

2nd Draft Poll of Chester, Vt Property Owners, Residents and Business Managers
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Commented [HQ1]: General question on the survey at large... do you think it strikes the right balance between residents and business? I think maybe it needs more business related questions... but I can't think of any off the top of my head, so you may choose to disregard this comment...lol

Please **check all categories below** that describe your property and/or living situation in Chester

- Residential Property Owner- Resident
- Residential Property Owner- Landlord
- Residential 2nd Homeowner
- Commercial Property Owner/self occupied
- Business Owner/Manager
- Residential Renter

Which of these best describes where you live (**check one**)

- I live in the Village
- I live in a residential area near the Village
(Examples: Flamstead Acres, Mountainview, Marc Drive, etc.)
- I live in a rural area of town
- I live outside of Chester but own property in
 - The village
 - A residential area near the village
 - A rural area of town

As you consider your vision for the future of Chester, please check the top three (3) for each set of priority considerations below.

Please check the **top three (3)** items in order of importance to you over the **short term (+/- 5 years)**

- Availability of Affordable Housing
- Walkability/Pedestrian Friendliness of Village
- Bicycle Friendliness in the Village
- Increasing numbers of walk-in shoppers/diners
- Maintaining scenic vistas, open land, undeveloped ridge lines, etc.
- Preserving historic architecture and buildings
- Expanded availability of local shopping and service options
- Maintaining Chester's small-town atmosphere
- Ensuring a clean & healthy environment
- Other: _____

Please check the **top three (3)** items in order of importance to you over the **longer term (25- 30 years)**

- Maintaining scenic vistas, open land, undeveloped ridge lines, etc.
- Preservation of historic architecture and buildings
- Expanded availability of local shopping and services options
- Maintaining Chester's small-town atmosphere
- Ensuring a clean & healthy environment
- Other: _____

Which of these do you consider as top priorities for quality of life in Chester?
Please check the top three (3) of most importance to you.

- Noise levels
- High volume of auto & truck traffic
- Access to Town Sewer
- Access to Town Water
- Pedestrian friendliness/safety
- Bicycle friendliness/safety
- Adequate parking in the Village
- Other: _____

Which of these would you like to see more of in the Village areas of Chester?
Please check the top three (3) of most importance to you.

- Variety of shops and stores
- Restaurants
- Pubs
- Grocery shopping options
- Medical/dental services
- Professional services (attorneys, accountants, engineers, etc.)
- Art Galleries and/or art studios
- Live entertainment
- Long term residential rental properties
- Other: _____

Which of these would you like to see more of in the Rural areas of Chester?
Please check the top three (3) of most importance to you.

- Viable agriculture operations
- Scenic views/rural character

- Clean, vibrant and healthy rivers and streams
 - Preserving wildlife habitat/forest blocks
 - Control of invasive plants
 - Hunting opportunities
 - Fishing opportunities
 - Hiking Opportunities
 - Mountain Biking Opportunities
 - Increased Housing Density
 - Additional Business Locations- Feel free to write in specific types in the space below
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Balancing Growth & Conservation

(Check one) Do you believe the recent increase in housing development has been:

- Positive for Chester
- Negative for Chester
- Neither positive nor negative (neutral)

Do you believe Chester should strive to encourage the following commercial activities?

Please check the top three (3) you'd like to see more of in Chester.

- Home Businesses
- Small Retail Shops
- Professional Offices
- Farmers' Markets
- Dine-in Restaurants
- Motels
- Inns and/or Bed & Breakfasts
- Short term rental housing (Air BnB, VRBO, etc)
- Convenience Stores/Gas Stations
- Light Manufacturing, and/or Food Processing
- Industrial scale Manufacturing and/or Food Processing
- Agricultural production operations
- Forestry products production

Would you like to see higher density residential development in:

Please check all that apply.

- Village Areas

- Rural Areas
- Neither

In your opinion, is there currently ample housing for residents of all income levels in Chester? **Please check one (1).**

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

If Chester were to alter regulations to permit more housing development which of the following types of housing do you believe would be most beneficial to our town? **Please check your top three (3).**

- One-bedroom apartments
- Two and three bedroom apartments
- Multifamily apartment buildings
- Single family homes on single lots
- Single family homes priced for working class families
- Mobile homes on single lots
- Clustered mobile home development(s)
- Accessory dwelling units (converted garages or other small accessory buildings adjacent to existing homes)
- Assisted living facilities
- Independent living senior housing developments

Would you like to see more opportunities for seeing arts, culture and entertainment in Chester?

- Yes
- No
- No opinion

Which of the following recreational opportunities do you believe would be beneficial to our town? **Please check your top three (3)**

- Walking/running paths and/or sidewalks in the village areas
- Hiking trails
- Mountain biking trails
- Hunting opportunities
- Fishing opportunities

- ATV Trails
 - Cross country skiing/snowshoeing
 - Snowmobiling
 - Other _____
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