

Planning Commission Survey 03/08/22 - Results

Please rank the following concerns

	1	2	3	4	5	No Response	6
Maintaining local town government	29	19	16	11	12	7	0
Providing local, reasonably priced housing options for all ages	14	16	21	21	13	10	0
Creating town infrastructure in support of a modest population growth	22	19	20	17	15	5	1
Maintaining a local elementary school	17	13	15	7	33	9	0
Ensuring that agriculture remains an important occupational opportunity in Bridport	37	13	11	16	15	4	0
Write your own							

- Proper care of secondary roads – dirt roads #1
- Updating infrastructure for today's needs #3
- Improve internet and cell phone service #1
- Support recreation for all residents (hiking/biking trails, beach improvement, etc.) #1
- Town pool #2
- ACTR to Bridport #2
- Town meeting held on town meeting day in the morning – Vermont tradition #1
- Create business, incentivize small business start ups #1
- Some sort of day care and after school places #1

	Yes	No	Maybe	No Response
Should Bridport hold more community activities	75	15	0	4
Comment(s) Great idea! Who will organize it?				
Should tourism be encouraged in our town	60	25	0	9
Should Airbnb's provide the town with additional tax revenue	60	24	0	10

How do you feel about the State of VT purchasing additional lands in Bridport for conservation purposes?

Yes	No	Maybe	No Response
30	24	16	24

Comments(s)

- We need population to support infrastructure and necessities. Most land is already in Ag.
- Do not approve
- Concerned as available housing and building lots could be impacted
- Conservation is great but balance with affordable housing sites
- If available for public use then yes, not for development
- Already too much land in land trust, etc.
- Please no
- No more, enough already
- Since land is limited should be in uninhabitable lands
- Conservation yes – letting land go to waste no
- Yes – so that it is maintained
- If the town won't lower taxes it is a way of getting out from under the burden
- Not great – tax revenue is important
- No just no
- They have a lot now
- They should have to pay equal taxes just like everyone else
- Do not feel the state should own more land
- Good idea
- No if other farmers want land
- Don't like it
- Only if pay more tax on them
- Who's paying the taxes on it?
- Good idea
- Generally support, details matter though
- No need. Enough land in conservation
- Great idea
- Awesome
- Fine with it
- Against unless they pay same taxes as former landowner
- I don't agree
- Positive
- Do not support this
- Not sure
- VT has a lot already, not sure
- Against it

Please indicate which of the following is NOT available at your housing location

good cell service	36.5
cable TV	40
Internet access	11.5
No Response	30

Comment(s)

NA

We need broadband

How do you define "good" cell service?

- Can make and receive calls without drops
- Ability to make/receive calls
- Currently we have 0 or 1 bar of service without the use of extra tower within our home. We live in an area at zero to minimal interruption (mountains,trees). Addison to Shoreham via 22A has numerous dead zones - this is unsafe
- Our cell service and internet access is consistent and reliable
- Fast, dependable, inexpensive
- Calls are clear and don't drop
- Able to download internet stuff
- More than 1 bar
- My service switches to a NY state tower at my residence - more expensive
- Less than 3 tries to make/receive a call
- AT&T is only viable option currently
- Where I don't have to stand by the window
- Not dropping calls and good cell signal
- Walk out of the house
- At least 2 bars; mine drops to no service intermittently
- More than 2 bars, ability to make a clear and lasting phone call
- There are days when our phones have no service at all and the only way to use them is via wi-fi. I'd say that's not good. (We have Verizon)
- Able to handle home school internet needs such as with Covid
- Able to hear both parties
- Wi-fi doesn't go out all the time
- I have a lot of dropped calls
- Being able to make a call
- Consistent - ability to connect on my porch!
- One that can make calls without dropping them
- 3 bars or more
- Reliability
- Any would be nice
- 4 or 5, today I get LTE
- Cuts out

- More than 1 bar
- More than 2 bars
- 3 bars
- No dropped calls
- We have no service
- Need to be able to make phone calls without relying on internet connection
- No lines no waiting
- 3 bars 4G
- More than 1 bar
- 2 bars
- 5G, 2+bars
- Cell service that doesn't require boosters
- Calls don't drop
- Faster
- Not having frequently dropped calls

Should Bridport zoning regulations be amended to provide options for "tiny" houses?

Yes	No	Maybe	No Response
43	20	22	9

How do you define a "tiny" house?

75-250 sqft	24
251-400 sqft	26
401-750 sqft	22
750-_____	3
751-800 sq ft	1
751-1300 sqft	1
Not familiar	6
No response	26

Comment(s)

- Meet same requirements as trailer
- Any living space should follow guidelines
- Tiny houses are permitted. You just need a zoning permit and a wastewater permit from the state

Additional ideas

- TBD
- Need standards for tiny houses that are not overly oppressive
- The current tiny house on Harold Giard's property (where the cow trailer used to be) has been a disaster. Poorly planned and the folks have finally moved out.
- With so few people donating their time to town organizations some sort of incentive to encourage them to
- Town is looking a bit messy and unkempt – beautification is in order – Fix cemetery fence!
Stricter zoning for messes in town center
- Bridport farm day – take turns visiting farms, supporting farming and hunting
- Tiny houses are houses and ought to be encouraged to replace dilapidated homes and taxed the same way
- Tiny house community isn't supported in my opinion
- I think more community activities should be a priority with the hope of more becoming involved
- Easter egg hunt on green
- Weekend kickball tournaments
- Pictures with Santa (fire department)
- Skate night at rink, cook hot dogs over campfire
- Use of horse shoe pits, tournament
- More town involvement in green up date
- Town center buildings (Elementary school, Grange, Masonic Temple, etc.) could become hubs for town wide activities, classes, etc. That would be lovely and welcoming to families or others new to the community. Thank you for asking!
- Access to faster internet, fiber optic cable