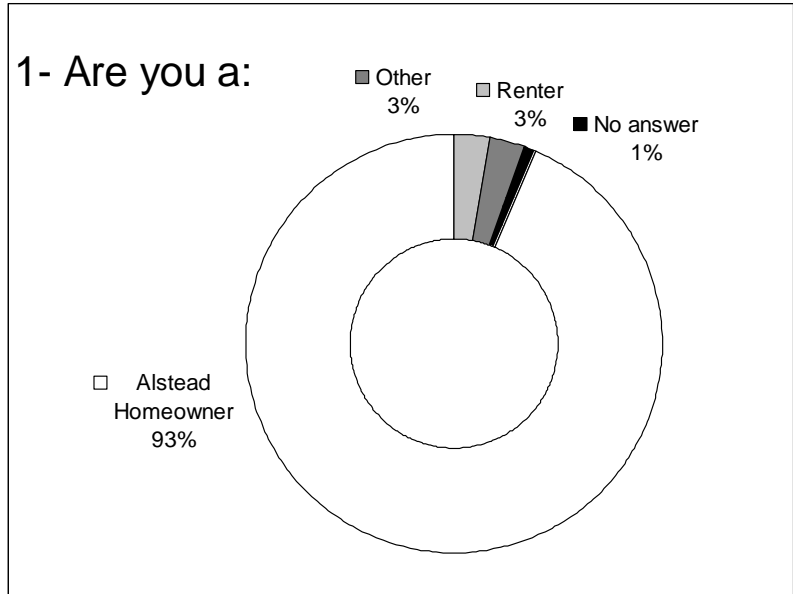


# Alstead Community Survey Master Plan Update 2005

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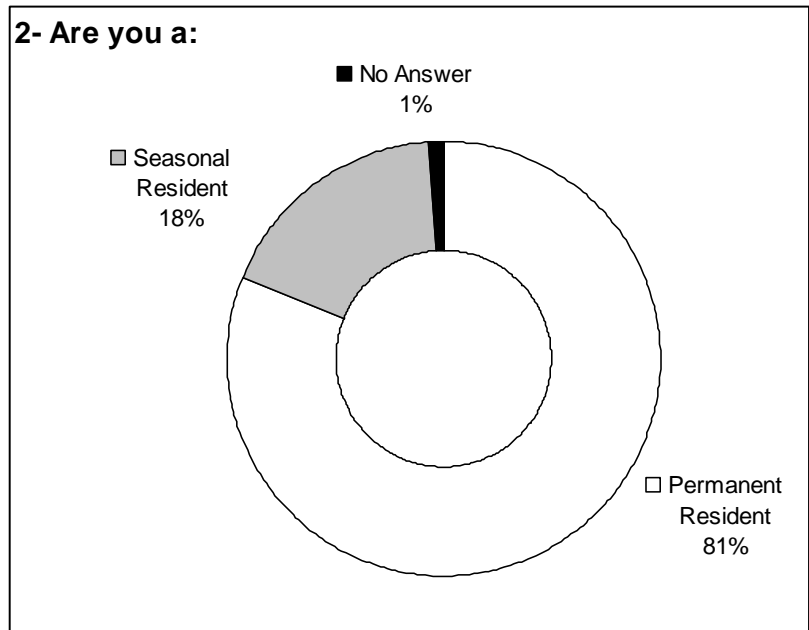
1. Are you a:

Renter	3%
Other	3%
No answer	1%
Alstead Homeowner	94%



2) Are you a:

Permanent Resident	81%
Seasonal Resident	18%
No Answer	1%

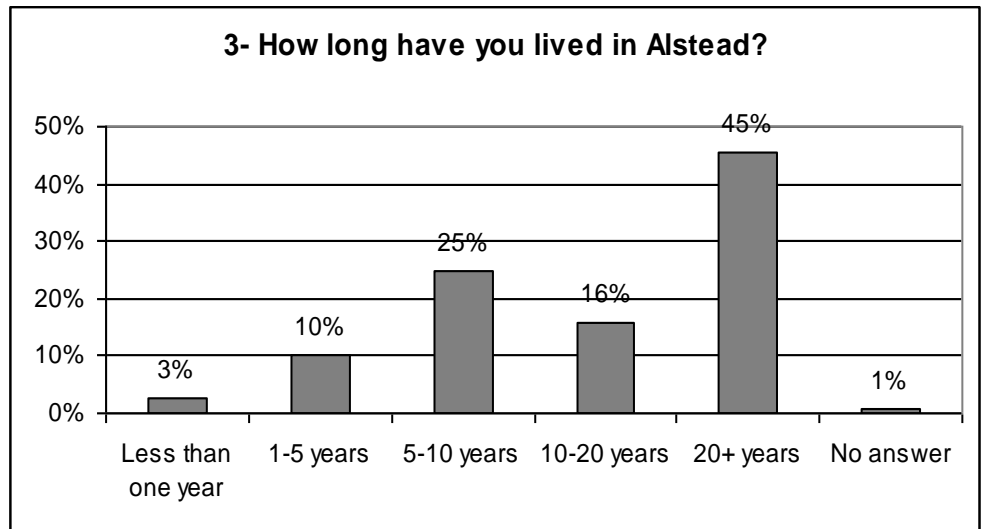


3) How long have you lived in Alstead?

Less than one year	3%
1-5 years	10%
5-10 years	25%
10-20 years	16%
21+ years	45%
No answer	1%

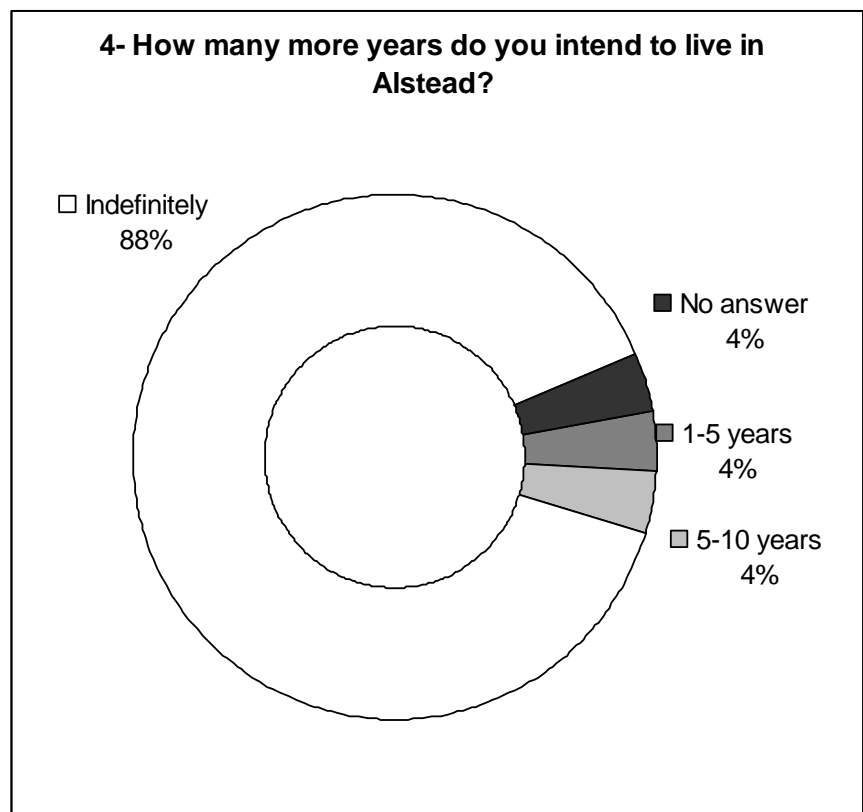
If you have lived in Alstead for more than 20 years, please specify how long.

Years	Percentage
21-29	33%
30-39	28%
40-49	14%
50-59	9%
60-69	12%
70-79	0%
80-89	5%



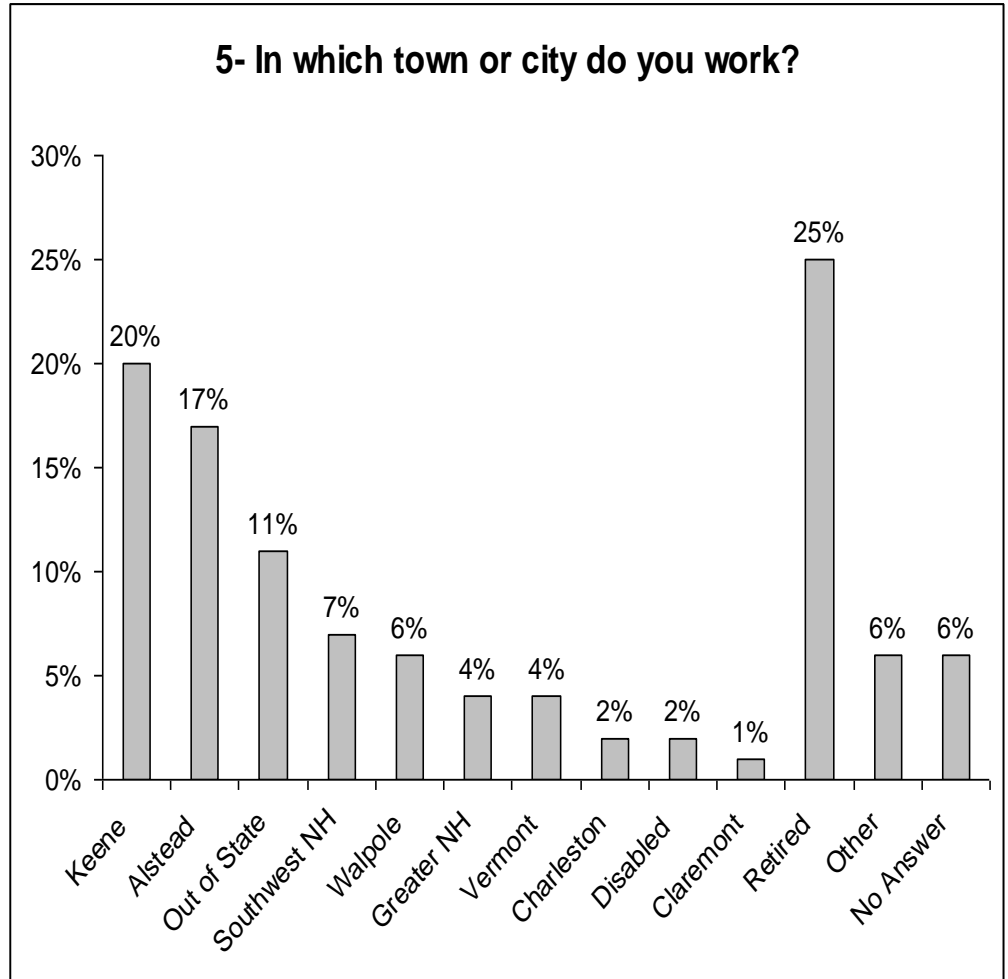
4) How many more years do you intend to live in Alstead?

1-5 years	4%
5-10 years	4%
Indefinitely	89%
No answer	4%



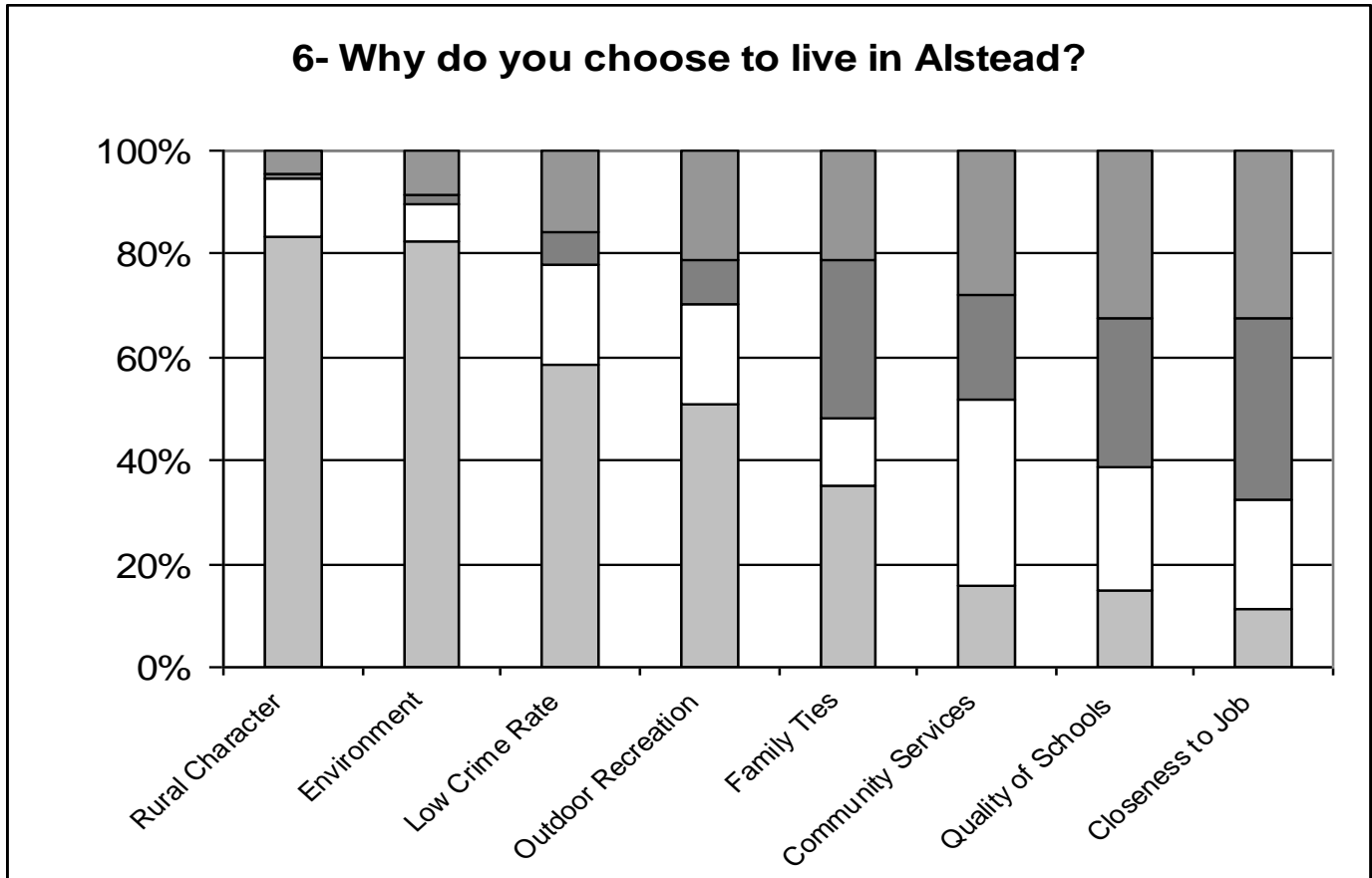
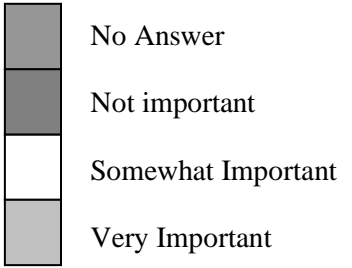
5) In what town or city do you work?

Keene	20%
Alstead	17%
Out of State	11%
Southwest NH	7%
Walpole	6%
Greater NH	4%
Vermont	4%
Charleston	2%
Disabled	2%
Claremont	1%
Retired	25%
Unspecified	6%
No Answer	6%



6) Why do you choose to live in Alstead?

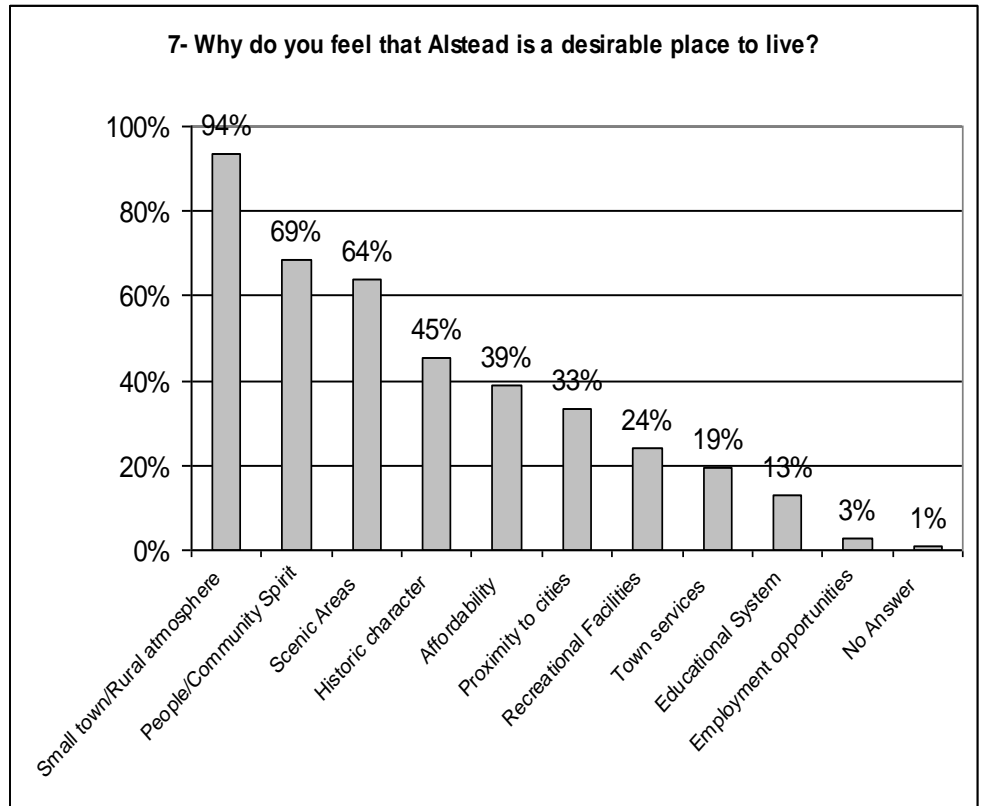
	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not Important	No Answer
Rural Character	83%	11%	1%	5%
Environment	82%	7%	2%	8%
Low Crime Rate	58%	19%	6%	16%
Outdoor Recreation	51%	19%	8%	21%
Family Ties	35%	13%	31%	21%
Community Services	16%	36%	20%	28%
Quality of Schools	15%	24%	29%	32%
Closeness to Job	11%	21%	35%	32%



Other responses: Lake Warren; home school friendly; location to mountains, cities, ocean; close to Keene; good people; affordable housing; housing prices; low cost of living; sense of community; history; special neighbors; library; calmer way of life; garden, nature, fresh produce; ability to directly participate in government; many residents willing to work to make Alstead a special place; quality of community fabric; living in the woods; great neighbors; friends and historic character; beauty of countryside.

7) Why do you feel that Alstead is a desirable place to live?

Small town/Rural atmosphere	94%
People/Community Spirit	69%
Scenic Areas	64%
Historic character	45%
Affordability	39%
Proximity to cities	33%
Recreational Facilities	24%
Town services	19%
Educational System	13%
Employment opportunities	3%
No Answer	1%



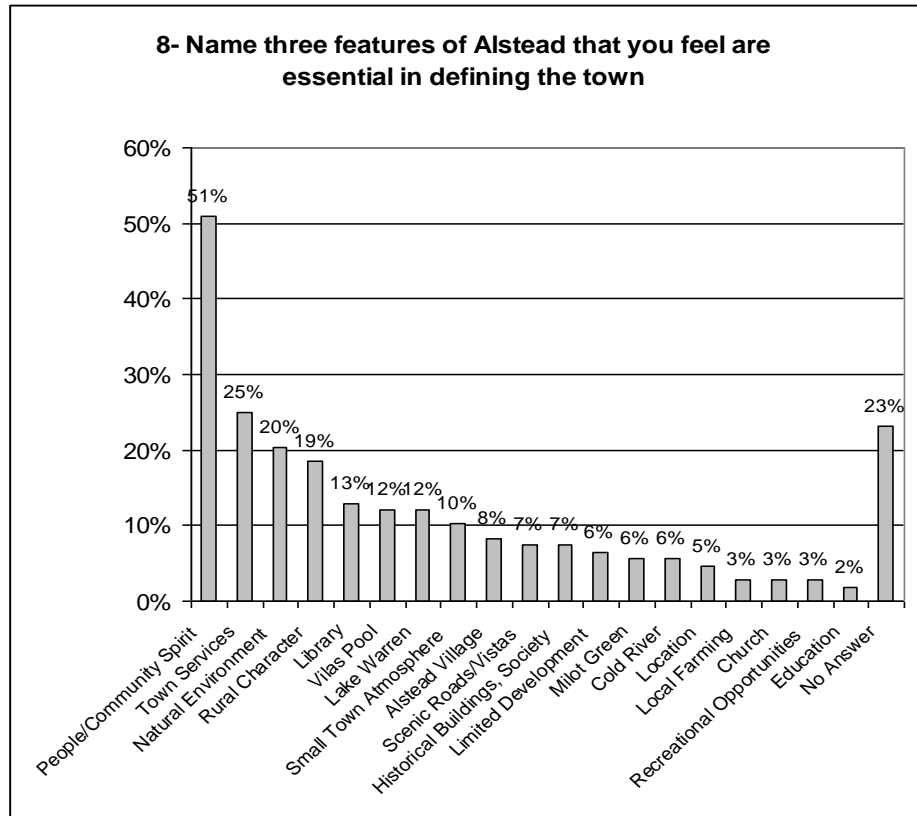
Other responses: Home school friendly; open space; clean water; little interference by town; close to I-91; Alstead festival parade; cleanliness; lack of business, services; closeness to many places; climate.

7a) If you do not feel that Alstead is a desirable place to live, why not?

Black flies and mosquitoes; taxes; trailers; quality of education; no parks for kids; high taxes; junky appearance of downtown; poorly kept roads; litter; concerned about coyotes and maybe bears; tax rate for services provided; high taxes; everything is 30 minutes away; high taxes; trailer parks; lake is inaccessible to entire community; lack of business.

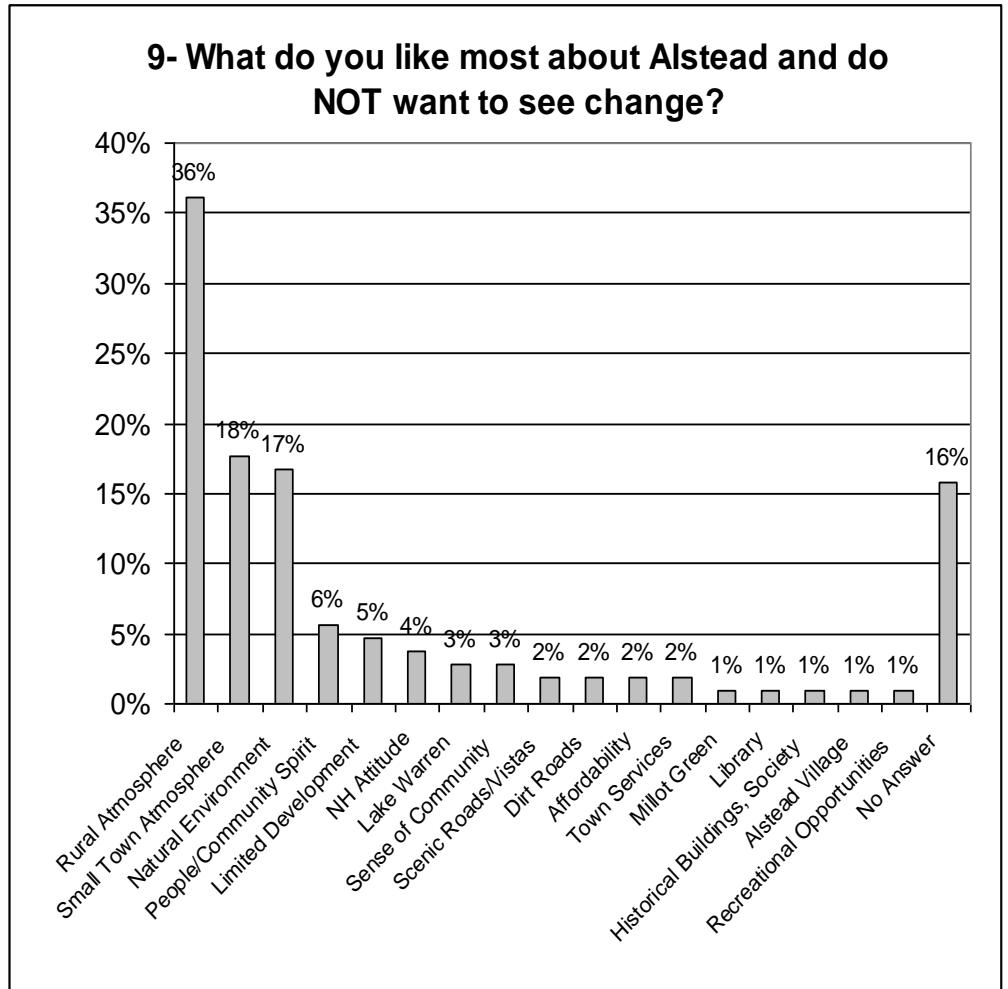
8) Name three features of Alstead that you feel are essential in defining the Town (i.e. people, places, organizations, etc.)

People/Community Spirit	51%
Town Services	25%
Natural Environment	20%
Rural Character	19%
Library	13%
Vilas Pool	12%
Lake Warren	12%
Small Town Atmosphere	10%
Alstead Village	8%
Scenic Roads/Vistas	7%
Historical Buildings, Society	7%
Limited Development	6%
Milot Green	6%
Cold River	6%
Location	5%
Local Farming	3%
Church	3%
Recreational Opportunities	3%
Education	2%
No Answer	23%



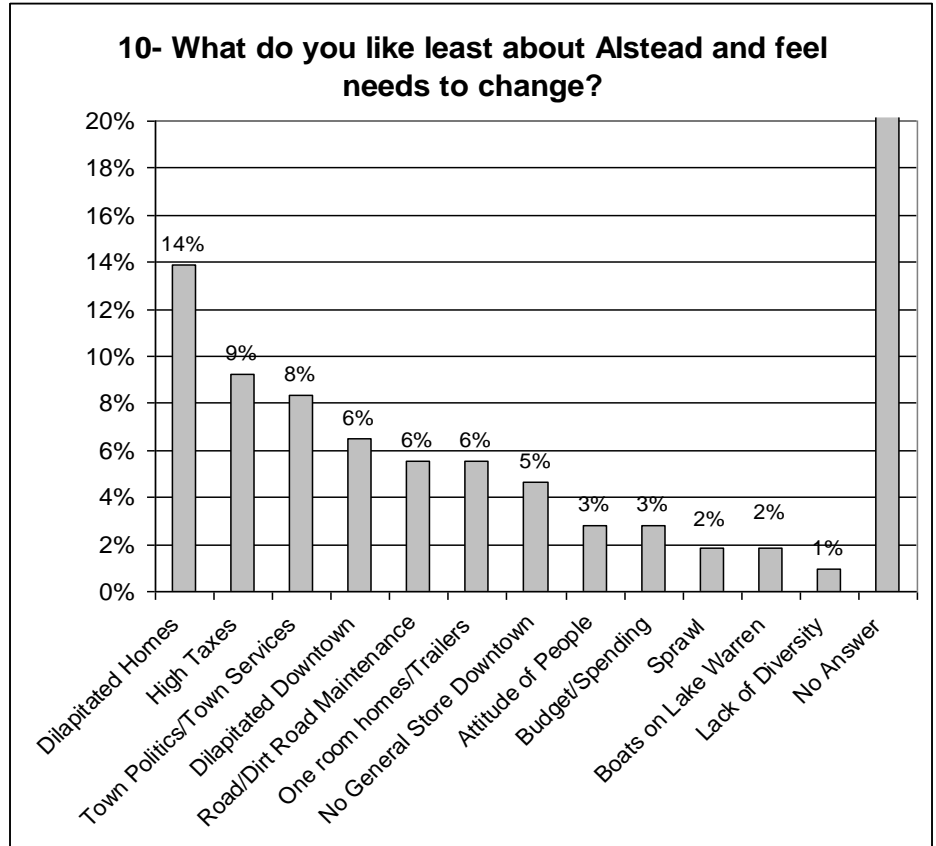
9) What do you like most about Alstead and do not want to see change?

Rural Atmosphere	36%
Small Town Atmosphere	18%
Natural Environment	17%
People/Community Spirit	6%
Limited Development	5%
NH Attitude	4%
Lake Warren	3%
Sense of Community	3%
Scenic Roads/Vistas	2%
Dirt Roads	2%
Affordability	2%
Town Services	2%
Milot Green	1%
Library	1%
Historical Buildings, Society	1%
Alstead Village	1%
Recreational Opportunities	1%
No Answer	16%



10) What do you like least about Alstead and feel needs to change?

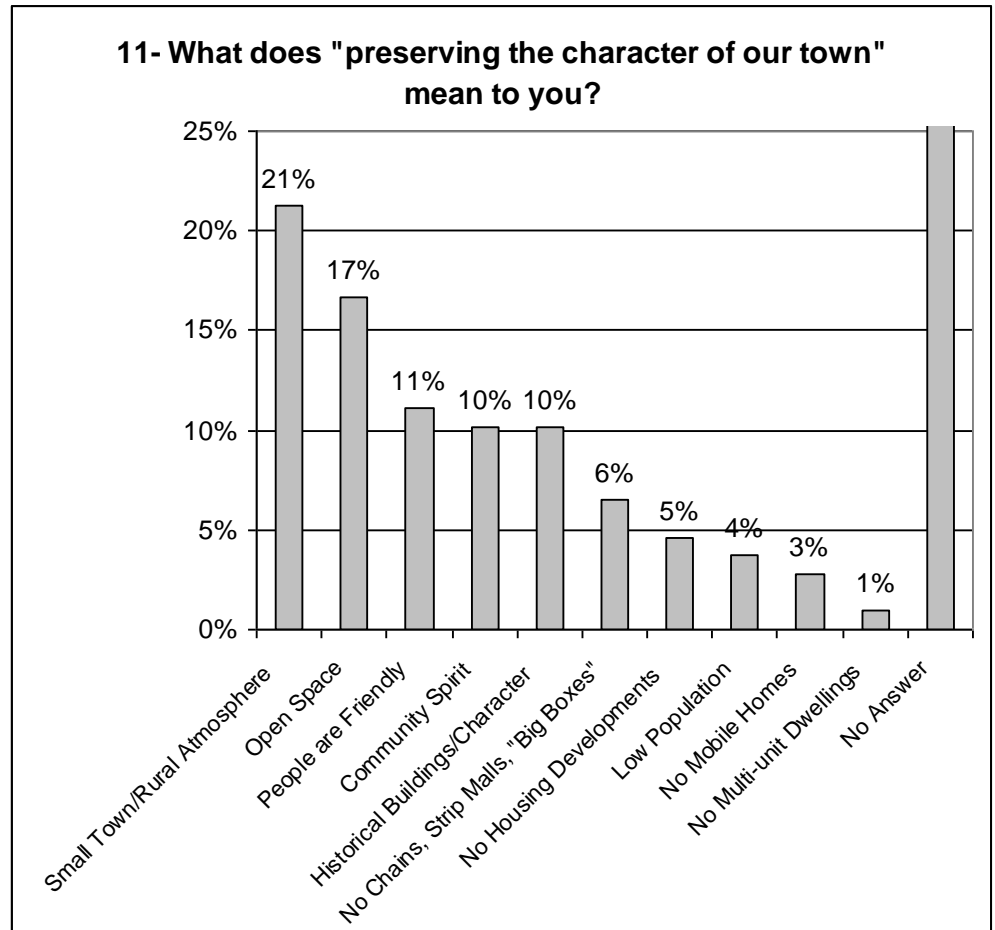
Dilapitated Homes	14%
High Taxes	9%
Town Politics/Town Services	8%
Dilapitated Downtown	6%
Road/Dirt Road Maintenance	6%
One room homes/Trailers	6%
No General Store Downtown	5%
Attitude of People	3%
Budget/Spending	3%
Sprawl	2%
Boats on Lake Warren	2%
Lack of Diversity	1%
No Answer	38%





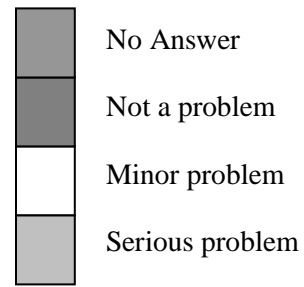
11) Many people speak of “preserving the character of our town” as being important.  
 What does this mean to you?

Small Town/Rural Atmosphere	21%
Open Space	17%
People are Friendly	11%
Community Spirit	10%
Historical Buildings/Character	10%
No Chains, Strip Malls, "Big Boxes"	6%
No Housing Developments	5%
Low Population	4%
No Mobile Homes	3%
No Multi-unit Dwellings	1%
No Answer	35%

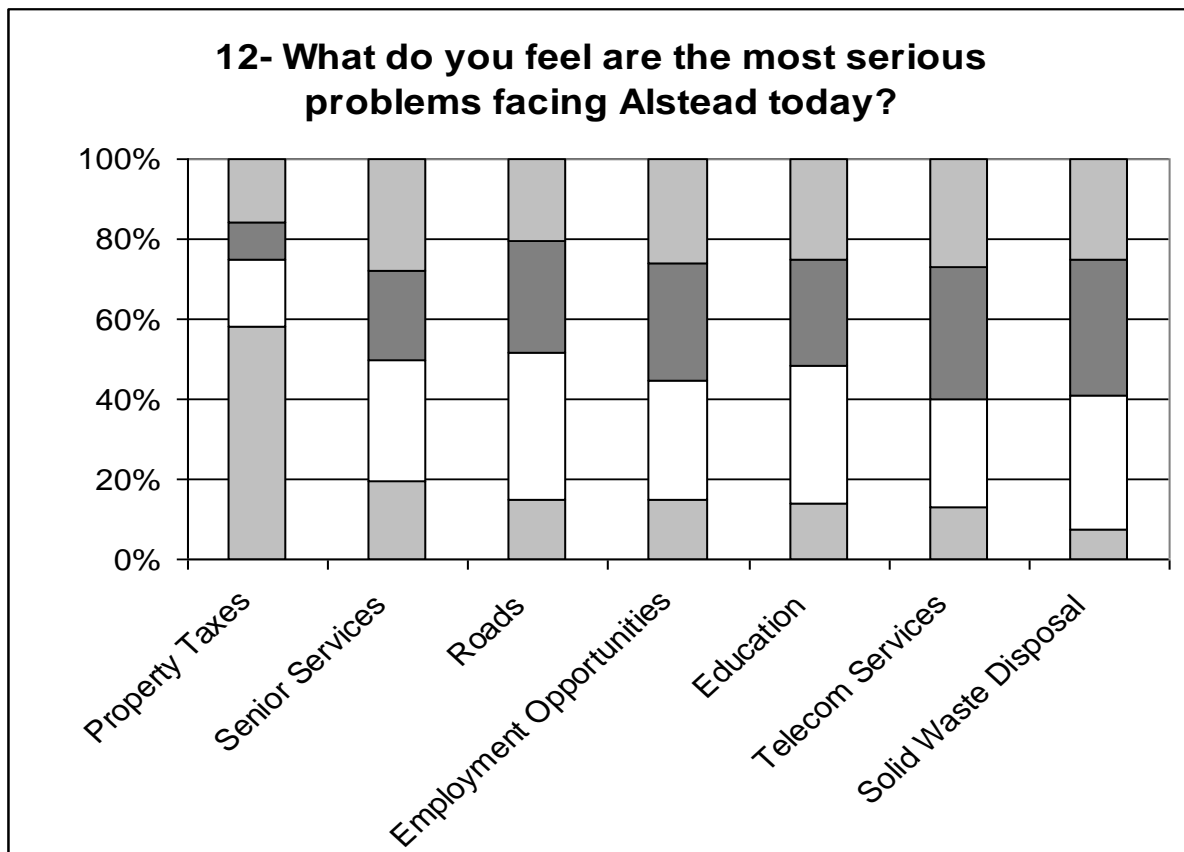


12) What do you feel are the most serious problems facing Alstead today?

	Serious Problem	Minor Problem	Not a Problem	No Answer
Property Taxes	58%	17%	9%	16%
Senior Services	19%	31%	22%	28%
Roads	15%	37%	28%	20%
Employment Opportunities	15%	30%	30%	26%
Education	14%	34%	27%	25%
Telecom Services	13%	27%	33%	27%
Solid Waste Disposal	7%	33%	34%	25%



Other responses include: Condition of Eel

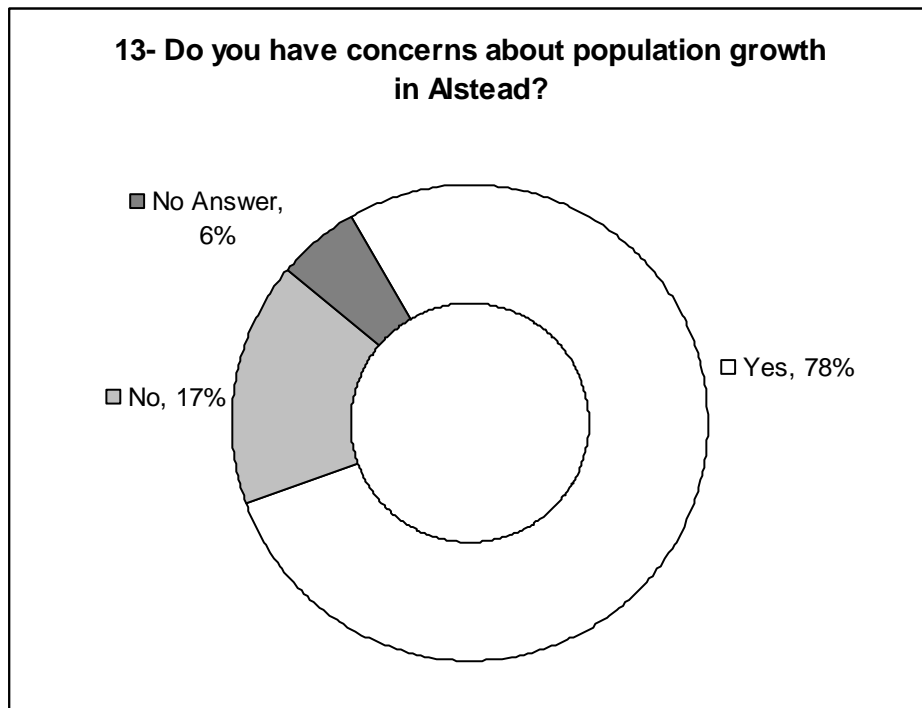


Other responses: Rock Road; rapid growth; small business; condition of Vilas Pool; a concerned and involved community; no store; overbuilding; future growth; loss of meadows; road litter; disabled; low impact tax base; side-walk and bike trails needed; teens don't have much to do; threat of real estate development.

All of these "other responses" received a rank of "3."

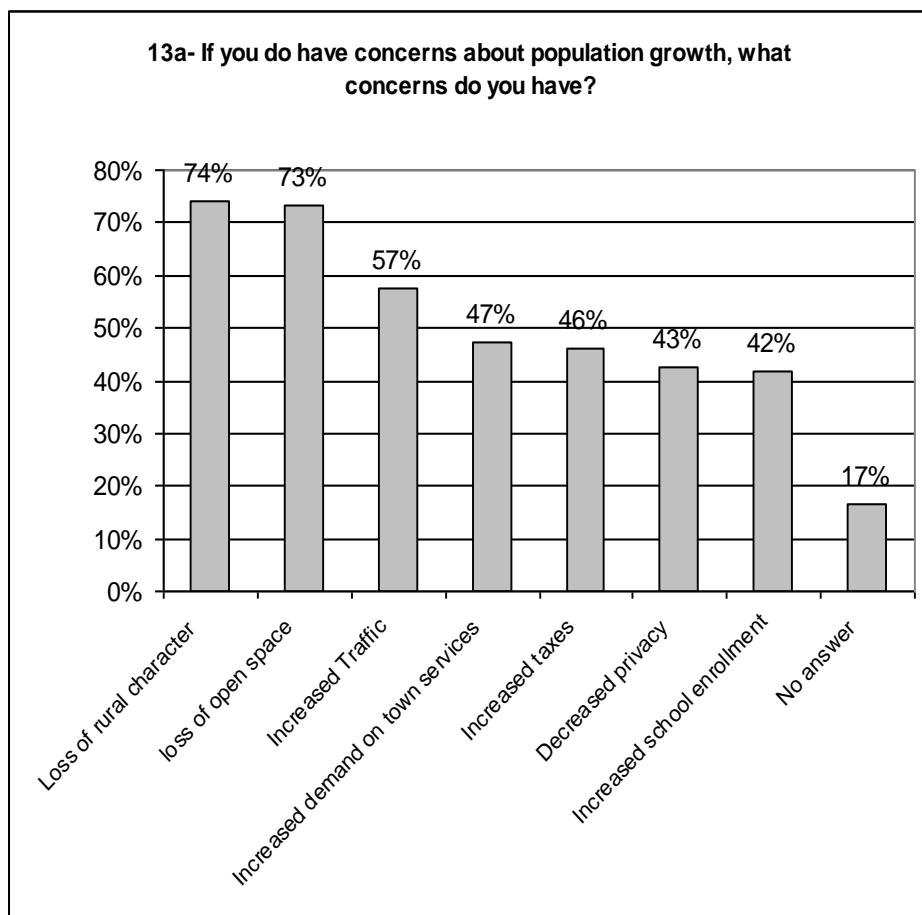
13) Do you have concerns about population growth in Alstead?

Yes 78%  
 No 17%  
 No Answer 6%



13a- If yes, what concerns about population growth do you have?

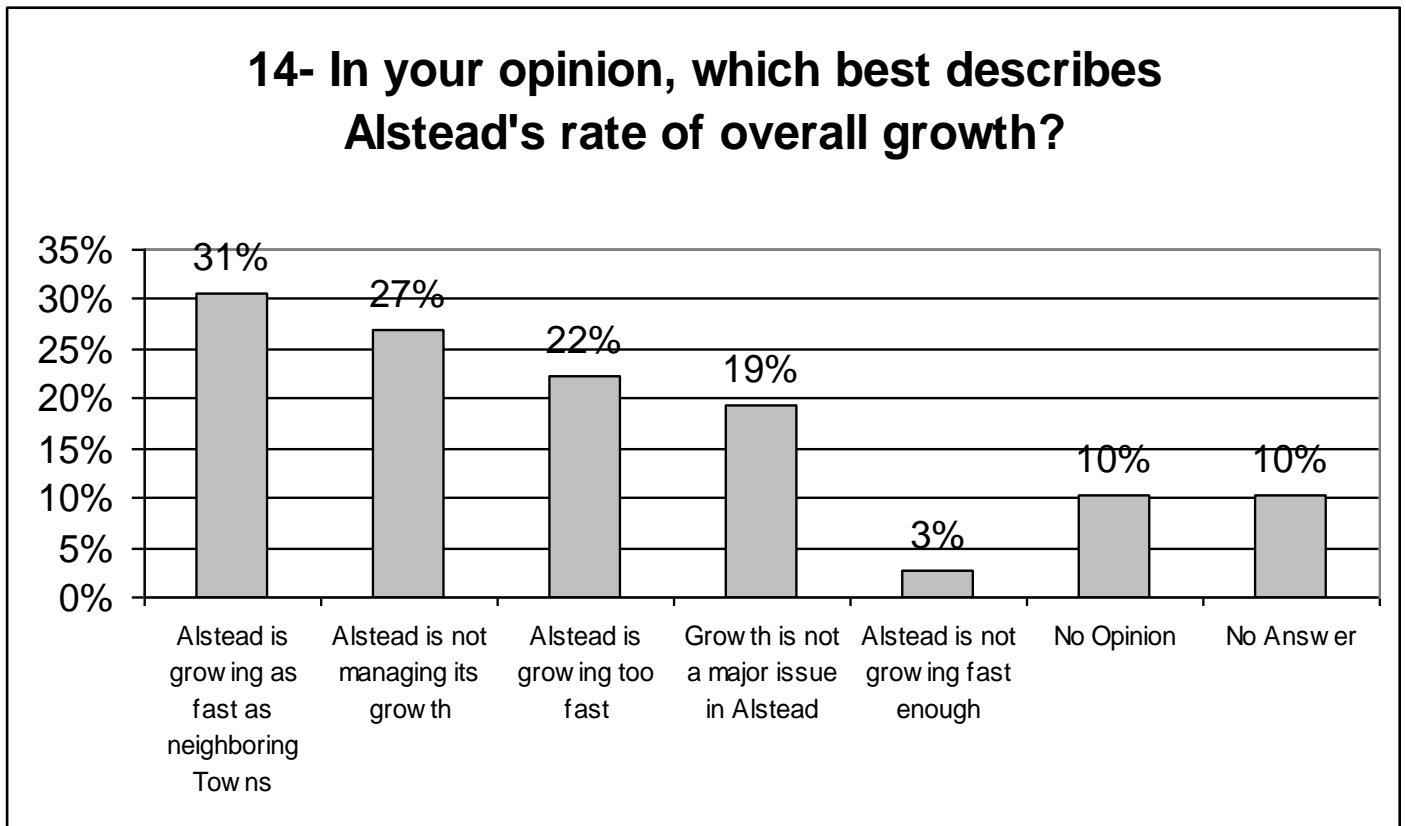
Loss of rural character 74%  
 loss of open space 73%  
 Increased Traffic 57%  
 Increased demand on town services 47%  
 Increased taxes 46%  
 Decreased privacy 43%  
 Increased school enrollment 42%  
 No answer 17%



Other responses include:  
 More commuters out of town;  
 Housing that doesn't blend with existing structures; sprawl;  
 Uncontrolled development;  
 Failure to enforce current regulations; speeders;  
 Development of trailer parks.

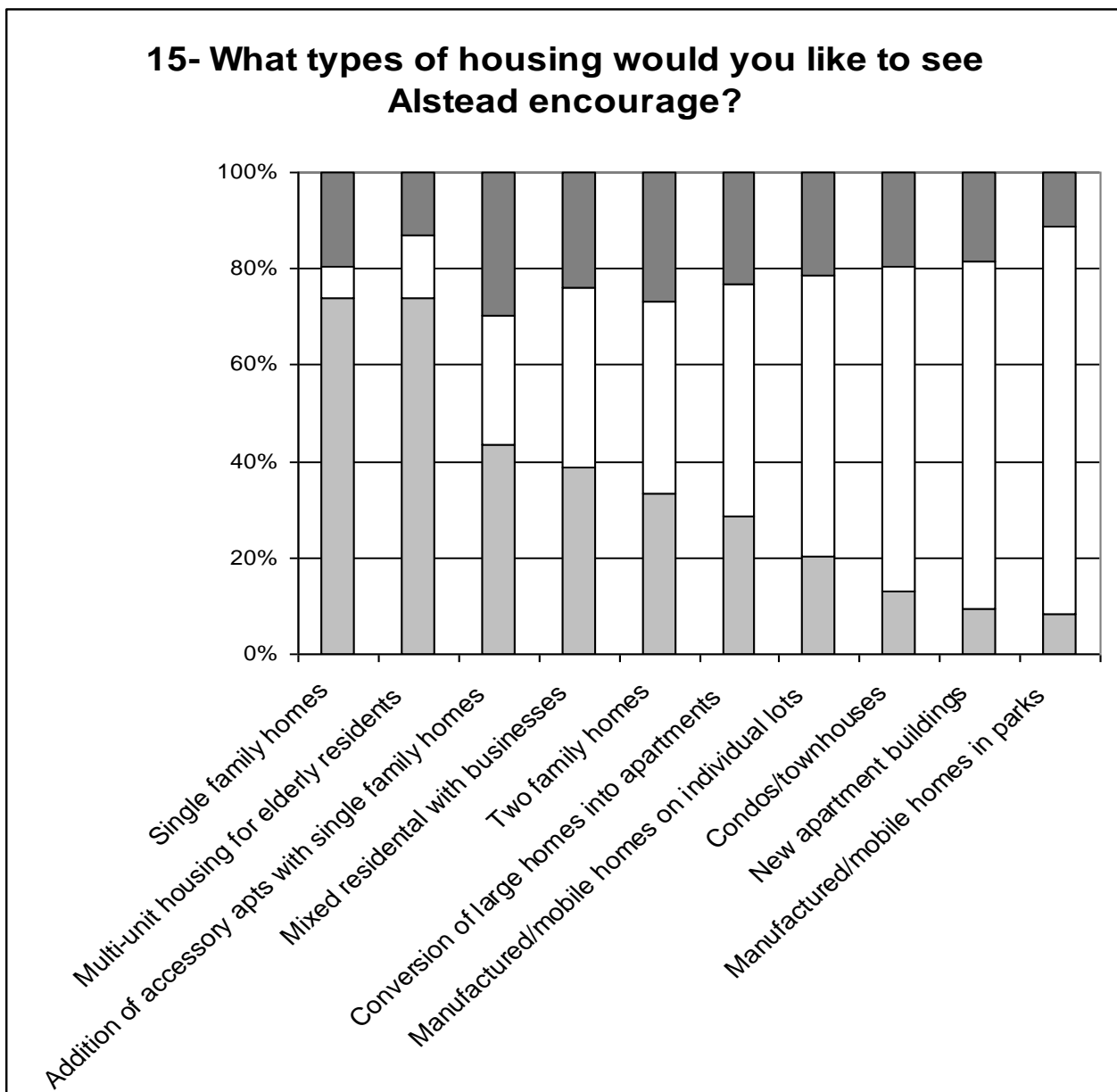
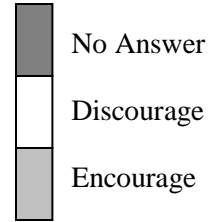
14) In your opinion, which best describes Alstead's rate of overall growth

Alstead is growing as fast as neighboring Towns	31%
Alstead is not managing its growth	27%
Alstead is growing too fast	22%
Growth is not a major issue in Alstead	19%
Alstead is not growing fast enough	3%
No Opinion	10%
No Answer	10%



15) What types of housing would you like to see Alstead encourage?

	Encourage	Discourage	No Answer
Single family homes	74%	6%	19%
Multi-unit housing for elderly residents	74%	13%	13%
Addition of accessory apts with single family homes	44%	27%	30%
Mixed residential with businesses	39%	37%	24%
Two family homes	33%	40%	27%
Conversion of large homes into apartments	29%	48%	23%
Manufactured/mobile homes on individual lots	20%	58%	21%
Condos/townhouses	13%	68%	19%
New apartment buildings	9%	72%	19%
Manufactured/mobile homes in parks	8%	81%	11%



16) “Smart growth” is an approach to community planning that considers and appreciates the essential qualities and features of a community as it grows and changes. Specifically, it is about increasing choices and opportunities to meet community and regional needs for housing, employment, goods and services, and quality of life through more efficient, creative development. Principles of “smart growth” include maintaining traditional, compact settlement patterns; incorporating a mix of uses; protecting environmental quality; and, managing growth locally.

Is it important for Alstead to develop and implement the community’s policies and plans such that they encourage a “smart growth” approach to planning for the community’s future?

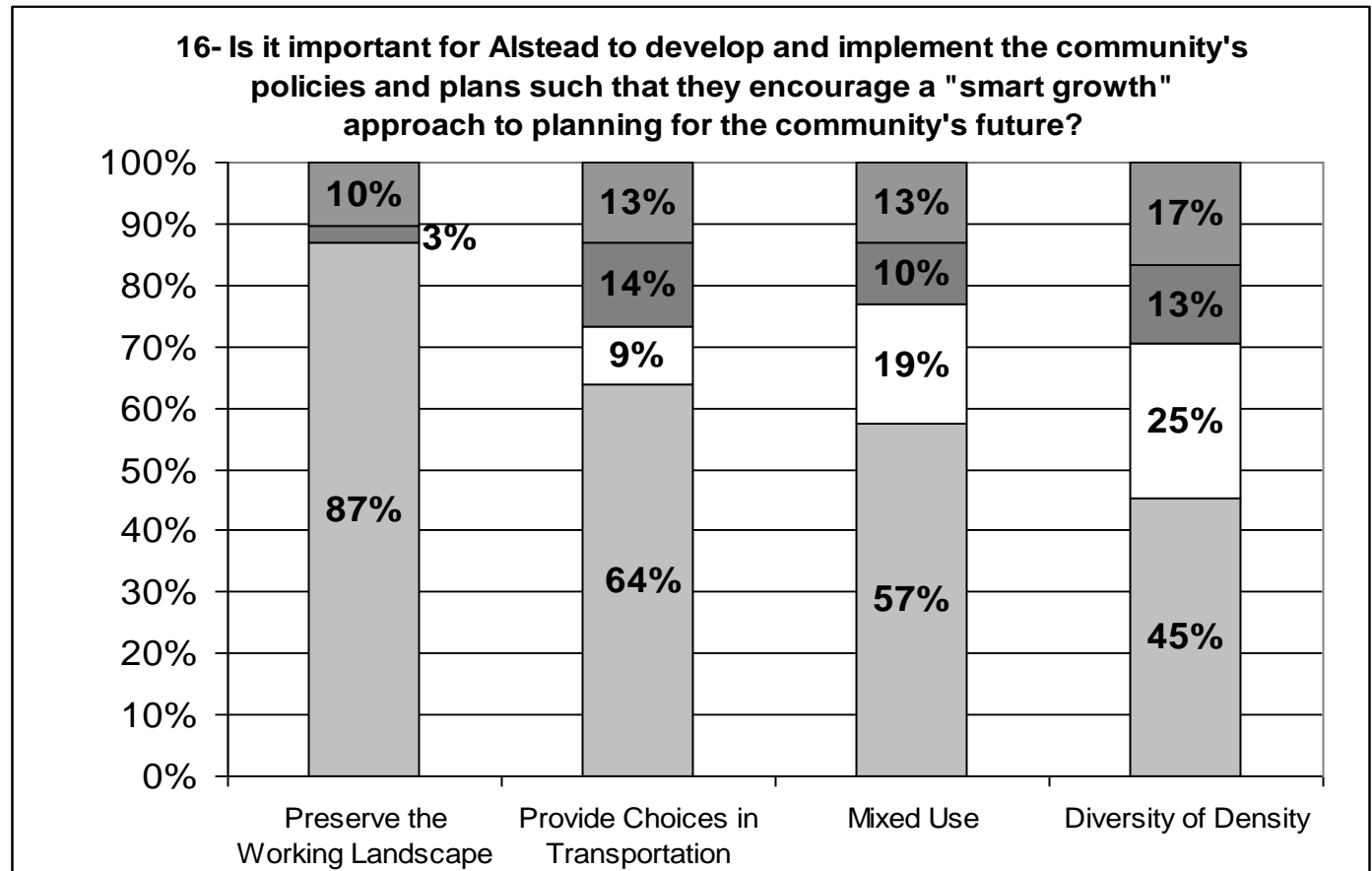
Diversity of Density (a mix of compact village centers including new villages and neighborhoods and rural areas with varied minimum lot sizes)

Mixed Use (combine residential and commercial opportunities to limit sprawl and increase local employment opportunities)

Preserve the Working Landscape (sustaining contiguous tracts of farm and forest land and allowing home-based businesses for agriculture and forest production)

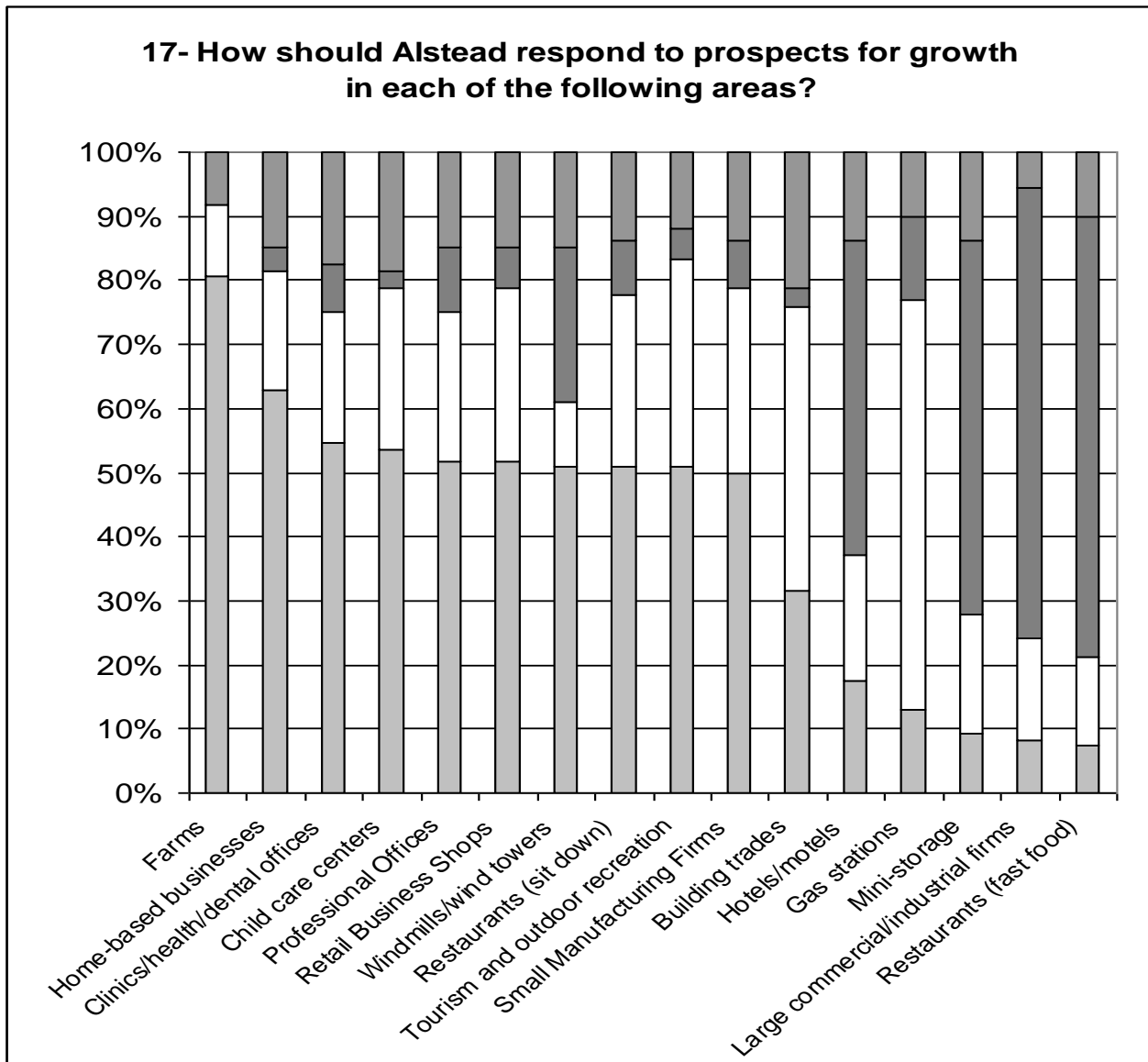
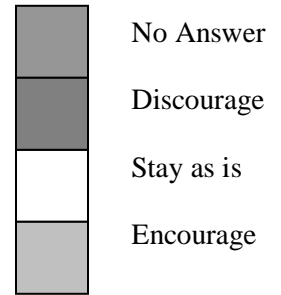
Provide Choices in Transportation (create a livable, walkable community that increases accessibility for people of all ages, whether on foot, bicycle, or in motor vehicles)

	Yes	No	No Opinion	No Answer
Preserve the Working Landscape	87%	0%	3%	10%
Provide Choices in Transportation	64%	9%	14%	13%
Mixed Use	57%	19%	10%	13%
Diversity of Density	45%	25%	13%	17%



17) How should Alstead respond to prospects for growth in each of the following areas?

	Encourage	Stay as is	Discourage	No Answer
Farms	81%	11%	0%	8%
Home-based businesses	63%	19%	4%	15%
Clinics/health/dental offices	55%	20%	7%	18%
Child care centers	54%	25%	3%	19%
Professional Offices	52%	23%	10%	15%
Retail Business Shops	52%	27%	6%	15%
Windmills/wind towers	51%	10%	24%	15%
Restaurants (sit down)	51%	27%	8%	14%
Tourism and outdoor recreation	51%	32%	5%	12%
Small Manufacturing Firms	50%	29%	7%	14%
Building trades	31%	44%	3%	21%
Hotels/motels	18%	19%	49%	14%
Gas stations	13%	64%	13%	10%
Mini-storage	9%	19%	58%	14%
Large commercial/industrial firms	8%	16%	70%	6%
Restaurants (fast food)	7%	14%	69%	10%



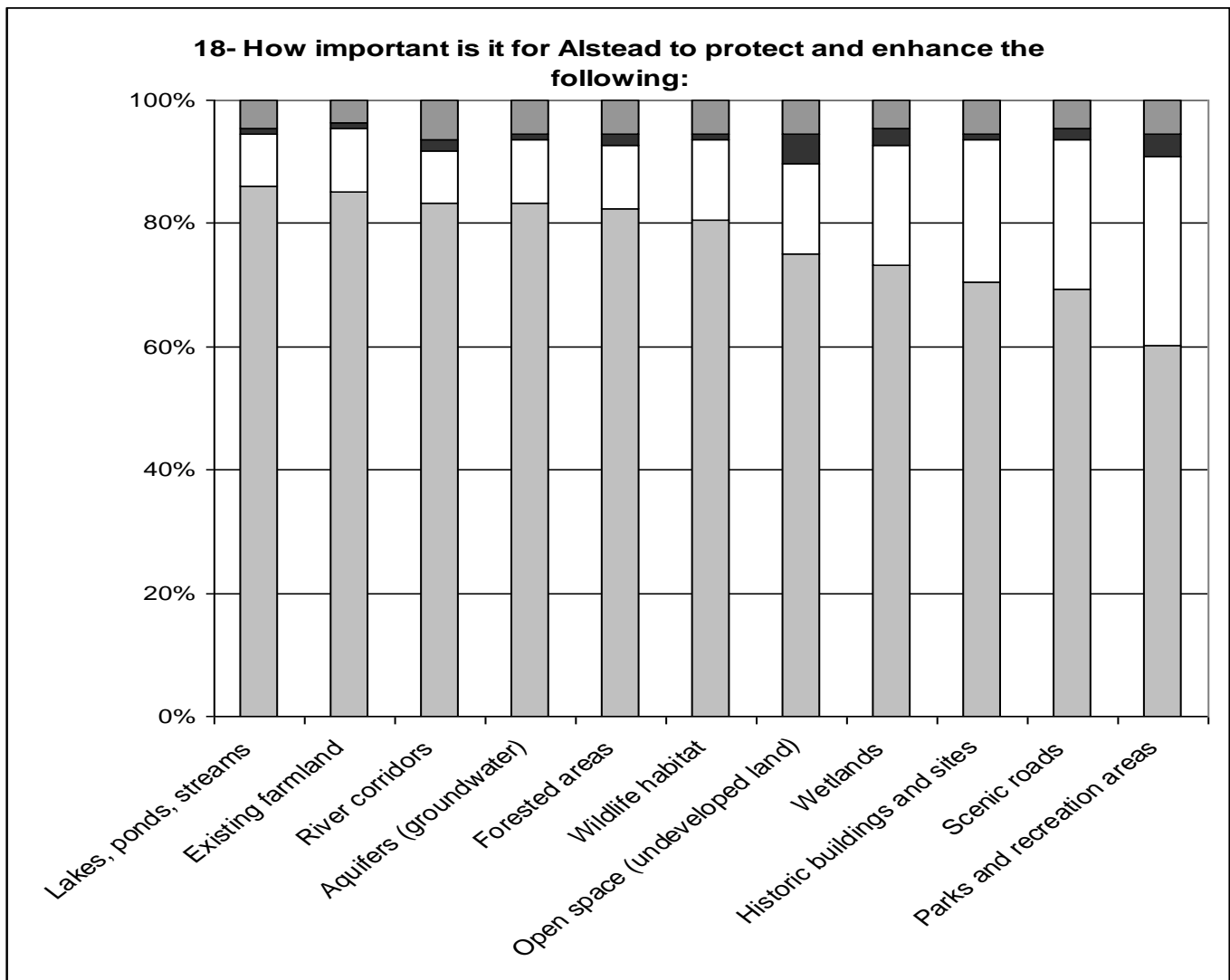
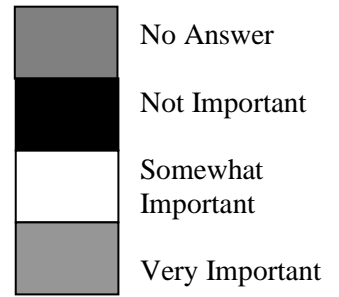
Comments for question 17:

	Where or Why?
Farms	Where ever possible (2); keep open country; 40-acre tracts; would like to see a summer farmers market; throughout the town for locally produced food;
Home-based businesses	Don't require extra building; everywhere (2); quiet; under 5 employees
Clinics/health/dental offices	Town is too small for this; services are available nearby; need more, anywhere; in big old homes; home offices; main roads; near low income; sole practitioners; in the village/downtown (6)
Child care centers	Church; centralized in the Town; continuing need; attached to existing homes; where needed throughout Alstead; Routes 12, 12A, 123; anywhere, various locations; home-based; small scaled; distributed
Professional Offices	Village (9); main roads; home based; will stimulate job growth; anywhere; no multiplex; less infrastructure cost
Retail Business Shops	Village/downtown (14); in existing buildings; antiques; RT 12; in existing buildings
Windmills/wind towers	Not in my town; wherever possible; definitely; with caution; new energy source; energy independence; mixed feelings- don't destroy views; control needed; not appropriate; see Harry Brawn; and other alternative energy sources; private ones are okay
Restaurants (sit down)	Downtown/Village (7); anywhere; increase quality of life; small home-style ones
Tourism and outdoor recreation	Encourage non motorized recreation (2); anyplace; good revenue source; throughout Alstead; help keep open space; take advantage of natural beauty
Small Manufacturing Firms	In a new commercial district; commercial area; employs natives; city limits; tax base; job growth; anywhere; where allowed by zoning; quiet non polluting ones; within the town;
Building trades	Carpenter shouldn't drive 30 miles to work; as accepted by neighbors; homebased within the town; there are large builders in other towns; in the village
Hotels/motels	No market for it; small; not necessary; not needed; bed and breakfasts fit the area best; no need; tourist money is good; center of town; encourage tourism; use existing; not needed; B&B's only; B&B's are good enough; B&B's or inns in big existing homes; Inn or B&B in Center or East Alstead
Gas stations	One more in town; no where near a water source; near the Rite Aid
Mini-storage	No market for it; available nearby; it's just covered junk; some are fine; didn't know we had any; rural; not appropriate; visually unattractive
Large commercial/industrial firms	Green Companies; maybe- limited; shouldn't depend on one major tax base; outside village area; good for tax base, job growth; will cause pollution, congestion; not downtown; control needed; no room, no need for it
Restaurants (fast food)	Protect local restaurants; local/no chains; keep out chains; will help tax base; in the villages



18) How important is it for Alstead to protect and enhance the following:

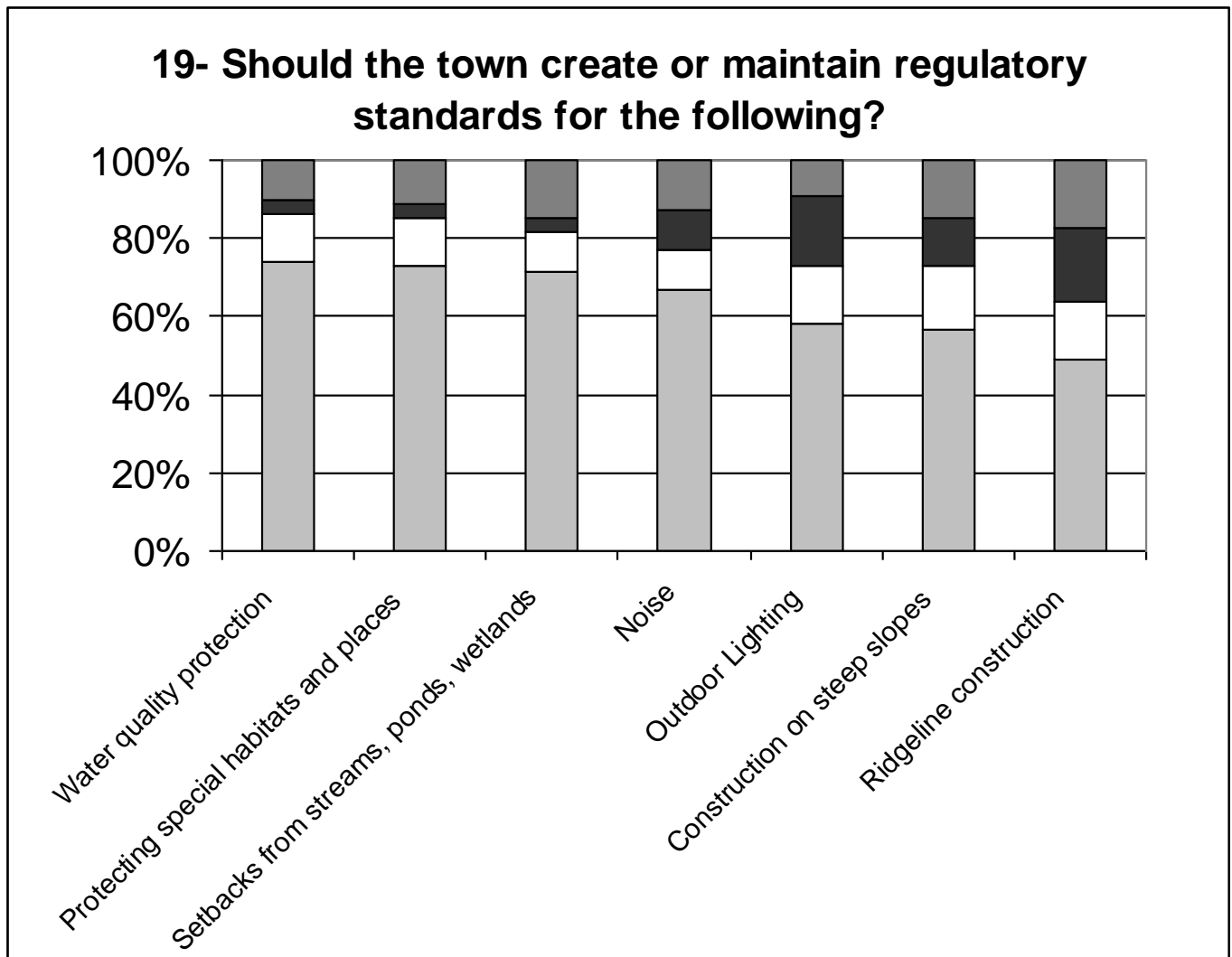
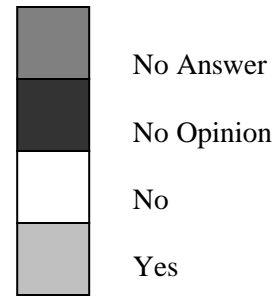
	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not Important	No Answer
Lakes, ponds, streams	86%	8%	1%	5%
Existing farmland	85%	10%	1%	4%
River corridors	83%	8%	2%	6%
Aquifers (groundwater)	83%	10%	1%	6%
Forested areas	82%	10%	2%	6%
Wildlife habitat	81%	13%	1%	6%
Open space (undeveloped land)	75%	15%	5%	6%
Wetlands	73%	19%	3%	5%
Historic buildings and sites	70%	23%	1%	6%
Scenic roads	69%	24%	2%	5%
Parks and recreation areas	60%	31%	4%	6%



Other responses include: scenic vistas; existing town-scapes; swimming at Warren Lake. All have “very important” ratings

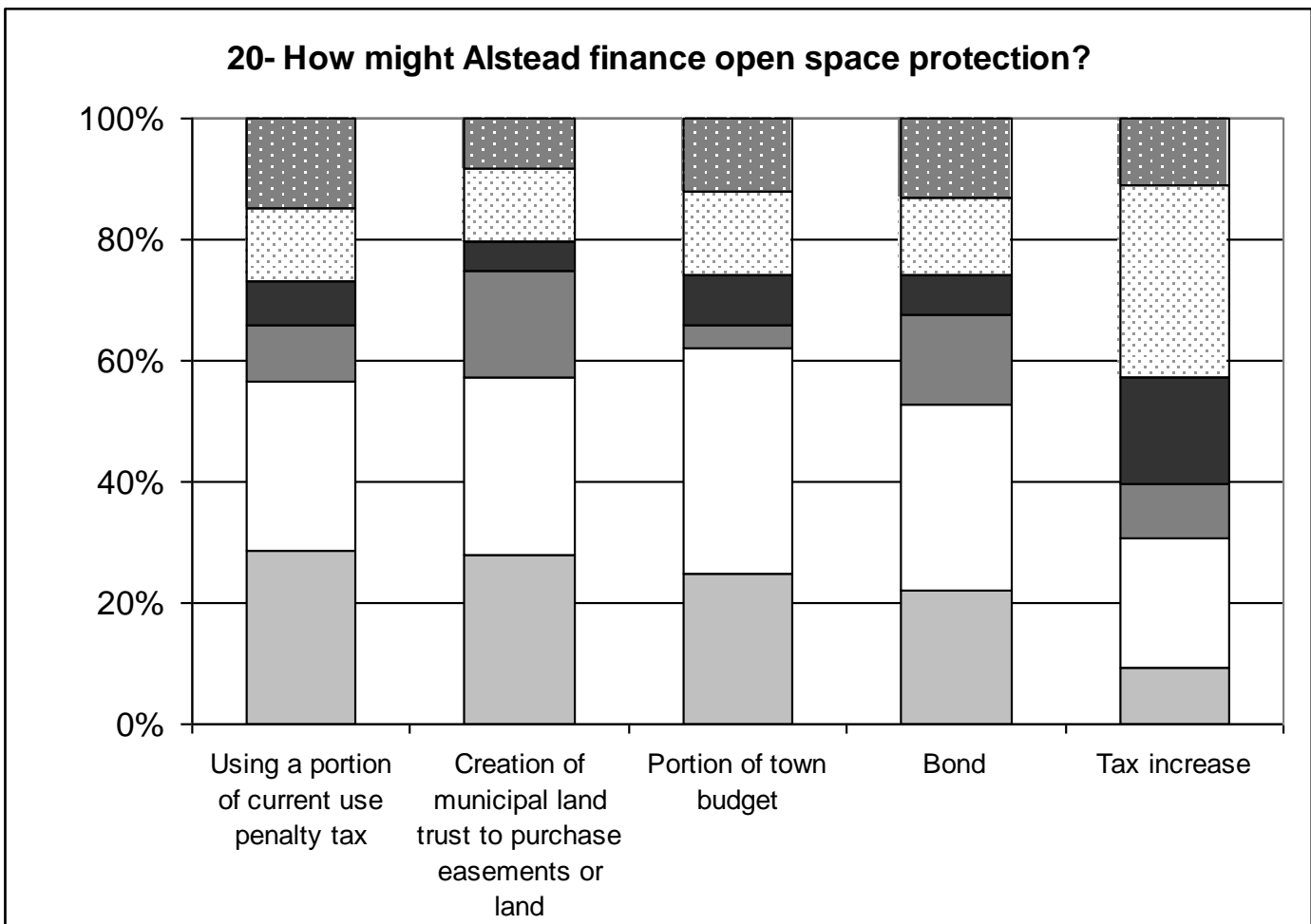
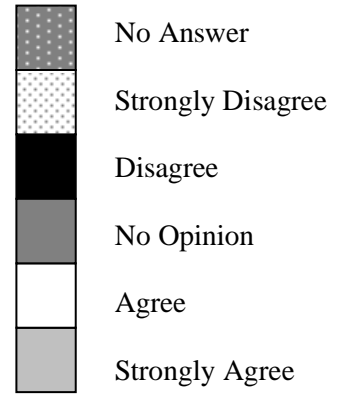
19) Should the town create or maintain regulatory standards for the following (please circle answer):

	Yes	No	No opinion	No Answer
Water quality protection	74%	12%	4%	10%
Protecting special habitats and places	73%	12%	4%	11%
Setbacks from streams, ponds, wetlands	71%	10%	4%	15%
Noise	67%	10%	10%	13%
Outdoor Lighting	58%	15%	18%	9%
Construction on steep slopes	56%	17%	12%	15%
Ridgeline construction	49%	15%	19%	18%



20) Please indicate your views on how Alstead might finance the protection of open space (this may include woodlands, waterways, fields, wetlands, farms, scenic vistas, recreation fields, hiking trails, and a variety of other undeveloped areas) through the purchase of land or acquisition of easements by agreeing or disagreeing with the following statements.

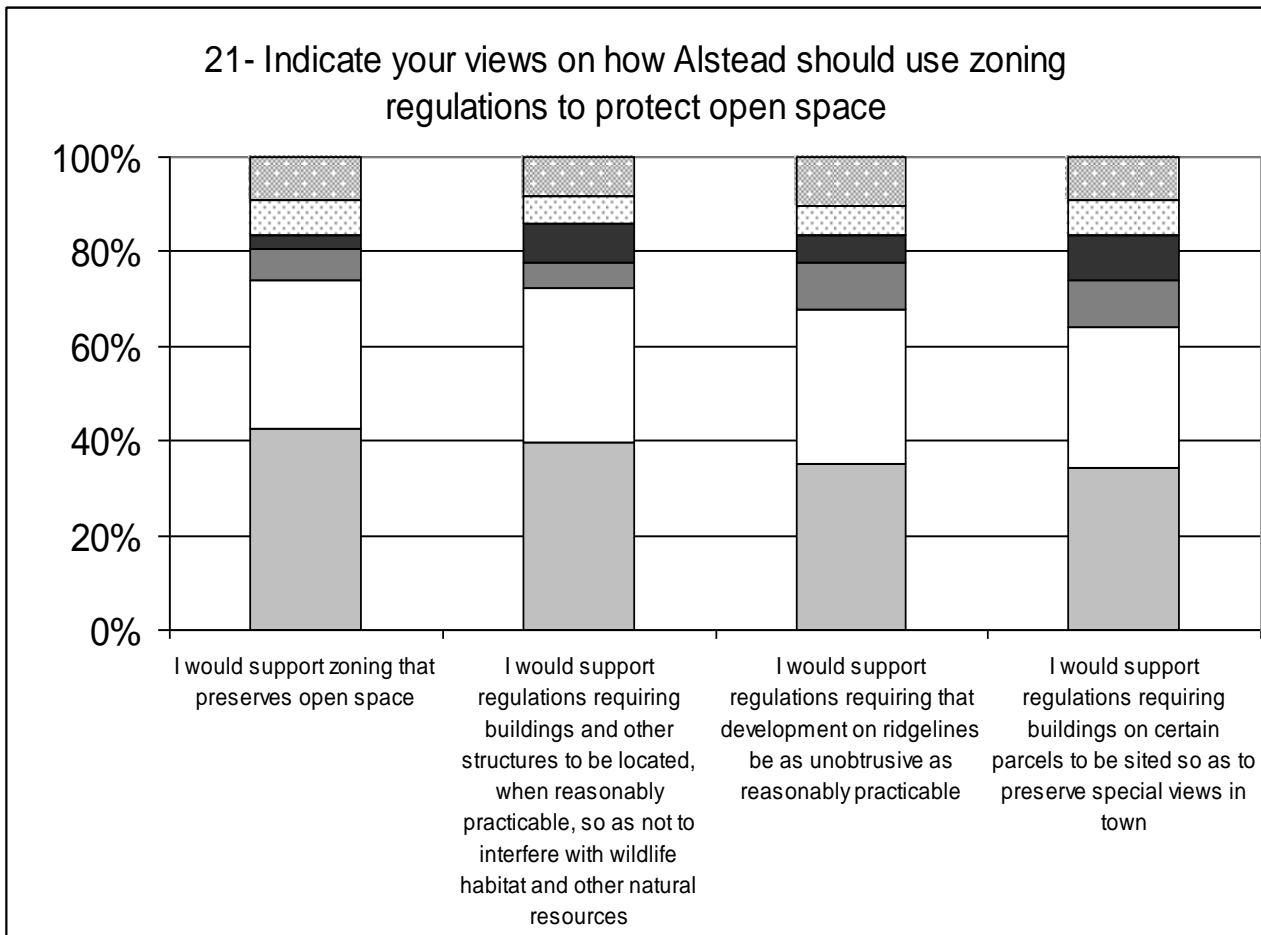
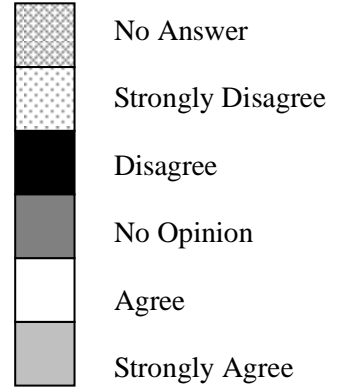
	Strongly disagree	Disagree	No Opinion	Agree	Strongly agree	No Answer
Using a portion of current use penalty tax	12%	7%	9%	28%	29%	15%
Creation of municipal land trust to purchase easements or land	12%	5%	18%	30%	28%	8%
Portion of town budget	14%	8%	4%	37%	25%	12%
Bond	13%	6%	15%	31%	22%	13%
Tax increase	31%	18%	9%	21%	9%	11%



21) Please indicate your views on how Alstead should use zoning regulations to protect open space by agreeing or disagreeing with the following statements.

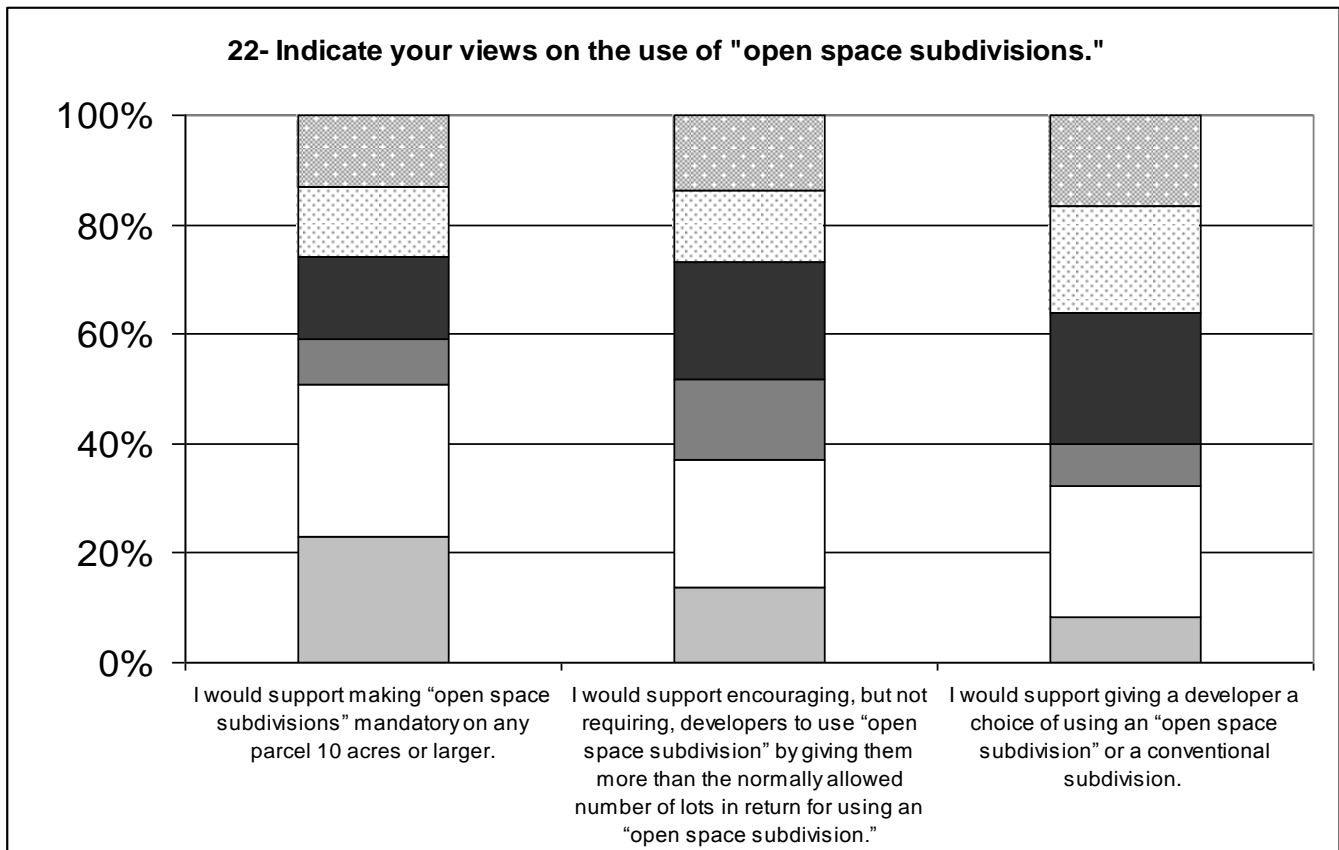
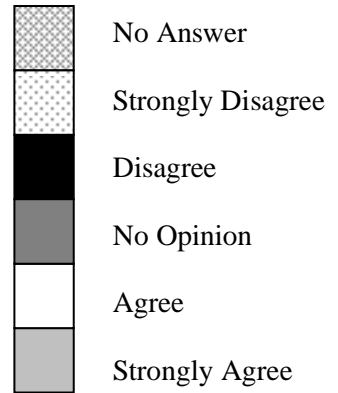
22)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	No Opinion	Agree	Strongly agree	No Answer
I would support zoning that preserves open space	7%	3%	6%	31%	43%	9%
I would support regulations requiring buildings and other structures to be located, when reasonably practicable, so as not to interfere with wildlife habitat and other natural resources	6%	8%	6%	32%	40%	8%
I would support regulations requiring that development on ridgelines be as unobtrusive as reasonably practicable	6%	6%	10%	32%	35%	10%
I would support regulations requiring buildings on certain parcels to be sited so as to preserve special views in town	7%	9%	10%	30%	34%	9%



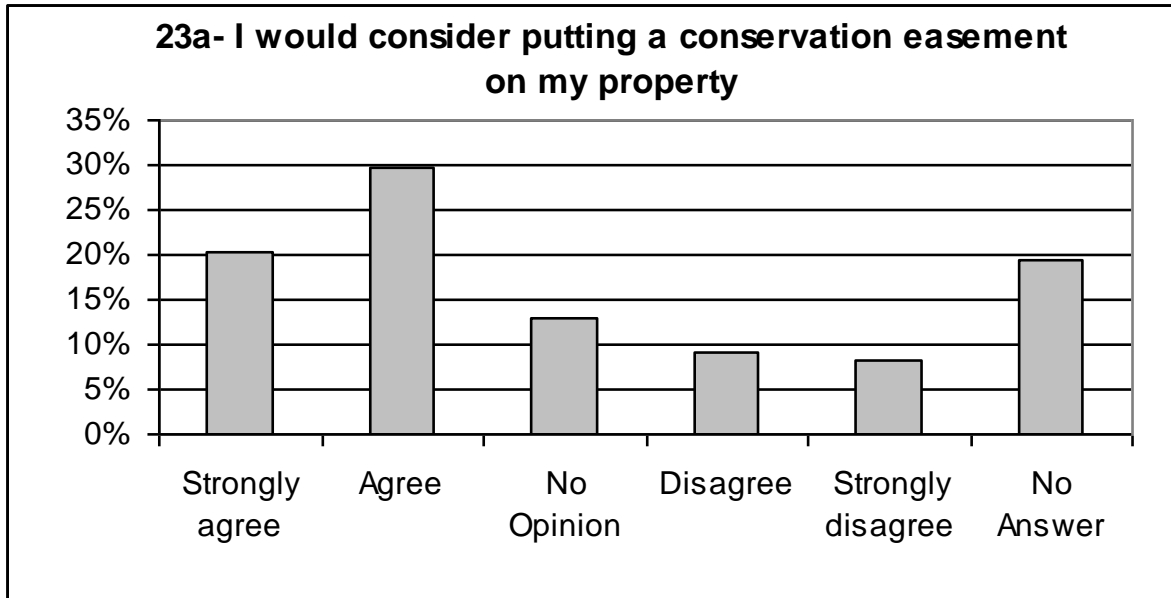
22) An “open space subdivision” contains the same number of lots as any other subdivision in that zoning district, but houses are located closer together and 50% or more of the original area can be permanently protected as undeveloped land. This type of subdivision can be mandatory or optional. Developers can be given bonuses for extra lots in return for saving important open space. Please indicate your views on the use of “open space subdivisions” by agreeing or disagreeing with the following statements:

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	No Opinion	Agree	Strongly agree	No Answer
I would support making “open space subdivisions” mandatory on any parcel 10 acres or larger.	13%	15%	8%	28%	23%	13%
I would support encouraging, but not requiring, developers to use “open space subdivision” by giving them more than the normally allowed number of lots in return for using an “open space subdivision.”	13%	21%	15%	23%	14%	14%
I would support giving a developer a choice of using an “open space subdivision” or a conventional subdivision.	19%	24%	7%	24%	8%	17%

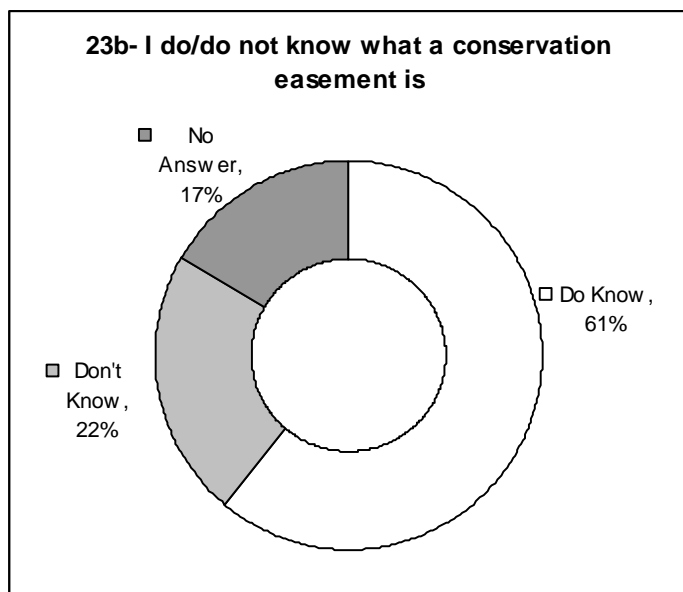


23) Conservation Easements are a means of protecting open space by specifying uses allowed or not allowed in the future in the property deed.

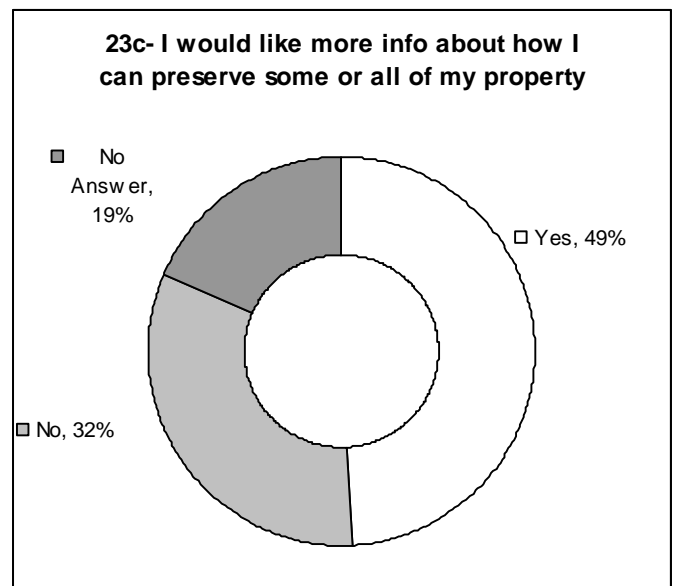
	Strongly agree	Agree	No Opinion	Disagree	Strongly disagree	No Answer
a) I would consider putting a conservation easement on my property	20%	30%	13%	9%	8%	19%



	Do Know	Don't Know	No Answer
b) I do/do not know what a conservation easement is	61%	22%	17%

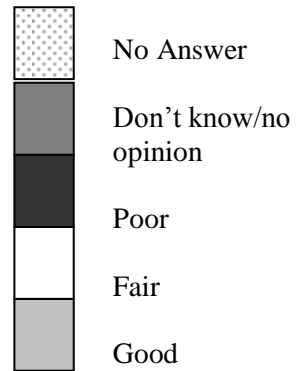


	Yes	No	No Answer
c) I would like more info about how I can preserve some or all of my property	49%	32%	19%

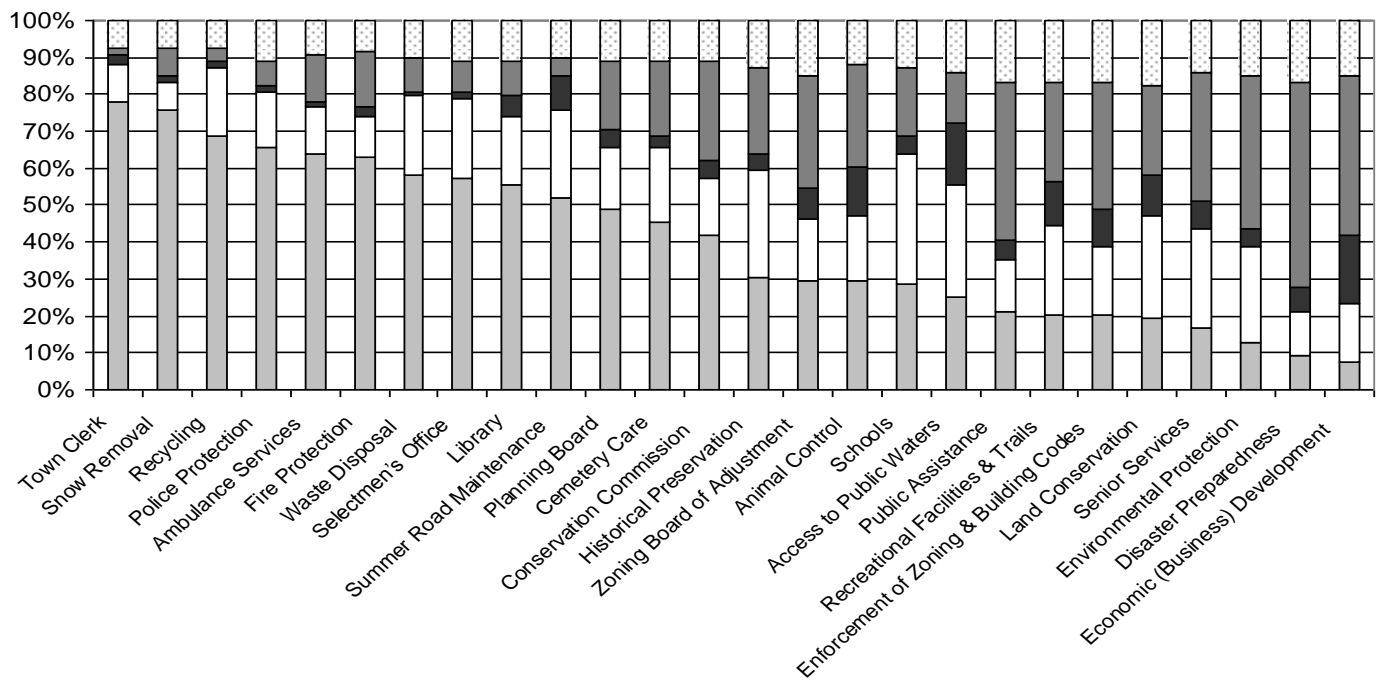


24) How well do you think the town is performing/providing the following services or opportunities?

	Good	Fair	Poor	Don't know/No opinion	No Answer
Town Clerk	78%	10%	3%	2%	7%
Snow Removal	76%	7%	2%	7%	7%
Recycling	69%	19%	2%	4%	7%
Police Protection	66%	15%	2%	6%	11%
Ambulance Services	64%	13%	1%	13%	9%
Fire Protection	63%	11%	3%	15%	8%
Waste Disposal	58%	21%	1%	9%	10%
Selectmen's Office	57%	21%	2%	8%	11%
Library	56%	19%	6%	9%	11%
Summer Road Maintenance	52%	24%	9%	5%	10%
Planning Board	49%	17%	5%	19%	11%
Cemetery Care	45%	20%	3%	20%	11%
Conservation Commission	42%	16%	5%	27%	11%
Historical Preservation	31%	29%	5%	23%	13%
Zoning Board of Adjustment	30%	17%	8%	31%	15%
Animal Control	30%	18%	13%	28%	12%
Schools	29%	35%	5%	19%	13%
Access to Public Waters	25%	31%	17%	14%	14%
Public Assistance	21%	14%	6%	43%	17%
Recreational Facilities & Trails	20%	24%	12%	27%	17%
Enforcement of Zoning & Building Codes	20%	19%	10%	34%	17%
Land Conservation	19%	28%	11%	24%	18%
Senior Services	17%	27%	7%	35%	14%
Environmental Protection	13%	26%	5%	42%	15%
Disaster Preparedness	9%	12%	6%	56%	17%
Economic (Business) Development	7%	16%	19%	44%	15%

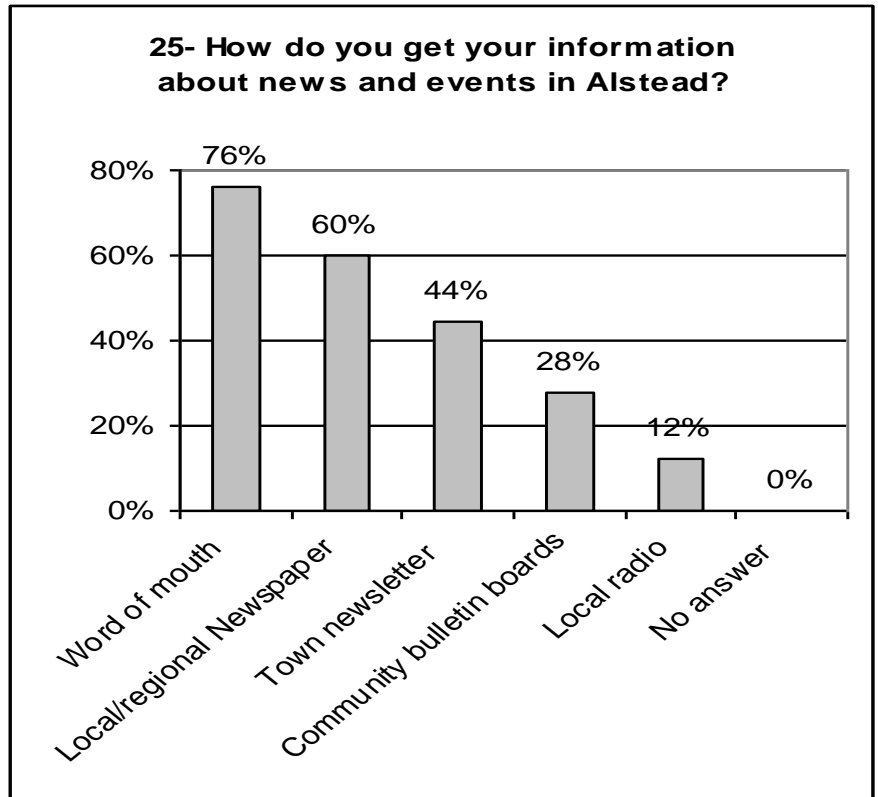


24- How well do you think the town is performing/providing the following services or opportunities?



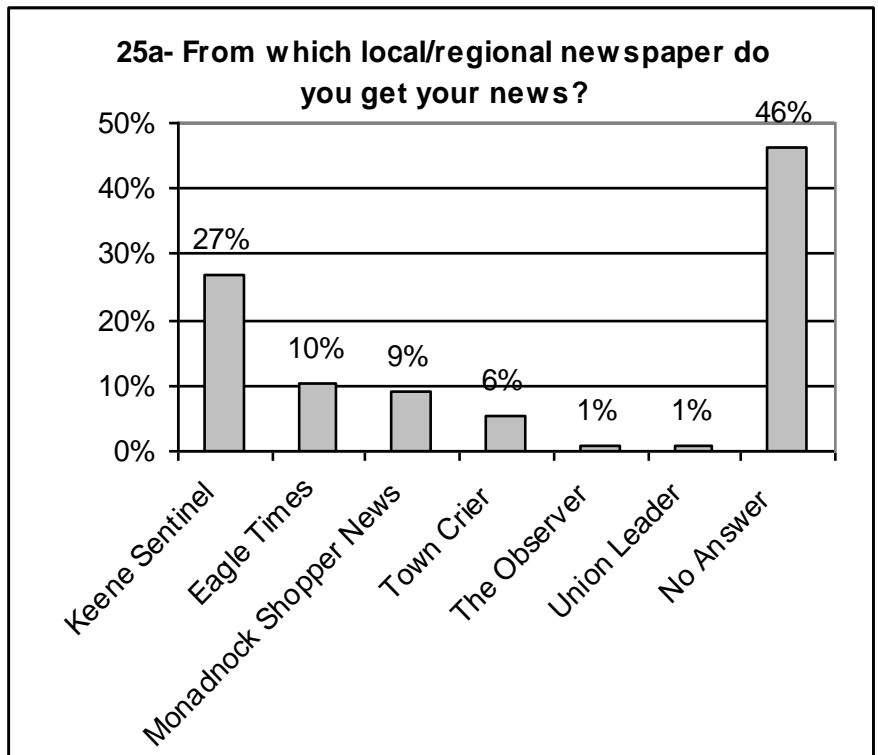
25) How do you get your information about news and events in Alstead?

Word of mouth	76%
Local/regional Newspaper	60%
Town newsletter	44%
Community bulletin boards	28%
Local radio	12%
No answer	0%



25a) Which newspaper do you get your news from?

Keene Sentinel	27%
Eagle Times	10%
Monadnock Shopper News	9%
Town Crier	6%
The Observer	1%
Union Leader	1%
No Answer	46%

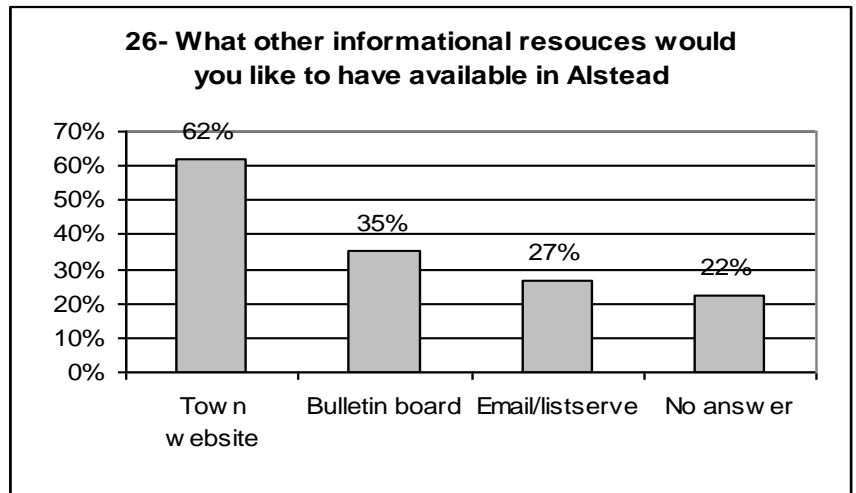




26) What other informational resources would you like to have available in Alstead?

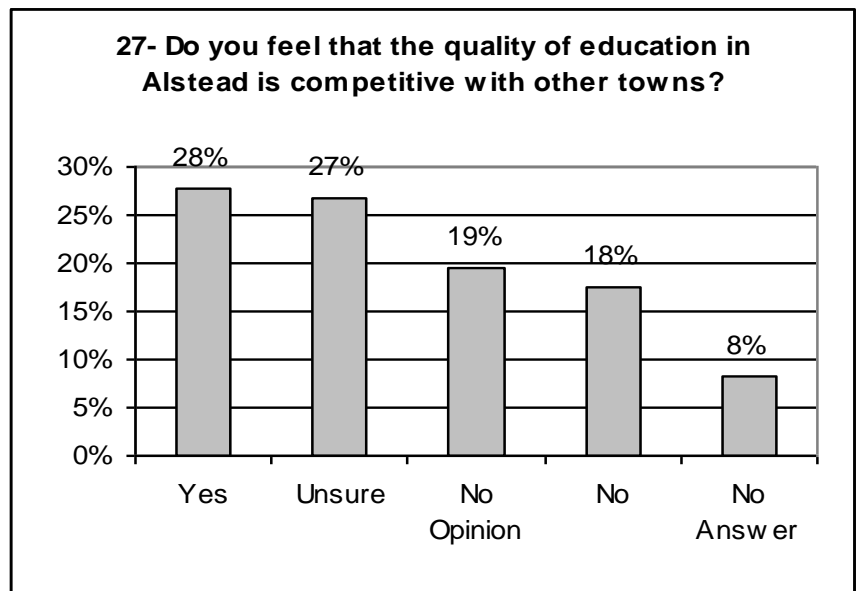
Town website	62%
Bulletin board	35%
Email/listserve	27%
No answer	22%

Other responses include: Sentinel; radio station; free local paper; Town newsletter (2)



27) Do you feel that the quality of education in Alstead is competitive with other towns? (Please circle answer)

Yes	28%
Unsure	27%
No Opinion	19%
No	18%
No Answer	8%



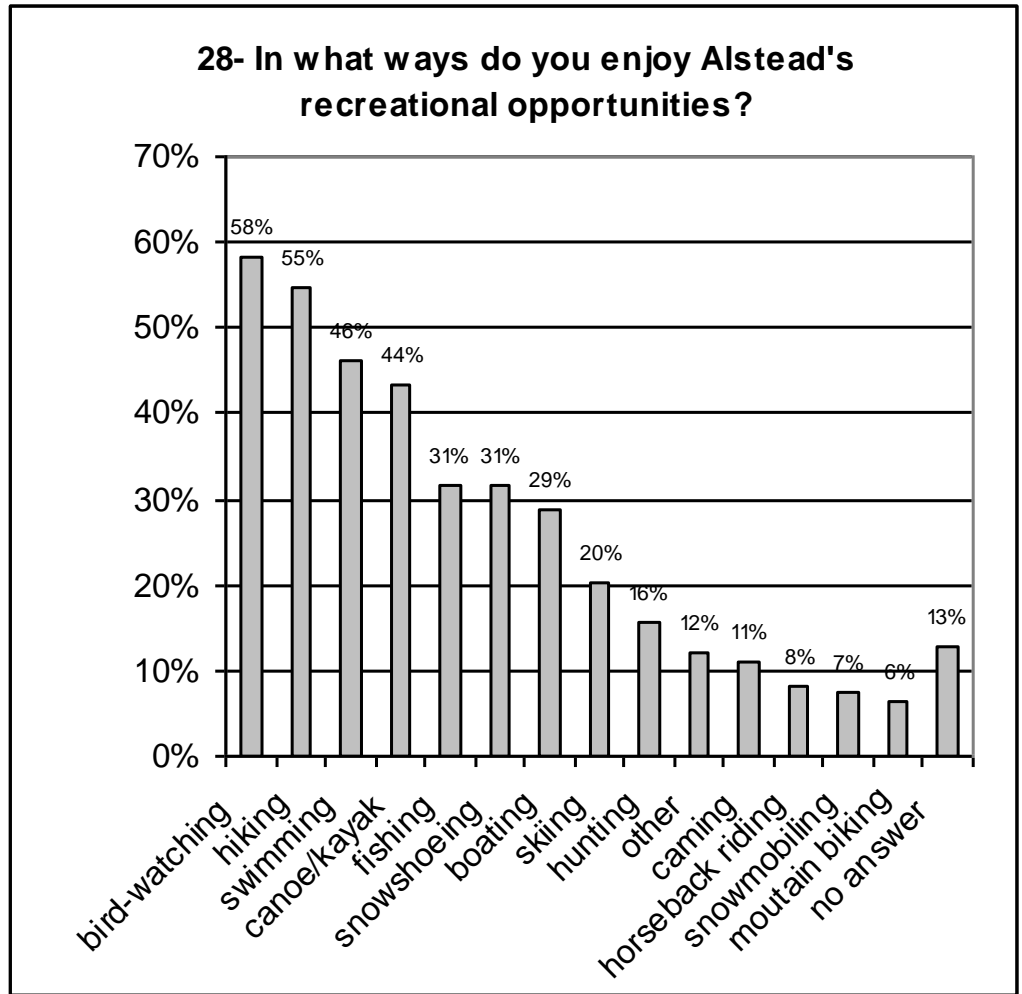
If yes, Explain: primary and middle school is okay; happy so far; thrilled with primary school; ; yes according to college admissions; own children well-educated

If no, Explain: Education too mainstream; classes too big; not good; doesn't compare with Walpole Elementary; country kids are treated as "dumb"; not incentive for kids to strive for better jobs; inconsistent in quality; personal experience tells me no; quality of teachers is bad; drop out rate is high; kids need more challenge; advanced kids need more attention in order to further themselves; facilities are poor

If unsure, Explain: no kids in the system (2); not informed enough

28) In what ways do you enjoy Alstead's recreational opportunities? (Please circle all that apply)

bird-watching	58%
hiking	55%
swimming	46%
canoe/kayak	44%
fishing	31%
snowshoeing	31%
boating	29%
skiing	20%
hunting	16%
other	12%
camping	11%
horseback riding	8%
snowmobiling	7%
mountain biking	6%
no answer	13%

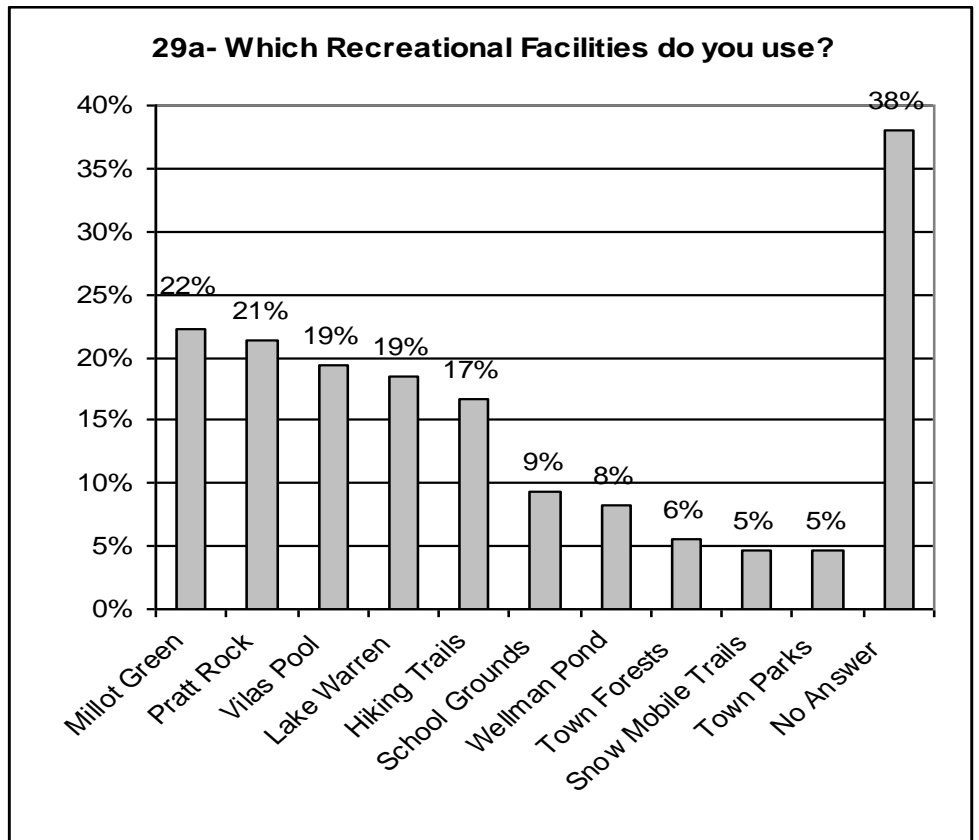


Other responses:

Enjoy nature in my own backyard; gardening (4);  
 Berry picking; biking (but the roads are dangerous);  
 Walking/biking;

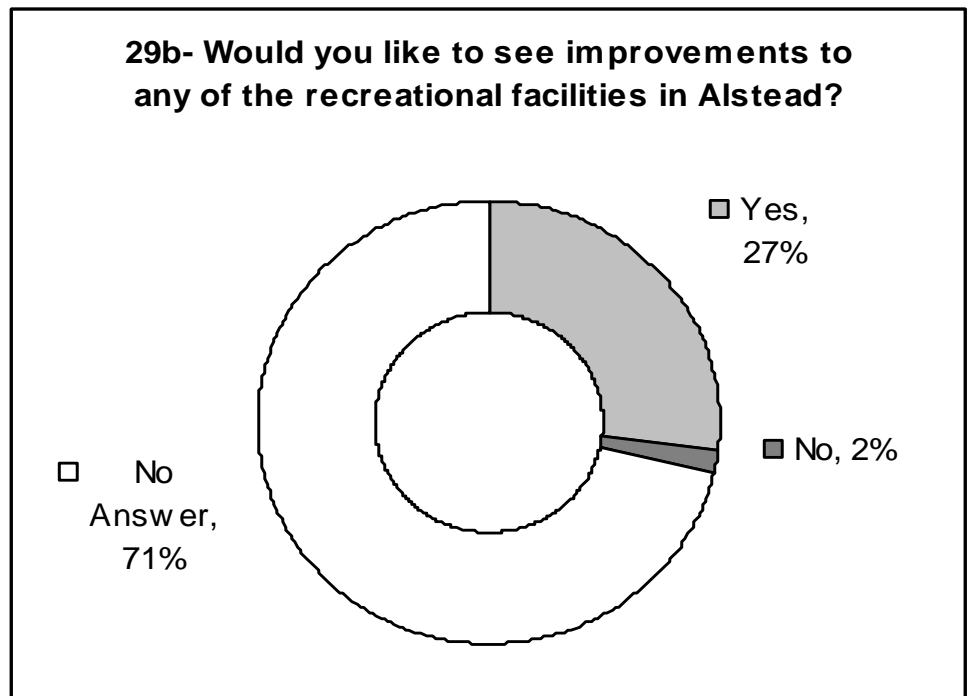
29a) Specifically, which recreational facilities do you use (e.g. Milot Green, Wellmen Pond, Town Forest, Pratt Rock, Vilas Pool, school grounds, hiking trails, parks, etc.)?

Milot Green	22%
Pratt Rock	21%
Vilas Pool	19%
Lake Warren	19%
Hiking Trails	17%
School Grounds	9%
Wellman Pond	8%
Town Forests	6%
Snow Mobile Trails	5%
Town Parks	5%
No Answer	38%



29b) Would you like to see improvements to any of these facilities? If so, what?

Yes	27%
No	2%
No Answer	71%

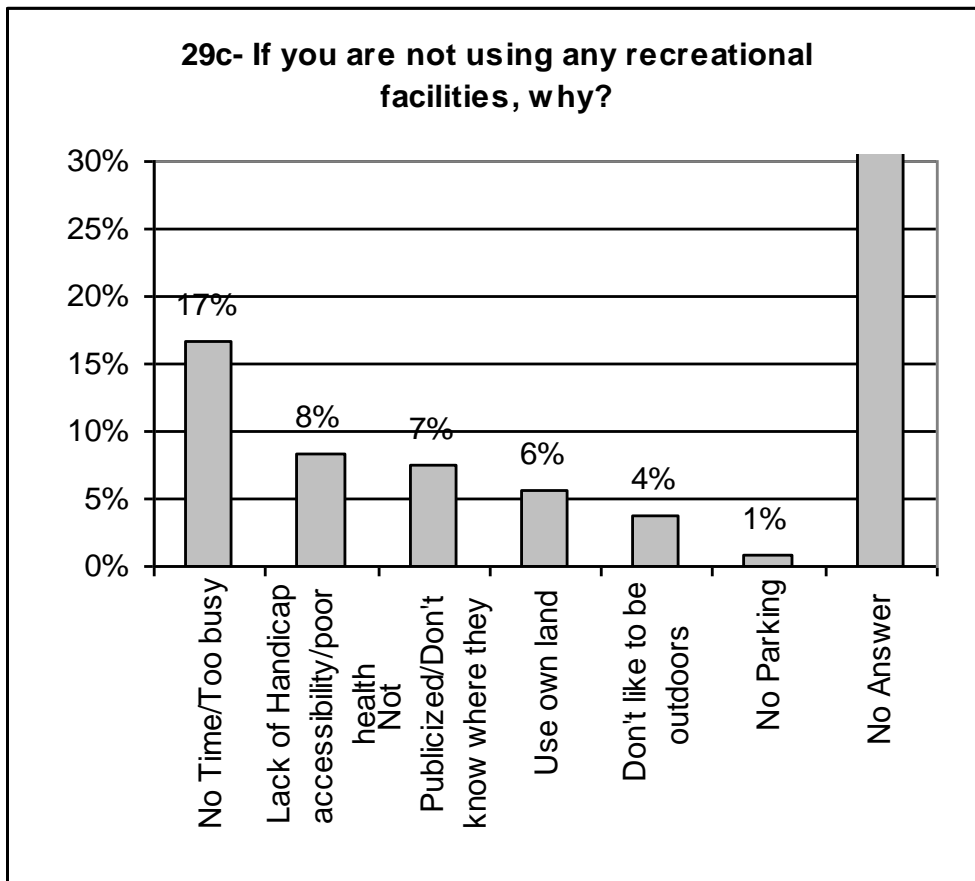


If you would like to see improvements to any of these facilities, what would you like to see done?

Maintain/map and mark hiking trails (7); Fix eel rock road; new bench on Pratt Rock; better upkeep of ice skating and ball fields (3); higher diving board at Vilas Pool; sandy beach and new boats at Vilas Pool; maintenance of Vilas Pool; reduce speed of boats at Lake Warren; make a public beach; specific parking signs; wheel chair access for fishing; more library hours; need a town pool; clean and improve everything; better maintenance of all facilities; right of way on private property; clear trees/view; better access to Wellman Pond; tennis court would be nice; better hours at the pool; public swimming at Lake Warren; summer sports programs; fix parking and driveway at Vilas Pool because of too much congestion; no motorboats on Lake Warren.

29c) If you are not using these facilities, why not?

No Time/Too busy	17%
Lack of Handicap accessibility/poor health	8%
Not Publicized/Don't know where they are	7%
Use own land	6%
Don't like to be outdoors	4%
No Parking	1%
No Answer	59%



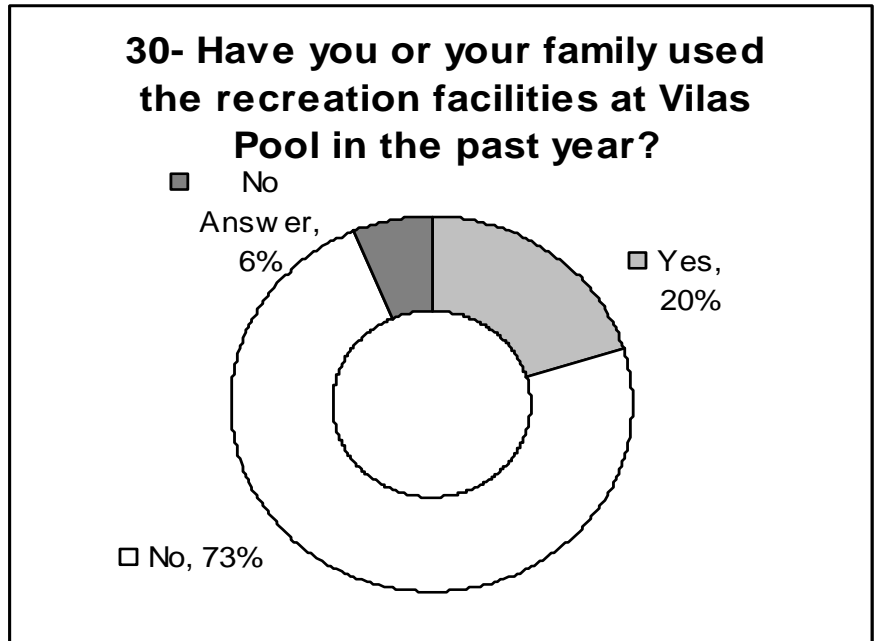
Vilas Pool and Vilas Pool Dam were constructed in 1927 as a gift to the town for community recreation. The area is open and staffed part-time during the summer (June-August). The Park has a variety of programs for children and is also available for use by community groups and families.

30) Have you or your family used the recreation facilities at Vilas Pool in the past year?

Yes 20%  
 No 73%  
 No Answer 6%

Number of times	Percentage
1	50%
2	17%
3	17%
4	6%
5	6%
6	6%

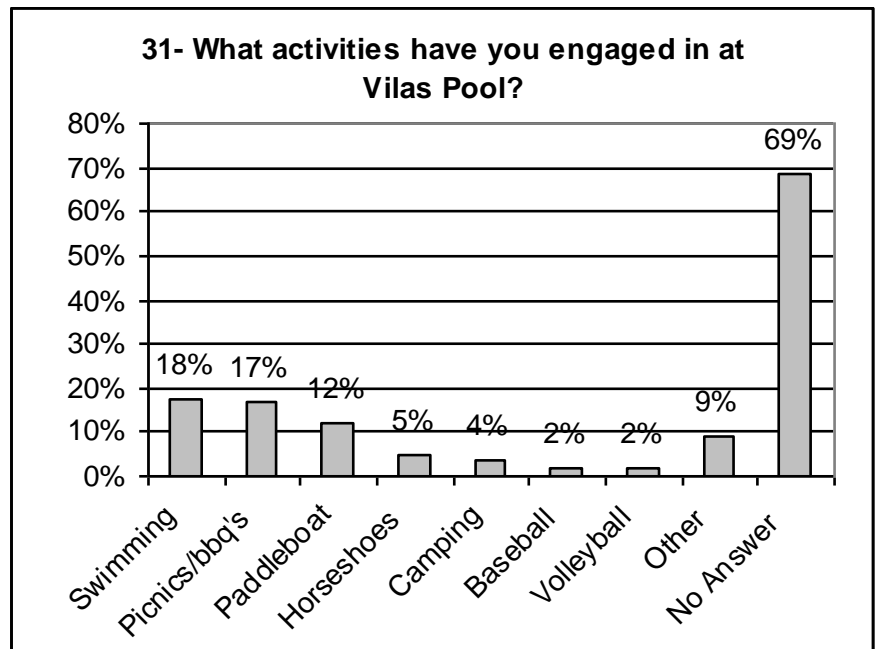
Average= 2.1 times annually



31) What activities have you engaged in at Vilas Pool?

Swimming	18%
Picnics/bbq's	17%
Paddleboat	12%
Horseshoes	5%
Camping	4%
Baseball	2%
Volleyball	2%
Other	9%
No Answer	69%

Other answers include:  
 summer program; treasure hunt;  
 diving board; children's activities;  
 summer activities; bell tower (2);  
 bell concerts; walking; tour area;  
 fishing



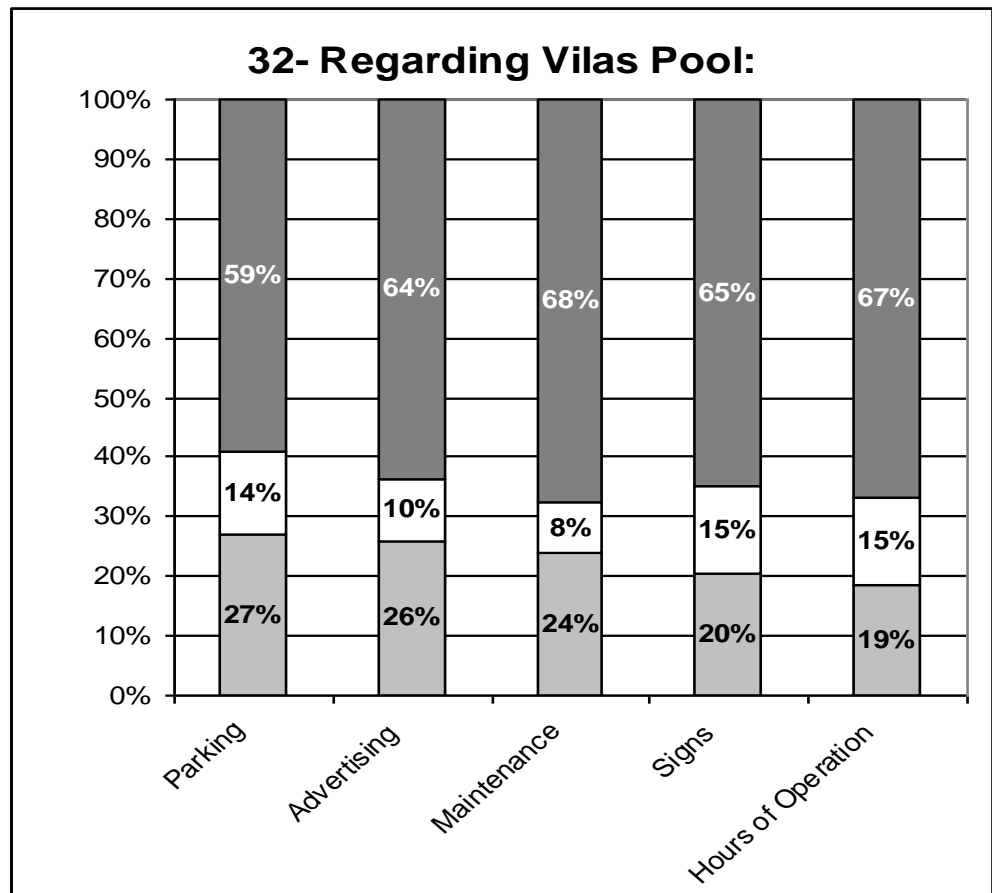
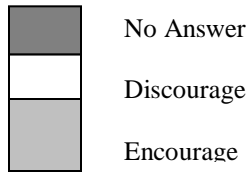
31a) What other types of activities should be offered at Vilas Pool?

Activities for young teens; interpretive trail system and info; refreshments stands; lectures; clean place to swim (2); card games; bingo; concerts; dancing (3); performances (2)

32) Vilas Pool:

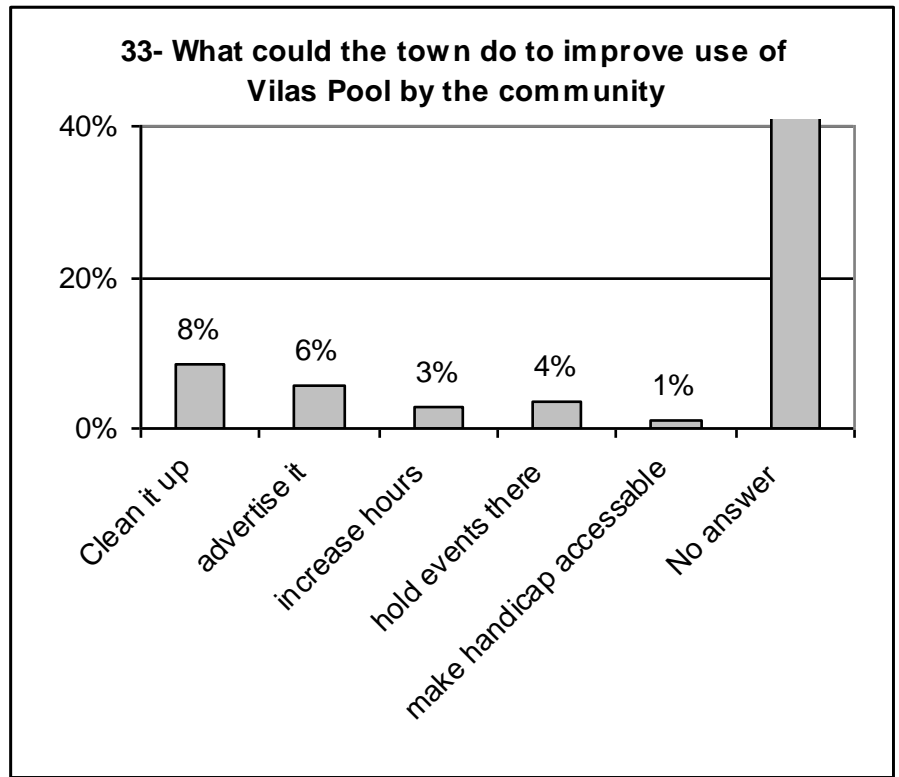
	Needs Improvement	Does Not Need Improvement	No Answer
Parking	27%	14%	59%
Advertising	26%	10%	64%
Maintenance	24%	8%	68%
Signs	20%	15%	65%
Hours of Operation	19%	15%	67%

Suggested hours of operation were from morning until late during the summer, at least 7:30pm



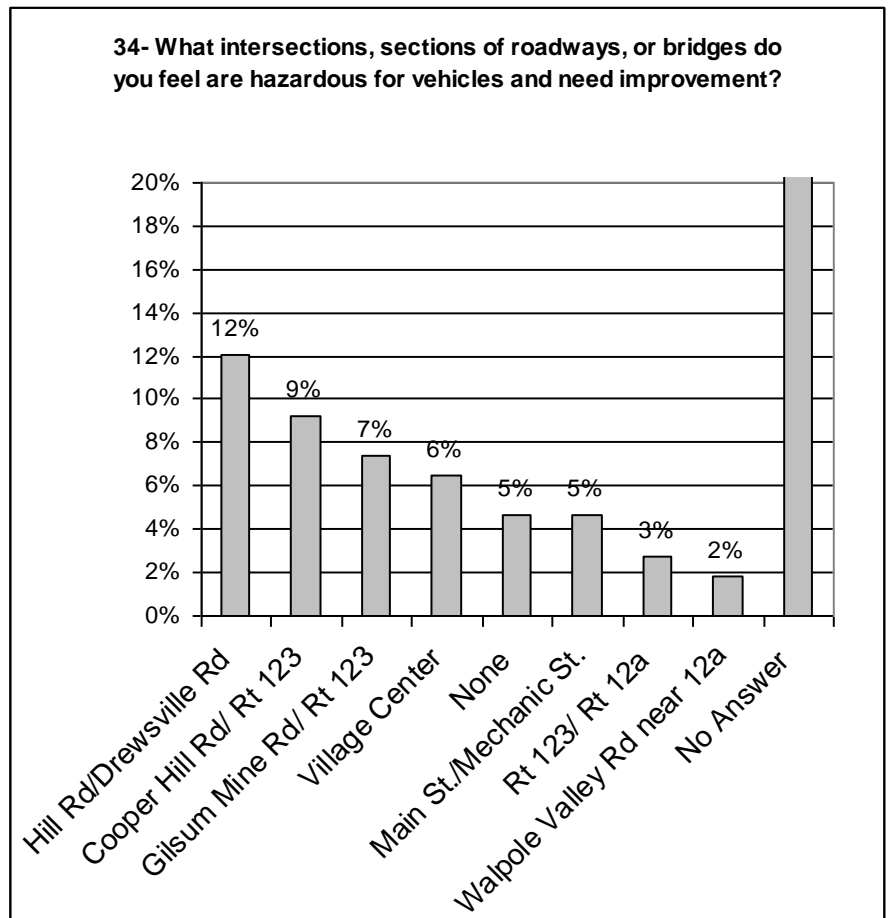
33) What could the Town do to improve use of Vilas Pool by the community?

Clean it up	8%
advertise it	6%
increase hours	3%
hold events there	4%
make handicap accessible	1%
No answer	71%



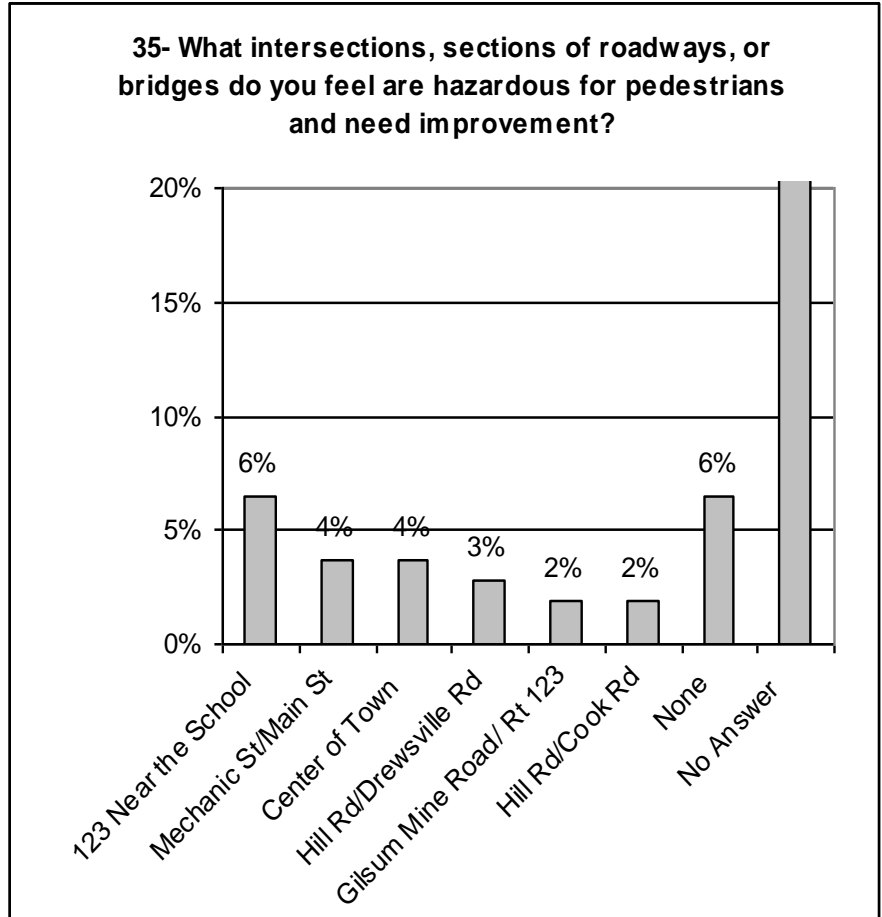
34) Are there any intersections, sections of roadways, or bridges that you feel are hazardous for vehicles, and need improvement?

Hill Rd/Drewsville Rd	12%
Cooper Hill Rd/ Rt 123	9%
Gilsum Mine Rd/ Rt 123	7%
Village Center	6%
None	5%
Main St./Mechanic St.	5%
Rt 123/ Rt 12a	3%
Walpole Valley Rd near 12a	2%
No Answer	51%



35) Are there any intersections, sections of roadways, or bridges that you feel are hazardous for pedestrians, and need improvement?

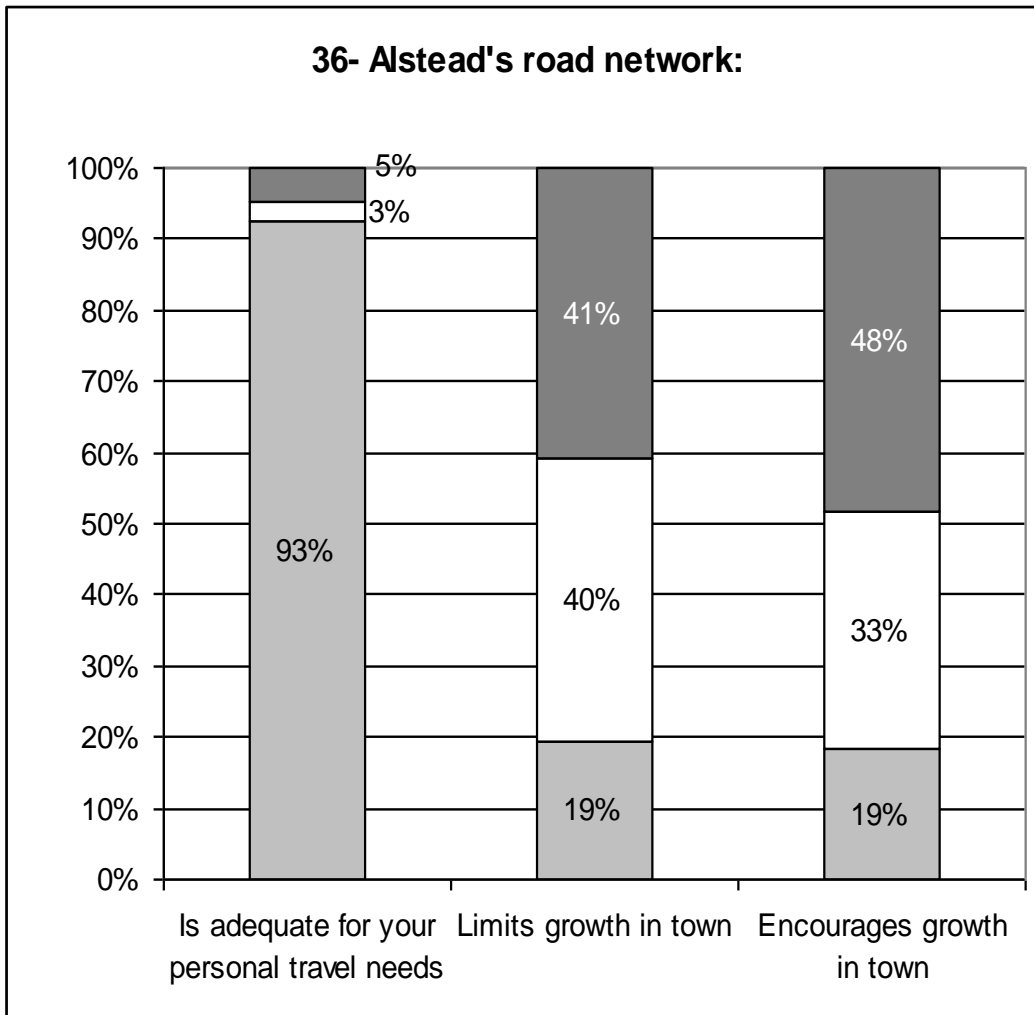
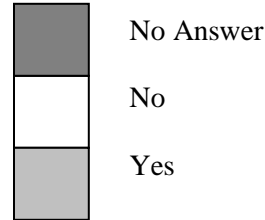
123 Near the School	6%
Mechanic St/Main St	4%
Center of Town	4%
Hill Rd/Drewsville Rd	3%
Gilsum Mine Road/ Rt 123	2%
Hill Rd/Cook Rd	2%
None	6%
No Answer	73%





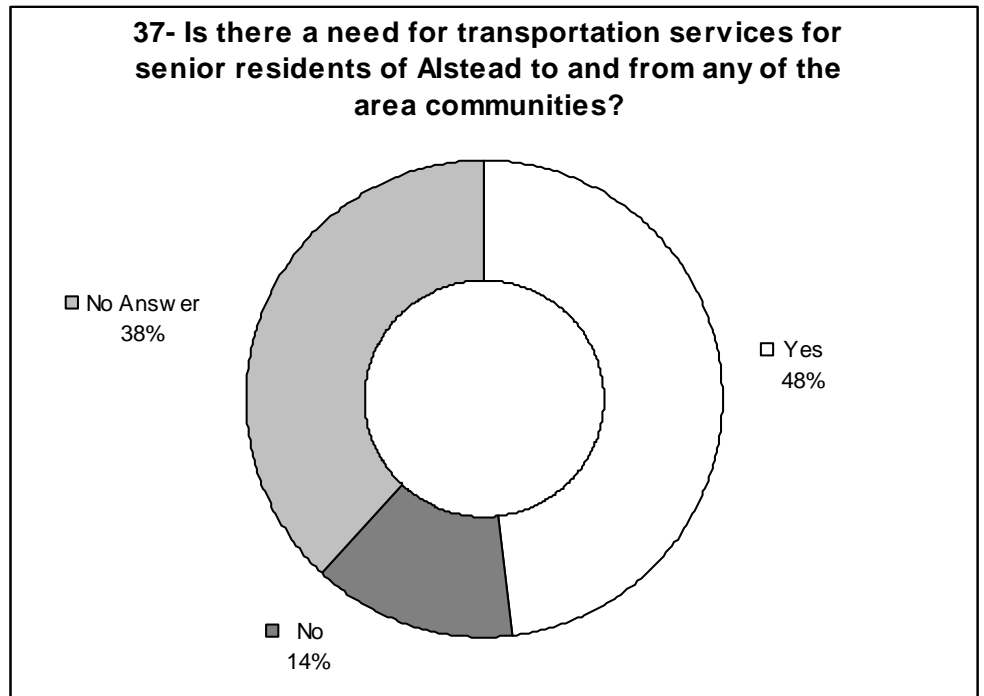
36) Alstead's road network is:

	Yes	No	No Answer
Is adequate for your personal travel needs	93%	3%	5%
Limits growth in town	19%	40%	41%
Encourages growth in town	19%	33%	48%



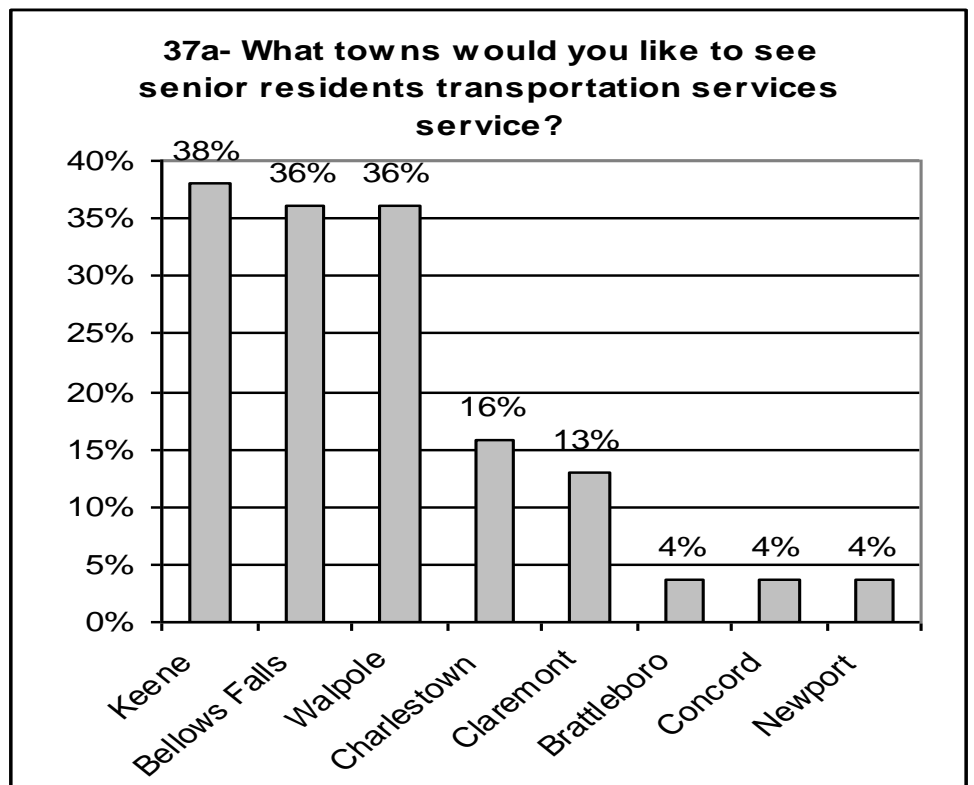
37) Is there a need for transportation services for senior residents of Alstead to and from any of the area communities?

Yes 48%  
 No 14%  
 No Answer 38%



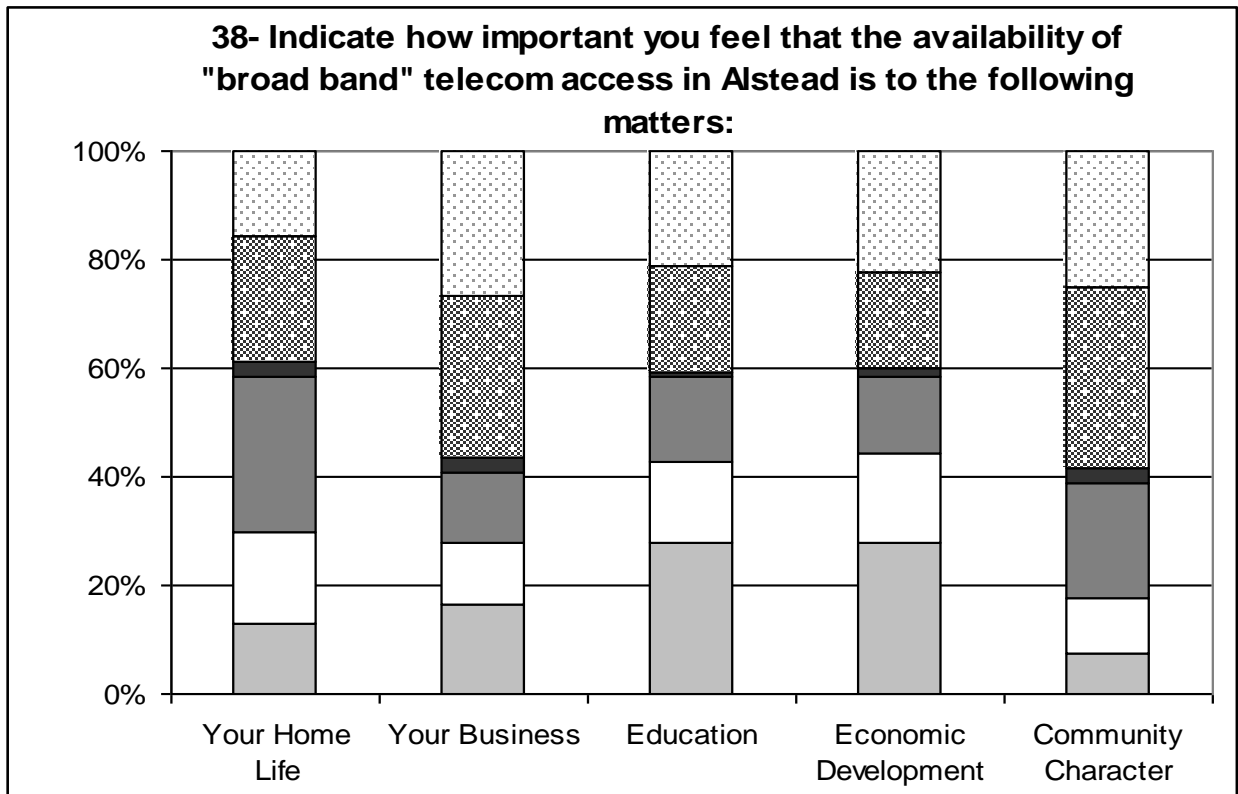
37a- If Yes, to which towns?

Keene 38%  
 Bellows Falls 36%  
 Walpole 36%  
 Charlestown 16%  
 Claremont 13%  
 Brattleboro 4%  
 Concord 4%  
 Newport 4%



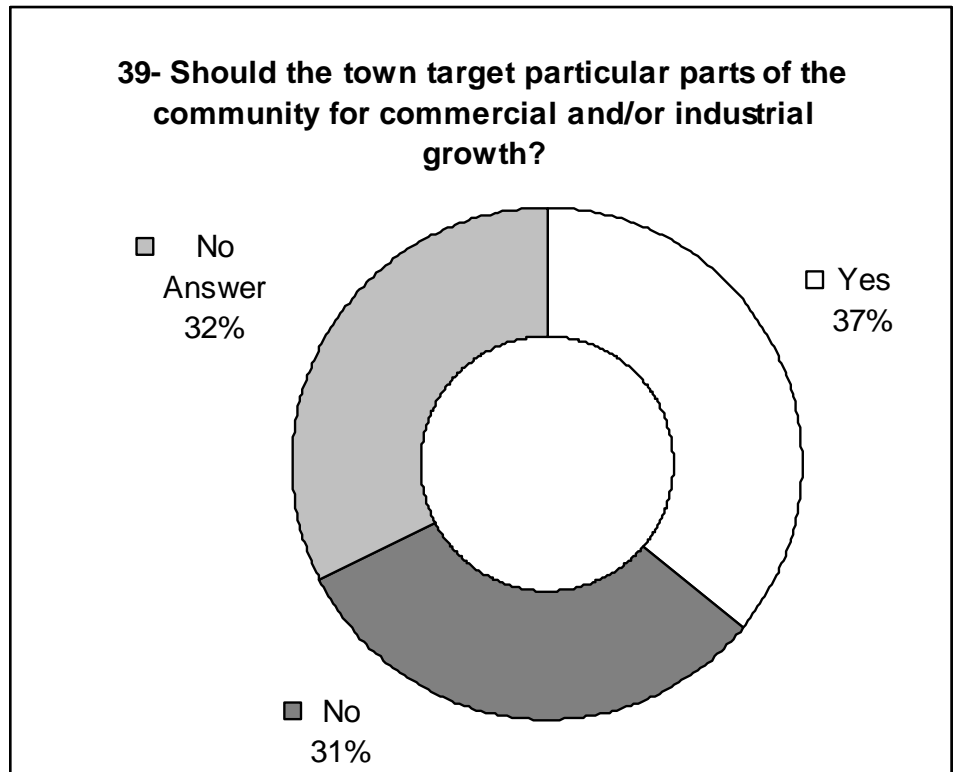
38) How important do you feel that the availability of “Broad Band” (high-speed internet) telecommunications access in Alstead is to the following matters:

	Essential	Somewhat Essential	Desired but not essential	Somewhat important	Not important	No answer	
Your Home Life	13%	17%	29%	3%	23%	16%	No Answer
Your Business	17%	11%	13%	3%	30%	27%	Not important
Education	28%	15%	16%	1%	19%	21%	Somewhat important
Economic Development	28%	17%	14%	2%	18%	22%	Desired
Community Character	7%	10%	21%	3%	33%	25%	Somewhat essential
							Essential



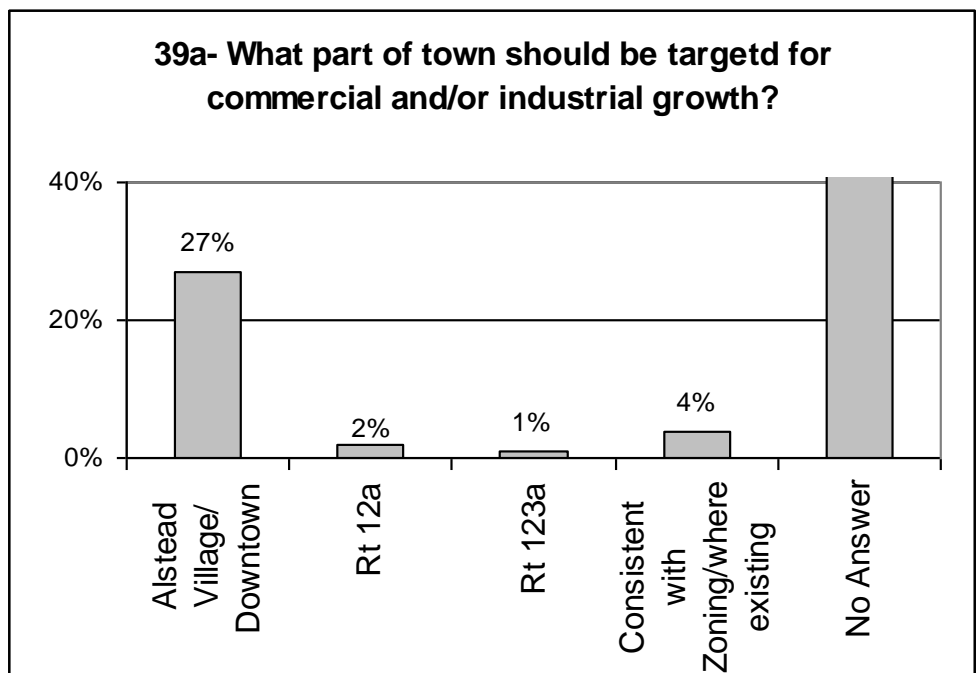
39) Should the Town target particular parts of the community for commercial and/or industrial growth?

Yes 36%  
 No 31%  
 No Answer 32%



39a) What part of town should be targeted for commercial and/or industrial growth?

Alstead 27%  
 Village/Downtown 27%  
 Rt 12a 2%  
 Rt 123a 1%  
 Consistent with Zoning/where existing 4%  
 No Answer 67%



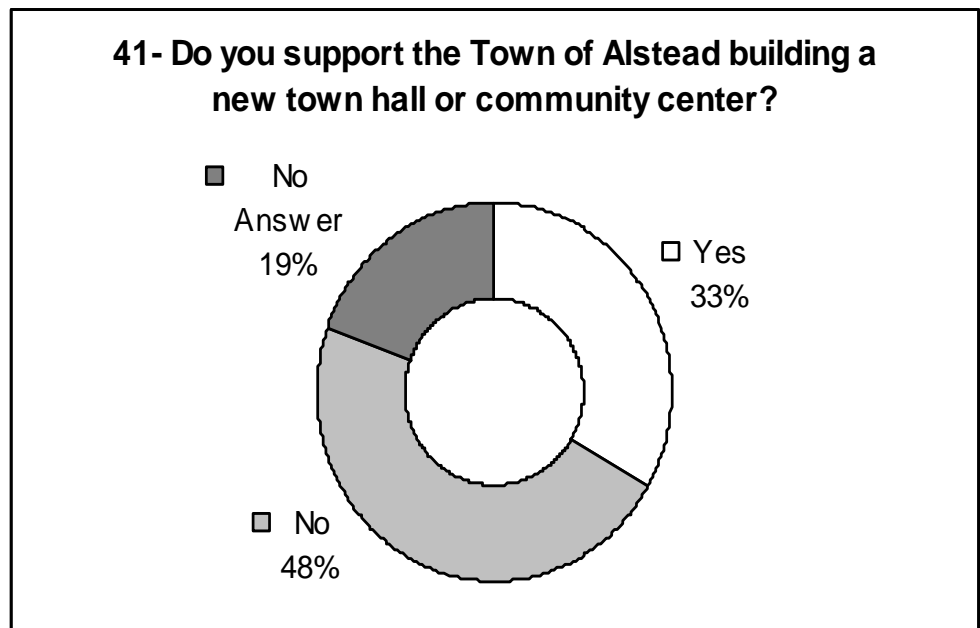
40) Should the Town actively promote the Village as a location for new businesses?

Yes 62%  
No 19%  
No Answer 19%



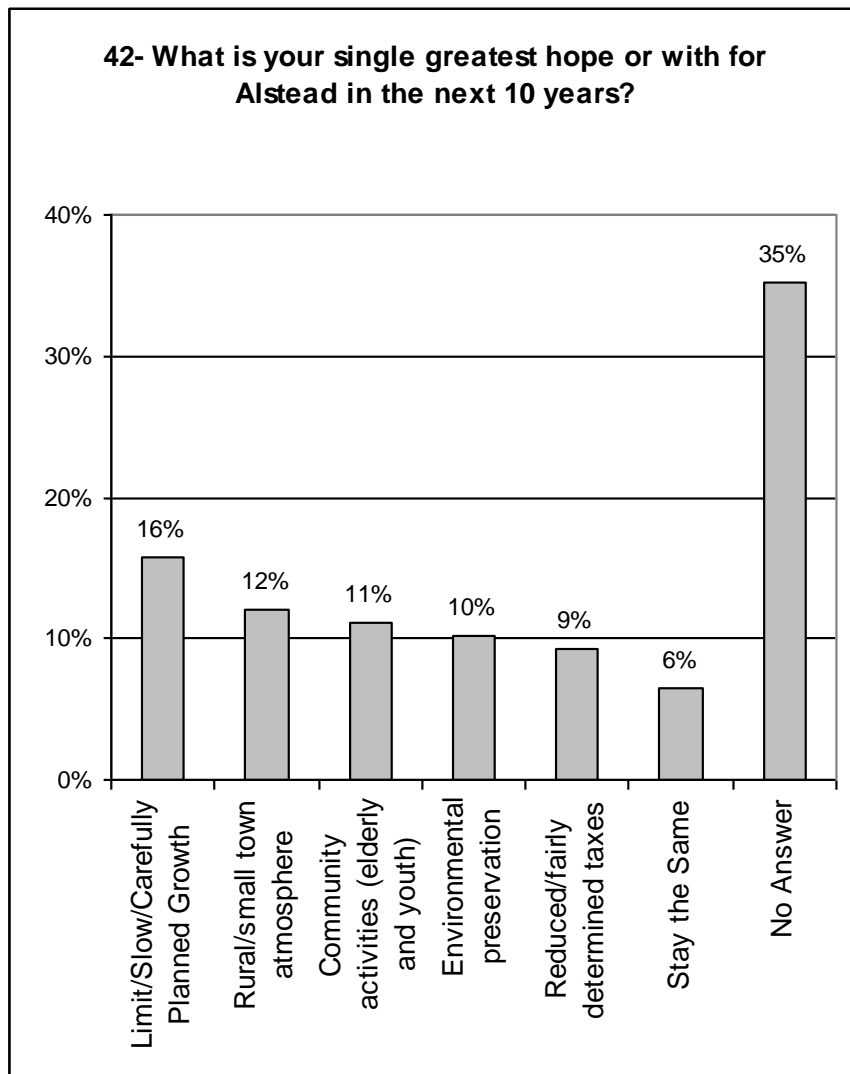
41) Do you support the Town of Alstead building a new town hall or community center?

Yes 33%  
No 47%  
No Answer 19%



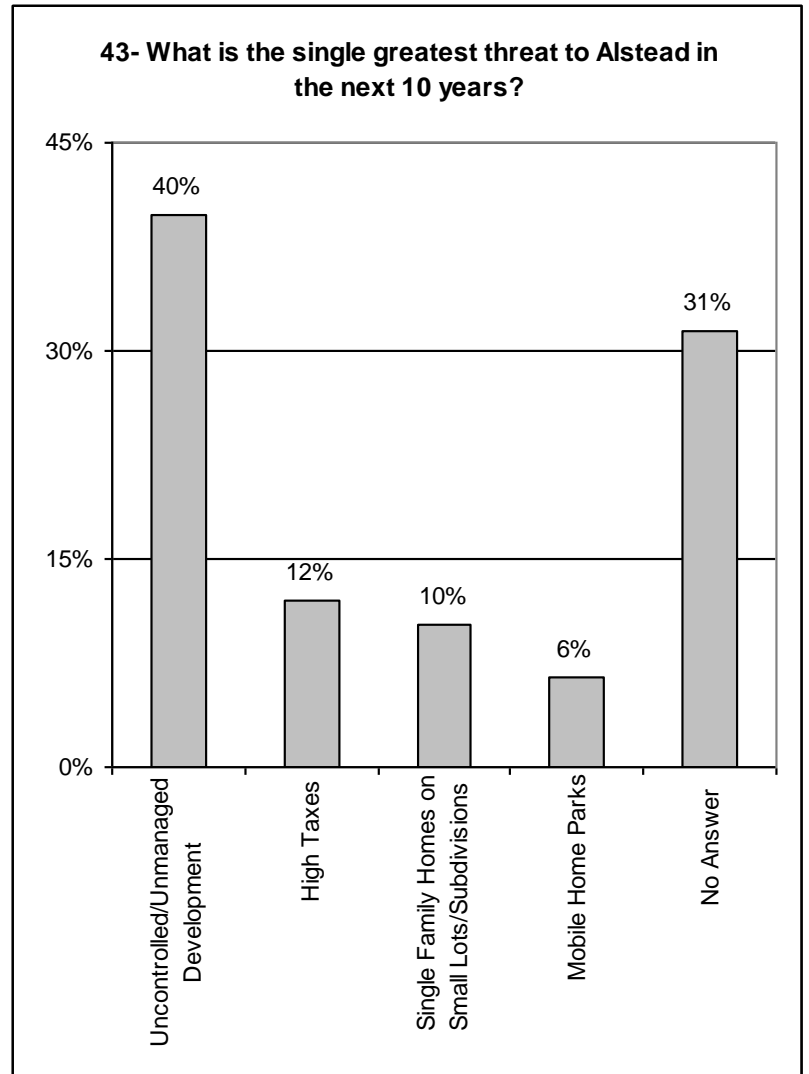
42) What is your single greatest hope or wish for Alstead in the next 10 years?

Limit/Slow/Carefully Planned Growth	16%
Rural/small town atmosphere	12%
Community activities (elderly and youth)	11%
Environmental preservation	10%
Reduced/fairly determined taxes	9%
Stay the Same	6%
No Answer	35%



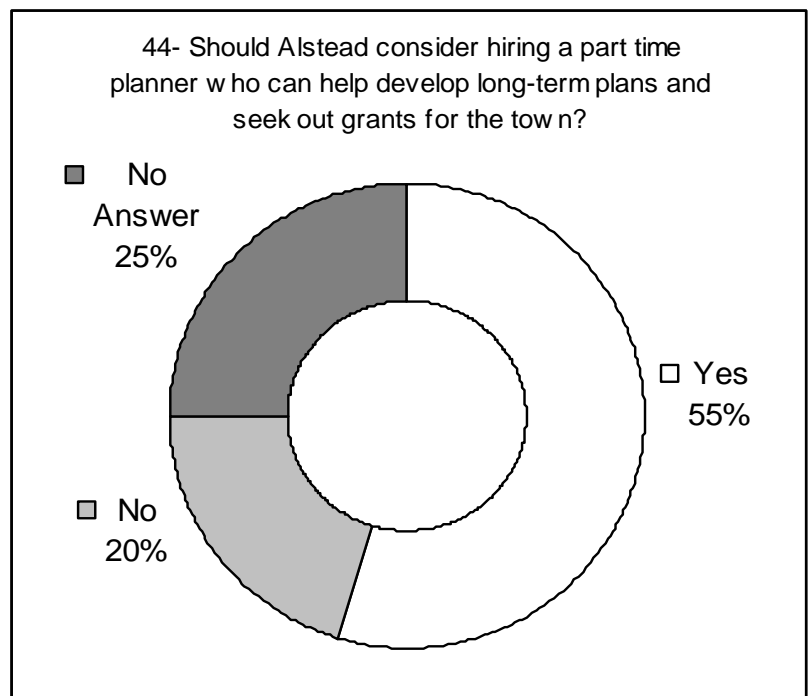
43) What is the single greatest threat to Alstead in the next 10 years?

Uncontrolled/Unmanaged Development	40%
High Taxes	12%
Single Family Homes on Small Lots/Subdivisions	10%
Mobile Home Parks	6%
No Answer	31%



44) Long-term planning is a difficult and time-consuming process for our volunteer boards, and is unlikely to get any easier as the Town grows. Many towns have part-time planners who help develop long-term plans, work with regional planners and seek out grants for their towns. Should Alstead consider doing the same?

Yes	55%
No	20%
No Answer	25%



## Additional Comments

### Alstead Survey

- there needs to be more volunteering
- highschoolers should have to do community services
- need a general store
- have community meeting where planners show people how much land has been lost, people must be educated about what can be done to preserve what is left
- thank you
- Friendly Meals needs cooking appliances on site or be in a place with appliances already installed
- Friendly Meals needs facilities to cook and serve at same location
- we are particularly lucky to have wise, thoughtful, farsighted leadership by our selectmen and volunteers who serve on boards and in so many other ways
- these should have been mailed out to all residents
- flatlanders moving in & changing our lifestyle, limited access to Warren Pond
- hire consultants as needed, that way you control the process. I love my land in Alstead, filled with peace, a spiritual retreat.
- need more services for the elderly-home health services.
- promote opening of village store & other local shops
- Need regs for high intensity lighting that diminishes rural quality; Need regs against feeding deer in town
- Am not against growth; jobs are good but need to be centralized; encourage small business & at home business; dense housing leads to high taxes - losing proposition; maintain 5 acre minimum & let people alone
- Don't want "executive bedroom community" where farming etc. not allowed
- town should get involved in preserving Chase's Mill
- voters should elect all officials
- need enforcement against truck and motorcycle noise
- Assess 1 acre bldg lots on location and accessibility-not just size, view is a personal choice-not accessor's
- Speeding a problem-need to enforce limits, more speed limit signs
- Prudent purchase of police vehicles, monitor ATV trail bikes for registration, speed and noise on Class 6 roads
- Approved of and appreciated post card sent to land owners notifying how to dispose of junk vehicles. Disappointed with those who did not respond to notice and still have unregistered vehicles marring landscape. Would like to see a fine, penalty, tax, etc. for those who ignore. Needs to be some enforcement.
- Important to realize that "world is run by those who show up". Appreciate our volunteers. Possible grant for Rt 123 bike lane?
- Try to get help from the state or federal government so town can afford more open space.
- Excellent!
- strong zoning, solid master plan, will to implement it
- more swimming access at lake warren
- teens driving too fast on back roads
- voters vote on all official positions/ including all dept heads