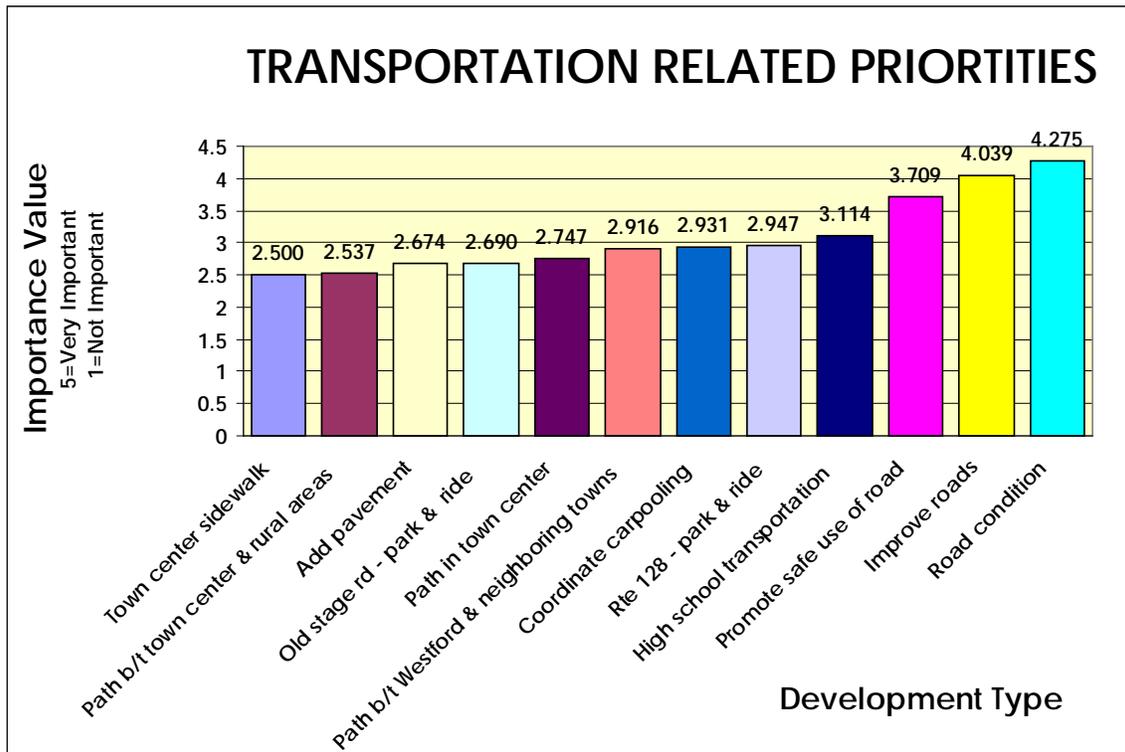
Agree – 60%

Disagree – 14%

Strongly Disagree – 3%

No Opinion – 14%

Question #30



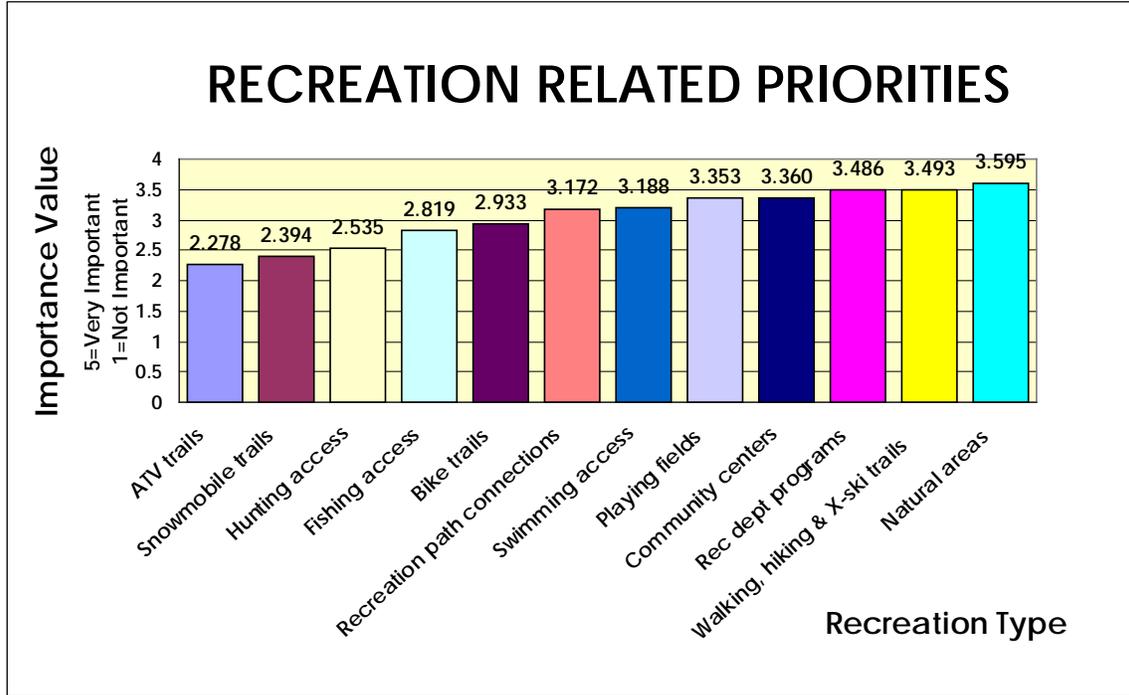
Question #31

81% of respondents feel the town should adopt a road impact fee, requiring new development to pay for any public road improvements made necessary due to new development.

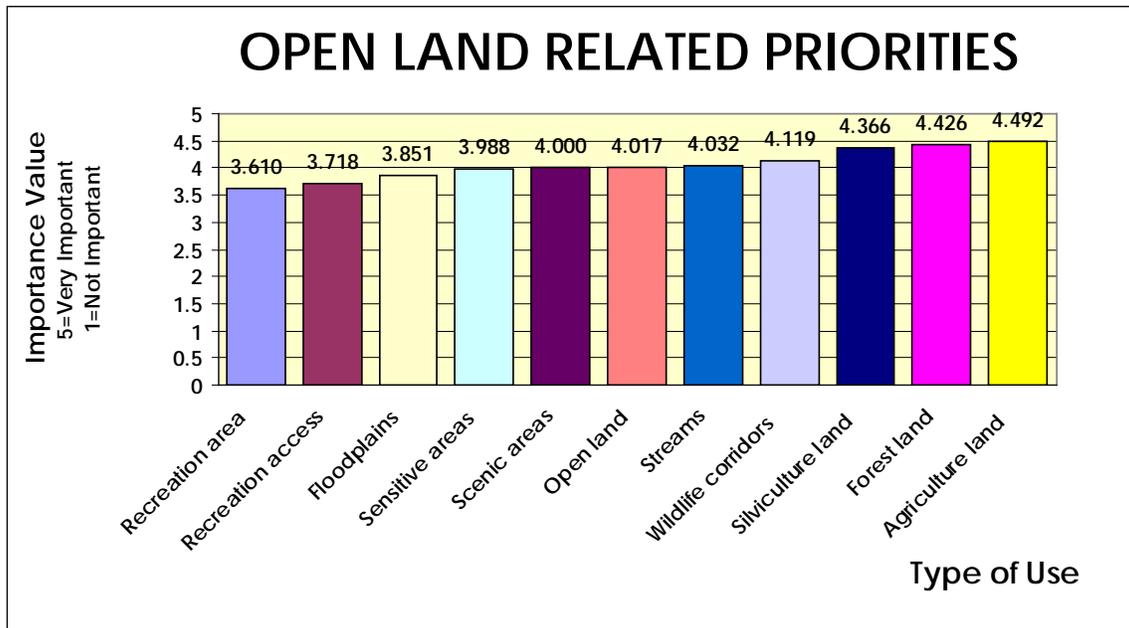
Question #32

69% of respondents feel the town should adopt a Fire Department impact fee, requiring new development to pay for the purchase of additional fire department equipment necessary to serve an increased number of dwellings.

Question #33



Question #35



Question #36

56% of respondents strongly supported or supported the creation of a conservation district with a minimum lot size requirement greater than 10 acres on lands adjoining town trails in the Osgood Hill area.

In recent years residents have offered concerns to town boards regarding the development of land located near town trails. Much of the land adjoining town trails is currently undeveloped, located near hill-tops, contains significant unfragmented wildlife habitat and natural areas and is privately owned. Would you support a conservation district with a minimum lot size requirement greater than 10 acres on lands adjoining town trails in the Osgood Hill area?

Strongly Support – 29%

Support - 27%

Do Not Support – 11%

Strongly Do Not Support – 17%

No Opinion – 16%