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Subsection C

Town of Clinton
Comprehensive Plan Committee
2019 Public Survey

The Comprehensive Plan Committee surveyed the Town Of Clinton residents in October of 2019. The survey was emailed to the town's email list. It was distributed at the town office and at a Board of Selectmen's meeting. Thirty-five citizens chose to respond to the survey, the following information is based on those responses.

The responding citizens felt strong satisfaction (85% positive) with living in the Town of Clinton. Folks enjoy our small rural community with its small businesses spread throughout town. They appreciate and value the rural mix of open farm and forested land. They believe this setting to be one of our strongest assets. Our responding citizens would like to see any large industrial or commercial businesses located in designated areas. They support our zoning laws for these businesses. And by continuing to locate these businesses in designated areas, the Town of Clinton will protect both its rural atmosphere and its agricultural resources. A majority of citizens would like the Town of Clinton to identify environmentally sensitive areas and limit development in those areas.

Many respondents would like to see increased grants and Maine State financial assistance to upgrade our housing stock. They also want aggressive enforcement of safety and sanitation laws and ordinances. And of course we all want lower taxes. Folks showed strong support for our Fire and Police Departments. They support our Public Works and our Code Enforcement. And they want to see Town notifications to the public improved. It's only fair to note the Town of Clinton now has an electronic sign, thanks to our Lions club, we have a regular town newsletter, and most importantly we have an email contact list which promotes ALL town meetings, notifications and events. Any citizen who has an email address can sign up to keep in touch with town notifications. Direct mailings to every citizen would be costly to the Town. Sign up for email notifications and we'll keep in touch.

What do our townspeople think is missing? Some folks would like a bus route for extended shopping and medical appointments. What is our most common interest as a community? Ninety percent of the survey respondents would like some sort of walking area. From wildlife trails, to walkways along the river, to wider and better shoulders along our roads. Folks would like expanded access to our two rivers. And even a beach with swimming areas. And they wanted to fund these enhancements to our lifestyle with grant money. We are capable of achieving all of this. And with grant money and volunteers none of these will affect our tax bills.

Why does the Town of Clinton need a Comprehensive Plan? We need the Plan because it is mandated by the State of Maine towns write a Comprehensive plan every 12 years. Why did the committee conduct a survey of townspeople? The survey was conducted for several reasons. The first reason is because we wanted to know what our townspeople thought about where their homes are located. And the second reason was because **this is your plan**. The Comprehensive Planning Committee will present their final plan to the Board of Selectmen and to the citizens of the Town of Clinton for final approval before submitting the final plan to the State of Maine.

We thank all those who participated in the survey.