

# Cavendish Planning Commission Town Survey 2012

This survey was conducted by the Cavendish Planning Commission in 2012 to determine the sentiments of Cavendish property owners and residents on a variety of planning related issues. Questions with regard to this survey should be directed to the Planning Commission.

1 Are you a						
	Response Percent					Response Count
Full time resident	65.0%					117
Part time resident	13.9%					25
Non resident property owner	21.1%					38
answered question						180

2 How often do you visit Cavendish's "special places"? (Check one box for each special place)						
	Three or More times a year	Less than 3 times a year	Never	Didn't know it existed		Response Count
Route 131 Scenic Highway	176	5	3	2		186
Snowmobile Trails	54	29	86	2		171
Cavendish Gorge	41	86	38	9		174
Knapp Ponds	67	64	31	16		178
Black River	122	31	15	5		173
Derby Hill	28	41	48	44		161
Twenty Mile Stream	119	33	16	11		179
Proctor Piper State Forest	46	64	45	17		172
Historic Crown Point Road	45	58	45	24		172
Historic Buildings	45	83	33	6		167
Proctorsville Green	105	43	28	3		179
Cavendish Green	76	62	35	5		178
Hawks Mtn. Wildlife Area	22	57	60	35		174
Cemeteries	51	60	51	6		168
Other (please specify)						6
answered question						187

3 Would you like to see Cavendish						
	Yes	No				Response Count
Protect its rural character and quiet areas	173	9				182
Have a website	132	35				167
Make it more attractive to families with school age children	130	40				170
Protect special scenic roads and views	169	9				178
answered question						187

4 Should the Town sponsor a village improvement/beautification effort; such as, improved sidewalks, tree planting, crosswalks, benches, etc.?						
	Response Percent					Response Count
Yes	70.00%					126
No	21.10%					38
No Opinion	8.90%					16
answered question						180

5 Should the Town work with landowners and land trusts to conserve land?						
	Response Percent					Response Count
Yes	82.40%					150
No	9.90%					18
No Opinion	7.70%					14
answered question						182

6 If yes to Question 5, what kind of land would you like to see conserved? (Check one or more)						
	Response Percent					Response Count
Agricultural	74.5%					117
Recreational	66.2%					104
Ridgelines	55.4%					87
Forest and Woods	81.5%					128
River Corridor	75.2%					118
Wetlands	56.1%					88
Special scenic views and roads	80.9%					127
answered question						157

7 Should Cavendish welcome a stronger local economy that would provide more jobs in town?						
	Response Percent					Response Count
Yes	79.90%					147
No	8.20%					15
No Opinion	12.00%					22
answered question						184

8 I would like to see more business in Cavendish.						
	Response Percent					Response Count
Yes	78.30%					144
No	12.50%					23
No Opinion	9.20%					17
answered question						184

9 If yes to Question 8, what kinds of businesses? (Check one or more)						
	Response Percent					Response Count
Service	56.80%					79
Retail	64.70%					90
Restaurants	62.60%					87
Home-based	56.80%					79
Forest products	44.60%					62
Light industry or manufacturing	62.60%					87
Other (please specify)	19					19
answered question						139

10 Are the town roads adequately maintained?						
	Response Percent					Response Count
Yes	78.90%					142
No	14.40%					26
No Opinion	6.70%					12
answered question						180

11 Are Routes 103 and 131 adequately maintained by the State of Vermont?						
	Response Percent					Response Count
Yes	87.00%					160
No	8.20%					15
No Opinion	4.90%					9
answered question						184

12 Is there a need for better public transportation?						
	Response Percent					Response Count
Yes	32.80%					59
No	36.70%					66
No Opinion	30.60%					55
answered question						180

13 Should there be a parking area for commuters who share rides?						
	Response Percent					Response Count
Yes	52.20%					95
No	20.90%					38
No Opinion	26.90%					49
answered question						182

14 Would a bike path between the villages be an important asset?						
	Response Percent					Response Count
Yes	62.40%					113
No	22.70%					41
No Opinion	14.90%					27
answered question						181

15 Is speeding a problem in Cavendish?						
	Response Percent					Response Count
Yes	41.80%					74
No	33.30%					59
No Opinion	24.90%					44
answered question						177

16 If yes to Question 15, which roads? (Check one or more)						
	Yes	No		No Opinion	Response Count	
Main Street in Cavendish Village	48	1		20	69	
Depot Street in Proctorsville Village	38	12		18	68	
Twenty Mile Stream Road	48	11		15	74	
Route 103	37	9		13	59	
Other (please specify)					33	
answered question					84	

17 Is there enough affordable housing in Cavendish?						
	Response Percent					Response Count
Yes	33.30%					52
No	21.80%					34
No Opinion	44.90%					70
answered question	156					156

18 How do you feel about these types of housing?						
	Strongly Favor	Favor	Against	Strongly Against	No Opinion	Response Count
Apartments & Condominiums	17	70	39	20	29	175
Single family homes on individual lots	78	80	5	1	11	175
Cluster homes-homes on small lots sharing common land	29	67	39	20	19	174
Multi-family homes	9	67	50	24	23	173
Mobile homes on individual lots	9	55	40	46	22	172
Section 8 Low Income Housing	8	40	36	61	27	172
Group Homes	3	40	38	51	39	171
answered question						182

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19 Should Cavendish investigate simple subdivision process?						
	Response Percent					Response Count
Yes	27.80%					45
No	36.40%					59
No Opinion	35.80%					58
answered question						162

20 How do you feel about these municipal and volunteer services? (Check one box for each service)						
	Fine	Improve It				Response Count
Ambulance/EMS	112	48				160
Cavendish Vol. Fire Dept.	137	24				161
Cavendish Water Dept.	117	31				148
Cavendish Wastewater Dept.	122	23				145
Education - CTES	134	17				151
Education - Green Mountain	120	31				151
Fletcher Comm. Library	149	8				157
Law Enforcement	104	52				156
Planning Commission	49	11				60
Proctorsville Vol. Fire Dept.	148	11				159
Recycling	71	100				171
Road Maintenance	126	41				167
Solid Waste Disposal	105	54				159
Town Office	151	9				160
answered question						178

21 Should the Town provide more opportunities for recycling?						
	Response Percent					Response Count
Yes	73.30%					121
No	13.90%					23
No Opinion	12.70%					21
answered question						165

22 How do you feel about the Town's dog ordinance?						
	Response Percent					Response Count
Fine the way it is.	28.90%					52
More dog owners should know about it.	18.30%					33
Should be more strict.	7.20%					13
Should be better enforced.	12.80%					23
Do not know anything about it.	47.20%					85
Other (please specify)	8					8
answered question						180

23 Should the Town adopt ordinances to regulate the following?						
	Yes	No		No Opinion	Response Count	
Cellular Communication Towers	93	68		21	182	
Wind Turbines	89	70		23	182	
Geothermal Installations	53	81		38	172	
Outdoor Wood Burning Furnace	82	75		19	176	
Solar PV Installations	53	91		32	176	
Bio Mass Installations	76	54		40	170	
Other (please specify)					18	
answered question					183	

24 Should the Town adopt a Sign Ordinance?						
	Response Percent					Response Count
Yes	45.80%					82
No	32.40%					58
No Opinion	21.80%					39
answered question						179

25 Should the town/school continue to pursue energy conservation grants?						
	Response Percent					Response Count
Yes	87.70%					157
No	5.60%					10
No Opinion	6.70%					12
answered question						179

26 How do you get your information? (Check one or more)						
	Response Percent					Response Count
E-Mail Newsletters	56.40%					101
Local Newspapers	74.90%					134
LPC TV	12.80%					23
Radio	30.20%					54
Town Notice Board	7.80%					14
TV	30.70%					55
Transfer Station Chats	21.80%					39
Web Blog (please specify below in Other)	17.30%					31
Word of mouth	59.80%					107
Other (please specify)	36					36
answered question						179