

Appendix - A

Town of Warren 2004 Questionnaire Results

Question 1

Housing affordability a problem?	Yes		No		Total
	135	76.70%	41	23.30%	176
What should the town do?	Yes		No		Total
Amend Zoning	97	73.48%	35	26.52%	132
Donate Land	74	60.66%	48	39.34%	122
Appropriate Money	30	25.21%	89	74.79%	119

Question 2

Traffic Problem in the village?	Yes		No		Total
	53	30.29%	122	69.71%	175

Question 3

Do you use daycare?	Yes		No		Total
	11	5.76%	180	94.24%	191
Daycare Affordable?	10	90.91%	1	9.09%	11
Daycare needs being met?	10	90.91%	1	9.09%	11
Daycare located?	Warren	Mad River	Other		Total
	6	4	1		11
	54.55%	36.36%	9.09%		

Question 4

Expand the GMNF?	Yes		No		Total
	119	71.26%	48	28.74%	167

Question 5

Money to Conservation fund?	Yes		No		Total	
	140	77.78%	40	22.22%	180	
Amount?	5-10K	10-15K	15-20K	20-25K	Other	Total
# of responses	28	16	14	36	16	110
	25.45%	14.55%	12.73%	32.73%	14.55%	

Question 6

Conservation values	Checked (191 responses)	
Land with trails or other recreation opportunities	120	63%
Water quality of the Mad River, it's tribs	119	62%
Wildlife habitat and travel corridors	86	45%
High elevation ridge lines and knolls	71	37%
Agricultural lands and other open meadows	68	36%
Public access to the mad river	49	26%
Wetlands	36	19%
Large tracts of forestlands	28	15%
Connectivity of conserved lands	20	10%
Scenic Road Corridors	15	8%

Question 7

Use of National Forest?	More		Less		Total
Wilderness	146	92.99%	11	7.01%	157
Non-motorized Trails	152	92.68%	12	7.32%	164
Remote Backcountry	139	92.05%	12	7.95%	151
Management for wildlife	146	91.25%	14	8.75%	160
Mountain Bike Trails	101	64.33%	56	35.67%	157
Logging	60	35.50%	109	64.50%	169
Snowmobile Trails	30	17.86%	138	82.14%	168
ATV Trails	17	10.49%	145	89.51%	162
Roads	15	9.80%	138	90.20%	153

Question 8

Facilities at Blueberry Lake?	Checked (191 responses)	
picnic area	114	59.69%
sandy beach	109	57.07%
boat ramp	37	19.37%
boat house	13	6.81%
none of the above	61	31.94%

Question 9

Municipal Space Needs?	Yes		No		Total
Renovate and Expand the Existing Building	80	62.50%	48	37.50%	128
Build a new Building	22	20.00%	88	80.00%	110
Wait for adjoining property	105	75.54%	34	24.46%	139

Question 10

Remove the Dam?	Yes		No		Total
	76	49.03%	79	50.97%	155

If "NO" should the town assume ownership, liability and maintenance responsibilities for the dam to prevent it from being removed?

Yes	No		Total	
42	59.15%	29	40.85%	71

Town of Warren Questionnaire Comments

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

- Affordable housing should be near where the jobs for them are
- Availability
- Give everyone a chance to get a piece of the pie
- Ask for state assistance, we must maintain a level of forest – limit development in certain areas
- Amend zoning for rental units
- Allocate areas for high density, low income housing
- Yes, but only in the village
- With stipulation for property care and maintenance
- I'd like to hear what the unemployment rate is in Warren compared to housing
- Look at property value realistically
- Work with Habitat and other organizations, i.e. shared appreciation
- Use property by the school
- Tax break for housing development
- Make it easier for homeowners to develop auxiliary apartments in their home
- Encourage multi family
- Get cemetery access
- Yes, we need to help keep this a mixed community – not just retirees! Kids, family, etc all kinds of people. Keep the community strong.
- Create tax incentives without compromising the

environment

- In addition to an affordable housing development project we should look for houses, apartment buildings to buy and turn into affordable housing. This is what they are doing in Newport, RI.
- Less second homes, more full time locals
- Taxes are the problem and low wages for persons working in the service industry
- But never lower construction and design standards
- Ease zoning requirements for multi-family development
- Business development projects should include employee housing
- Keep taxes down so people can afford to live build and keep it!
- Ease permitting process!
- There is affordable housing it just takes intelligence to find it

2) Is there a traffic problem in Warren Village?

- Temporary speed bumps (plowing) and speed limit reminders
- Speed bumps (3)
- Not yet
- Minimize parking at Warren Store, emphasize parking at Town Hall lot, only parallel parking on street
- 10 minute parking – Warren Store and Pitcher Inn parking tickets
- street light, bridge lights

- Stop signs at Brook Road intersection w/Main Street
- We need sidewalks
- Narrow roads, No cars on Main St between the Brook Road and Flat Iron Road.
- Fix the road before there is any more money spent on traffic studies or any other study
- Stop signs at ALL intersections
- No more SUV's
- Traffic calming, police picking up those who do not stop at stop signs
- Stop developing
- Parking is a problem, not good to back out in Warren store
- No parking in front of the pitcher inn
- Look at long range parking issues
- We need to create a unified Main Street area
- Speeding through the village center
- Need more parking for warren store
- Get people to slow down
- People drive to fast!
- Speed indicating display on brook Road.
- Sidewalk needed on Brook Road
- Widen roads, no street parking
- There's a parking problem, but not a traffic problem.
- No sidewalks please, don't suburbanize downtown Warren
- Need to create additional parking somewhere.
- Move the municipal building out of the village and only approve new buildings if they can provide their own parking.
- Try to slow down drivers at the south end of town
- Eliminate on street parking – especially at the Pitcher Inn
- Not increase business (new)
- I see speed a factor – but we've tried many things
- More a parking problem, need parking lots for individual businesses
- The Warren Store and Pitcher Inn are using the road for parking – they should develop their own.

3) Do you use daycare for your children?

- The town could help support WASP and KPAS, Both non-profit at Warren Elementary School
- Vacations and shut down day care would be great
- Will need daycare next year – having difficulty finding a good affordable option

4) Should the United States Forest Service expand the Green Mountain National Forest in the town of Warren?

- Depends what is lost or gained
- They have plenty
- Yes, but not wilderness!

- Buy right of way for future roads and future settlements such as E Warren village
- Need more information

5) Should the town annually allocate funds 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.

- \$1,000
- \$50,000
- pay as you buy
- as much as we can afford!
- conditional yes, as long as we don't go overboard with the allocation
- has to be looked at part of the entire budget
- depends on the health of town resources, set a number at \$25,000 but could be varied from year to year
- you are going to have to support the conservation fund financially; you can't buy anything for \$25,000
- 5-10% of the school budget, we can't do too much!
- Not used later for affordable housing
- Whatever the town can reasonably afford
- The fund should ask for money on a case by case basis
- Meadowland zoning works

6) What should be the town's highest conservation priorities? Please rank the following options from 1-10 in the order of preference:

- the roads
- clean the river out so the fish can live
- no scenic road corridors
- right of way for future roads such as the Warren Village By-pass
- population growth – what a concept!!!

7) There are 7,200 acres of National Forest in Warren. The Forest Service is currently revising its management plan for the Green Mountain National Forest and is seeking public input on how various areas of the Forest should be managed.

- Horse riding trails

8) What facilities would you like to see at Blueberry Lake?

- Goose, waterfowl control. Waterfowl and swimmers don't mix; swimmers ITCH!
- Toilets
- Boat house with a fire place
- Landscape the island, camp areas across the lake, swimming raft

- Until we see what we need as we use it – it is beautiful now and that should be compromised as little as possible
- Also some ordinance on dogs running at large. People bring them and turn them loose.
- I like it “as is” but a little improvement would not be bad
- Boat house paid for with users fees
- Clean up from water fowl
- Stock lake w/Bass to help keep the lake clean
- Simple and rustic
- Overnight tent camping
- Drain it and leave alone
- Mountain bike trails across Plunkton

9) How should the town meet the expanding space needs of the town municipal building?

- Use the warren school building and merge warren and Waitsfield schools
- Use a mobile unit until then
- Use the town hall as offices
- Least costly option
- Combine the Waitsfield and Warren elementary schools; make retired school building municipal space
- Build a main library up at the school and get the children off Brook Road walking, this would give room at the municipal building
- Use downstairs of town hall
- Buy the land near the Sugarbush Access Road and build a new building.

10) Should the town support the removal of the timber crib dam in Warren Village?

- Town should remove dam and use gravel as payment for their costs
- Make the dam a historic site
- Remove the current dam, clean up the gravel and then build a new town owned dam
- It is the owner’s responsibility
- Take sand out and fix dam
- Let the river flow
- Perhaps it could be a dam rising like the old barn and house rising
- Having the historic preservation help preserve the dam
- Removing the dam will affect the river bed for hundreds of yards and change the dynamics of the river – build a new dam or several short spill ways
- Tough call, but it would be a scenic and historic loss
- Village Center – should not become a “resort”
- If it is really a historic structure than it should be preserved, but not to the point of risking the town

- Keep it that and the covered bridge it is historical also fire protection
- let nature take its course
- let it go, I guess, but get the gravel first
- town should not spend any financial resources on private property

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

- Taxes (25)
- Affordable Housing (30)
- Expansion of the municipal building (5)
- Control expenses
- Keep dam for history – should be saved
- Economic diversification
- Affordable child care
- Keep Warren, VT from being Boston or New York
- Road conditions
- Enforcement of already existing zoning regulations
- Speed limit reduction on all roads, not just Warren Village.
- repair to bridges
- village compact housing
- housing for people who work at Sugarbush – as part of this community
- Young people need a break with affordable homes, permitting takes too long and taxes are too high!
- Housing opportunities to ensure continues economic diversity
- Avoiding over-development
- Fix the town roads
- Bicycle trails
- Get rid of eyesore buildings (debris, falling buildings)
- By-pass route from Airport Road to Route 100
- East Warren settlement (develop village center)
- Maintain rural character
- Find a way to reconcile all of this and you get the Nobel Prize for planning.
- Quality of accommodations for tourists and visitors including rest rooms, more information kiosks, and possible small unmanned visitor center.
- Look for new leadership on top.
- Preserve Route 100 scenic corridor by purchasing development rights
- Increase density within the village
- Increase capacity of village sewer system to handle more density
- Prohibit low income housing as isolated developments
- Stone walk finished along Freeman Brook and Flat Iron

- road for pedestrians
- Lights on Village Bridges
- More parking for the village
- Better quality education at Harwood
- Less bureaucracy
- Creating a new commercial district
- Bike path instead of sharing the main road
- Remove Act 60 from state law
- Preserve integrity of Vermont quality, support medium income/working families/nor second out of state land owners.
- River and recreational access
- Where will labor and service industry people live?
- Protect the wilderness
- Avoid sprawl
- Focus development in specific areas so as to preserve open spaces and consistent patterns of community life
- Tourists, scenic roads
- Keep an eye on land use/traffic in light of Sugarbush expansion – we don't want to be Stowe
- Attracting and keeping year round stable, good jobs for residents
- Getting/keeping young people involved in town issues and government
- Refurbish the village
- Making Warren good for all – families and older people.
- Growth in general
- Affordability for locals for goods, services, taxes, housing
- Small businesses expansions/new small businesses
- Community events and community areas
- Roads need repair
- Town garage needs to be bigger
- Ridgeline development
- Fighting act 60
- Expanding population and speeding development
- Second home growing pains
- Allow development as per town plan
- Support industry in town to keep jobs for working class
- Don't allow increased access to valley over Roxbury Mountain Road, don't pave!
- Proper fire department purchase to fit needs and then some
- Preserve open lands and high ridges
- The humongous Sugarbush plans
- Removing the dam in Warren
- Preserving the village
- Traffic calming
- Conservation of prime ag land
- The establishment of wildlife corridors
- Protecting the ridgeline
- I'd like the Planning Commission to look into purchasing the Orton Foundation town planner showing the visual changes
- You have all those people and most of them have at least one automobile, therefore they will need something to drive on. The need is more good gravel and crushed rock – better road system!
- Expand post office
- Sustainability of outstanding elementary school
- Maintain open space and agricultural lands
- Viability of Warren Village
- Control/restriction of ski resort related facilities
- Consolidation of overlapping non-profit ventures
- Work on the traffic problem created by the Pitcher Inn
- Enforcement of building regulations particularly visible and meadow and agricultural land conservation and use.
- More outside, recreational facilities (trails, rec areas, bike paths, etc)
- Town roads maintained – they do a great job and need to continue
- Keep children and skateboards off Brook Rd and Main St
- Flight of young families
- Profiteering by developers with little or no regard for wildlife, typical local density consider a “flip tax”
- The impact of more and more people moving to Warren, I'd like to see more wilderness, less people, less development It's why we moved here to be rural mountains twenty years ago
- Recreational opportunities for members
- Pave Airport Road and Plunkton Road
- Allow local businesses to flourish w/proper permitting process
- Ever increasing town expenses; i.e. sewer system that benefits a few, expensive elementary school
- Keep outside activities OUT of rural residential areas – not so many variances, why have zoning?
- Population growth
- Town road and maintenance
- Under use of town facilities i.e. town hall for school plays
- Lack of true interest in tourist trade
- Development of open land – control development
- Expansion of ridge development
- Possible increase in traffic
- How to keep the middle class workers from moving out of town!!
- Decisions being made by the minority instead of the majority.
- Parking on street in village

- Better police coverage
- Population impact on land and water and wildlife
- Saving the dam
- Stopping the current gentrification project in Warren Village
- School costs – study consolidation of valley elementary schools
- Lack of cohesive plan to support the ski area
- Reacting to short term problems w/long term solutions
- Less vacation homes
- If we move the Municipal Building up to the land near the school then the PO can have our town building to enlarge their needs
- Pave roads – I know my neighbors will hate me, but pave Prickley it's sinking
- More downtown/Village businesses, videos, affordable lunches and dinners, bakers.
- Support the resort; it's embarrassing to drive up there.
- Thank you town leaders for all you do!
- More residential properties
- More black top roads
- More shops and businesses into Town of Warren
- Conservation and preservation of rural/historic character
- Water quality
- How to help Sugarbush be a contributing member of the valley
- More paved roads – tired of mud season and muddy roads; it takes a toll on your cars and trucks
- Lack of livable wage jobs
- Zoning
- Building lots must become available, so where do they do the least harm?
- I don't have children here, but the needs of the kids at the school and after school require constant vigilance
- Roxbury Mountain Road, where is the pavement?
- Where are the jobs in this town for the working people?
- When will the rest of the people get there septic and water. The day is here!
- Water quality for residents outside of the village
- Creating a more cohesive town center
- Sewer system, water system
- Shrinking tax base/rising tax rate
- The trophyhomization of Warren
- Pave many of the town's worst roads
- Remove many unnecessary restrictions on building
- Enforce rules that make sense
- Mad river path from Warren to Waitsfield
- Over development
- It should begin to black top one mile of road every year to get people out of the mud.
- Parking in Warren village
- Increasing population w changing demographics
- Ban this sodium vapor lamps at private homes that are like a beacon
- Keep the village area alive
- Keeping village vibrant and safe
- Providing recreational facilities for community
- Municipal center – relocate near school
- Hiring practices
- Spending – It is out of control – this is not a city – Please don't make it one. If this town does not offer what you want – go back home to where you came from.
- Decrease ridgeline development/impact
- Do not pave Roxbury Gap Road such that it becomes a major corridor into the valley
- Conserve as much land as possible especially for the wildlife and secondarily for recreation
- Maintain rural characteristics of Warren
- recreation
- Something for our youth – teenagers especially during the summer time so they aren't just hanging in the village
- Protect natural beauty
- The people who live and work in Warren are finding it harder to stay here because of the increase in property value and taxes. This issue must be addressed.
- Lighting and noise pollution conditions
- Pedestrian and cycling right of ways on roadsides
- Pothole pollution
- Maintain quality education at Warren's school
- Keep business and noise disturbing other adjoining rural residential areas out of rural residential areas
- Incentives to keep open land open and scenic
- Keep diversity economically
- Equal opportunity for building permits
- Pave all roads that have a major mud season problem
- Sidewalks
- Activities (affordable) for all teens
- Meadow and forest land conservation and agriculture
- Maintain gravel roads
- Permanently conserved prime agricultural land
- Mandate all new power lines under ground
- Re-locate all existing power lines underground
- Designate and maintain scenic roads
- Pick up dog poop law/ordinance
- Clean up own yard/ can't start personal trash dump ordinance
- Restricting growth and especially restricting commercial

space

- Protection of wildlife corridors
- Mad river and water protection
- Loss of identity from run-away development
- Loss of open lands
- The town blew it by not approving some kind of sidewalk plan. Mostly from the village up Brook Road to the school.
- Population growth and stress on infrastructure
- Water quality
- wastewater treatment outside the village (relates to population growth)
- Conservation of working farms
- Stricter enforcement of zoning restrictions and permits
- Conservative growth/school operation issue
- Returning river to a more natural condition; remove dam
- Teen socials.....at town hall? Schedule regularly
- Tax incentives so people will want to clean-up and improve their property/house
- Enforcement of zoning!!!
- Cross valley traffic coming from Roxbury Gap thru the Warren Village
- Long term vision with Sugarbush
- More building permits
- More subdivisions
- Less social factions
- Respect the right of property owners
- Provide access to public land
- Letting people do what they want with their private property – find something else to do
- Clean water
- Public access to forest areas and water
- Protection of property rights – less zoning
- Recreational opportunities for all segments of the population
- Management of blueberry lake area as a town asset
- ATV's in public areas
- Constant maintenance of dirt roads in mud season
- Maintaining quality education at warren school and high school
- Protect out forests, fields, wetlands and waterways
- Preserve rural quality, feel and outlook
- Examine EACH item in the town budget to determine whether requests are justified
- Preserve the scenic and rural aspect of the area
- Combine the town library with the school library – expand the school library and make it big and for everyone
- Parking in the village