

# APPENDIX A.2

## 2006 Questionnaire Results

### Question 1

Do you think that housing affordability is a problem in Warren?

	Yes	No	Total
	98 97.03%	3 2.97%	101

### Question 2

Does your family have to pay more than 30% of its household income on housing costs?

	Yes	No	Total
	36 38.71%	57 61.29%	93

### Question 3

Warren needs more of the following types of affordable housing?

	Yes	No	Total
Rental units	74 89.16%	9 10.84%	83
Seasonal workforce housing	70 86.42%	11 13.58%	81
Houses--1 <sup>st</sup> time homeowners	88 96.70%	3 3.30%	91

### Question 4

The Town of Warren SHOULD address affordable housing needs in the following ways:

	Yes	No	Total
Appropriate money annually for financial assistance to homeowners / renters	13 17.81%	60 82.19%	73
Amend zoning to allow an additional density bonus for affordable housing	72 82.76%	15 17.24%	87
Donate town land for affordable housing development	60 75.00%	20 25.00%	80
Provide incentives to employers to provide housing or housing support for their employees	70 80.46%	17 19.54%	87
Require developers to create a minimum of 10% affordable housing in their developments or else contribute money to an affordable housing fund	73 80.22%	18 19.78%	91

### Question 5

Do you use daycare for your children

	Yes	No	Total
	10 10.64%	84 89.36%	94

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**Question 6**

Last year the Town allocated \$20,000 to the Warren Conservation fund. The purpose of the conservation fund is to purchase and protect critical agricultural, forested and open lands in the Town. In the future the Town should allocate:

Same		More Than \$20,000		Less Than \$20,000		None	Total
45	52.33%	37	43.02%	4	4.65%	3	89

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**Question 7**

For each conservation objective listed below please indicate what you think the Town should support through zoning, funds or other means.

Strong Favor		In Favor		Indifferent		Not in Favor		Total
Wildlife habitat and travel corridors								
64	73.56%	18	20.69%	5	5.75%	0		87
High elevation ridge lines and knolls								
52	58.43%	20	22.47%	12	13.48%	5	5.62%	89
Land with trails or other recreation opportunities								
56	60.87%	28	30.43%	5	5.43%	3	3.26%	92
Connectivity of conserved lands								
48	53.33%	23	25.56%	15	16.67%	4	4.44%	90
Public access to the mad river								
61	65.59%	22	23.66%	8	8.60%	2	2.15%	93
Agricultural lands and other open meadows								
58	65.17%	20	22.47%	8	8.99%	3	3.37%	89
Large tracts of forestlands								
47	51.09%	27	29.35%	12	13.04%	6	6.52%	92
Wetlands								
58	65.91%	15	17.05%	13	14.77%	2	2.27%	88
Water quality of the Mad River, it's tributaries & headwaters								
72	79.12%	16	17.58%	2	2.20%	1	1.10%	87
Scenic Road Corridors								
36	41.38%	26	29.89%	19	21.84%	6	6.90%	87

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**Question 8**

The newly enacted Town Plan stresses the importance of maintaining Town Functions (i.e. Post Office, library, fire station and municipal offices in the existing Town Center. Do you agree?

Yes		No		Total
90	95.74%	4	4.26%	94

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**Question 9**

The Town is planning some much needed improvements to the Town Garage facility that is off of School Road. Please indicate what you think about the following variables.

	Very Important	Somewhat Imp.	Neutral	Not Important	Total
Cost effectiveness	70 76.096%	16 17.39%	6 6.52%	0	92
Location	45 52.94%	21 24.71%	16 18.82%	3 3.53%	87
Aesthetics	27 30.68%	28 31.82%	25 28.41%	8 9.09%	88
Long term viability	78 85.71%	9 9.89%	4 4.40%	0	91
Other	3 42.86%	0	4 57.14%	0	7

**Question 10**

Development issues that may be considered in the next amendment of the Town's zoning by-laws:

	Yes	No	Total	
Does Warren need a Growth Center to accommodate business and/or mixed use?	53 63.10%	31 36.90%	84	
There is currently a small commercial district at the Route 100 / Access Road intersection. Should this district be made larger?	43 49.43%	44 50.57%	87	
Generally the minimum lot size in residential areas is 1 acre. The minimum lot size should be?				
<b>Be made larger</b>	<b>Be made smaller</b>	<b>Stay the Same</b>	<b>Depends</b>	<b>Total</b>
12 13.04%	5 5.43%	23 25.00%	52 56.52%	92

**Question 11**

Should the historic Town Hall be maintained and utilized for multiple public uses?

Yes	No	Total
89 95.70%	4 4.30%	93

**Question 12**

The Kingsbury Bridge on Route 100 needs to be replaced. Should it be replaced with a modern highway structure?

Yes	No	Total
35 46.66%	40 53.33%	75

## Town of Warren Questionnaire Comments

### 1) Do you think that housing affordability is a problem in Warren?

- Note: 2 exclamation “!” and a “definitely” by “yes” answers

### 2) Does your family have to pay more than 30% of its household income on housing costs??

- Note: No additional comments

### 3) Warren needs more of the following types of affordable housing?

- Long term rental units
- Seasonal work force housing to be paid for by Sugarbush
- Affordable quality rentals
- Rental units in existing homes
- Low tech / low cost housing. Maybe not every dwelling needs electricity
- We need many sized units and houses to accommodate families of all sizes—1, 2, 3+ people
- Middle income and low income
- Warren needs to attract young families who live here full time
- Retired

### 4) The Town of Warren SHOULD address affordable housing needs in the following ways:

- Housing development with business development—if someone builds a hotel they should be required to build housing for hotel employees.
- Luxury / square footage tax for big expensive homes
- Continue work with CVCLT & VHCB to get \$ to pay for new affordable housing (single family homes) construction in Warren
- Affordable housing must be close (within walking distance) to Town center/services
- Would like additional encouragement of high density housing, zoning to limit “rural” sprawl
- Support Habitat for Humanity and take obstacles out of their way

- Developers should be required to create more than 10% affordable housing in their developments.
- Developers should contribute to a fund as affordable housing not compatible in housing developments

### 5) If your daycare needs are not being met what additional day care needs do you have?

- More options / opportunities
- Too expensive
- Affordable summer program for enrichment programs for older youth
- The Warren PreK-K, KPAS and WASP programs are a godsend—worth their weight in gold

### 6) Allocation of money to the Warren Conservation Fund.

- Depends on their future plans
- Could this be officially combined with an affordable housing land purchase fund
- None—leave things alone, too much government as it is
- None
- The same amount unless a good argument can be made to increase it at Town Meeting
- 0

### 7) Level of support for various conservation objectives:

- Protect property owners right—less taking!
- Affordable housing parcels
- Provide provision (funding) to mow meadowlands as designated on meadowland map
- Strongly in favor of large tracts of forestland “for sustainable” fuel
- Route 100 open space should be preserved
- Locate a new road from the Access Road to the airport
- Limit development
- Strongly in favor of high elevation ridge lands and knolls, unless used for alt energy
- Sensitively combine conservation with community development and traditional uses

- In favor of large tracts of forestland—“have quite a bit—need more info.
- Develop a horse trail network
- Indifferent of high ridge elevation ridge lands and knolls “already protected”
- Is the Town in the land business
- Horse trails!! everywhere possible

**8) Importance of maintaining Town functions in the existing Town Center**

- If you can find adequate parking
- Very strongly support keep all in Village
- Strongly yes
- Critical
- If there is adequate parking and space in the buildings
- Where is Town Center?

**9) Variables that need to be considering in developing the improvements to the Town Garage facility**

- House buses for school
- Keep a wood stove in the shop
- The garage should be moved to the gravel pit to make the current location available for housing
- Early morning noise consideration for neighbors
- Central, highly visible location
- Functional
- Life cycle costing
- Should use as summer employee headquarters—landscape

**10) (a) Does Warren need a growth center to accommodate businesses and/or mixed uses?**

- Waitsfield serves this
- ?
- What’s a growth center
- Does Warren need a growth center!
- Why existing commercial buildings only available for limited uses
- Why only one food service provider in town?
- Note sure

**(b) There is currently a small commercial district at the Rte 100 / Access Road intersection—should it be made larger?**

- Depends

- Not a priority right now
- No, but more densely used (mixed use)
- Need more info, probably yes
- Denser, not sprawling

**(c) Generally the minimum lot size in residential areas is one acre. Should the minimum lot sizes change? (larger, smaller, the same, vary depending on where)**

- Re-create a village zoning in East Warren, 4 corners, mixed use
- Smaller in Warren Village and other village areas
- Support cluster housing
- Smaller village lots
- Increase density in core area to protect and leave open other lands
- Need more high density housing and public open land
- Larger in Forest Reserve District
- Smaller in the village
- Larger in rural areas
- Smaller in vallag
- Smaller in WVR
- Larger in RR
- Net same or larger (5 acres nets) but allow smaller for clustering (1/8 acre)

**11) Should the historic Town Hall be maintained and utilized for multiple public uses? If not, what for?**

- Library
- New library
- Town functions—rented for functions, How about a good old fashioned dance?
- The library expansion being part of it
- For town groups = any groups who need a space. Maybe even rent the space
- Don’t change to library
- I support library use—we have Warren School stage
- Library, Public meetings, Concerts
- Square dances
- Not for a fixed use—i.e. library
- Historic building
- Library

## 12) Replacement of the Kingsbury Bridge

- Covered bridge
- Depends on cost
- Safety first—wider!
- Whatever is more cost effective
- Depending on cost and long term existence
- One that is more aesthetically pleasing...to focus more on the beautiful area rather than the bridge shape
- How about a covered bridge
- Wider with a walkway
- There needs to be a walking-biking path on the side
- Scale—very important, appearance not as important
- Wide enough to accommodate cars and bikes at the same time
- Something that will be historic over the years

## 13) What are the most important issues or problems that the Town should be planning to address (long range or short term)?

- Property crime / thefts / break-ins—decrease the emphasis on traffic enforcement and focus efforts on public safety and health
- Affordable
- Keeping school expenses down
- Housing that supports wages of all local employees
- Protecting natural resources
- Stopping the flood of hard drugs in the valley
- Affordable housing (15)
- Efficient energy sources
- Keeping cost down
- Keeping a small VT town
- Plan for growth to include town center to attract tourists which help our economy
- Control of education expenses
- Infrastructure
- Town facilities plan
- Library in Blair house
- Rec path to Waitsfield liquid fuel depletion & corresponding price increases
- Flight of youth, loss of their enthusiasm & initiative

- Climate change, transition from winter rec to year 'round'
- Recent school economic study issues
- Viable agriculture
- Public access to trails / open land
- Sand, gravel, block top
- Emergency relief centers with alternative energy systems
- I question locating 'affordable' housing units near Kingsbury Bridge—because it would require low income people having to drive to get supplies, go to P.O. etc. I do not wish to see these facilities put in the Kingsbury Bridge area
- Zoning to restrict development
- Reducing costs to lower taxes
- Maintain current quality of life in Town
- Energy—peak oil considerations
- Bigger library
- Sustainability (2)
- Alternative energy
- Education
- Keeping people here
- Rate of development
- Affordability of homes—the second homeowners are buying up affordable homes!
- Maintaining the scenic / historic quality of the town while working on improving economic growth
- Work to insure a niche for low and mid-income population
- Work to support towns and others at risk of becoming dangerous drug users—i.e meth-amphetamine
- Sustainable agriculture
- Sustainable energy
- Public transportation
- Energy efficiency
- Preservation of Vermont culture, land, life
- Public recreational area—for use Valley wide
- Real estate tax burden
- The town bureaucracy that is growing
- Energy
- Affordable living
- Energy independence (wind power)
- Economic independence (small-scale local business)

- Growth, sprawl, development in town to maintain in community, not Sugarbush
- Loss of character
- Employers supply housing for their employees
- Education
- Work place more of
- Law enforcement—not traffic control
- Building code
- Sand & gravel stockpile
- Municipal center
- Affordable housing—both rental & sale
- Consider purchasing road services instead of town infrastructure & staff
- Consolidate elementary schools—education costs
- Control of education expenses
- Viable plan for municipal facilities
- Affordability of housing for permanent residence
- Preservation of natural wildlife areas
- Attracting full-time families with school age children in community
- Building a larger business base
- More families rather than business
- Rising taxes
- Local school taxes—budget should be Australian ballot so property owners who pay for it can vote on this
- Keeping the village as is not commercial
- Maintain 'open' aspect of area
- Provide ability to build affordable housing
- Actively try to influence state on education funding
- Long term affordability for full time residents
- Real jobs—not seasonal jobs—grow businesses
- Smart growth
- Highway infrastructure to handle traffic
- Taxes too high
- Establishing a commercial district
- Developing building codes
- Police protection—maybe a town watch
- Taxes, housing, education
- Appropriate police efforts—crime prevention and solution
- Support for local business—tourist economy & farming
- Zoning & development regs to support an aesthetically uniform 'New England' town appearance to support tourism
- Housing for support staff
- Energy independency—transportation
- Agricultural preservation & vitality & diversity
- Growth centers, clustered housing & village life
- Safety: reduce speeding in village areas, paying attention to drug use & break-ins
- Economy—land to be used for light industry / tech
- Housing—affordable rental and home ownership
- Diversity—cultural, ethnic economic, scientific, artistic
- Conserving the town's critical natural resources / features in the face of 40% growth increase
- Elitism—mcmansions
- Shrinking, school-age population—i.e. the Warren school is losing students because young people can't afford to live here
- High density growth to limit 'rural sprawl'
- Preservation of open space for public use
- Preservation of open space for agricultural use
- Public transportation to reduce personal use of vehicles (reduce emissions & dependency on oil)
- Lower taxes
- Growth & inclusion of 30-something single people looking to belong to the community
- Jobs that pay
- Lower insurance or included in jobs
- Taxes
- Environment & conservation—moving towards alternative energy sources
- Affordable housing, drugs and crime
- New road access from airport to Rte 100
- Encourage infill housing in Warren Village (in 1910 there were many more houses in the village—this means we can live with more now)
- Expand the commercial district to the Flat Iron Road to Main Street to the Bridge
- Property taxes

- Public transportation—particularly for the elderly / disabled
- Growth in housing
- Long range—growth of properties being subdivided
- Short range---affordable housing
- Long range—protect forests, wetlands, scenic corridors & commercial growth
- Fix the school funding problem; reduce property taxes by 40%
- Affordable housing—maybe ask everyone who owns 100 or more acres to donate one to the town or habitat
- Property crime / theft / break-ins—decrease the emphasis on traffic enforcement and focus efforts on public safety and health
- Losing its scenic roads—keep small scenic roads
- Integrating mixed uses & small cluster housing
- Valley wide planning—steering committee is important