

Town of Bristol 2007 Community Opinion Survey

Q1. Are the following SERVICES satisfactory?				
	Y	N	U	Response Count
Police	83.2%	9.1%	7.7%	452
Roads	75.8%	19.6%	4.7%	450
Health Services	51.4%	6.7%	41.9%	449
Recreation Areas	77.2%	14.6%	8.2%	451
Fire	86.5%	3.1%	10.4%	452
Town Offices	87.0%	7.2%	5.8%	447
Trash/Recycling	60.7%	27.5%	11.8%	448
Library	66.4%	10.8%	22.9%	446
Cemetery	54.4%	4.7%	40.9%	443
Emergency/Rescue	74.4%	4.3%	21.3%	446
Other (please specify below):	20.0%	31.3%	48.8%	80
			Other	54
<i>answered question</i>				453
<i>skipped question</i>				5

Q2. Are the following FACILITIES satisfactory?

	Y	N	U	Response Count
Police	67.0%	19.5%	13.6%	442
Roads	70.5%	19.1%	10.4%	434
Health Services	52.1%	6.0%	41.9%	434
Recreation Areas	74.8%	15.8%	9.4%	436
Fire	86.8%	3.6%	9.6%	439
Town Offices	87.6%	7.6%	4.8%	437
Trash/Recycling	64.2%	24.1%	11.7%	436
Library	55.5%	25.1%	19.4%	438
Cemetery	58.6%	4.8%	36.6%	435
Emergency/Rescue	75.8%	4.9%	19.3%	430
Other (please specify below):	27.8%	17.7%	54.4%	79
			Other	35
<i>answered question</i>				442
<i>skipped question</i>				16

Q3. Are there enough of the following types of housing in Bristol?

	Y	N	U	Response Count
Single-Family Homes	68.3%	10.9%	20.7%	439
Rental Units	60.2%	12.1%	27.7%	437
Affordable Housing	43.5%	23.2%	33.3%	439
Senior Citizen Housing	35.0%	27.1%	37.9%	443
Low-Income/Subsidized	47.6%	13.1%	39.3%	435
Other (please specify below)	20.3%	6.8%	73.0%	74
			Other	19
<i>answered question</i>				444
<i>skipped question</i>				14

Q4. Should Bristol allow more multi-family housing?

	Y	N	U	Response Count
Buildings of 2-4 Units	43.2%	44.1%	12.6%	444
Buildings of 5-8 Units	14.4%	72.8%	12.8%	437
9 or more Units	8.6%	80.3%	11.1%	432
<i>answered question</i>				446
<i>skipped question</i>				12

Q5. Should multi-family housing be encouraged in the following ways?

	Y	N	U	Response Count
Constructing new rental apartment buildings	29.5%	59.9%	10.6%	444
Converting large houses	34.9%	54.5%	10.6%	444
Building new condos	30.5%	59.0%	10.4%	442
Developing new mobile home parks	10.2%	81.0%	8.8%	443
Developing long-term camping parks	13.1%	78.3%	8.6%	442
<i>answered question</i>				447
<i>skipped question</i>				11

Q6. Should new residential construction be encouraged?

	Y	N	U	Response Count
In or near the village	57.9%	33.5%	8.6%	442
Near Newfound Lake	18.8%	76.5%	4.7%	447
In strips along existing roads	43.9%	45.5%	10.7%	440
Distributed over more-populated parts of town	31.3%	56.0%	12.7%	434
Distributed over less populated parts of town	55.2%	34.8%	10.0%	440
Clustered in new villages or new neighborhoods	51.7%	36.1%	12.2%	443
Other (please specify below):	19.7%	35.5%	44.7%	76
			Other	24
<i>answered question</i>				452
<i>skipped question</i>				6

Q7. Do you favor the following actions regarding historic preservation?

	Y	N	U	Response Count
Expanding the Historic District	45.7%	38.8%	15.6%	449
Adding demolition review to the Historic District Ordinance	53.0%	27.1%	19.9%	447
Use of tax abatements for improving historic properties	59.1%	28.1%	12.8%	452
<i>answered question</i>				452
<i>skipped question</i>				6

Q8. Do you support town involvement to encourage/preserve the following?

	Y	N	U	Response Count
Downtown improvements (sidewalks, street lights, trees etc.)	90.7%	6.9%	2.4%	452
Historic Buildings	72.7%	20.0%	7.3%	450
Farmlands	67.3%	23.5%	9.2%	447
Working farms	72.8%	19.8%	7.3%	449
Wetlands	76.6%	17.9%	5.6%	448
Pemigewasset River	82.4%	12.0%	5.6%	449
Areas of scenic or natural beauty	88.2%	8.5%	3.3%	448
Areas of important wildlife habitat	85.5%	10.5%	4.0%	448
Newfound Lake shoreland	91.2%	5.2%	3.6%	444
<i>answered question</i>				453
<i>skipped question</i>				5

Q9. Should the town provide/improve the following recreational opportunities?

	Y	N	U	Response Count
Town Beaches	80.0%	17.3%	2.7%	451
Ice Skating Rink	49.1%	35.8%	15.1%	444
Skateboard Park	47.2%	38.7%	14.2%	445
Tennis Courts	58.9%	26.6%	14.4%	443
Basketball Courts	63.1%	23.6%	13.3%	445
Picnic Areas	74.5%	18.1%	7.4%	443
Multi-Use Trail	82.3%	13.2%	4.5%	447
Athletic Fields	66.4%	24.1%	9.5%	440
Boat Access to Newfound Lake - Power Boats	32.4%	61.2%	6.5%	448
Boat Access to Newfound Lake - Non-Power Boats	65.0%	30.1%	4.9%	448
Community Recreation Building	60.7%	27.1%	12.2%	443
Hunting Areas	24.8%	61.0%	14.1%	439
Other (please specify below)	39.3%	16.4%	44.3%	61
			Other	41
<i>answered question</i>				454
<i>skipped question</i>				4

Q10. Would you favor encouraging more of the following businesses in Bristol?

	Y	N	U	Response Count
Hotels and Motels	35.8%	57.7%	6.5%	444
Small Inns/Bed and Breakfasts	84.9%	12.4%	2.7%	445
Supermarkets	43.0%	51.4%	5.6%	449
Bars or Taverns	29.1%	66.1%	4.7%	446
Restaurants	70.0%	24.2%	5.8%	446
Fast Food Stores	18.5%	75.2%	6.3%	443
Convenience Stores	24.1%	70.9%	5.0%	440
Banks	30.6%	61.2%	8.2%	441
Antique/Gift Shops	56.0%	36.6%	7.4%	443
Professional Services	75.6%	16.8%	7.6%	447
Farmers Market	92.2%	5.4%	2.5%	446
Other (please specify below)	47.2%	11.3%	41.5%	53
			Other	49
<i>answered question</i>				454
<i>skipped question</i>				4

Q11. Should new BUSINESS development occur:

	Y	N	U	Response Count
Near the town center	72.5%	20.0%	7.6%	436
Away from the town center on NH 3A South	42.4%	43.8%	13.8%	420
Away from the town center on NH 3A North	35.4%	52.3%	12.2%	426
Away from the town center on NH 104 East	53.9%	34.4%	11.8%	425
Away from the town center on NH 104 West	56.1%	32.2%	11.7%	428
Other (please specify below)	27.6%	20.7%	51.7%	58
			Other	27
<i>answered question</i>				452
<i>skipped question</i>				6

Q12. Should new MUNICIPAL FACILITY development occur:

	Y	N	U	Response Count
Near the town center	59.2%	31.1%	9.7%	424
Away from the town center on NH 3A South	18.2%	65.0%	16.8%	411
Away from the town center on NH 3A North	17.3%	65.6%	17.1%	404
Away from the town center on NH 104 East	29.3%	55.2%	15.5%	413
Away from the town center on NH 104 West	28.7%	54.9%	16.4%	415
Other (please specify below)	17.3%	40.7%	42.0%	81
			Other	34
<i>answered question</i>				449
<i>skipped question</i>				9

Q13. Should Bristol encourage development of:

	Y	N	U	Response Count
Shopping Centers/Malls	23.9%	70.9%	5.2%	440
Industrial complexes	37.2%	55.3%	7.5%	441
Manufacturing businesses	55.2%	37.6%	7.2%	444
Home occupations	69.9%	19.4%	10.7%	438
Professional office parks	61.3%	29.0%	9.7%	442
Other (please specify below)	41.2%	21.6%	37.3%	51
			Other	29
<i>answered question</i>				448
<i>skipped question</i>				10








Q14. Do you favor adopting the following actions or policies?

	Y	N	U	Response Count
Building codes	82.0%	11.1%	6.9%	450
Architectural review of new commercial buildings	79.3%	13.1%	7.6%	449
Tax credits for use of renewable energy sources	85.3%	10.3%	4.5%	448
Incentives to encourage recycling	86.7%	8.9%	4.4%	451
Purchase of preservation land or easements	70.2%	20.7%	9.1%	450
Redefining zoning districts	47.9%	22.1%	30.0%	430
<i>answered question</i>				453
<i>skipped question</i>				5






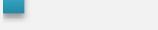
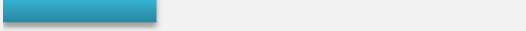
Q15. To help us get a current view of the make-up of our town, please indicate which of the following apply to you:

Age		Response
	under 25	0.5%
	26-40	10.9%
	41-55	35.1%
	56-79	50.1%
	over 80	3.5%
Education		Response
	less than high school	0.9%
	high school degree or equivalent	16.3%
	two-year college	20.7%
	four-year college	29.6%
	graduate school	32.4%
Annual Income (optional)		Response
	under \$15,000	2.4%
	\$15,000 to \$30,000	7.5%
	\$30,000 to \$50,000	21.2%
	\$50,000 to \$75,000	24.3%
	over \$75,000	44.5%
		<i>answered question</i> 435
		<i>skipped question</i> 23

Q16. To help us get a current view of the make-up of our town, please indicate which of the following apply to you (check all that apply):

	Response Percent	Response Count
Bristol business owner 	3.8%	39
Property owner 	25.1%	261
Non-resident 	3.7%	38
Own your home 	29.8%	310
Rental resident 	0.5%	5
Year-round resident 	23.4%	243
Summer resident 	13.8%	144
<i>answered question</i>		448
<i>skipped question</i>		10

Q17. Which of the following would you be willing to contribute to bring about the changes you have indicated you support (check all the apply)?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Other 	8.2%	42
Serve on a board 	16.4%	84
Support public funding 	32.4%	166
Facilities 	1.2%	6
Materials 	1.2%	6
Money 	9.2%	47
Time 	31.6%	162
<i>answered question</i>		288
<i>skipped question</i>		170

Q18. Following up on Question No. 17 (above), please add your name and phone number here (optional -- to be used to contact potential volunteers and contributors):

	Response Count
	103
<i>answered question</i>	103
<i>skipped question</i>	355

Q19. What is the best thing about living and/or owning property in Bristol?

	Response Count
	349
<i>answered question</i>	349
<i>skipped question</i>	109

Q20. What do you think is the one most important change that needs to happen to improve Bristol?

	Response Count
	355
<i>answered question</i>	355
<i>skipped question</i>	103

Q21. What is the one thing most important to you not to change about Bristol?

	Response Count
	335
<i>answered question</i>	335
<i>skipped question</i>	123

Q22. Would you be willing to vote for extra tax money to be used for the projects you have recommended?

	Response Count
	361
<i>answered question</i>	361
<i>skipped question</i>	97