

Fairlee Community Survey Report



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Fairlee Community Survey

In the summer of 2019, the Selectboard in partnership with the Planning Commission designed a 4-page community survey. The objective of the survey was to gather opinions about issues that were perceived to be of interest to Fairlee residents.

Most respondents participated in the survey by linking to an electronic copy. Some picked up paper copies of the survey in the Town Hall.

When the survey was closed on in early September, there were 198 who responded by email and 24 who responded on paper. The total count – 222 – was not large enough to be deemed statistically representative of the opinions and attitudes of Fairlee’s population. Regardless, it can be assumed that those who took the time to respond are residents who have a genuine interest in Fairlee’s future and whose responses provide directional guidance for municipal activities and strategic priorities.

The Selectboard acknowledges and appreciates every response. Our activities are driven by your comments, activities, and votes. Surveys like this help to fill the information gap from one Town Meeting to the next. We share survey outcomes to thank those who responded for their participation and to inform those who did not about the attitudes of their neighbors.

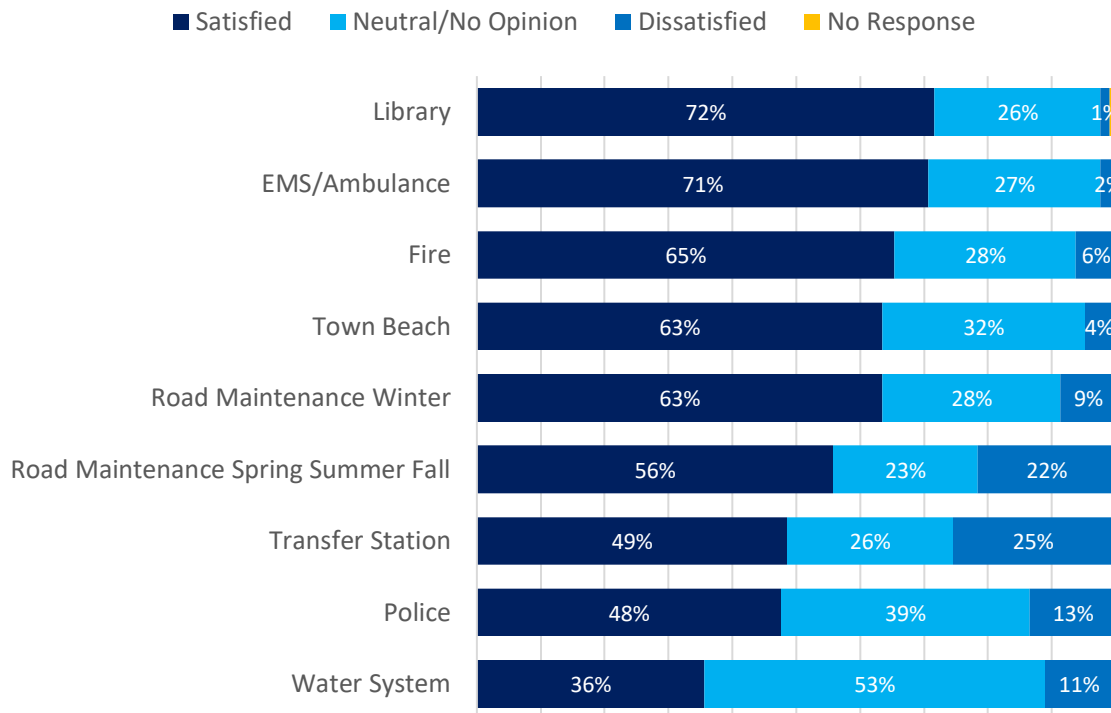
The information shared in this report is not adorned or altered; it is directly from the survey itself. Survey responses were voluntarily and anonymously provided by Fairlee residents. This report neither analyzes nor interpret survey responses.



Survey Responses

Community Services & Municipal Governance

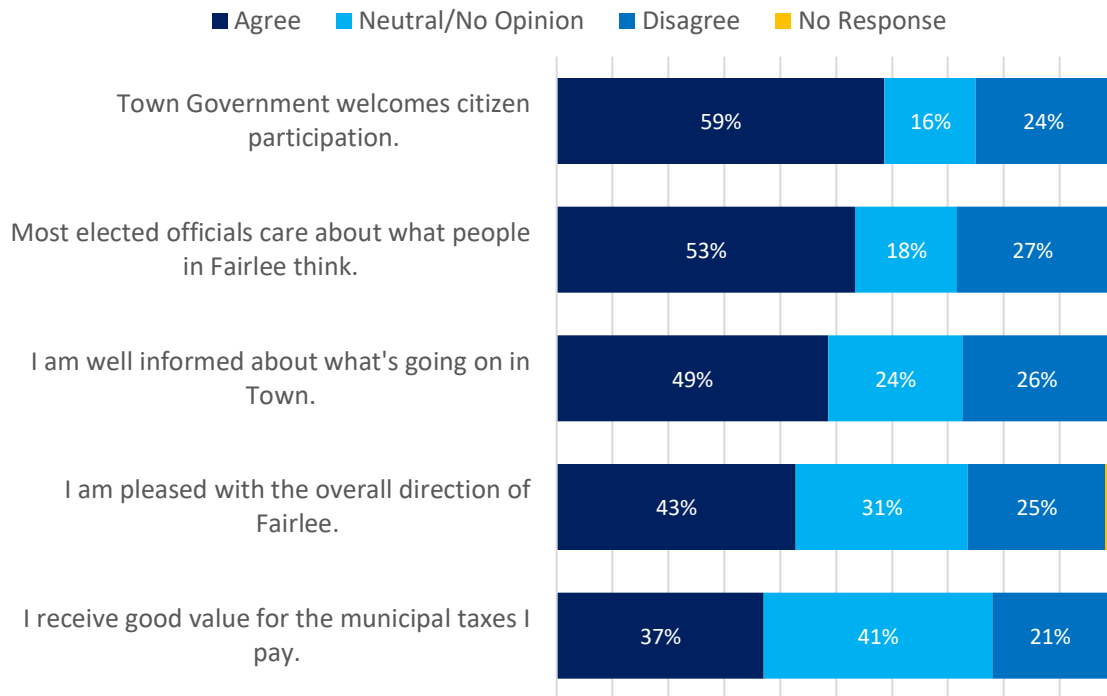
Please indicate your satisfaction or dissatisfaction with each of the listed community services.



More than 65% of respondents indicated that they were *Satisfied* with the Library (71%), EMS/Ambulance (71%), and Fire (65%). Over 20% of respondents indicated that they were *Dissatisfied* with the Transfer Station (25%) and Spring, Summer and Fall Road Maintenance (22%). Notable shares of respondents indicated that they were *Neutral* or had *No Opinion* about the Water System (53%) and Police (39%).



Please indicate whether you agree or disagree with the following statements.



Most respondents *Agree* that “Town government welcomes citizen participation” (59%) and “most elected officials care about what people in Fairlee think” (53%). The largest share of respondents *Agree* with “I am well informed about what’s going on in Town” (49%) and “I am pleased with the overall direction of Fairlee” (43%). The largest share of respondents responded *Neutral/No Opinion* to “I receive good value for the municipal taxes I pay” (41%).

Housing

What kind of housing do you think would be desirable in the next 20 years in Fairlee?

There were 167 responses to this question. Rather than include all of them, the selection of 20 responses below illustrates the breadth and depth of responses. Responses included:

“Affordable middle-class housing”

“Apartments/starter home for young folks or retired folks, single.”

“Housing for elderly”

“More housing options and more units in the village center, infill housing, affordable rents, second floor units above commercial establishments, first floor and one level units appropriate for senior citizens, housing in the village for those seeking to downsize”



“We bought our home in Fairlee, but when we were trying to find rental options, we discovered the Upper Valley is truly lacking in housing for families and professionals (not students). Fairlee is a vibrant, supportive and loving community...once we lived in the community as renters, we knew we wanted to stay in the community as residents. I think more young couples and families would feel the same way too, especially with the proximity to DHMC, the college and other large economic anchors we have in the Upper Valley.”

“Maybe houses with 3 or 4 apartments”

“Senior housing with our aging population; older adults want to live in a quiet community where there are opportunities for walking, golfing, and close to amenities. I am very concerned about ideas for low income housing, that it will bring in a lot more children and our school system does not have room. Also, more reduced cost meals and services that will be a financial strain on our community.”

“In town, perhaps affordable multi-family”

“Small houses, tiny houses and multi-family homes close to town, organized around sustainable neighborhood land use patterns. Encourage gardens, small-scale food production, rain-water harvest, common spaces and celebrations that anchor people to those places. We must think about land use patterns and living systems that might last at least a generation or two; if we only consider the next 20 years, the people of Fairlee will struggle to maintain a sense of community through the looming ecological and environmental challenges. Such short-sightedness will lead to conditions that favor wealthy out-of-staters, and thus land uses that harm the long-term health and sustainability of this community.”

“More affordable rental housing options for singles, couples and people with pets”

“I think the focus for Fairlee is to make the most of its amazing natural resources (2 lakes and a river, Town Forest, etc.). Bring in something like LL Bean or EMS, offer them FREE taxes for 10 years to establish a center where they could give courses and demonstrations with their kayaks, boats, hunting equipment – a win/win for the Town.”

“Housing that reflects people other than the lake population...housing in town is too expensive...it's ridiculously high.”

“Best to leave this to the market.”

“In future, would hope to give up my not-accessible home for a senior housing unit within walking distance of library and grocery and public transportation (Stagecoach and...do I dare...train!).

“I wouldn't like the feel of Fairlee to change greatly. I'd like the town to focus on beautification, not expansion.”

“Affordable housing is needed but any new development should fit in with the Fairlee 18th century theme.”



“Fairlee needs to partner up with investors who are looking to add affordable housing to capture the interest of those looking to get out of landlocked towns such as Hanover/Norwich. There is an opportunity here, but someone needs to capitalize on it.”

“More seasonal housing. They pay all the taxes and use much fewer services!”

“Perhaps an alternative question is 'how should Fairlee define itself?' Is it a bedroom community for the Upper Valley work force? Is it a destination location for vacationers?”

“First, capture the Colby Block and develop an attractive housing/retail structure; second, tighten the zoning to produce a more attractive historic district.”

How do you think additional housing should be funded? Please share your ideas.

There were 141 responses to this question. While 10 respondents had no ideas about how to fund additional housing, 61 respondents (43%) favored private funding. Such responses included:

“Privately; let’s keep big brother at arms-length.”

“Contractor’s own resources”

“Let’s let our youngsters build houses for themselves.”

“No government assistance; they ruin everything”

“Let the property owner figure it out.”

“Public/Private partnerships and TIF funding are hot commodities in community development these days, but there is a risk of giving up too much community sovereignty to corporate or federal interests.

Forty-one respondents (29%) favored public/private partnerships. Such responses included:

“State, federal, town, private funding, consider all options.”

“Private and state and federal, with minor \$'s by the Town, Town will benefit through higher taxes collected”

“Public/private partnerships to identify, acquire, and redevelop blighted parcels in the village”

“Certainly, if a grant can be secured, all the better!”

A handful of respondents suggested that the Town be involved in the purchase and sale of property in the Village.

“Perhaps the town needs to facilitate the sale of the land in the center of town that is currently a huge eyesore.”

“Town could purchase or option appropriate lots suitable for development.”



Other respondents suggested different approaches to increase housing, including

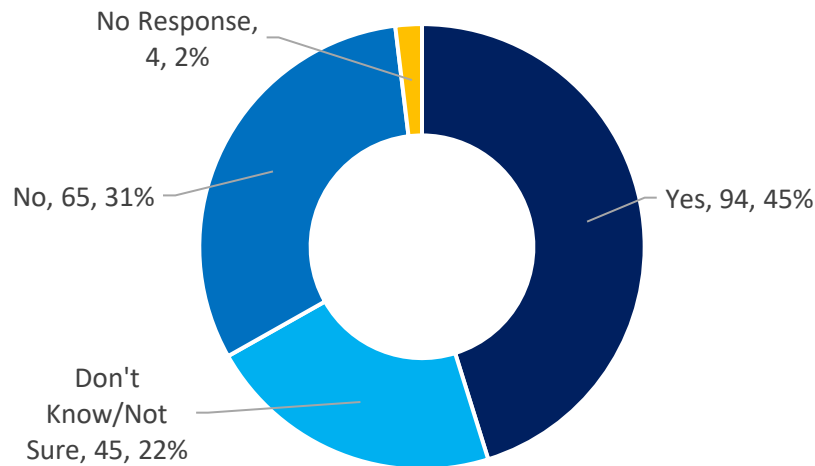
“Competitive grants for house repair?”

“The best way to pay for housing is to make the Town highly desirable to live in. The money will come.”

“We should make it attractive for new building and/or expansion to occur with streamlining the permitting process, etc.”

“Tend to think the town should focus on infrastructure needs rather than housing. Infrastructure that encourages Fairlee to be appealing and desirable place to live.”

Towns such as Bradford and Wells River have built additional local housing and have renovated housing units through shared municipal and private funding. Do you think that Fairlee should consider public/private partnerships to facilitate additional housing?

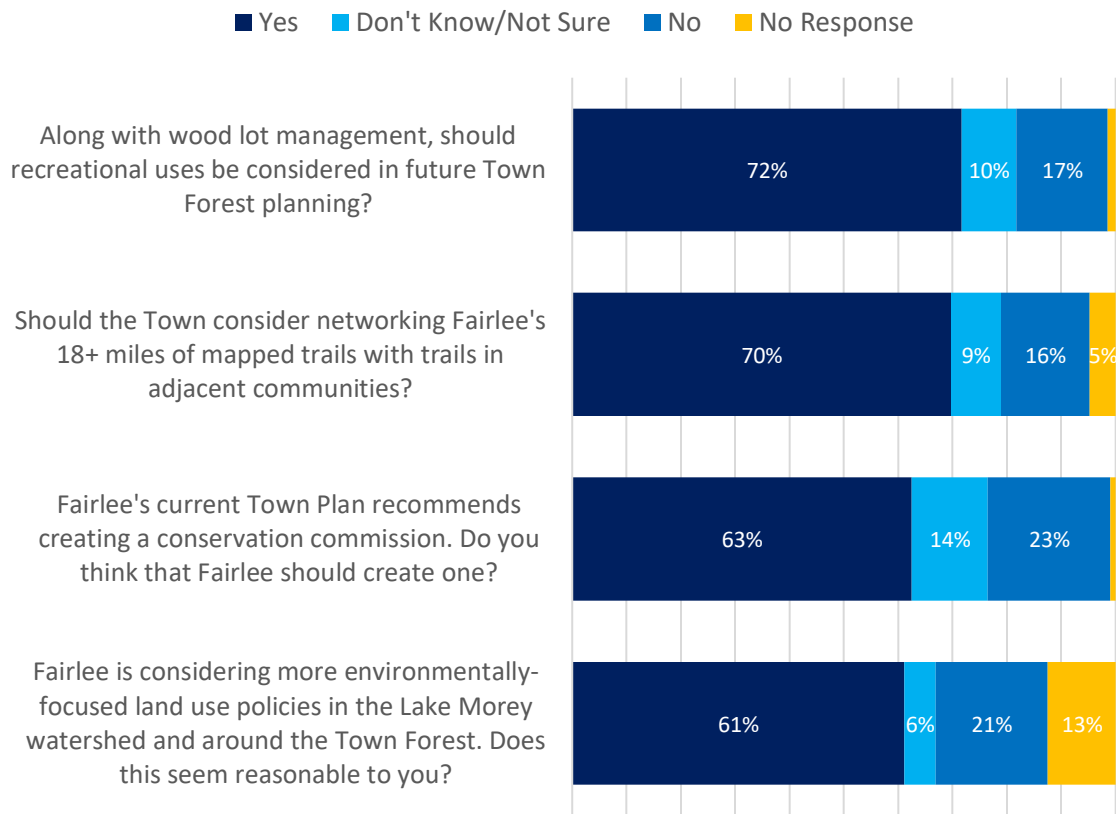


The mix of responses to the direct question about public/private partnerships was slightly different from the mix in the last question. In this question, 45% of respondents (90) think that Fairlee should consider public/private partnerships and 31% (65) do not think that Fairlee should consider public/private partnerships.



Natural Resources & Land Use

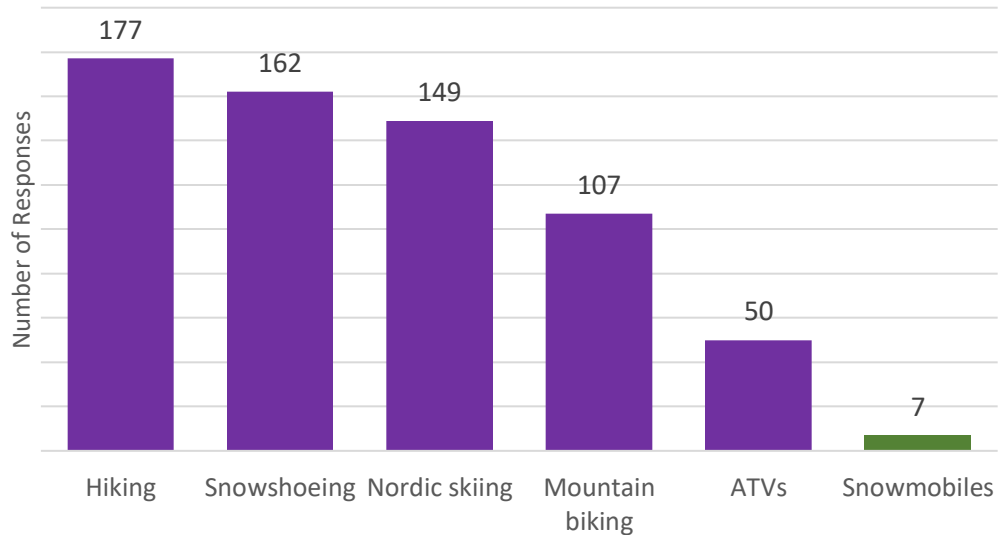
Along with wood lot management, should recreational uses be considered in future Town Forest Planning? Should the Town consider networking Fairlee’s 18+ miles of mapped trails with trails in adjacent communities? Do you think that Fairlee should create a conservation commission? Do environmentally focused land use policies in the lake Morey watershed and around the Town Forest seem reasonable to you?



Most responses were *Yes*. *No* responses accounted for 16% to 23% of responses. Thirteen percent of survey participants did not respond to the question about environmentally focused land use policies.



Who or what do you think should have access to trails in the Town Forest? (Check all that apply.)



Hiking, snowshoeing, Nordic skiing, and mountain biking each earned more than 100 responses. Mistakenly, snowmobiling was not included as one of the possible responses. The fact that seven survey respondents wrote snowmobiles next to “Other” is significant. Respondents also mentioned horseback riding, hunting, birdwatching, ATVs, ziplines, and winter-time toboggan runs.

Please share comments and opinions about Fairlee’s trails.

Comments and opinions included:

- “Look forward to better signage at entry points (trail heads)”
- “Wheelchair accessible”
- “No activity should unduly impact trails [and lead to] excessive maintenance issues.”
- “Keep them as natural and protected as possible”
- “ATVs and snow machines if users maintain trails to prevent erosion”
- “[Be sure to] include the Forest board. There are strict guidelines on the use and management of the forest.”
- “Connect trails and better trailheads and signs and maps”
- “Do not allow motorized vehicles”
- “Hunters, birders, equestrians, prepare some area to be wheelchair friendly; ATVs for resident and non-resident landowners”
- “I am not familiar with the forest/trails.”



“Leave them just as they are.”

“I haven't walked the trails, but if there is a migration corridor to preserve as well as the Lake Morey watershed, it would be best to limit public access to those areas (i.e., just foot traffic, no vehicles).”

“Limited mountain biking or biking restricted to certain trails”

“ATV and mountain biking on DESIGNATED trails and forest roads ONLY”

“NOT ATVs, NOT snowmobiles, yes to hunting during season - keep it quiet and natural”

“Not developed thus providing wildlife habitat”

“Who uses these?”

“Residents and taxpayers only for motorized and mountain bikes”

“Unimportant”

“We are fortunate to have such an active trail group and school interest.”

Please share comments and opinions about Fairlee’s natural resources and land use.

Comments and opinions included:

“Concerned about the poor water quality in Lake Fairlee. Please work with the other towns to fix the problem.”

“A policy that takes into account all current and potential uses would be appreciated.”

“Access to enjoy (and protect!) the natural resources for the area should be a high priority.”

“Are you talking about Fairlee’s property or are you talking about private property in Fairlee that you want to control? Leave the good people of Fairlee’s private property alone.”

“Access to natural resources needs to tread a fine line between protection and access. As the wealth divide increases in this country, access is becoming more and more for the rich only. On the other hand, unregulated access is a disaster. Some areas such as the heron rookery need full protection with a good buffer zone around them. Other areas can tolerate heavier access as long as there is support for repair that such access inevitably requires.”

“Are you saying you are going to restrict land use? Does that make it more impossible to build housing areas if you are going to say what you can do with land? Let people build as they see fit around the lake. Don't let seasonal people dictate how our town should be grown.”

“Conservation Commission members should have minimum qualifications that include relevant education, experience and competence to evaluate plans and impacts. Individuals seeking to be on the Commission must run for an election and be vetted through a public process that is transparent and open. Large landowners should NOT be allowed to serve. The Commission must



be intentionally balanced to represent lake front, forest, suburban, village and BUSINESS interests....It must be a cooperative Democratic process.”

“Educate about/encourage conservation easements”

“Fairlee has the potential to be a regional recreational destination. Its natural resources might be managed to encourage this development.”

“Fairlee's natural capital is beyond compare, and it should not be degraded in the interest of development and growth like so many similar communities around the world. We must be vigilant in our management of Fairlee's footprint to always act in the interest of future generations.”

“Fairlee's natural resources sets it apart from neighboring towns, we need to preserve them at all costs. I am all for anything that will keep Fairlee uniquely Fairlee but just with more people to love the town and support it.”

“Form a Conservation Commission and move forward in a similar direction as Bradford and Newbury.”

“From what I can see, the Selectboard and the Planning Commission are forward thinking and I endorse their recommendations about the Town's natural resources and land use.”

“How are you going to ask us on availability of housing and then suggest we restrict land use? You either must decide to not restrict it and allow people to build or say you can't build. Protection of the lake community is not important to some.”

“I am 100% in favor of preserving and protecting Fairlee's natural resources using environmentally-sound/research-supported practices.”

“I have lived in Fairlee since 2003 and only within the last 2.5 years became aware of the Town Forest. What the heck! It is important to pull in all who care about environmental focus to preserve these wonderful resources. Thank you for bringing awareness to those of us who were formally unknowing.”

“I have never heard anyone in town say, “Let’s conserve all this private land and piss everyone off,” so why are you now stirring up trouble?”

“I think the town should work to preserve and protect the resources we have.”

“It comes without saying it should be used by those who care for it.”

“Leave our property alone.”

“Maintaining existing trails and intelligent conservation sound good. Limiting any destructive activities or development also sounds good.”

“More than 15% of Fairlee's +/- 12,000 acres is forested and available to all members of the public.”



“Need to continue to monitor the health of the lake – its water quality and species health. Blue green algae is a major threat to lake and animal health.”

“Need to make sure the Lake is not polluted with sewage from old camps, focus on erosion issues, keep milfoil at bay. Strict laws on new building work. Keep the camps going; they are a bonus. And not just the lakes, but also the Connecticut River...we have falcons, bald eagles, I think a lot of people aren't even fully aware of what is in our own backyard. We need to educate and preserve going forward.”

“No need for natural resource planning. Leave it alone.”

“Not only do policies need to be established, there needs to be more support of public education initiatives explaining the importance to everyone of preserving and protecting our natural resources, and some enforcement of these policies--if only signage at forest entrance points informing/reminding people what the policies are.”

“Please use science to determine what is allowable. Climate change is going to put pressure on Fairlee as people from the south migrate north over the next decades. We should prepare for growth and embrace it, while at the same time letting the carrying capacity of the land determine what happens here.”

“Protect the lake and the surrounding watershed. Without a healthy lake, the town's most significant property tax base is at stake.”

“Rt 91 is full of out of state cars going by Fairlee with bikes and skis to places with trails, rentals. Planned recreational development would bring revenue, jobs, and done right would help the environment.”

“Seems to work fine until someone thinks they should tell property owners what they should do with their land.”

“The beauty of VT is its well maintained and managed lands. In addition to the lakes, I believe the forest is one of Fairlee's most important features. It should be managed well, as should use of the forest. Engaging young people in understanding this is also important to its future.”

“We have a town forest; I think that is enough natural resource for one town.”

“Would like to know what landowners will have to deal with as far as the wildlife corridor is concerned. For example, permits for building, etc.”

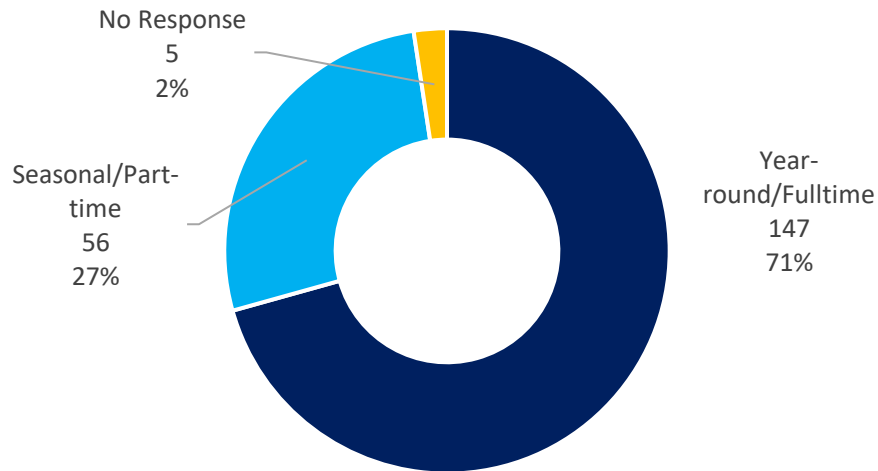
“The forests and lakes are Fairlee's greatest assets. It is of the utmost importance to be good stewards!”



Respondent Demographics

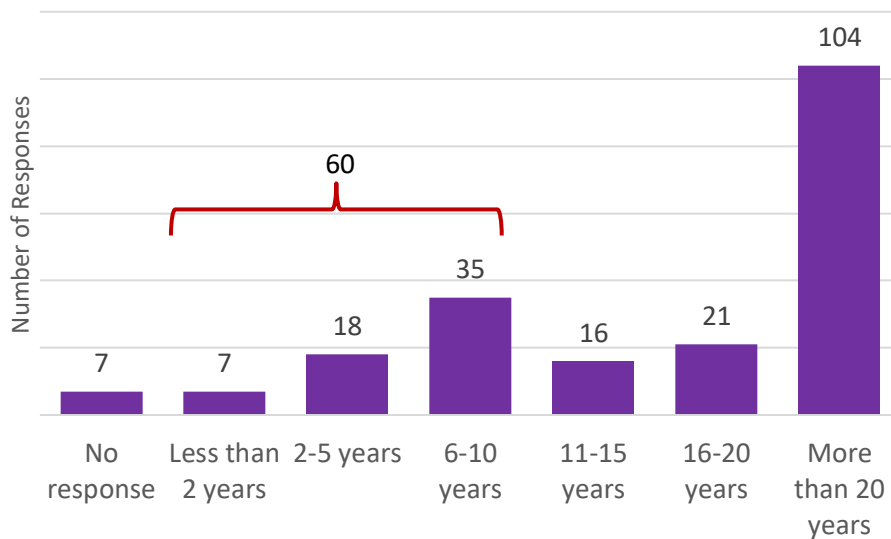
The purpose of the demographic questions was to determine whether census information fully evaluates the characteristics of the community. A second rationale for the questions was to be able to cross-tabulate survey responses with community characteristics. All survey responses were anonymous.

How do you describe your Fairlee residency?



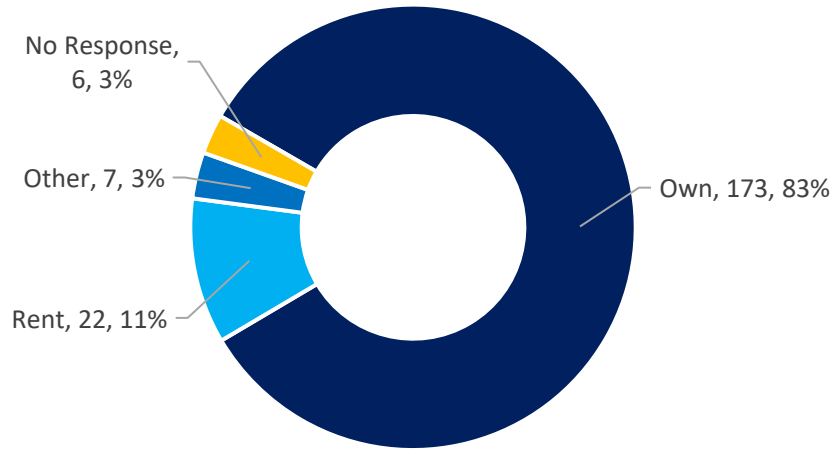
Over 70% of respondents were year-round/fulltime residents.

How many years have you been a year-round or seasonal Fairlee resident?



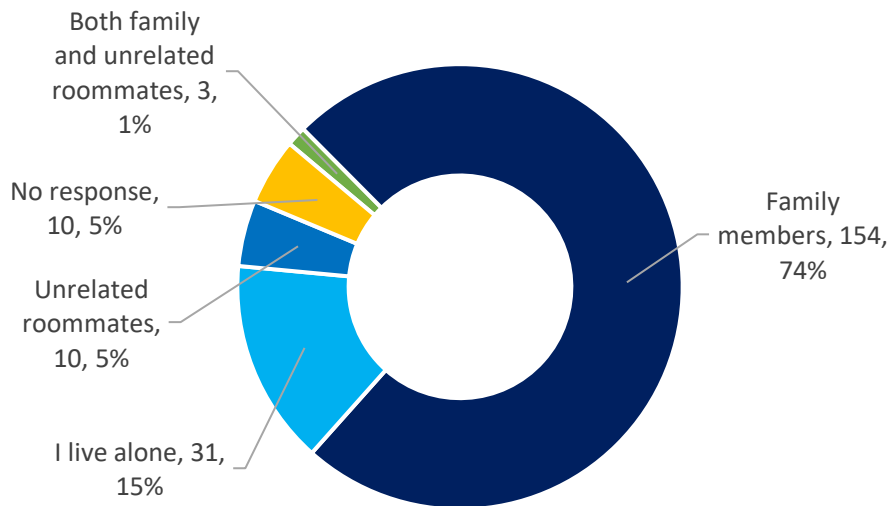
Fifty percent (104) respondents have been Fairlee residents for more than 20 years. Twenty-nine percent (60) have been residents for 10 years or less

Do you rent or own your Fairlee residence?



Eighty-three percent (173) of respondents own their Fairlee residences; eleven percent (22) rent.

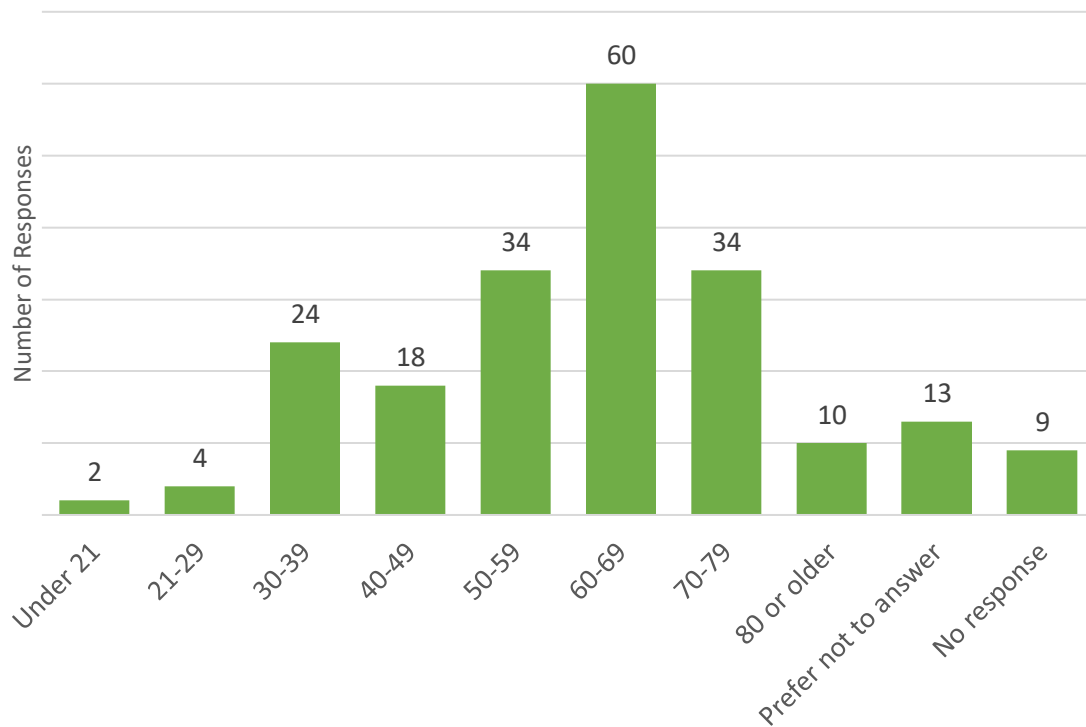
With whom do you reside?



Most respondents (74% and 154) reside with family members.

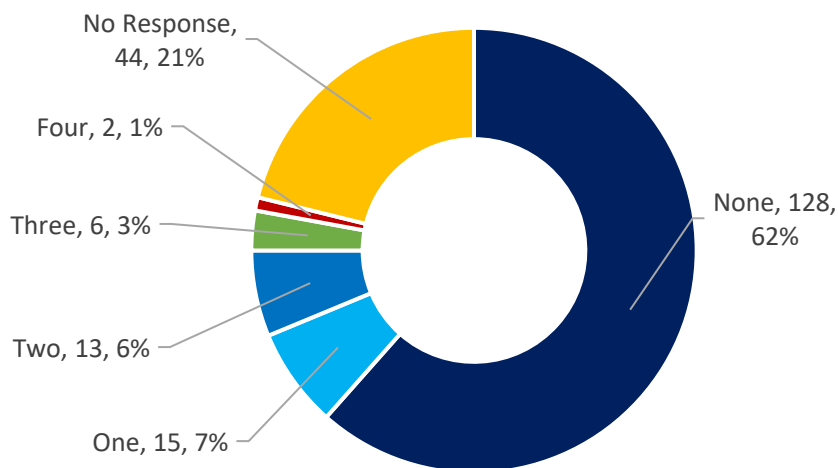


How old are you?



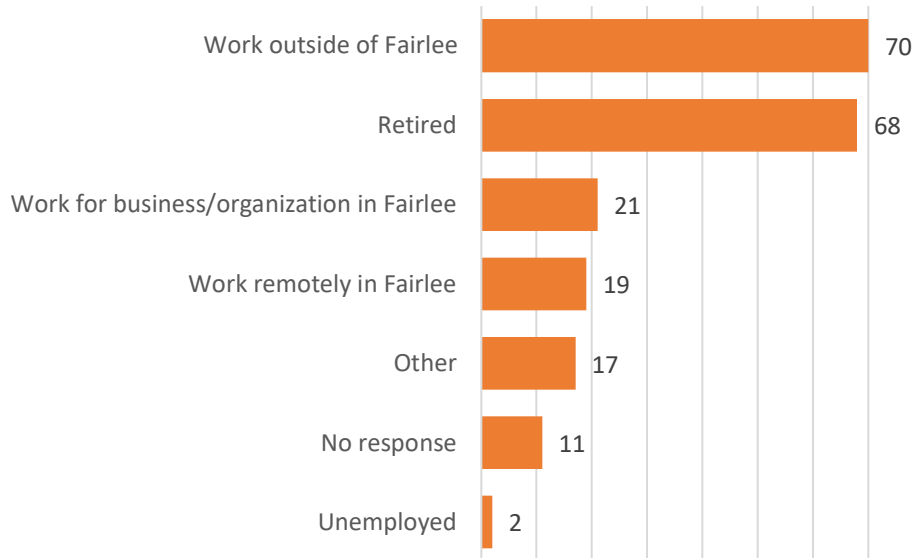
The largest share of respondents reported being in their sixties. Age distribution by decade is an arch that is steeper among the elderly than among youth.

How many children age 18 and younger live in your household?



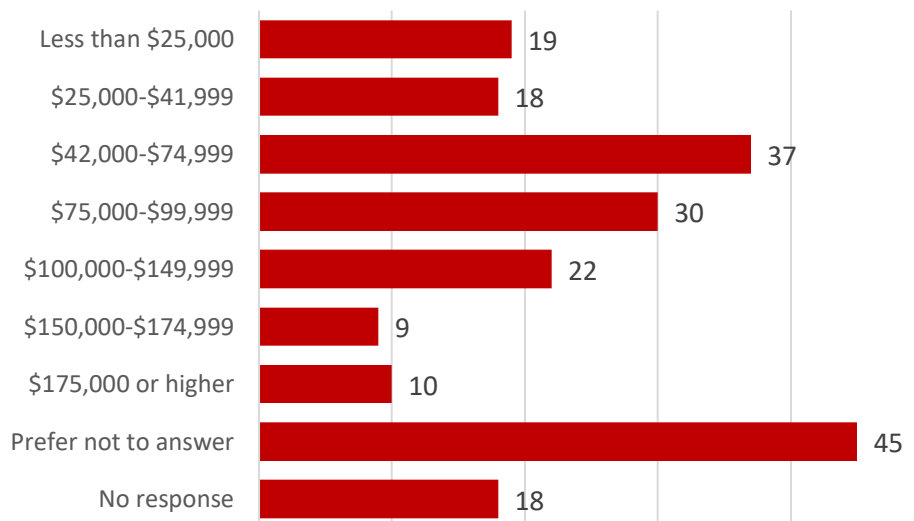
Most respondents (62% and 128) have no children under the age of 18 residing in their household. Seventeen percent of respondents (36) have one or more children under the age of 18 residing in their households.

Please describe your employment.



Among those who responded that they are employed (110), the majority (64% and 70) work outside of Fairlee. A similar number of respondents are retired (68).

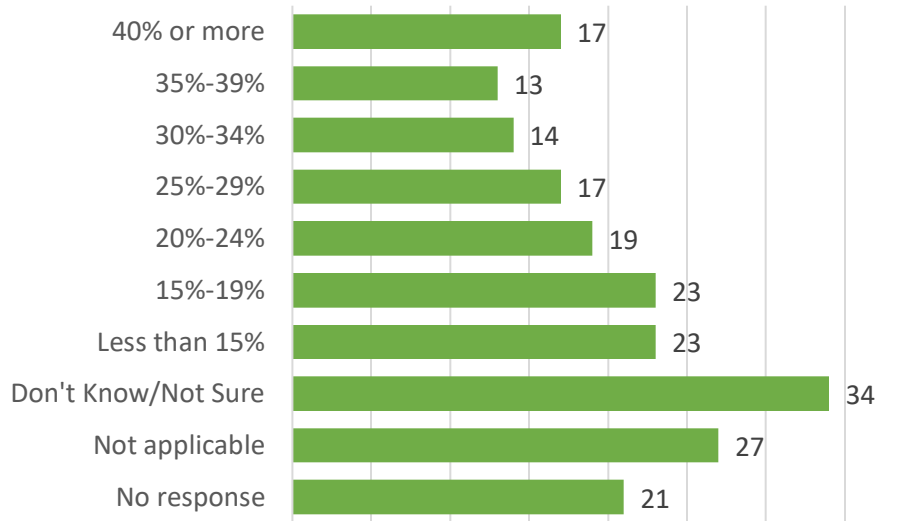
What is your pre-tax annual income?



Thirty percent of survey respondents either skipped this question or selected *Prefer not to answer*. The largest share of respondents indicated pre-tax income of \$42,000 to \$74,900.

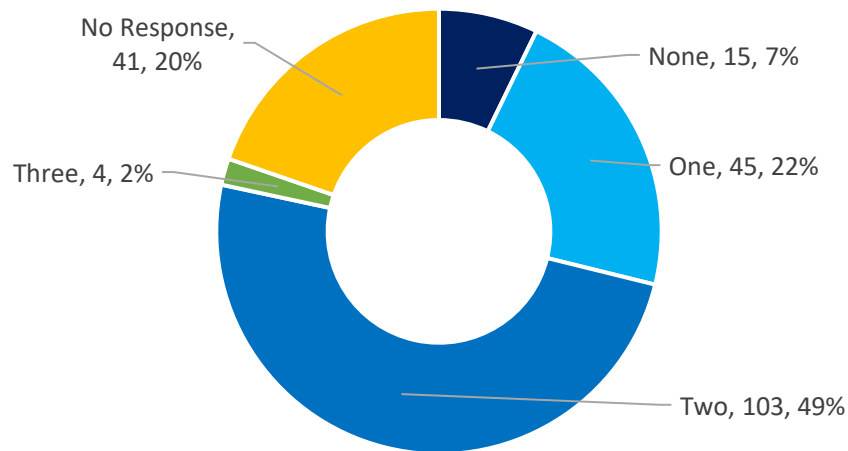


Approximately what percentage of your pre-tax annual income is used toward housing (mortgage or rent, utilities, insurance)?



Financial advisors suggest against spending more than 30% of pre-tax income on housing expenses. Twenty-one percent (44) spend at that level or higher.

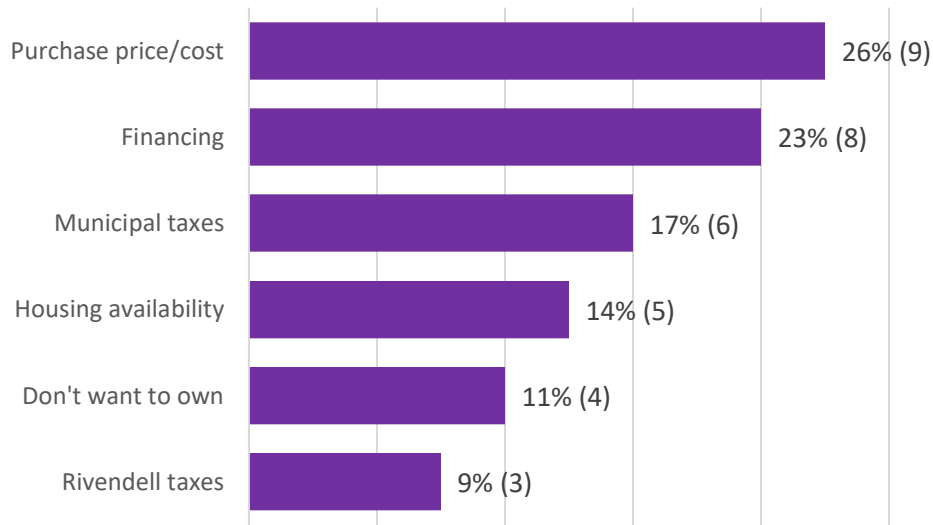
How many people in your household contribute financially to its support?



Nearly half of respondents (49% and 103) indicated that two household members contribute financially to its support.



If you are a renter who lives in Fairlee year-round, what is the major reason keeping you from being a homeowner here? (Check all that apply.)



Approximately one-quarter of renters indicated that purchase price/cost and financing prevent them from being Fairlee homeowners. Other reasons include municipal taxes (6 responses), housing availability (5 responses), don't want to own (4 responses), and Rivendell taxes (3 responses).

Are there matters or issues that you think the Selectboard and Planning Commission should know about as they plan for Fairlee's future? Please provide any additional information you would like them to consider.

"Accelerate Lake Morey Road improvements. Work to define the Fairlee downtown area and attract more businesses that provide a greater variety of walk-to stores that are in this central town spot. Create standards and practices re: signage, landscaping and property maintenance."

"Affordable housing, business friendly attitude. SIDEWALKS ON MAIN STREET!"

"Anything to involve community input is good. Fairlee in past has had tendency not to listen to citizens. Support strong community groups like the Fairlee Community Arts and Fairlee Public Library."

"At some point, Fairlee needs to remove its "On Golden Pond" type thinking and be progressive in growing the town which has great potential. You are seeing people from the Dartmouth area moving further and further away from Dartmouth central which makes Fairlee a prime area for development. That will only happen if the town officials are on board with it. I suspect the town is not on board with these questions you are asking and lack of progress in moving this direction."

"Ban billboards like the TRUMP sign on the Colby Block site."

"Be progressive, listen to your customers, take thoughtful risks, build community."



“Build up downtown with sidewalks and trees. Local businesses need to be held accountable for looks.”

“Can you the Selectboard set in place enforcement to deregulate and stop wanting to take people’s property rights way?”

“Continue thinking of ways/methods to communicate with residents. Consider posting "open office hours" when voter can visit with a member in-person. Consider mailing postcard updates to voter mailboxes, especially when a long-term project is underway (e.g. water status?)”

“Creating incentives for business owners to stay in Fairlee or to start in Fairlee. Improve the "walkability" of Main St. (Route 5). Allow some responsible development/improvement of the Railroad Depot.”

“Definitely want senior/accessible housing AND Connecticut River access in Fairlee! Thanks for all you do.”

“Don't sell out our large landowners for grant money. Why would you stoop so low?”

“Downtown development, the more people who come to Fairlee and can "see themselves" as residents, the more people will keep it open as an option when they are looking.”

“Downtown, Route 5 appearance is mostly an eyesore. Business parking is terrible with large puddles, potholes and mud. Town should be attracting businesses to populate the area.”

“Fairlee is the most expensive place we've ever lived with the most economically challenged area.”

“Fairlee needs more town services to attract and keep year-round residents.”

“Fairlee seems to be government heavy for a very small town. Fairlee officials in office are what I would call fake friendly and some have difficulty giving you a straight answer.”

“Fairlee should be concerned about community resilience. This includes energy usage and costs, water use and water infrastructure resilience, local health care services, food production, cultural elaboration, and community sense-making (our ability to have conversations about the world, our community and ourselves without breaking down into shouting at or ignoring each other).”

“Fix Lake Morey Road. It is dangerous.”

“Help the large private forestry owner with no regulations.”

“How to generate more participation of community members in town government.”

“I don't want you to add another district. This will only hurt the large property owners and only benefit you getting grants. Be honest, you hide behind Two Rivers’ dirty money to benefit the lake area. You represent the lake area for that is where you live. Why not put a buffer around Lake Morey – how'd that go over?”



"I feel the road condition around Lake Morey is very dangerous. There are huge holes and divots in the road which could cause accidents for those cycling or walking. I feel it is a potential lawsuit if someone gets really hurt. Repairing it in 5-7 years is unacceptable."

"I have been coming to Fairlee for 45 years; my wife for 65 years. I support all local businesses and contractors. Great people. This year there were more nasty comments everywhere, from Whippi Dip to the diner, about "outsiders" and "lake people". Very unfriendly for the first time (not in the Town Hall, though!)"

"I think it would be highly beneficial to the town to devise a plan for sensible town center development that would include access to the Connecticut River and a cluster of small businesses. Regarding the latter, the renewal that has taken place in White River Junction might make a useful example."

"I think that our Selectboard and Planning Commission have been very thoughtful and proactive in the past 2-3 years. Thank you! I would like to re-address the conversion of the old Fairlee RR Station into a visitor center/historical museum. Fairlee really missed an opportunity a few years back when grant funding was turned down. I was told that the issue was incorporating an accessible restroom that was incompatible with the historic nature of the building. Please revisit. A public visitor center/museum WITH accessible restroom would be so lovely and a boon to our community and helpful to visitors to our town."

"I want to ask why the town thinks it should try to regulate private property; things seem to work real well right now. All this does is cause trouble with neighbors. Leave things alone."

"I want you to leave the town the way it is."

"I will tell you it's hard to make a living in this community, prices are high, salaries low, too much government. You people in town office appear to have too much money and waste time on stuff like this."

"I would like to see the sidewalks plowed in the winter. Why do we have sidewalks if not for walking? On more than one occasion, I have encountered dangerous conditions because I had to walk on the road to go around snowbanks on the sidewalk. One scary situation involved an 18-wheeler coming dangerously close as I walked with a baby stroller! I know of at least one neighbor who has experienced a similar situation. Please plow!"

"I would like to see the town encourage/welcome more small businesses, perhaps with financial incentives or tax breaks."

"Improvements to Lake Morey Rd are long overdue in coming and need to be completed in less than the 7 years being proposed. That road is the heart of this town, attracting recreational users from all over the Upper Valley, all activities coming through the Aloha Camps and the Hulbert Outdoor Center, golfers and Inn guests. Lake Morey is a jewel and those with the desire to visit her deserve safe passage, no matter how they choose to travel. "

"Our local businesses clearly continue to struggle. Presentation is important. Entering and exiting businesses along Main St is a nightmare experience for vehicles, bikers, and pedestrians. What



would it take to clean these up? Repair the potholes and create user friendly pavement areas? Taxpayers around the lake have been patient and are at maximum frustration levels.”

“Infrastructure. Not sure the taxpayers are willing or able to pay more taxes or bonds.”

“Is there any way the Selectboard could insist on businesses taking care of their driveways/vehicle entrances? Can landlords be held accountable? It's a safety issue!”

“It would be nice to have more businesses in town. “

“Keep cleaning up "downtown", help businesses to improve their curb appeal (get rid of excess cars, put up fences, landscape, pave parking areas). Create incentives to fill vacant buildings like the old salon and gas stations.”

“Keep the damn roads maintained. Fix the culverts first, then fix the roads. All the lake people pay a surcharge to keep their cars repaired because of the lousy job the town government has done on the roads for a decade. Avoid deferring maintenance at all costs. Promote the schools, they are the best hope we have for the future. Plan for a public sewer in the water system area. Plan for public transit opportunities.”

“Leave our property alone.”

“Maintain water quality in Lake Morey.”

“No new regulations needed. Let's go back to less government and less elected officials or let's get the ones who care about the large landowners.”

“Perhaps not hammering lake people with property taxes the way you do.”

“Police presence and participation with town residents is needed.”

“Rivendell Taxes and the state of the school district in general.”

“Route 5 corridor is an embarrassment. At some point, government must stop the hodgepodge approach to development. Town Hall, church, Commons are beautiful, but not much else commercial appearance to boast about. Sad.”

“Thank you for your service to the town!”

“The maintenance of business access along Main St/Rt 5 through town is a disgrace. The intersection of main road and driveways seems particularly bad...If you want people to visit Fairlee businesses and see Fairlee as welcoming community, there needs to be a big improvement in this regard. Also, more attention needs to be paid to Lake Morey Road maintenance and speed enforcement...There are areas around Lake Morey Road that have rapidly deteriorated, edges falling away, potholes and poor visibility because of lack of clearer site lines. Becomes more dangerous as residents/visitors use road more frequently. Also need directional signage to inform walkers re: laws and better speed enforcement around Lake Road. Please consider opening landfill for extra hours in summer -- e.g. 2-3 hours mid-week.”



“The events that the town currently sponsors in some fashion (Town Green socials, Fairlee Community Arts programming, Library events, parade, swimming lessons and other Town Beach activities, etc.) are great.”

“The more committee's Fairlee has the more like larger towns it will become. Fairlee's soul lies in keeping it small.”

“The physical look of the town is a disgrace...There should be more planters, curbs, regular parking lots. It should be more welcoming.”

“The property from Town Common and Town Hall east to river should be bought by town and turned into stairway and river access. Center development around this remarkable feature that would make Fairlee a stronger tourist attraction, with both public space and commercial/residential mix. Yes, it is feasible with the railroad being there.”

“The property taxes are difficult to meet.”

“The Town Center looks junky and unappealing. Unappealing to tourists driving through and to potential new residents. Cars and trucks drive too fast around the lake and through town. The lake road needs a safe corridor for walkers or speed bumps and a lower speed limit to force cars to slow down...There should be a roundabout or light at the main intersection at Wing's. The Route 5 road through town should be narrowed to slow down cars. There should be sidewalks and more crosswalks, and lamp posts.”

“The town needs to secure available buildable lots in town and attract the right mix of development on those parcels. Don't just sit back and let development come to you.”

“There are too many town officials receiving paychecks – perhaps you could have a warrant written to reduce these positions. Please take my suggestion seriously.”

“There is an opportunity to create a yield street on Lake Morey Rd. It could only be in place for the summer, include a lane for peds/bikes, and keep the street two-way.”

“WE NEED A BIG DOG PARK, PLEASE.”

“We should be very careful treading on our landowners, I know most if not all of you don't own much more than a house on a modest lot in Fairlee, consider if you were that property owner.”

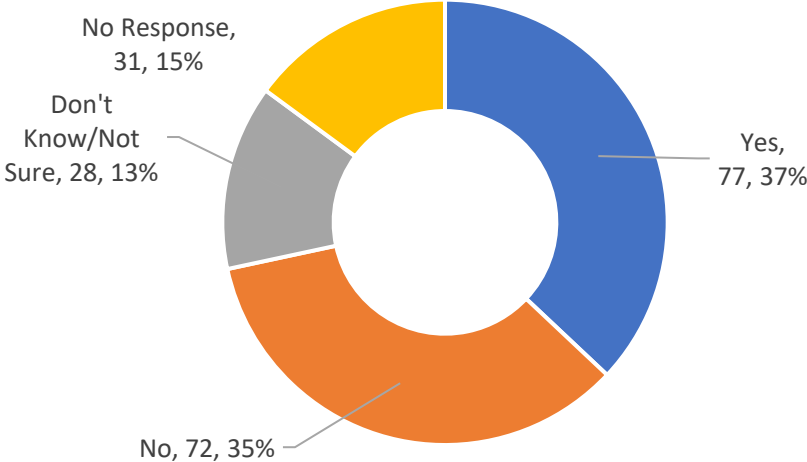
“What's the plan for vacant properties on route 5?”

“Wish lakefront property was affordable for year-round residents.”

“Wishing we could do something for the spot where the old gas station/pizza place was. More activities: Block party (music and dancing), movie night in the town hall every Friday night, food truck gathering on the green, talent shows at the town hall, gingerbread house making at Christmas time etc... more town activities would be awesome.”



Would you be willing to share your email address with the Town so that it can expand the ways that it communicates with you?



Thirty-seven percent of respondents (77) indicated that they would be willing to share their email addresses with the Town. Thirty-five percent (72) would not be willing to share their email addresses with the Town.

