

**2014 Marshfield Planning Commission Town Survey**

We want your input! This anonymous survey is being sent by mail to all households on the Grand List and the voter registration list. The Planning Commission will be reviewing all responses. **Please help us get clarity on how you want your town to look for future generations.** We value each person's opinion. Please answer any questions you feel comfortable in doing so. If there is more than one person in your household who wants to answer this survey, please put more than one answer on the page. Thank you for participating in this important process. Sincerely, Marshfield Planning Commission

- A.1. Is your primary residence in the town of Marshfield? \_\_\_\_\_
  - 2. How long have you lived in Marshfield? \_\_\_\_\_
  - 3. What road do you live on? \_\_\_\_\_
  - 4. What zoning district(s) are you in? \_\_\_\_\_ (V-Village, A/RR-Agricultural and Rural Residential, F/C-Forestry and Conservation, FH-Flood Hazard, DK-don't know)
  - 5. What do you like best about where you live? \_\_\_\_\_
  - 6. Anything about Marshfield past that you miss? \_\_\_\_\_
  - 7. What is the least desirable aspect about where you live? \_\_\_\_\_
  - 8. Do you commute to work? \_\_\_\_ If yes, what is your mode of transportation? \_\_\_\_\_
  - 9. Do you work in Marshfield? \_\_\_\_\_
  - 10. Is part of your home a home business? \_\_\_\_\_
  - 11. Do you rent? \_\_\_\_\_
  - 12. How old is your home? \_\_\_\_\_
  - 13. What does 'Rural Character' mean to you? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
  - 14. What kind of development would you like to see in Marshfield? \_\_\_\_\_  
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  - 15. What kind of development would you like to see in Marshfield Village? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
  - 16. Do you believe Marshfield could provide basic needs such as groceries, banking etc. creating 'economic development' from within? \_\_\_\_\_ What might that look like to you?  
\_\_\_\_\_
  - 17. Do you shop in Marshfield Village? \_\_\_\_\_
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B. Circle the answer that you agree with most.

1. How do you describe your familiarity with Marshfield zoning regulations  
**very familiar    a little familiar    not much    not at all**

2. I would like to see the current **600'** typical Agricultural and Rural Residential (buildable) Zone changed to: **300' 400' 500' No Change 700' 800' 900' 1,000' 1,500'**

3. Do you think that Agricultural land should be in a separate Zone from the Rural Residential/buildable Zone with more protections for farm land? (Currently, any land that is zoned as Agricultural on the zoning map is also zoned as buildable.)  
**Yes                      No**

4. Current Zoning / Subdivision system is  
**Perfect            Fine            Needs work            Has major flaws            Terrible**

5. Marshfield zoning should be repealed in its entirety  
(even if there is no town zoning, Vermont has land use laws - Act 250)  
**Strongly agree            Agree            Neutral            Disagree            Strongly disagree**

6. Wetlands should be protected  
**Strongly agree            Agree            Neutral            Disagree            Strongly disagree**

7. Significant wildlife habitat should be protected (as identified by the VT Community Wildlife Program)  
**Strongly agree            Agree            Neutral            Disagree            Strongly disagree**

8. Historic structures should be preserved  
**Strongly agree            Agree            Neutral            Disagree            Strongly disagree**

9. Farmland should be preserved and utilized  
**Strongly agree            Agree            Neutral            Disagree            Strongly disagree**

10. There should be incentives to utilize farmland  
**Strongly agree            Agree            Neutral            Disagree            Strongly disagree**

11. Affordable housing for moderate and low income families should be supported by the town  
**Strongly agree            Agree            Neutral            Disagree            Strongly disagree**

C. Elder Care

The Planning Commission heard from you at our 3 Forums in 2013 that affordable elder housing is an important concern. The following questions are designed to allow the Planning Commission to get better clarity as to what you really want.

Check as many as apply:

1. I want to see in Marshfield elder housing that is  
 apartments with services that come to the housing  
 a home with services provided in-home (medical staff)  
 housing only  
 other \_\_\_\_\_

2. Where:

- In the village  
 Near Twinfield School  
 In an adjacent town (East Montpelier has been working on a project)  
 Near a hospital  
 other \_\_\_\_\_

3. I would seriously consider to moving to an elder housing unit.  
 4. I would like a parent have the option for elder housing.  
 5. I think it is a good idea.

D. Any other comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

E. If you are interested in volunteering on any town commissions or boards please let us know here or let the Selectboard know. \_\_\_\_\_.

Please return with your tax bill payment or to the Town Clerk's office by August 31, 2014.  
THANK YOU!

Return to:  
Marshfield Town Clerk  
122 School Street, Room 1  
Marshfield, VT 05658