

Q2: Do you have any concerns about Montville updating its Comprehensive Plan?

- Zone laws
- I am concerned about BOTH the local government's interference on the lives of property owners and the local government's encouragement of growth and development -- neither of which will be good for maintaining the character of this beautiful community.
- Keep it simple. Don't do anything that burdens the town residents or raises taxes.
- Great timing. Thank you!
- My concern is to allow businesses to come to help our tax base.
- allow businesses in appropriate locations.
- No more stricter zoning laws, Allow businesses to move in, in appropriate locations.
- Raising property taxes
- That it represents the will of the (majority) of the people of Montville, it's important that we find the right balance between supporting economic development and preserving the rural character and healthy environment of our town.
- Potential commercial development
- I am hoping enough residents, especially younger residents, will have their voices heard on this survey.
- I think this is a great idea
- I am concerned about maintaining traditional land use and protecting private property rights and values.
- The need to balance home businesses types that have bright lights, make noise at non-business hours (7-5 PM) and increased traffic that affect neighbors quiet and rural character.
- Concerned that the updates won't represent the whole town of Montville. That they will not include the views of the many but rather only of the few. Also that the few are the same individuals who always voice their thoughts.
- Very important undertaking.
- Not sure what it involves and how it impacts us.
- That we plan resiliency into plan
- That they don't fully protect us from undesirable commercial development.
- Who's doing it? What are their qualifications?
- lack of trust in the process
- "move to reduce property taxes (esp for households of) retired,
- move to reduce mowing costs,
- move to eliminate pesticide and herbicide use
- move to promote rewinding and pollinator support,
- move to establish a sound ordinance "
- People want easy solutions. People sometimes have a single issue they think everyone shares but they don't. It is very difficult to develop policies and write ordinances that achieve good results without unintended consequences.
- We don't need more regulation, we need less. The planning board was told by the law firm Verrill Dana during the Cel tower application that our Site plan ordinance was unenforceable because we don't have zoning and it poorly written. They assured us that any challenge to it would result in a Judge throwing the entire ordinance out. You cannot fix it get rid of it.

Q34: Which of the following describes your connection to Montville? Other:

- We are here 55-65% of the year since 2020
- Past resident, homeowner
- But come up year round
- Retired working part time

- We live year-round in Liberty
- I used to offer a service-providing small business employing only myself, but am retired now.
- I have lived in Montville since 1990, and raised 3 children in our Montville home until the left for college. It is the home we return to and reunite at over 8 months of the year,- now including grandchildren.
- Home owner, vested.
- year round retired

Q3: COMMUNICATIONS: Improving town communications has been raised as a top priority for residents in Montville. How would you like to see communications improved? Other:

- No electronic signs...ever.
- I like the current communications. I realize if emails come too often people start ignoring them. and so far, they always have something useful. I appreciate the clarity and conciseness of the emails.
- No electronic signs, if light pollution is an issue for townspeople, which it is for us!
- "1. More regular communications to include paper/post mail
- 2. No thank you to outdoor electronic signs"
- An Instagram account that posts updates (see @BahnerFarm for inspiration)
- I like the notifications the town clerk emails
- Non Electronic sign
- You're doing a great job emails are perfect.
- WEBB sight on whats happening in town - \$\$\$ etc. Text - more secure?
- "(If town organized, then not neighbor to neighbor) This is not a priority."
- Needs no improvement
- [re more timely meetint minutes...: Selectboard meetings @ 6pm so workers can attend.
- [not an electric sign]
- NO ELECTRIC SIGNS! KEEP RURAL INTEGRITY AND BAN ELECTRIC SIGNS - AS THEY ARE very UGLY, pure LIGHT POLLUTION & USE POWER WHEN WE SHOULD BE REDUCING POWER!!!!
- Meetings happen with an unknown agenda, minutes seem to not even come out, let alone be timely. Town Committee members don't seem to know what/when/ etc. the Select Board is in discussion.
- The town office does a great job of communicating, but a committee would off-load some of the pressure to keep us informed
- Definitely do not do an outdoor electric sign.
- Select Board Agenda's could be posted day of meetings. Maybe texted would work.
- Create an email list that updates are sent to at least on a monthly basis.
- Rotating times/days of Select Board and Planning Board meetings. This way more people will be able to attend and stay informed.
- No electric signs please.
- I am okay with existing communications
- Responding to emails.
- Please, no electronic sign! Perhaps if people were to send an email to the office with death etc. notifications, then forward those to the entire town email list? It can be hard to find out when someone passes away, etc.
- Town office communications have been better this year, I think.
- Please no electronic sign. That's a waste of resources.
- This isn't a priority for me.
- Communications are fine
- Communications are fine
- text messaging

- "I think that people want to know things and are lazy about finding out. ""No one told me. How come...?"" The outdoor sign would help a lot. (Does it have to be electronic? The VFD does theirs by hand.)"
- Social Media presence
- Electronic communications like text or email for town notices or clerk notifications
- None
- I think updates are communicated in a timely manner.
- improve the website
- The world and the town are run by the people who show up. Residents have a responsibility to seek information and inform themselves. In my experience, the town makes info available and often people don't bother to access or read it.
- I do not think there is a problem with town communication. Quite the contrary. The web site provides plenty of info and appears to be updated regularly. The Facebook page is also great to have. My feeling is there are always people who have to complain, but rarely suggest solutions. They think the world is out to get them and government is not their friend. Tell these folks you are asking Jesus for guidance on the matter.
- Outdoor sign that is not electronic.

Q4: COMMUNICATIONS: How would you prefer to learn about municipal services, meetings, and events going forward?

- We get most of our information about town news items by email from the Town Clerk's office. Occasionally we go to the web site but email and an occasional news letter would work best for us
- No communication
- I've appreciated the uptick in informative emails in recent years. Emails are the best way for me to get information. a town newsletter would be welcome but not sure it's needed, just nice for creating more connection. also appreciate the website - though I most often go there to check on transfer station hours!
- I worry about the older residents who may not be tech advanced being left out so to speak.
- We love anything that comes in the mail from the Town of Montville. It is fun.
- "Alert/Text - Sign up for alerts. Need website for Montville Businesses"
- Instagram Account
- Post Office Bulletin board
- Possibly town list of events in Midcoast villager
- Communication - period - there needs to be more of it.
- Just communicate.
- "[Mail: Town Meetings and Special Town Meetings] Get along with each other" email - "go to website"
- Help establish a neighbor-to neighbor network for those without technology connection.
- Provide a town board for local communications and notices at the transfer station (not fire station, transfer station) as many town residents go there - more than go to the town office and with more regularity.
- Try everything that does not cost money.
- It would be great if information on the website was accurate and consistent with other listings. We have seen things like dump and town office hours listed incorrectly or inconsistently.
- No suggestions
- Text messages for more urgent need for communications.
- We really don't like the electronic message board. We feel it says very little and just adds to light pollution.
- Have tried to email various departments on various occasions with no response.
- The emails we get from Jodie regarding events, meetings etc. are fantastic.
- I personally think that the email communications that I have been receiving have been really good, helpful and I can read them when I am able to.

- No
- Communications are fine
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- See above.
- These options all sound good.
- two kiosks at either end of town roads
- "Maybe encourage residents to sign up for email announcements when they pay taxes and register their cars and trucks. Provide a simple sign-up sheet on a clipboard? I would be embarrassed if you are already doing this....Maybe some folks want texts."

Q5: What do you like about Montville? What do you think the town is doing well?

- We think the town has been very fortunate to have the number of individuals willing to serve on the various boards and committees. We feel that our town is such a good example of democracy at work!
- Been here since 2012, easy to do my own thing here.
- Rural
- People are allowed to be free with their expression of what they want their home and land to be, so happy about limited restrictions in that regard. So happy about all the public trails and land access.
- Montville is a truly exceptional place. That was true for me in 1971 and is still true today.
- I love Montville the way it is.
- We like that Montville wants to include all townspeople's opinions in making decisions that affect us. Also like that Montville is drawing up city plans for the future and not just reacting to things as they happen.
- love the rural character,
- Town officials are accessible.
- We love Montville's rural character! We appreciate our community's concern for assessing issues of development, land conservation, and climate change in order to protect our rural character for the future.
- I like the rural nature of the town. Roads are well maintained considering the hard winters, water monitoring, and fire department.
- Tring better summer road maint.
- I have great neighbors. I'm in the best spot for me and my family's
- We love that it is quiet and dark (free of street lights and light pollution). And everyone is kind and welcoming. It is fresh and clean and people love living here just as we do.
- Open spaces, continued farming, feeling of peace and solitude are all important and need to be preserved. Without some "rules" for kit it this way, all will disappear!
- "Dirt roads very well maintained. Fire Department is great"
- Open spaces, working farms and forest land attracted me to Montville and we hop the comprehensive pan will help Montville community protect these aspects of the Town.
- It is home. It is rural.
- Rural Character
- It's home. I'm satisfied.
- "Non GMO Ordinance. Quiet, beautiful, lots of protected land "
- I love that it is such a great community of interesting people. The town is doing a good job of keeping the small town feel.
- Small town feel with old town history not modern conveniences.
- The countryside, friendly community - sorry - not doing well.
- Town clerks are great!
- The time is small. You can live your life on your own terms and no one interferes in your daily life.

- Small town - small town politics. Stay small.
- Dirt roads seem better
- I love Montville! I appreciate that we DON'T have an electronic sign, that we have a great field day, and town meeting in the old town house and that neighbors pitch in and help each other.
- Rural quality. Exceptional natural environment. Friendly and helpful people with cooperative attitude
- Everyone is very friendly. People care about keeping the town rural and not commercialized
- "I like my location, it's quiet and peaceful. Communication is good. Website information could be updated more often or use email social media for things like service hours at transfer station."
- It's rural, lack of large commercial development
- Quiet, non-industrial town, rural setting
- Rural character, natural surroundings, privacy, good neighbors, many involved in community in positive way town provides basic services to best of its ability and \$
- I like that it is rural but close to many cities, both coastal and inland. I like my neighbors and Jodi and Hannah and Terry. I think the town does a great job with its email newsletter and organizing town events.
- The peaceful atmosphere, friendly people
- Pretty much everything is doing well for me.
- No news - did the fire department do anything in the last few months? Does a committee need volunteers? Is an area picking up trash? We operate on no news is good news // better to have news
- Rural, simple
- I like the rural feeling, community spirit and friendly people. The town is working at road maintenance and town planning which I welcome. The town is seeking grant money to help reduce the tax burden. Officials have the best interests of Montville as a priority - It shows! [heart]
- I love the rural nature of our town, and the fact that it doesn't seem to have been "discovered" yet as a desirable destination point. I love the relaxed quality, I have good neighbors, I love our dark skies and quiet spaces. It's my dream world come true for me.
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- Preserving its historic sleepy town vibe.
- "like - historical preservation, natural resources preservation. Doing well - planning, writing grants, road care + upkeep"
- Keeping a steady static presence.
- Like that Montville is small, laid back and that the town administration remains this way.
- The small town feel that makes Maine so charming. A tight knit community that helps each other out in times of need.
- It's rural-ness, that it has changed much less than other rural towns over the years, that it doesn't try to promote itself, that it's very land oriented, that it does things the old way, that it is not centralized.
- The rural nature and the general respect for personal and private property.
- Country living is the life for me. I believe the town does well cooperating with the surrounding towns. I also believe Montville needs to continue this and pursue new opportunities locally and regionally.
- open spaces, community ambience
- "Rural character, good sense of community with folks willing to help out when needed. No big housing or commercial property developments. We love the way the town maintains tradition, like town meeting and the meal afterwards, Montville Field Day, etc."
- The people who serve in various capacities are friendly, competent and caring.
- Rural character. Preserving rural character
- "rural community. encourages community support for residents in need. recognition of environmental issues"
- the town character and community

- I like the rural character of Montville. I think the select board and planning board do a good job.
- I think the town clerk does a great job.
- "Community. Not pushing highly large industry."
- We like the rural nature of the community. We like that we don't need to be like many other small towns and try to become the "it" place to be. It's quiet and quaint. We think there is a group of people working very hard to preserve the history and what makes Montville special.
- Caring
- Not much. Love my home, just wish it was in another town.
- "Rural life. Not being over regulated with other's ""good ideas."""
- Respectful, rural, not changing too fast.
- Lovely people
- I appreciate the personal freedom and privacy that living in a rural community provides.
- I like the rural nature of the town
- Being Rural
- Continue to keep Montville a Maine town and not susceptible to outside influences.
- Rural character
- The responsiveness of the Fire chief and department as well as Jodi and all the town office folks available to answer questions.
- Small town feel. Trying to preserve the rural nature and feel of a small town. Town meeting, with lunch, Field Day, Grange events.
- I like the town office hours especially in the evening to make it easier for us that work out of town. I like the sides of the roads being cleaned up (grass mowed) in order to see oncoming traffic while pulling out better. The plowing has improved tremendously over the past 3 years or so.
- Pretty place to live. No comment about what it is doing well, or not.
- Nice quiet Maine town.
- Montville is fine as it is
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- Town office runs smoothly and in a timely fashion.
- "1. Mellow, unpretentious place.
- 2. Selectboard is generally rational, a rare quality these days. Hopefully this does not change."
- Every person at the town office is a wonderful help. I have always felt supported by the staff and they always know how to solve your town related issues or concerns.
- It's a good balance of providing town organization & oversight without being too overbearing to residents
- Access to Lake St. George; reasonably close to Belfast; close to amenities in Liberty (library, brewery, John's and Lori's)
- I like that Montville is quiet and low key.
- Safe
- Aware, responsible town officials, sensitive to what Montville has been, is, and can be.
- Rural character of the town and willingness of everyone to be inclusive.
- The people.
- I like the friendliness of the people who live in Montville and the town hall crew.
- looking at the need to prepare for the future. It is a quiet rural town
- The quiet rural nature and the hiking trails.
- I love the natural beauty and how friendly and helpful people are. I felt like I belong since the day I moved here over 6 years ago
- its rural nature, people, room for recreation

- rural living
- Preserving its rural character.
- Working with other towns such as liberty to fill in when town office is closed so that registrations can occur.
- Not much. Not sure.
- "please improve trash issues. promote food access. town hall is wonderful but all that upkeep ?? switch to intentional plants and eliminate mowing"
- Staying out of our business
- A lot. The beautiful rural environment; peace and quiet. Lots of good people. Town officials have tried to contain costs in the face of rising prices and increasing demand.
- Richard Peavey is doing an awesome job
- Nice place, plenty of people who care about stewarding our natural resources for future generations.
- I think communication is actually quite good. I love that the town feels small and has a personality.
- Live and let live
- "Peaceful countryside, good neighbors, small town feel where people can still meet and chat. Ability to simply disappear into my land and yet be close to service centers. Keeping up with roads is a never ending balance of need and available funds. I think the town is Keeping roads maintained, plowed and sanded well given the task. "
- Effort to keep real estate tax at a minimum.

Q6: What do you see as the biggest challenges for Montville in the next 10 years?

- Just keeping our public schools running well. In the 1970s & 1980s when our kids were going through the schools were the heart of the 11 town community and that has fallen away. Our kids did well and are thriving now while raising their kids and pursuing their careers. Their kids are also going through or have gone through RSU 3 and are doing well. It's too bad that so many parents are choosing to home school instead of joining the wider community.
- Families with kids tough time with school options. Increasingly erratic and extreme weather events making road upkeep expensive. Aging tax base may reduce revenues.
- Roads
- Dealing with growth and the impacts of climate change.
- Development, community unity
- Commercial and residential development.
- Increasing bad weather events--heavy rains leading to flooding, drought with increased fire risk, icing events, heavy snows, increase in periods of high temperatures, high wind events. All of this will make road maintenance more challenging, cause greater risk for fires and more frequent and longer duration power outages as well as increase in the amount of property damage.
- Road upkeep and maintenance. Living up to its potential scenic beauty by figuring out a way to deal with A) roadside litter, B) junk cars, C) junk, rusted out machinery strewn all over, D) Dilapidated, ready to be torn down buildings, which serve no other purpose other than being an eyesore.
- Planning intentionally for the future so we don't lose Montville's rural character.
- In-migration, development pressure, land transfer, and climate change. economics poor
- Maintaining stable population. An aggressive state government
- Proper winter road maintenance
- Worrying about property tax. I picked Montville because of the low property taxes.
- Maintaining the quality of life here without expanding too much in population, building, etc. Keeping it the same wonderful feel.
- Keeping the general rural nature while also bringing in enough commercial activity to keep the property taxes from getting even higher. They are already hurting retired people like me and even higher taxes will make the town unlivable for me.

- "Internet Access. Maintenance of roads/bridges"
- "Innovation to keep up with population growth. Lack of building code"
- We need to create rules/ordinances to protect against, for example, the spread of huge solar installations and the endless dividing up of farm land, while at the same time bringing in (for example along Rt 3 corridor) businesses that can help defray our ever increasing household tax burdens.
- Paying the school bill and maintaining roads.
- Heavier traffic, Lack of Gravel, Bureaucratic regulations, UNFUNDED school by STATE.
- "Keeping property taxes affordable. Broadband access"
- Fighting against too much development. Having affordable housing.
- Surrounding town growth.
- Finances - infrastructure - roads
- Managing growth especially property speculation and large scale corporate developments, wind, solar, cell tower etc. Keeping property taxes reasonable with this crazy rising value market
- "Keeping taxes low and affordable. manage noise pollution"
- Out of Staters wanting to develop Maine into where they left from.
- Roads paving - with state specs. Burnham Hill rd Peavey Town road Morrill Road, North Ridge, Center Road, Choate
- How to offer quality education through RSU 3 and still keep taxes reasonable enough for families to be able to afford to live here.
- Raising property taxes, high state valuation due to real estate sales, burden of school district, lack of skilled people, opioid pandemic.
- Managing growth in population, traffic, residential and commercial development.
- High taxes. The effects of old residents dying off.
- The roads (nothing new here) Need to figure out getting younger folks involved in community building. Climate change which is everywhere.
- Infrastructure, specifically roads and broadband internet. Broadband is supposed to be coming in the next couple of years, so roads will be the biggest challenge.
- Budget and taxes roads are crumbling
- Money
- Budget, taxes, roads, and infrastructure
- Balancing/managing expenses to keep property taxes affordable
- Random development, lack of state and local code enforcement
- Population growth. Infrastructure stains. Flooding, wind, drought.
- Having a fair and clear plan in place for growth
- Things will go along like today or since last comp plan then some crises comes up and we rush to solve through planning board
- Getting too big for itself
- A declining and aging population without an influx of young people and or family will make future challenges. The lack of a healthy tax base continues to force the town to cover only a bare bones budget. There's no money to invest in necessary infrastructure and community spaces. Town planning and zoning is needed but will be difficult to achieve. An economic and climate down turn would be hard for the town to absorb.
- Balancing growth with keeping the rural character of our town. Keeping the wonderful lifestyle we have here continuing forward despite the intense outside pressures that will likely be coming.
- Education and Growth
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- Turning farmland into housing. Changing the landscape. Supporting an influx of people.

- "Building community connections between all residents regardless of location, age, etc. Care + outreach especially to seniors and/or children"
- Growing industry and business opportunities while maintaining rural nature.
- Rising property values and maintaining safe and stable roads.
- Paying for services in light of tax burden.
- Keeping development at bay. Maintaining rural integrity.
- "The insane cost of public education and the lack of interest in systemically shifting away from the regional model to a more local model that is responsible for the entire community."
- No surprise here, money. Increase the tax base, collect taxes (?) for home-based businesses, increase local hwy tax for (unauthorized?) commercial construction activities.
- "Constantly rising taxes. Avoiding large commercial development"
- Accommodating growth without changing the fundamental character of the town. Maintaining a healthy educational system. Funding necessary public services, while keeping taxes maintainable for the population.
- Please keep a sense of a caring community where individuals matter. I always love sharing condolences about one who has passed, a lost pet--items of personal interest. It feels like a family.
- Development
- "*maintaining it's rural character and environment *continued support/upgrade of needed services in the face of federal cuts"
- to resist changing trends that will negatively impact community members
- Influx of new residents and staying on top of unplanned development.
- Keeping it affordable to live here.
- "Balancing business growth with residential development. Protecting our limited water resources from over development. Encouraging large blocks of ""open space"" for wildlife."
- "Education - making sure we get the best education for our children for the money that we invest. Climate change - more frequent and worse major natural disasters. Road maintenance - it's expensive and needs to be done fairly. People on shorter and/or less populated roads deserve regular and proper maintenance also. Keeping a sense of community and caring about one another. Taxes"
- "Implementing volunteer efforts to improve Town, rather than sole reliance on the town office, in order to keep cost down."
- dealing with growth without losing the town's character
- Limiting tax increases, fixing roads in a meaningful way versus repairing after every major storm
- "Maintaining the small town, rural feel. Keeping government to a bare minimum. Not getting carried away with services, services, services."
- Staying as it is, keeping locals in the area.
- Leadership changes with folks retiring, attracting new young families when needed social services like schools and medical care is not accessible
- Lack of budgetary oversight and unsustainable spending by the town and the local school district. Skyrocketing property taxes.
- Road maintenance and school costs
- keeping taxes affordable
- Conserving land, controlling development
- Keeping up with all the digital and social and economic changes in our community. Helping those in dire need that are often invisible.
- Population growth. Housing and business development.
- Expand the tax base without sacrificing the rural community lifestyle.

- Taxes. The tax burden is significantly high and difficult for us to maintain that have been here for a long time, or even retired individuals. It is making long term residents move, and we are considering this as well.
- Supporting the needs of younger families for adequate schooling and housing.
- I haven't thought about this.
- Keeping taxes reasonable.
- Staying just the way it is now
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- Maintaining roads and bridges.
- Keeping our roots as a small town
- Ongoing oligarchical greed in DC trickling down to localities.
- Schools! Access to fast response time in emergency care. Very poor internet and weak digital infrastructure. Closure of the close birthing center/maternity care. Lack of outdoor recreation. Lack of community engagement.
- Internet access, power, physical security
- "Addressing pressures to consolidate services across several small towns in the area - both efficiency and workforce related. Fostering connections, given that there are no natural gathering spaces (coffee shop, library, post office)"
- Roads
- Economic stability/development
- Being swept up in larger malignant forces—national, state—as well as transnational economic forces.
- Dealing with abandoned and contaminated building sites and trailer trash left to accumulate, creating health hazards.
- Keeping taxes and expenses affordable.
- The roads and finances.
- I can't think of any challenges for Montville in the next 10 years
- Planning for climate change. Road maintenance due to severe weather. Ambulance and first responders.
- Protecting our natural resources and warding off big box stores and extensive commercial development.
- infrastructure maintenance and coping with the increased severity of storms.
- As new people have moved in, their more urban experience has led them to expect more services. More services cost more money. I prefer the low population and people taking care of their own basic needs. One example: new people use garbage trucks because they've never had to be responsible for dispos of their own garbage. The trucks create noise and more danger for children and animals on the roads. The trucks also degrade the roads, which then need more attention and more gravel, costing all of us.
- Internet and Garbage
- "To encourage growth in connectivity within its boundaries, principally a greater familiarity of people and their interests, of how Montville -it's locale and the people- have moved from one generation to the next. "
- poor roads, lack of money, awful school
- Limiting development, to preserve its rural character.
- Businesses wanting to come to this town.
- Cleaning it up! Most areas are an eyesore. Getting people to join fire department.
- "reducing tax burden. housing that is not AirBnB"
- Land being snapped up
- Conflicting interests, profiteering and exploitation
- Out of control school budget, gentrification, using property re-vals in stead of slight mil rate increases that result in higher School bills and county bills. This leads to long time residents and young people to be forced out of town
- Finding funding solutions to the growing costs of municipal services- roads, insurance, schools, fire. Solution (beta): A speed camera on Rt 3 in front of the old 10-4. I've known two people killed at intersection of 220 & 3 so a good place to slow folks. In some states there are companies that will manage fines & cameras. But I bet the fire

department could do it with high speed internet, or town committee. Town might have to retain lawyer to fight state law preventing this on state highway? Or we hire a cop to shake down tourists as they drive by.....Use those oppressive forfeiture laws from Dixie to take cash after illegal searches.

- Increase in population and development
- Zoning
- Rising taxes and allowing land trusts to purchase unfettered amounts of property and not pay any taxes
- Keeping up with inflating costs of services, balancing landowner rights with community rights. Preparing for the inevitable sprawl from the coast to the west.
- Paving roads

Q7: TOWN SERVICES & COMMUNITY LIFE: Please provide your opinion of the quality of these Town services, facilities, and aspects of community life in Montville.

- I work out of town most of the time since 2020, so disengaged from services.
- Bus running from Rt. 3 & 220 to Belfast would be helpful.
- A community building space for a cooling center, warming center, community meals & fundraisers. Transportation?
- I don't expect the town to provide healthcare, but I wonder if folks who need it are able to access homecare services? I love that the grange has been so active and provided space for more gathering and events. I would love more ways to meet people who live in Montville -- more events or spaces for gatherings? eventually, a small town center could be cool?
- We care about these but do not know or use these services.
- In general, everything is adequate, but we need more ability to interreact with others in Montville to create more community spirit.
- I hope we can return to a transfer station that provides the feel of a place to chat with neighbors and share goods (the table for leaving and taking) that we had before the pandemic. The current arrangement feels very unfriendly.
- Access to lake(s)? Share with Liberty (Marshall Shores)?
- "[re Code Enforcement: Less is more] More timely snow plowing/sanding and spring road grading would be good places to start. Currently they need improvement"
- "[re town office hours and service: just hours need improvement - service OK] [re town office and transfer station in mud season: needs improvement]"
- "Animal control needs to respond to rabid animal calls. Town Hall could increase hours. "
- Water quality studies and standards established for aquifers. Waldo County watershed studies
- [re liberty ambulance: Don't know and It DOES concern me]
- Concerned about town hours and town clerk services. Seems I've been there several times and the assistant cant do stuff.
- Expand the list of recyclable items that can be brought to the transfer station (e.g. Styrofoam)
- Website is a bit chaotic to navigate and has old information.
- "[Cemetery Care ""Until Halldale"""] plan for wildfires in droughts - more frequent"
- Healthcare is controlled by one corporate entity - no maternal birthing services nearby. It is increasingly too expensive for most working age people to afford.
- Adding tax commitment and tax cards to the town website would be handy.
- We are very pleased with the road maintenance and repair + snow removal.
- Please make online vehicle registration available. Appreciate that we can go to surrounding towns but my gosh, it's the 21st Century.
- We are relatively new to the town so don't have much insight on some of the questions above.
- "Code enforcement- We shouldn't concern ourselves with codes that cannot be enforced. Ambulance services- Weed out incompetent members. I know of two instances, one in which directly effected my family, that showed how

useless they were in helping my family member and I had to take over in getting my family member out to the ambulance."

- "We have limited social transportation for medical and shopping. We have loop holes between State assistance and town assistance with those in need of both medical and adequate/safe housing. Cemetery's are falling apart faster than they can be maintained. "
- Transfer station - the hours are difficult for people who work, especially in the winter. There needs to be more than one rolloff day. If you drive through town there is junk in many yards. If you can't get to the rolloff the weekend after Independence Day then you need to keep everything for another year. Also, if you do any renovations or cleaning/decluttering after Independence Day you have no way of disposing of it. Frequently, the wait time in line is also unacceptable. We used to have two rolloff days per year. We'd love to see three or four.
- Montville is not the place you chose to live in if you want lots of Town Services.
- The town should partner with the Town of Liberty for fire protection service. Combining resources would be more efficient for both towns financially and functionally.
- No additional services that would require taxes to increase.
- Does the town provide transportation to those without? When one googles the town of Montville the phone number is incorrect. Found out we are now on an online phone system and there is no way to get the google website off even tho it's confusing folks. Someone must know how to do it.
- Everything is going well.
- Better Animal Control with actual investigations
- Would love to see curbside recycling and trash pick-up.
- "I'm not sure if the Town should feel responsible for all this, health care for example."
- "There are no parks in the town for children and outdoor recreation areas are not well marked or advertised. Until this survey I was unaware that the Library in Liberty is shared and accessible to Montville residents. I have serious concerns about the response times to emergencies. I know the departments are doing the best they can with what we have but we need more people trained to operate an ambulance and we need to be able to respond faster. We need support with trash disposal for large items like furniture, or appliances. We need access to a large dumpster more often. Other towns like Belfast do not allow outsiders to use the dump and it causes trash accumulation. There needs to be an easily accessible list of what things can be done at the Liberty town office to offset the hours when our town office is closed. The town website is not user friendly, especially on a mobile device. "
- Welcome to Montville - what the town hall provides (Lots!); where the library (Liberty) and post offices are (Freedom for pickups and holds); history and current events i.e. I don't know anything about general assistance that's available
- I don't like that the last option on a number of questions was "I don't know/Doesn't concern me". "Concern" as in doesn't involve me or I'm not worried about it? There's several where I don't know, but it was of concern or potentially applicable.
- Why doesn't Montville have an arrangement to dispose of large trash items during the year. One or two days a year is laughable. How much junk is in the woods or people's yards as a result? Other small towns nearby have methods for disposal during the year. We're probably losing potential revenue as well as creating dumping areas where they shouldn't be.
- "Terrible option: "Don't Know/Doesn't Concern Me." Those are two very different response options. Most of these service areas, I don't know. However, if they assist or are important to residents who are in need of them, then I would share concern about them."
- Roads could be improved especially winter maintenance
- Transfer station needs to be open more, one set rate would be better than charging by the bag. And accept more items even for extra money.
- "big nerds are signage at the trash area. better recycle., arrange to take care of old fridge/freezer units.. clean up the yards. the website is SOoo clunky "

- I think a robust support from Town Government to support an independent school, home school group or new School model with neighbor towns would benefit everyone.
- Thank you for all the work and hours you folks put into running this town. It is not easy. Most residents have no clue how much you do.
- The transfer station is a quagmire of mud!
- "Town office parking lot & entrance should be paved. Burnham Hill rd should be paved , main travel to Waterville , Albion. "

Q8: HOUSING: What do you see as unmet housing needs in Montville? Please provide additional comments on housing in Montville below.

- I think the responsibility to provide adequate housing lies with each individual family not the town. The town's responsibility is to provide the infrastructure (roads, school, reasonable building and land use codes, fire protection, ambulance etc.).
- I don't know what the situation is here, I just know that many in the midcoast/waldo cty are struggling to find affordable housing.
- More research is needed to explore housing opportunities. As more large tracts of land sell in Montville, how do we work with "conscious" developers who are interested in "affordable" housing, while also protecting our open space?
- the speculative market is out of hand
- None
- Needs more rental options, support for younger single people or seasonal workers
- Handwritten: "But I suspect not" - under "I don't know"
- Taxes are going up so fast that low-income residents are being pushed out. Our taxes are high while at the same time our schools are not so good in the immediate area. There needs to be a cap for low income and seniors who are on a fixed income. This should not turn into a desirable resort location for people from NYC or Boston who do not live here year round. It breaks my hear to see some of our local folks barely able to get by while those who are more affluent get all the benefits,
- Elderly housing. Quality low income housing
- Add an incentive to rehabilitate old homesteads rather than knock them down to rebuild - this will help maintain the old. 2) People with limited means can not and do not take their trash to the transfer station. Could the town provide a trash pick-up option that DOES NOT INCLUDE having an ugly dumpster sitting on your property to help those with limited transportation options dispose of their trash in a facility and NOT in their yards.
- It's like everywhere in Maine. But in the rural communities co-op / apartment complex housing doesn't seem to work. Seems folks would rather live in a run down shack, as long as its theirs and they have land. I don't understand the sociology of it and have no statistics to support my perception. I think its like everything, \$.
- Am not aware of any
- We should have low income housing.
- "*low income housing *rental options"
- "We don't have enough housing, affordable or otherwise. Maybe the town could allow for looser sub-division rules if they encourage energy efficient housing for lower income people. Old houses become a burden on older residents but up-dating may not be a efficient use of resources. No building standards in town creates un-safe and inefficient housing."
- Low income, homes for elderly
- Would like to see incentives for locals to stay or if moving to sell within the community.
- Support for/connecting to resources for aging housing infrastructure for lower income folks
- Low income housing
- There is an opportunity to expand Whispering Pines for more housing.

- I know that rentals are rare and expensive and there are poor people and young people who cannot afford housing.
- Its next to impossible for anyone to live in the town that doesn't make a minimum of 120k annually
- I have not knowledge of this
- Housing challenges are a result of corporate greed and enabling elected officials. There's only so much that Montville gov't can do.
- No assisted living or nursing care; no elder housing that doesn't require land and snow maintenance; no apartments or other rental options.
- Affordable, quality housing is challenging when economics dictates social priorities.
- Rental units.
- Housing costs are rising in Montville. Rentals are in need. Abandon houses are not being put in the pool of housing, in some cases due to banks not foreclosing.
- I would be interested to learn how the town government assess its unmet housing needs.
- cluster housing for young citizens or low income .. plus that cluster needs rides to work / shopping
- Few places in the world have housing that is adequate in accommodating people of all ages, living arrangements, and income levels. Montville does just fine.
- Restrictive ordinances like road frontage requirements, mobile home ordinance, subdivision ordinance all drive up costs of affordable housing. The ridiculous land and property evaluations, taxes are far too high because a past Select board thought that raising the values rather than the mil rate was the answer to budgets not realizing that the higher the Tax Commitment the higher the following years school and county bills would be. They repeated that process for many years. Your property values are too high
- Pretty obvious we need more single and multiple housing units being built. Rents in Belfast are the same as Portland now. People here have no choice but to move away. I wonder how financing can be arranged to build higher density units or complexes of really small homes arranged well. But in Palermo near Tobey's, not here. More residents means higher education costs.
- nothing affordable. I worry about substandard or non-existent septic systems especially for tiny houses and campers
- I suspect, as is true with most towns, we could use more low income housing options.
- With no zoning in place not too many want to build a new house of any sizable size if there's going to be a trailer next to them or having someone that trashes his or her yard with junk or abandoned autos. There investment in a nice house takes a big hit. Also having little make shift housing doesn't add to the tax base but does more to discourage new construction.

Q9: ROADS/TRANSPORTATION: How should town roads be taken care of?

- Selected: "A portion of town roads taken care of by the town with town equipment, the rest by a contractor", and added "But the devil in the details!"
- Selected "A portion of town roads taken care of by the town with town equipment, the rest by a contractor" and "I would need more information to decide"
- I would need more information to decide: "How is it currently managed/maintained?"
- Solely by the town, with owned equipment. (other than paving)
- As needed
- What is the most cost effective with the best result
- competitive bid
- I would need more information to decide. I just know that how it is done is a mystery to me. People don't really fix the roads. Constantly need repair. Body repairs could save \$\$ in the long run.
- grading by the town. We own a grader. Big projects - Contractor so stuff gets done.
- how much is done by contractor now? what part? Cost?
- An analysis of what is most practical in terms of cost and sustainability

- Whichever is most cost effective. Maintenance on equipment vs rental fees would be one of my biggest deciding factors.
- Solely by the town with town owned OR borrowed OR rented equipment OR through equipment shared with other towns to reduce costs.
- What are our realistic options?
- The highway department has been largely unresponsive in our interactions with them so far. The planning for paving and culvert work seems uncoordinated.
- Town has too much work for our regular maintenance like maintaining ditches and culverts, mowing roadsides and plowing with a small town crew. Contracting out for specific jobs like culverts, snowplowing, and mowing roadsides/ditches seems to work.
- By whomever does the best job and for a decent price. The cheapest is not always the most cost effective.
- In the past, roads have been improved to meet individual trucking company needs with no input from homeowners. Homeowners need more input. The road in front of our house has been raised almost 5 feet over the years, drainage ditches are dangerous, and speeds have increased. Yes, roads need care - - but need more community input.
- The town's roads are in a deplorable condition, with no apparent plan for maintenance or improvement. Dirt roads are sorely in need of proper crowning and ditching. The town of Freedom seems to know how to maintain their dirt roads; our roads department should seek advice/training from them.
- I would not want a competitive bid process to be the sole caretaker of roads. Sometimes a higher bid by a more reputable individual would be better than a lower bid. Regarding town and town equipment vs contractor, I would leave that up to others, as I don't know the challenges in this area.
- Whatever is most cost effective with best result.
- We think the town does a great job, but there might be too many roads to keep up with sometimes.
- Whatever is the most efficient and cost effective way.
- I'm not sure how some roads became part of "associations", but to pay taxes and not have our road maintained/plowed doesn't seem fair.
- Whatever gets it done regularly and efficiently
- No comment
- Details are needed. We need actual analysis of options.
- I have always judged that the paved roads in Montville were in good shape.
- The town used to mow along the sides of roads, no longer do and it looks horrible driving thru the town.
- how about the road connecting the town hall to rt 3 ??
- Everybody loves to complain about the roads. When Goosepecker Ridge is well maintained, people speed by my house. A few potholes slow them down. It takes \$\$ to maintain roads -whether done by the town or by contractors.
- The Town voted to end the highway department many years ago and go with competitive bid. I know of no hearing s (required) or regular town meeting vote that overturned that.
- We should share resources with neighboring towns.
- "Paving roads will eliminate a lot of needed repairs and need for expensive equipment to maintain the dirt roads. Should we do what Morrill did, take out. Million dollar loan and pave the roads that are constantly in need of repair? Maybe we should have an engineer come up with a plan costs vs savings on not having to maintain these roads so much over the period of time say 10 yrs. ? I often feel the specs are in question for what we pay for vs what we actually get? Roads & Schools are our biggest costs. What is there in Montville that wants people to move here?

Q11: ROADS/TRANSPORTATION: Would you potentially support paving certain vulnerable sections of roadway in Montville if it helped to decrease maintenance costs?

- Yes, this seems obvious.
- Need to know to what extent paving could decrease maintenance costs.

- Yes. Thru roads only
- Make roads sounder
- It depends - paved roads equals speeding
- Important to keep paved roads first priority for safety improve gravel roads as can be affordable
- Look at tar & chip as a less expensive maintenance option vs. paving for roads with less traffic.
- I prefer to live on a dirt road but realize it may not always be that way
- I would not want to see dirt roads paved
- Only if it reduces maintenance costs
- I guess we would need more information to make the decision.
- Need more details
- "Paving is fine for steep sections. I would also pave dirt roads for 100-200' where they join any main paved road. Main issue is that roads are becoming too wide and flat. They need to be crowned more to prevent runoff of materials into ditches. Current road commissioner doesn't seem to be able accomplish this. Maybe it would be worth contracting out a few dirt roads to a outside contractor to see if this is achievable."
- We feel some of the roads that have issues have not been properly maintained in the past so we are just throwing our money away. The most used roads should be fixed properly, then the lesser used roads, unless there is a safety concern.
- Not by increasing taxes.
- I am generally for keeping dirt roads, but any change would need home-owners input
- Most of the roads subject to washout have already been paved. Proper crowning and ditching is a more viable solution.
- We have mixed feelings about that. Gravel roads are a critical feature of a rural town, but they can be hard to maintain.
- I would prefer to keep Halldale Rd, the portion I live on, as a dirt road. Mostly to limit usage and speed of travel.
- What makes anyone believe we have or could affordably hire the expertise to maintain paved roads? The people who ask for paving always appear to believe you pave and you're done. That is not the case.
- Concerned about preserving the rural character, and preventing abusive driving practices, such as speeding, if certain roads are paved.
- When I was Chairman of a previous Comp Plan Committee one of the few things we agreed upon was that gravel roads should be paved ONLY when maintaining the gravel was more costly than paving.
- Montville has voted and raised funds to pave the mid section of Halldale Rd. Twice. I was at both regular town meetings. I do support selective paving, but a few vocal people cannot be allowed to continue to overrule the will of Town Meeting decisions
- YES, YES price of asphalt is low now. Liberty town leaders are paving all roads as they think long-term maintenance costs will be lower. I think Choate, North Ridge Rd, Halldale and Burnham Hill Rd might be cheaper to maintain as paved roads.
- Also #10 is worded weird. Yes I live on a gravel OR dirt road (as does everyone)... In truth I'm on the corner of a gravel and dirt road, but the question isn't worded clearly
- I'd rather raise taxes than pave roads, but I think there are other options too, like working together with other towns on sharing resources for road work.
- "Take center rd, 220 to Bartlett stream. Lucas construction corner to Searsmont line. Stop the patch here and there stuff. Spec it out to state specs ! Pave Burnham hill to freedom line. Stop with the personality excuses or residence refusals to pave. "

Q12: ROADS/TRANSPORTATION: Please provide additional comments on road maintenance or transportation issues below.

- I love walking on the roads and some land owners post these discontinued road beds through their property. That's a bummer. It's not MAINE.
- Just do a job
- Morse road is dismal
- The problem is NOT that our dirt-gravel roads need paving or improvement. The problem is that people are driving TOO FAST on our dirt-gravel roads. Slow down, folks!
- "Love love love the work done on the roads this summer, especially where Center road meets 220. the potholes cause a lot of car damage. thank you!!! And, it's frustrating that when roads are paved and re-paved, speeds increase so much! maybe more signposts on speed limits? I also think temporary electronic speed signs help people slow down a bit. "
- Too much speeding on RT 220.
- Clumps of leaves build up in the ditches are a big issue and cause a lot of dirt road erosion as water jumps out of the ditches and quickly erodes the road surface. Can't this be addressed somehow?
- Our gravel roads have improved exponentially over the last several years!
- Some very heavily wooded portions w/major blind intersections should have slower speeds posted. Unfortunately it is 220 + the state's domain.
- Sand is more like gravel and makes a mess. Use better "sand".
- Bridges
- I don't find there to be any issues.
- regarding Winter snow and ice: Too much sand is dumped on the roads and often no "second Attempt" is made to clean off the slush (that is likely to freeze).
- "[re winter snow/ice removal: Not timely] Inconsistent and selective speed limit posting. 25, with four signs, on Burnham Hill Road and none on any other dirt road? Post all dirt roads the same 30 to 35MPH"
- [re speeding: on 220]
- [re flooding: Rt 220]
- Paving paves the way for speeders.
- It is good to see the current improvement of the paved roads in Montville. Gravel roads are passable for many well traveled areas.
- I understand road maintenance is a large and difficult task, but I feel more resources should be spent on it over time.
- Might need to discontinue some roads and maintain the roads we have. Why didn't they get paved all the way to Littlefield Hill? they were right there.
- Just do the job!
- We live on the Morrill Rd. Traffic used to be sparse, but has increased, and some people fly by at >75 MPH. I suspect some, though not all, are on their way to shift work at the ridge.
- It has improved very much in the last few years!
- Snow and road maintenance has improved over the last few ~ years needs to continue to improve.
- While I'm in support of basic road maintenance, I'm not in favor of paving over our much loved dirt and gravel roads. I am NOT in favor of street lights similar to what some of our neighboring towns have been installing. I want to continue to enjoy our dark skies at night.
- This question is posed like there is NO other road issues in town besides gravel roads. Bridges are not even mentioned here...

- I have felt that road maintenance has been good since we purchased our land. Snow removal has been great and routine maintenance done in a timely fashion.
- Some plowers take great pride in doing things well, others not so much. I've watched the person who typically plows 220 in Knox on the top of the ridge at Hilltop. THAT person does it beautifully and with skill and precision which is commendable. Instead of a hack-job of plowing and dumping ridiculous amount of sand and salt: sometimes too little, sometime WAY WAY WAY too much, why not invest in finding someone who just does it well and pay them well and let that be what they do and be appreciated for that.
- My observation / thought is that a couple loads of gravel, proper grading so there is a crown, packing well, and make sure the water, as it starts its descent down a hill, is directed into operating ditches would save money and hassle in the long run. I am puzzled every time I see the water at the top of our road hill running down the road instead of into the ditch. I could do it myself for cripes sake.
- transportation options are important but I don't see that as being a reasonable request for the town to address. Should be a state issue
- I have no concerns
- "State Route 220 needs to be addressed at Frye Mt. to alleviate regular flooding. This is avoidable but the town has to push the State to raise the road level. Shoulders on Rt.220 would encourage bike riding. Hidden Valley Road/Kingdom road is chained and gated but it is legally not closed to the public. This restricts walking, biking, etc. "
- Roadside mowing should be completed a minimum of once a year. The town should be monitoring and spreading calcium during the dry season to control dust. This practice seems to have been abandoned.
- I find the speeding and distracted driving to make walking the roadways dangerous.
- Discontinued roads should maintain public access.
- There must be elder and low income folks that can use help with transportation beyond WCAP. One can become isolated in rural Montville.
- It's really difficult to continue paying taxes when our road is not being maintained and a neighbor has to fill the potholes. I think overall there has been a lot of time and maintenance put into Montville's roads, especially such a large geographical area, but others get forgotten along the way.
- Maintenance of the dirt portion of Halldale Rd has resulted in the road becoming ever wider, thereby impacting the bordering lands. With all due respect, and I mean that sincerely, the road seems wider than a state route!! What is wrong with a narrower, normal dirt road?
- I'm not sure how some roads became part of "associations", but to pay taxes and not have our road maintained/plowed doesn't seem fair.
- "1. My impression is that every day is a new day for the road braintrust. A project will start and then will be interrupted for a week or a month or a year and then start up again. 2. With more winter rain occurring, the following will help the dirt roads from washing out: Open up culverts when there is snow on the ground and rain in the immediate forecast"
- There are not many roads I feel safe walking down because of the traffic and rates of speed forcing this feeling of having to travel to other towns to get outdoor recreation access.
- Roads need to be graded regularly (monthly), not only after big divots appear. It's unwelcoming to visitors and prospective owners to have to slalom across the roads to minimize damage.
- "We have several dangerous intersections. The worse is where Rte 220, Halldale Road and Freedom Pond Road meet."
- The intersection of Route 220, the south end of Freedom Pond Road and the north end of Halldale Road needs either a light or 4-way stop sign. There have been too many bad accidents there. A number of vehicles have been totaled. To my knowledge, no one has died yet, but it seems like that's what it will take and we shouldn't have to wait for that.
- Transportation options outside of town are inadequate, but that is not necessarily a Montville issue to solve. Perhaps the County officials could figure it out.

- Can't open windows due to blowing dust all Summer. Needs calcium applied. Why do I have to call every year?! Dump trucks are up & down Spring Hill Road all Summer & it's a dead end.
- "A little attention can prevent serious erosion. The grader should always grade out to the edge of the road. The worst damage has happened when the grader pushed gravel down a hill to fill potholes at the bottom and left an ungraded curb-like barrier on the edge of the road that prevents water from running off the side into the ditch."
- The Select board needs to grow some stones and tell the State DOT if they can't maintain 220 better then Montville will cease winter road maintenance and return it to DOT, the slight loss of funds would far exceed trying to keep that stretch clear in winter. If they had to plow it it would look like the road going by Mt. View that they maintain winter and summer
- "Why are we paying for road maintenance on the Howard rd with two houses ? It's more like paying for someone's driveway as far as town use goes. How many other roads need to not be maintained or plowed ?"

Q13: RECREATION: Where would you like to see additional or improved public access to outdoor recreation opportunities in Montville (ie trails, forests, or waterbodies)?

- I speak for myself - probably less options for elders or families with small kids.
- Better signed access to Kingdom Bog.
- Someplace to swim
- Are there bodies of water that could have better or any public access? Ledge pond? kingdom bog? I feel like the access to Sandy Pond in Freedom is great.
- Limited access to water bodies currently exist.
- Marshall Shore. Support conservation such as Bog Brook and Northern Headwaters Preserve. Ledge Pond
- Montville should communicate w/Liberty to restore the rights of Montville residents (among others) to use Marshall Shore. Per direction of Dr. Donald S Walker. Why he bought + gave the property in the 1st place.
- 4 wheelers entrance across from bridge on left should check out + clean
- While Lake St. George is in Liberty, I do think that since we support the Liberty Ambulance, Library etc. Montville residents should be able to get permits to park/access Lake St George.
- Town Trail, possible skating pond behind town office
- Make agreement with Liberty to help upkeep of Marshall Shores and allow use to Montville residents
- Development of trails and access is important for this community. The mother citizens need to work together to achieve a plan.
- Don't know what already exists - except Frye Mtn.
- Access to Kingdom Bog
- No citizen knows that Montville has land on True pond how can anybody answer this?
- There are land trust trails and Frye Mountain Preserve, but little access to water. Town should develop the Nash lot and field as community and recreation spaces for residents. Access to Trues pond and Kingdom Bog is very important.
- The Kingdom Bog area, Trues Pond
- I don't even know what trails, forests or waterbodies are accessible in Montville! Perhaps a pamphlet about this would be nice to have.
- Admittedly, we go to LSG to swim. Does Montville contribute any \$ at all for maintenance of Marshall Shores? I believe we should. Isn't it for several surrounding towns?
- Anything that will help us reconnect with the natural environment.
- It would be great if we could get access to marshal shores with the town of liberty - we don't have tons of lake access and the weather is only getting hotter
- Trues Pond is limited.

- Some of the signage needs to be more clear. We have tried to hike on some of the trails and have had difficulty finding where to park and where the trailheads are.
- I would love to know more about opportunities for outdoor recreation, and to know what is currently available.
- No. Leave the limited wilderness alone.
- Sure.
- It would be really nice to see the Montville section of the Hills to Sea Trail completed, maintained and supported.
- Parks, Trails, I did not even know there are waterbodies? All of this needs to be better advertised and understood so that people feel like they can enjoy the community.
- "Promote Hills to Sea trail access.
- Access to Kingdom bog for kayaks/canoes
- Access to Duffy wildlife area for birdwatching (two entrances blocked off on rt 3)"
- Access to Lake St. George other than the state park, i.e. Marshall Shores. I know that it isn't in Montville, but we share so many other resources. We should also have access there.
- I'd like to see the Montville Select Board work on an agreement with Liberty to allow Montville residents to use Lake St. George as they have for many generations. The fact that a group of selfish Liberty residents were able to abolish that important recreational attraction for us should be addressed and fixed.
- No preference.
- maintained signed areas
- Ask Liberty Select-folk, if they can issue parking stickers for Montville residents to use Marshall Shores if we pay \$50 per year. No, they say? Try \$75.
- A Town Pavillion on center rd would be nice electric / bathroom access, water access , but I don't see that happening as we are in dire need of road infrastructure needs.

Q14: RECREATION: Are you concerned about traditional access to private lands being restricted?

- I haven't seen an overabundance of posted signs but I'm not a hunter. Still we've got mant hiking trails and snowmobile trails.
- Lots of development. I've seen in just last 10 years. More people post undeveloped woodland/paths. Maine law protects landowners from many liabilities but people don't always know that and may post to avoid lawsuits. Some owners restrict machines or hunting but may just exclude everyone. It's getting fatiguing taking all posting seriously. It's over applied.
- I would need to know more about this issue to comment. I believe that hunting access should be able to be not allowed by private owners, but I wonder about other kinds of foraging access being made easier, or even crossing over private land while exploring/hiking?
- The landowner can manage their private land as they see fit.
- It seems like more new landowners are posting their properties where before there had been an understanding of having designated access on private lands. Perhaps, there could be a Town conversation to work with landowners in opening specific areas.
- Education to new LOs re: Maine traditional land access vs posting. Too many people from away are posting their land.
- across from Northridge Rd near bottom of hill.
- Private property should be respected, and the rights of property owners should come first.
- Private landowners have the right to keep their land private if they wish.
- Common use of lands is a long Maine tradition
- At this time our town has reasonable access to natural areas given general attitudes of land owners; population growth may require a more structured consideration.

- Can't be specific at the moment, however, I grew up in N. Maine where walking on someone's acreage was never an issue (not including hunting). I feel that land-owners have become more territorial and probably in Aroostock Co. as well.
- I call my road the "Yellow Sign" Road! It was extremely rare to see posted land when I was young.
- Having access to our natural recreational areas is important to our health and lifestyle up here. I feel strongly that there should be negotiated right of ways to all our ponds, trails and wooded areas.
- Town should ask and get permission from land owners.
- "Traditional access" should be defined here--are you talking about indigenous unboundaried concepts of "tradition" or hunting and fishing or agriculture or private property rights?
- Closure of long used hiking trails by private individuals for unknown (or dubious) reasons, frankly, sucks. Posting of historic rights-of-ways on the property boundary tree line (line trees) seems legally questionable.
- I do not understand the question. It is too vague.
- More land is being posted. Maybe we need to distinguish access via foot vs. motorized.
- We restrict our land due to our management plan and our land use. Also, the few times others have used our land most have left trash and not been respectful. Even though our land is posted we've had several instances of trespassing, including motorized vehicles tearing up our fields.
- Private land is private and access is up to the landowner.
- It depends... I wouldn't want people tromping through my front yard but private land for fishing etc ok if no homes or privacy is not disturbed
- Private land owners should get to decide.
- Only if people don't understand the nature of the trail systems and that it doesn't lead to land trusts claiming ownership. And if Sunday hunting ever makes it through the legislature successfully, that will likely limit access.
- If people behaved on my land, I would let them use it. They don't, so I don't. IDk how you reinstate, much less control, consideration for others in our current environment and with current attitudes by many.
- Not familiar with the history of sentiment regarding public access to private lands.
- traditional access is not a reason to continue hunting in someone's newly acquired land
- I am saddened by the number of discontinued and abandoned town roads in Montville that have been blocked by adjoining landowners. I think they should be kept open for foot and perhaps horse traffic.

Q15: NATURAL RESOURCES: Which natural resources do you believe Montville should prioritize for protection? Select all that apply.

- Other watersheds
- Forests and large tracts need to be managed especially regarding the watershed and mining, particularly sand and gravel.
- drinking water minerals
- I feel all of these are important
- How are you identifying protection? Through zoning or through working to create cultural shifts that allow people to preserve their own land for these uses?
- Just adding that the first 3 resources cover all the others also, in my opinion.
- Yes to all as much as can be developed in a town forum.
- Anything and everything that can possibly be protected should be.
- The protection and preservation of private property rights should be the primary focus of town land use pol
- All are so important hard to prioritize for me
- All of the above.
- If we are not going to develop and add stores or allow infrastructure, this place should be top-notch a wild life and natural resource haven.

- No comment
- I don't know
- restrict activities that negatively impact natural areas
- Land protection is the responsibility of the landowner. If you want to protect it buy it and pay the land taxes. Government should stay out of it.
- The headwaters of the Sheepscot, a native salmon stream, sort of start down in the area around Peaveytown Rd to Cellar Kitchen Rd in Freedom. Besides having real floating peat bogs this headwater area is designated as a "Uninhabited Habitat Block" by Fish And Game. I guess this is the "Sheepscot River Wildlands." Really wild,
- Stop the solar farms !

Q16: NATURAL RESOURCES: Do you feel Montville's critical natural resources are threatened by development, overuse, or other activities?

- Honestly, there's so much land, it's hard to say or tough to tell land owners whats right or wrong in ditching/clearing.
- Being the headwaters of the St. George, just want to make sure the waterways stay clean.
- This neighborhood has at least 3 gravel mining sites. This seems excessive.
- It's not a feeling, it's a fact
- I hope not.
- Unregulated big players - "solar farm" not farms anyway. this is spin - Industrial electric generating plants! cell towers, big housing developments et cetera
- There are some issues that are existing at this time with increased growth and resource limits management will be important
- 10 years from now?
- Not yet
- There's potential for future threats. We need to be prepared.
- However, that could very easily be changed if we allow unmanaged growth or activities in our rural area. This is one of many important reasons that we develop our Comprehensive plan for our town.
- There is great potential for increased development as we are seeing in surrounding communities.
- But needs to be monitored.
- "Too late to ask what happened in the Sheepscot river watershed area in Montville. That looks like a heckuva historic clear cut. I do ponder how many abandoned vehicles can sit on a property before one needs a junkyard permit. If there is such a thing. Abandoned vehicles will eventually leak fluids and could potentially pollute surface and groundwater. "
- More a future potential
- Not at this time but I think more people will move to Maine and Montville in the next 5-20 years due to climate change.
- Too many solar farms popping up around the state wasting farm land. Keep those out of Montville.
- The development is coming but it's by little cuts everywhere. What I'm seeing is housing cropping up all over. This affects large tracks of contiguous undeveloped land areas for wildlife.
- May we serve evolution by protecting all life by beginning a sustained public dialog and study.
- suspect it is now time to protect them before it is too late.
- Not currently but without zoning there is potential
- We have to preserve wild lands
- Climate changes, less regulations make environment more vulnerable.
- Some kind of zoning ordinance is essential for regulating these things.
- Not sure what is planned.
- It'll creep up on us.

- I think this is a concern for the whole state
- Perhaps not in the moment, but to protect against inexorable development trends for a desired quality of life.
- We don't have an adequate building code or development plans
- Educating residents about shoreland zoning restrictions ahead of time may limit future violations.
- Since we have failed to control population overgrowth everywhere, IDK how Montville would find the money or expertise to address the result of too many people, especially people with no regard for the natural environment they say they love.
- I see more and clear cutting forest around Montville and dam solar farms, awful...ruining this State.
- stop the housing spread
- Excess development sucks but there's no good and fair way to prevent people from creating new house lots. The better Montville is, the more people want to move here and build a house.
- We have had no say over industrial pot facilities even though they should have to go through site plan review. Pot facilities do not benefit from Ag exemption. Medical falls under DHS, recreational under Alcohol and gaming. Montville has NEVER put these large scale operations through the legal due process we voted on. We have experienced strong odors resulting in headaches, increased traffic, 24 hour operation of workers and lightning and crime on our dirt road.
- Worried that they will be.
- "Trashy property, unsightly property all along main roads is not a magnet for new development. Without some kind of zoning people will worry about have a secure investment in the future "

Q17: NATURAL RESOURCES: How do you think the town should protect natural resources?

Select all that apply.

- I don't know what the best mechanism is. It's a tough one.
- We would like to see more aggressive trimming along the shoulders of the roads. Widen! Closer! More Often! Looks nice when it's done well. Not so nice when it's done half heartedly - which is what we see!
- Enforce existing regulations
- grants from private sources
- [under "Implementing Protections..." Who knows what this is?
- Enforce a junkyard ordinance, offer tax incentives and grant \$ to upgrade, likely failed, old septic systems.
- Identify critical habitat and take actions above to encourage protection.
- "Land owners have diverse priorities for land use, and they evaluate resources individually and differently, and commercial laws also factor in. If tax incentives are considered to protect natural resource, to reduce taxes for land owners in Montville, then may the tax savings be precisely based on the natural resources contained in the land. For lack of exacting standards of evaluation of how much natural resource is in fact protected, we can still just evaluate ""tree growth"", for instance. For smaller land owners we could count the number of trees of a certain size, and larger land owners would also have the estimated averages of tree-acres, or perhaps even qualitative pastures. Ponds, streams, lawns and private gardens we might disregard unless and until the ""tree growth"" incentives are more clearly appreciated by all, including those who have other land uses which are protected by commercial law. Fairness is deserved by all land owners, and such big changes in municipalities need time to study and to develop properly . Best land use conservation is open for dialogs and there are even disagreements on best forest practices, even among knowledgeable people. This topic could be expanded and discussed in a moderated Montville forum, so that fairness for all tax payers is reasoned out, and our community can develop peacefully."
- I'm not sure. Whatever is most effective and ethical.
- Get state support for management and protection of these areas
- Partner with organizations like St. George's land trust (Haystack mountain) and Midcoast conservancy (Sheepscot) - let them speak at town meeting!

- dictate off-limit areas
- It's a lot easier to talk about policies and ordinances than it is to draft good policies and develop ordinances that are legal and effective
- Fix or repeal the junk ordinances you have rather than looking to enact more. When doing so consider long standing residents, the working class and young people who can't afford to live here anymore
- "No land trusts! Support residence who own large tracks of land and encourage them to practice preservation in possibly monetary incentives. But leave in private ownership."

Q19: EDUCATION: Are there additional ways that we can meet the education needs of our community? Use this space to provide additional comments related to education.

- Encourage families to send their children to public schools instead of home schooling.
- I hear plenty of dissent from families about Montview and fear of what it means to lose Walker. I don't raise my son here. No first hand experience.of my own.
- "We were unsatisfied when our children did attend and based on more current information we have heard about current test scores and staff turnover, we are unhappy that that education at RSU3 has not improved substantially. School Board should be re-evaluating and asking the question as to why so many children from all Towns in the District are choosing other alternatives."
- Support choice of alternative schools to RSU3
- We do not support the public school education system across the board.
- Neutral regarding the quality of education as I don't have a child in the RSU3 schools. That said, the education budget is our of control!
- Poor (previous school board) communication
- Funds in amount spent by district per child given to homeschool children for educational expenses.
- My understanding from others is that the Mount View High School is subpar - but I have no personal experience of it
- The state of Maine like many rural - poor states undervalue education and teachers. And, of course, education funding is certainly lacking and unsupported at the federal level.
- Playground!
- Explore art alternatives to RSU 3 at least for the youngest students.
- Providing a financial support to families who are interested in having their children attend schools in othe districts rather than having all our educational taxes go to RSU#3
- Schools can always be better, but feel there are socio-economic issues that weigh down the students in the area. When stronger families send their children to public schools, those families nurture other children. Stronger families deciding to remove their children from the schools continues to weaken the community, versus growing and nurturing our community as a whole.
- Partnering with adjacent districts, more mentoring of students - internships, job shadowing, and field trips to local businesses for examples, more consistency in math programming and curriculum K-12.
- Tax Credit for Homeschoolers
- Create a town-funded community school based in local community, ecology, and the indigenous kinship worldview and accept tuition from non-town students to support funding.
- Hard question to answer. Under education increases "generationally." It may be a large pill to swallow but dismantling the RSU 3 school district may need to happen. The vast large scale regional complex idea doesn't work. Other (higher tax base) towns are galloping towards the exits. Montville will be stuck. The budget process is a joke, the budget itself is out of hand and the district is clearly not meeting the needs of the communities. Can't blame COVID for declining enrollment, increase in home schooling, declining student performance, etc.
- Adults could benefit from new learning opportunities.
- I would like to see more resources for homeschooling.

- Remove 'woke' ideology from schools. Teach kids 'the basics'- reading, writing, math, history, etc. This includes real life skills and acceptable behaviors- respecting authority, each other, property. Ensure that students are getting a quality education so they can be successful and competitive.
- Welcome the practice of homeschooling and discourage reliance solely on commercialized - professionalized standards. Allow alternative viewpoints on the acquirement of worthwhile knowledge. Encourage educational discussions between townspeople, some of whom may share lessons they have long learned.
- Withdraw from RSU 3. The district has failed miserably to educate our community's children. The budget and taxation the district levies is economically unsustainable.
- Promote volunteerism within the schools.
- Letting you know that I am a social worker for 36 years in Waldo County school districts. Currently working for RSU 20 as McKinney Vento liaison. I'm tasked with helping homeless families and unaccompanied youth. The WCTC is a fabulous resource for all 3 school districts in Waldo county. There are less and less resources from the Dept of Ed and from state and local sources along with more and more needy families who are housing and food insecure.
- After having 2 children go through the school system from K-12, I think it would be beneficial to our children to pull from the district completely, support school choice and open a local charter school as an option. Our taxes reflect a significant increase to RSU3 while the education is lacking and children are graduating without being able to pass entrance exams for college.
- The closing of Walker School was a major blow to our community. Creating a local school that caters to the needs and ideals of our families would surely benefit the whole community.
- Not sure what learning is being nurtured.
- We chose RSU 71 over RSU 3 due to concerns of education quality in RSU 3
- "The school system is a major issue. This is the primary reason we are considering moving out of the town. The size of the district overall forcing parents to go to a school that is over 20 minutes away or one way or 1+ hour bus ride with the alternative being a small school that only has 6 to classroom (formally Walker?). Both alternatives are very poor and do not appeal to parents. Additionally, the rating of the school system according to state for all of this time sacrifice is a true shame. If we are drawing families into this community, we need a major overhaul of this approach. We need our children to have better access to better classroom environments with other children and a robust education model as schools are a major part of their social development in addition to their future. I would like to see the town of Montville join with RSU71."
- The State needs to move away from property taxes as the economic base for the school system
- I am not up to date on needs or potential solutions.
- Unfamiliar with the outcome or satisfaction measurements - but an important investment.
- Maine overall is so behind on educating children, worsed ever. So why the hell are we contributing so much tax to support this?
- "you lump two ends of the spectrum here.. shame on you. needs for more Montessori approach early, languages and music, outdoor creative play.. move trades kids out earlier, move EVERYONE to earn Home Economics and civil law understanding"
- Education is expensive. Public education is under attack by people who want it to go away.
- Leave the RSU
- With the towns provide education for their resident children. RSU 3 budget is out of control and will eventually forced residence to leave because of high taxes.
- "Kids can't read or do math at grade level seems to. E a good reason for change. Liberal policies don't work. School choice seems to be a good idea. "

Q20: TOWN PRIORITIES: Are there other priorities you think the town should address? Please use this space to provide additional comments on town priorities.

- Better highway department
- Public transportation.
- Again find a way to clear leaves out of vulnerable ditches and maintain them to limit road damage thru erosion.
- Maintaining dirt/gravel roads - these should be paved
- Encourage commercial activities, BUT, restrict them to specific areas such as along route #3. If a junk yard (metal recycling) facility is okay, then what isn't?
- Montville needs to attract businesses to alleviate property tax burden.
- Fix roads, correctly
- Protect town from speculative and profit driven large developments.
- [re light pollution: and noise]
- The town base is its infrastructure - roads - buildings when these things are complete and paid for it then we can look beyond to add - a community center, pavilion, etc
- "Get out of school district. Combine Fire Dept. with Liberty."
- [re maintaining roads: pave them!]
- Discontinue the Highway department. Seems to be a lot of money going out and very little being done.
- Improve or discontinue highway department as the budget is high and the amount of work being done is low
- It would be great to have a general store like many surrounding towns have
- *Maintenance and improvement of town owned buildings and facilities. *Creation of and funding a capital fund for future needs.
- I would love to see a combined study between Liberty and Montville about ways the two towns could work closely together. Viva Davistown!
- BAN ELECTRIC SIGNS!
- Many agencies are already covering the environmental things you name here. No need to create redundancies where laws already cover protections.
- We are very concerned about there only being one ambulance driver. What if they are sick or on vacation?
- "Encourage volunteers to implement most of the above and also invite sponsorship. Begin with moderated forum for individuals to present such initiatives and allow moderated comments. Service to others (without money involved) is an excellent opportunity and each person can contribute thoughtful participation or not."
- If Liberty Fire can handle our calls get rid of our fire department. It is not adequate on its own to handle calls.
- Although it is addressed here, I can not express enough how hard we should be looking at removing our town completely from RSU 3.
- I only commented on things that resonate with me, many things do not. I didn't want to vote none because that suggests I am opposed to those items. Which may not be the case, they just aren't important to me.
- A lot of these questions regarding increasing habitability and seniors and youth, taking advantage of programs frequently comes down to transportation of which Montville has very little love public wise That I am aware of.
- I don't know about all the dirt roads, but the Burnham Hill Road is virtually impassable during mud season and if there is ever an emergency down there, it could be dire.
- "No, these are all good, community-serving ideas."
- "light pollution?? only laws surrounding lumens and timed lighting or motion lighting. this question is of interest, but HOW? it is important for insect species for sure, but what is your plan >????"
- "Montville has traditionally relied on neighboring towns for commerce and I see no reason to change that and no cost effective way to provide services to youth and seniors without regional cooperation. People move here because

it is rural. Those who want more services can move to a place that has them. I may have to do that myself as I get older."

- Respect the working class. Montville is becoming gentrified. We can't afford your grand ideas.....
- Find solutions for revenue enhancement which might help keep taxes lower. And I don't mean selling t-shirts or pies. Speed cameras are probably not going to happen, but why not? I like the way that island on Lake St. George was financed. The island is called little Hawaii. Thousands of people bought a square foot of the island. Perhaps Montville could set aside a few thousand square inches for a yearly rent. Sustaining memberships?
- "I listed some already, the corn field at corner of center rd & hidden valley rd would be a ideal location for new town office, ball field, basket ball, court, fire dept. Not a lot of land that level to choose from. Other idea. Transfer station like china has where pig farm was. By the town garage / salt shed building along 220. Which now are abandoned buildings. "

Q21: CLIMATE/HAZARD MITIGATION: Living in Montville, which of the following environmental or community hazards and resulting impacts are you concerned about, now or in the future? Select all that apply.

- Invasives
- Chemical contamination
- Particular concern about Lyme Disease & Ticks
- [What would the town of Montville DO about any of these?]
- nothing Montville can do about the Waldoboro CMP sub-station, evidently, being sub-standard? Towns need to apply more pressure on CMP to maintain their equipment. Air quality suffers locally from open trash burning, Maine tradition that should be banned..t?
- This kind of list fits voluntary forum dialogs.
- We've always had power outages. Get used to it.
- Industrial Marijuana facilities that the town has a duty to approve but has ignored its responsibilities

Q22: CLIMATE/HAZARD MITIGATION: What steps would you like to see the town take to address severe weather events including storms, droughts and/or climate change? Other:

- some of the ideas here like community heating and cooling centers or drinking water source could be needed, and I wonder if supporting and encouraging more community connection, neighborhood connection and systems of support?
- Encourage or provide for home-based resilience (e.g. ... and insulation)
- Under "Encourage or provide support for home-based resilience (e.g. wood heat, generators, rainwater collection), they crossed out the word "PROVIDE".
- Coordinate with Waldo County EMA for resources, planning
- Wouldn't these all be nice?
- Fund the Fire Department
- Work with Waldo Emergency Management Agency to help with emergency coordination
- I would have ticked off Encourage or provide support for home-based resilience above EXCEPT that generators are NOT a part of that - they are noise pollution and pollution in general and just allow people to make a ruckus so that they can keep watching TV - home-based resilience does not involve generators.
- fix shoulder, crown the gravel roads
- Introduce these only through a town forum, for future development potentials.
- The emergency management director should not be the fire chief. He should be directing the fire crew in the event of an emergency rather than trying to direct some coordinated response in the event of a major emergency event.

- Spray for ticks?
- I generally don't think it is Montville's problem to address my concerns.
- Some of these, like an emergency heating/cooling center, climate resilience plans, should be explored WITH other towns as partners.
- Enforce Shoreland Zoning

Q23: TOWN INVESTMENTS: Please use the space below for comments on town investments.

- Obtain proper Public Works Equipment to maintain roads and ditches.
- Compactor definitely needs a cover to protect for long term use!
- Would have to be convinced that paving was cheaper long term over proper and timely road maintenance of gravel. Lived on a paved town road in Unity that wasn't maintained and it sucked! Wish it was gravel!
- "Town public computer/internet access at library. Upgrading road infrastructure without paving - pave them."
- For most of these issues, we, the public, have too little information to make informed judgement.
- I think there is an opportunity to discuss costs of things like internet and see if there is potential for private donations. Starlink is also a very affordable internet option at \$120/month.
- Regarding "Virtual Meeting Capacity" - written response (we already have this).
- "[re town owned gravel pit: only if less expensive]. Cost effectiveness in all categories"
- Roads and school - biggest expense / Until the town gets the roads paved which cuts maintenance, equipment costs I don't see that other needs can be an option.
- Public access to Trues Pond: "Not through eminent domain"
- Carefully developed gravel pit plan will help assure aquifer preservation and reduce flood risks
- "[re gravel pits: dont we already have one?]; [re virtual meeting capacity: need more info]; [re upgrading Rd: Rather Pave]"
- I feel tax base is too small to consider many community resources. Infrastructure should be prioritized.
- "[re gravel pits: we own 2]; [re public works equipment: they have enough - they dont do much - that I see.]
- A park or playground would be nice. Access to Trues Pond yeah sure. Public works - discontinue or hire a road commissioner who does something."
- [gravel pit: we own 2 now]
- [what is needed for public works equipment?]
- Repair town house for meeting purposes, keeping this historic integrity of the building as a priority
- Grange can be multipurpose!
- we already have a gravel pit, and public works equipment
- Invest in finding skilled people to do the/any work that needs to be done - people who do it well and with pride - not just those offering to do it at the lowest cost. Invest in quality and integrity.
- It makes sense to support anything that could be potentially offset with grants and subsidies. But, the devil is in the (mostly financial) details.
- Regarding Trues Pond. There is public access and small boat access on the Choate Rd.
- fwiw asking people to choose "only if other people help pay" (columns 2 and 3) not helpful in prioritizing I wouldn't think.
- What public works equipment are you suggesting?
- Investments that encourage and show measurable outcomes in residents' connectivity and support within Montville.
- the town could be more proactive and dutiful in supporting junk yard issues
- I thought the town owned a pit on 220.
- I don't remember a hearing being called (required by state law) 30 days before a regular town meeting to discuss an article to over turn the vote that eliminated the public works for competitive bid. Is there any article being considered?

- Trump's bit-coin. Kidding.....
- The town is too small to support a public works department. There should be a strong road commissioner who uses subcontractors to accomplish the work that go out on bid.
- Only equipment should be a rubber tired backhoe of good quality (no junk) One ton truck with plow capability , a reliable maintenance on all of this equipment.

Q24: TOWN INVESTMENTS: Montville currently has limited indoor space for town-wide meetings and events during the colder months. Would you support evaluating the potential for a community gathering space?

- "Current space seemed adequate for meetings I have attended. Town needs to consider cost and whether additional space is really needed. If it is, then it should be done carefully without unnecessary cost or loss of historic sites."
- What about more reliable heating options for the town house?
- My house roof needs repairing - so I'll buy a new pickup truck - (scenario). Montville needs to make their roads paved before we take on any more - ("nice to have things").
- "Repairing and maintaining the two we already have - Town House, Grange Hall. It is rare these spaces exceed capacity. People are glued to their phones, TV's, computers...and only small numbers go to gatherings."
- We already have two gathering spaces.
- Don't understand need/demand for this kind of space.
- Gun ranges, for private use, should be permitted on the individual's private land when constructed per standard safety precautions.
- Use school facilities for community gathering space
- Grange!?
- Restore the grange and that will do just fine. DO NOT BUILD! It will be a box that will feel like a box and will not be good.
- Provide a large space as an emergency shelter and food distribution center in case of a disaster of some kind.
- "Consider Grange for this."
- should also consider neighboring community centers we could use.
- The town has a community town house. This building is historic and should be preserved and maintained for public use.
- I believe the spaces available are proportionally appropriate to the size of our population. I also do not want tax dollars going towards a new space.
- Unnecessary expense
- "What if we use the one in Liberty? Do we often have a group that is that large? We love the town hall for town meeting and voting! "
- Although I support this, we can not take on anymore tax burdens.
- Don't hold meetings during extreme cold months.
- "I said NO in a previous question to the Grange building because it is not in appropriate shape for public use and would be VERY expensive to get up to acceptable condition. I would also need more information."
- Use a School, there is plenty of space there.
- "really ?? a big building used twice. a year ?? are you serious ??"
- There are many small "communities" in Montville
- Something we need that we cannot afford. Even if we find someone to donate the two+ million for a legal public space, the town would be paying for maintenance and repairs for years. Mt. View isn't bad for meetings, etc. But meetings at Lake St George Brewery can devolve into nonsense.
- Other priorities may need to be addressed first.

Q25: TOWN INVESTMENTS: Would you support the construction of an emergency services center (includes fire, rescue, and emergency warming/cooling center)?

- Would also want to consider options for sharing services or partnering with neighboring communities.
- Yes, but only if we consider options for sharing services or partnering with neighboring communities.
- Can't make an informed judgement without more info
- Good idea but potentially too costly to pursue. OK to look at options.
- Would be a nice dream - not feasibly possible for small towns like ours
- Waldo County's EMA facility is new, large and has space to grow.
- what rescue? we have no ambulance should we have cool/warm? not nearly enough info
- Town is too small to require structure
- We should work on building closer working relationships with neighboring communities
- Why aren't we partnering with Liberty to address fire and ambulance?
- "I understand that the station on 220 near the town line is living on borrowed time. I do not think the town can afford to do anything but cooperate with adjacent towns (even more than currently).
- I'd like to see a GIS census analysis re. population density / locations in Montville before I'd even consider supporting starting to put money aside for the future. "
- Taxes too high already.
- Good topic for forum.
- The town of Liberty has a modern building that is adequate to serve both Montville and Liberty. The 2 towns should partner to efficiently share resources.
- We work with Liberty already
- I know this comment is likely not welcomed, but we should actually be looking at eliminating the town fire department. It is not even a half a mile between our fire dept and Liberty's and it is a waste of resources and money. Those that work at that fire department could work for Freedom or Liberty and make just as strong of an impact.
- Combine this with community gathering space, as sometimes happens at firehouse
- A combined space for all community needs, including community dinners, community place in the event of power failure, community place for fundraising, etc.
- I would also need more information.
- "there are two separate fire houses within 500 yards.
- are you seriously asking this ??"
- Improvements to emergency services and road maintenance should be developed in cooperation with the county and/or other towns.
- Liberty fire department is only a stone throw from Montville's, we should be exploring options to combine the fire departments resources, and equipment to save money.
- Not unless we hit the billion \$\$\$ lottery

Q26: ECONOMY: Which of the statements below best describes Montville? Select one.

- a combination of all of the above
- a mix of above
- partially a bedroom community; a working landscpe of trades and homebased...; a homesteading...; a retirement area...all of these apply.
- [primarily a bedroom community AND a working landscape of....]
- want a mix! not sure of current population
- A mix of all of the above, except the retirement one.

- MONTVILLE is BOTH: A working landscape of tradespeople and home-based businesses AND A homesteading and self-sufficiency-focused community WITH a bit of a bedroom community too.
- Why can't it be a mixture of all of the above?
- a mixture of options 1.2..3 and 5
- No jobs in town/older population
- Multiple Mixed Occupations
- We would pick two here...homesteaders AND people with small businesses
- It is a complex mixture of at least four of these choices!
- C'mon... It's a little of each of these
- A working landscape of tradespeople and home-based businesses; Somewhat a homesteading and self-sufficiency-focused community
- too spread out for commerce ... it is a mix of who landed here with whatever employment or skills they had..ZERO like an intentional town
- It's a bit of "All the above"
- A town that is rapidly becoming gentrified, mostly retired academics and federal workers,
- It's a combination of a bedroom community for Belfast and homesteading.

Q27: ECONOMY: Which types of economic activity would you like Montville to encourage in the future. Select all that apply.

- How does the town "encourage" some of these businesses? I don't totally understand what the action is.
- No opinion
- An if properly planned
- retirees able to live a home.
- Tourism or outdoor recreation...trails specifically
- Selected: "Large-scale commercial or retail businesses (e.g. chain stores, supermarkets, public parks) and added "If in restricted areas"
- No! on industrial businesses and Large Scale commercial or retail...
- Medical Offices
- Town should help in all of these areas but not be responsible. make it easy and comprehensive for all growth in a controlled manner.
- Educational facilities * Grocery + other small Retail stores
- Forestry AND farming are different and I don't look at farms as natural-resource based work so that lumping leaves me scratching my head.
- I do not know enough about this subject. Does Montville tax home based business in some way? Some of these business rely on Montville roads and other infrastructure.
- Homesteading, based on any neighborly and law abiding lifestyle.
- Small business especially a general store!
- Commercial development along Route 3 should be encouraged.
- I don't have a strong opinion about this.
- Why can we choose multiple answers only sometimes?
- Montville's economy is a tiny piece of the larger regional, state and national economy. People live here for lots of reasons and make their money in a variety of ways. The town can't do much to "encourage" creative businesses, tourism, manufacturing, etc.

Q28: GROWTH/LAND USE: Which of the following approaches to land use do you support the most in Montville? (See below for examples of each land use category i.e. residential, industrial, commercial, etc). Select all that apply.

- No solar farms and no windmills.
- Would prefer to not have large-scale commercial and industrial uses in Town.
- [re regulating commercial at any scale and large scale: !!!]
- Private property - trashy yards, junk, eye soars, that devalue the towns appearance as a place to live.
- some zoning is needed
- I would like to see "regulating" defined--how is what is proposed different from existing laws and regulations that offer current protections
- Regulating how folks use their property is a sensitive subject. Of course large-scale anything is almost automatically regulated. Beyond that, there is a need to know more.
- Such planning deserves room for public comment.
- I am typically pro business, but I do think the town needs to keep solar farms out. The loss of agricultural land in other towns has been significant and the subsidies paid to developers are impacting us all in the form of increased electric rates. I also think we need to protect our ridgelines and reject wind mills. Both sources are unreliable and have to be backed up by traditional sources. The redundancy is not cost effective.
- The current land use regulations are adequate.
- Establish commercial corridors for retail and commercial - e.g. rt 3
- It is really hard and beyond the capacity of most people to develop good policies and write good ordinances.
- Zoning of some sort

Q29: GROWTH/LAND USE: In the event of growth in Montville over the next 10 years, what strategies do you think best suits Montville's future? Select all that apply.

- Route 3 should NOT be considered a commercial-industrial development zone.
- Consolidation
- Limit larger commercial or industrial development to Rt 3 or anywhere in town.
- Particular attention to Limit larger commercial or industrial development to route 3. And establishing 2 acres as minimum lot sizes.
- [re large scale subdivisions: !]
- Need business but unsure what that would look like
- We need a commercial tax base!
- [re lot sizes: based on area - smaller in town center. Otherwise none
- Limited zoning
- It's easy to say keep industrial development near Rt. 3, requiring open space and minimum lot sizes BUT not at the expense of eliminating potential increases in the tax base.
- Large or medium scale subdivisions should not be allowed. Larger commercial or industrial developments should not be allowed.
- Minimum lot sizes encourage sprawl and incursion into natural areas. Need some higher-density option as well.
- Town centers grow around need or resources that are not present in Montville.
- Outside light fixture regulations to support dark sky

Q30: LAND USE: Please check where you feel it is most appropriate for the following land uses to occur in Montville in the future (you may select more than one column for each row i.e.. Anywhere AND Should Have Restrictions):

- If we don't designate commercial development and regulate with some restrictions, it seems naive to expect that we can maintain our rural character into the future. It's a tradeoff...
- The rural character of Montville is a huge asset which needs preservation
- Need to stop the unrestricted spread of solar facilities. They are simply another kind of commercial activity!
- Individual solar installations should be encouraged and large scale commercial installations should be restricted/regulated
- Small scale to fit into small town - simple, quiet, small
- Organic agriculture should be promoted. Pesticides should be outlawed. Should not spray herbicides, nor allow others to do so.
- Montville has very little flat land so I don't see a lot of development in the future I see more single family homes
- Designation of land-use should be to ensure adequate and efficient infrastructure and to best control traffic.
- Gravel Pit? you can't "make a gravel pit.
- Most yards are already junkyards so let's not add to that.
- No correction facilities, commercial water extraction (Poland Springs), landfills,
- [tiny house park in areas designated by town. Mobile home parks nowhere]
- I'm not opposed to short term rentals but I do think part of the community in Montville is shaped by the locals.
- Stop the endless AirB&Bing of our community! Support year-round residents.
- 'Everyones' back yard is a damn gun range, do we really need an official one? Many of these items have, or need to have, some sort of town buy in or oversight.
- The quality of forestry operations and the health of our forests is going to become increasingly important as climate warming continues. Healthy forests hold more water and help with cooling. Stronger land-use and building regulations to protect water resources. Need greater setbacks on all water bodies and streams.
- The town currently has adequate land use ordinances to address all of these items.
- We came here for a reason! We saw other nice places destroyed by development. It is a nightmare!!!
- None
- I actually wouldn't be opposed to seasonal rentals if it doesn't infringe on the availability of year round homes.
- The site plan review ordinance should allow development that does not add excessive traffic or change the character of a neighborhood or area.

Q31: What is one thing you would like to change about Montville to improve the town's future?

- more paved roads
- How money is spent.
- Public transportation, more community events and more communication in general.
- More truly affordable housing
- Improve speed enforcement on route 3 and municipal roads.
- Better adaptation/resilience to climate change
- LESS property taxes!
- As mentioned above: Clean it up! Roadside litter and junk (inc. tires); junk cars and equipment; unused half fallen down buildings and sheds.(They seem to be everywhere!) and a town w/o potholes!!! Some just won't ever seem to go away. Can't they be fixed right once and for all?
- More land use ordinances to regulate commercial and subdivision development.

- Communication with residents.
- main roads on Northridge Road
- Nothing. We love Montville
- Stop thinking that total lack of regulation will preserve the town as it is. I believe that is a formula for destroying the Montville we all love.
- We need to stop thinking that "no regulation" (or little regulation) will save us from development that destroys the rural character of the Town. We need well considered rules regarding the location and size of development.
- Clean up vehicles (Unused) & Trash Piles
- Maybe more protective covenants or restrictions so that nature, Beauty and community are preserved
- The idea that improvement is necessary or required
- "Less traffic on 220. less large trucks cutting through onto 220"
- If there is some sort of restriction on mobile homes/mini homes, these type do not generate the tax revenue, but deter people from building homes near or beside this type as it will devalue their investment.
- Leave school district and have residents vote on and approve school curriculum and faculty.
- Get out of the school district.
- Better communication
- More housing. Look at providing a spot for a datacenter.
- Seems to be a lot of rv-living. Where is the black tank going? How can there be two or more on one piece of property where is the code enforcement officer? Budget needs more checks and balances.
- Enforce cleanup of junkyards in residential yards.
- How the town spends its money, with limited checks and balances.
- Housing that would attract a younger population willing and able to participate in town activities i.e. volunteers.
- Development of a town center, with a general store, playground, community space.
- Not much other than what has already been said
- More information
- Change motto to "The Way Life Was".
- The passing of a comprehensive plan which represents the majority of opinions in town with recognizing the views of the minority opinions.
- Better communication about the decisions that are being made for our town by our town board. Better communication around road repairs and signage. I would also like to stop the spread of street lights to a minimum. It really negatively impacts our dark skies and rural nature.
- Honestly a bit more regulation around development and no solar farms!
- Partnering with bordering towns to share resources, especially Liberty for its natural resources, the school property and community groups.
- Internet (being worked on) and reduction of complaining citizens that do not participate.
- More robust business development. This would boost our tax base.
- Roads and infrastructure
- Keep the taxes reasonable, the same issue that all of Maine is fighting.
- BAN ELECTRIC SIGNS - BAN GUN RANGES - BAN GENERATORS
- Remove ourselves from RSU3 and improve the quality and cost of education through community/ecology based learning.
- It would be nice if the 'south' entrance to Montville (220 from Rt 3) was more visually appealing. i.e., clean up the junk.
- The establishment of zoning rules to prevent unintended development
- Increase hospitality. A welcoming to all place
- Keep rural character

- Not sure.
- Get ride of the liberal agenda. Stop trying to control what people can/cannot do on their own property while charging people an arm and a leg. Go back to good old small town American living.
- Work to develop a comprehensive plan that encourages low level impacts on the environment & small business and home occupations.
- Stop trying to be a big town - we don't need an expensive fire station. We do need a new one. We don't need street lights - cut down on light pollution, be good stewards of the land. We do need to increase our tax base, but be creative and keep our rural character.
- Establish serious forum access for towns people to develop town potentials.
- a comprehensive plan to help guide future development to preserve this special place.
- The town needs to attract homeowners and small businesses to increase the tax base so those already here can continue to call Montville home. My wife and I our considering the sale of our forever home due in large part to our tax bill.
- A general store!
- Withdraw from RSU 3.
- Pave the transfer station driveway
- We Love it! Lower taxes?
- I sound like a robot, but taxes. we need a significant break.
- Local schooling
- Nothing comes to mind
- ?
- Nothing
- Nothing
- Road maintenance
- Zoning to support development on Rt 3
- Schools really need an overhaul. Rebuild the idea from the ground up. What we are doing is not working for the children and is a tax burden to the constituents.
- Keep thinking about everyone's needs, & stay neutral on regional/national politics - this is a small community & Montville does a great job sticking to the principles & needs of the small community.
- I wish the town was more diverse.
- Increase the number of business to improve the tax base.
- land use plan
- Limiting large commercial development to Route 3 and continuing to preserve the natural water bodies and resources of our town. Implementation of zoning and this updated plan! We have been very lucky all these years, but if we continue to resist zoning it will threaten the qualities that we most value about our town.
- to be one step ahead of challenges, not just catching up
- Public participation. Of course, that will require improved communication, coordination, and a feeling that participating will be rewarding personally and/or for the town.
- Better garbage disposal
- Nothing
- Make the center of town, near town hall a go to place, park, store, gathering place maybe a town library.
- "best practices, in person meetings for applicants, guidance, education. =better website "
- The gravel roads are terrible. Make a plan to pave them. We need high speed internet/ cable
- Reduce all the whining.
- Leave the RSU, repeal junk ordinances that the planning board have been told are garbage by lawyers. Have respect for the working class...

- Taxes are out of control. The public works department should be totally revamped so that it is more fiscally responsible and not done in the haphazard way that it's being done now. There should be a plan with a timeline. A strong road commissioner who would orchestrate subcontractors to complete the work. This constant money being spent on patching problems, but not correcting them is causing financial hardship on the residents in the way of taxes. The school, we have to do something different. The school is not fiscally responsible, and never even tries to consider the residents and the financial burden they are putting upon them with constantly asking for a raise in the budget every year. We have to do something different or we're going to drive older residence right out of town.
- "Stop spending money on town equipment , pave roads to lessen. Need for equipment use those funds to pay for paving up"

Q32: Where would you like to see Montville in the next 10-20 years?

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- Better roads.
- Pretty similar with a town center that has a general store and perhaps a restaurant/cafe. More trails and public transit.
- Community center, small scale agriculture, home businesses, cultural locations/art, music, etc. Day care centers, alternative schools, independent restaurants, event venue (concerts, etc.) continue community events like field day and Christmas bazaar and town meeting dinner.
- Just where it is now.
- As a vibrant small community that encourages farming, trades, artists. A resilient self sufficient community that is equipped to handle climate change.
- Much as it is today but with better and better maintained roads, and less trash, and in general a neater appearance.
- Hopefully Montville will still feel like the Town it is now but this may only be possible if we can carefully plan to protect our future.
- Prepared for smart economic development that supports rural character and environmental protection.
- I would like to see Montville remain similar to what it is now- without unplanned, unrestricted growth
- Hopefully not burned down to the ground via federal government. Not joking!
- cheap place to live on land or homes.
- Where it is right now
- Change to a managed system of growth and development that is designed to preserve the rural character of the town (i.e. restrict that development in size & location)
- Maintaining its natural beauty and open spaces while welcoming new people and wisely managing development.
- Same Place (are you going to move it?)
- Don't change too much!
- Not very changed from the way it is now. Would like to keep all the good things protected.
- Controlled growth re: commercial / retail / size / location
- "Better roads both dirt and paved roads."
- About the same as it is now. Regulate the big players not the small ones
- Keep as it is today a small town where you can live a quiet rural life.
- The tax base will never increase if people can't be assured their home is not secure from being devalued by low value mobile home/mini homes. It only attracts more of the same in the future
- Between Freedom & Liberty.
- "More paved roads. Community building"
- Allow growth, not a place where potential growth is stifled due to fear of change.
- Better roads and better communication
- No potholes, better rds

- An affordable community for retirees.
- Still functioning as a town w. living inhabitants.
- Welcoming to new people. Attracting people building their own homes, starting a family. Attracting people who want to homestead. Offering rec opportunities to locals and tourists. Offering lots of affordable housing and rentals
- In Maine, maybe Canada?
- with a town center/ more opportunity to meet town citizens
- Preserve the town, limit development, no chain stores, no corporations.
- I hope that Montville can maintain its rural character and community spirit while having a balanced population of young and old.
- I would like to see a strong balanced comprehensive plan that allows for managed growth in certain areas and at the same time preserving the quality of our forests, lakes and rivers and rural lifestyle
- The same (smiley face)
- Not change too much, but decrease taxation
- More connected to neighboring communities. Return to Davistown. Work more closely with similar towns like Searsmont, Freedom, and Liberty.
- Rural, easy going and protecting natural resources
- A continued quaint community focused on quality of life and sustainability.
- Exactly as it was 20 years ago.
- In a different school district and with an increased tax base. No one said I can't dream did they?
- I would hope it would remain similar to what it is now although with a few more amenities like restaurants, a general store, etc.
- Identified as progressive, welcoming, caring
- Have an updated building code that incorporates constraints.
- Continue it flourish without losing it's rural/small scale atmosphere
- still here
- Still rural.
- Family friendly place to live.
- With a community center.
- We would like Montville to keep its rural character. Spend our tax money wisely and treat all residents equitably.
- "Communicative and welcoming resident participation in town-life issues."
- Some growth
- Our roads fixed correctly, limited tax increases, still a small town feel, and hopefully not a town that feels it has to offer everything a big town has (folks that want all the extras should live in a bigger town or city)
- Largely the same as it is.
- Thriving
- Small, local businesses and preservation of wild lands
- Right where it is right now! Protected and Preserved!
- Still very rural, lots of farmland with hiking, agriculture and small businesses to reduce tax burdens, locals staying here instead of moving out of state, and removed from the local school district.
- Nothing comes to mind
- ?
- As it is now
- As it is now
- No change
- On 60 Minutes

- I hope this place is close to the same. I think this town has great potential to keep its integrity of what makes this place so great. The improvements outlined in my survey response I hope will increase quality of life without changing the way of life.
- Twice as many people, same amount of paved roads, greater access to natural resources & partnerships with land use organizations (mountain bike association, snowmobile association, etc)
- Exactly the same
- No answer
- Rural, peaceful, and self-reliant
- A small community thriving economically and socially. A community with high quality education, housing, and employment for its residents.
- Not much different than now!
- Still basically rural with good public transportation and a land use plan
- Continuing to be the rural town that we value in an economically sustainable way
- Thriving and continuing to be a great place to live
- Right where it is.
- A locale that attractive to young families wanting to settle in the area, who see Montville as a community in which they choose to be stewards of it's assets and the futures of those living in Montville
- A Maine destination, beautiful and offering local made in Maine things.
- pollinator supporting eco-friendly , take-light place foe engaged families
- Where it is
- Right here. Where else could it be?
- From a long distance, my family will probably move to New Hampshire to live out our final years. Montville has become unrecognizable from when we were kids. It has become an unwelcoming, expensive, much less farming less working people just undesirable busybodies.
- I would like to see Montville remain with its rural character. I feel that we need to designate route three as a commercial zone and allow some small scale businesses to move in to help with the tax base with commercial businesses. It would seem that it would be advantageous to all if we allowed that area to continue to grow growth commercially and keep the rest of the town and it's rural character. I would like to see the town start its own school and get away from RSU three
- Where it is with a community town center
- A town that's got its act together like Vasselboro , Albion. Appleton

Q33: What are we missing? What other comments and perspectives do you wish to share with the Comprehensive Plan Committee?

- nice job!
- More tax base
- Montville needs better access to high speed internet.
- Final thoughts: On the highways and byways of Montville there are some sharp turns/corners that are essentially blind and quite dangerous (e.g. the right angle turn at the chicken barns on Center Road.) Meeting a speeding dump truck, lumber truck or 18 wheeler seemingly coming out of nowhere and halfway in your lane is downright scary. /can't something be done? At least have foliage obstructing the view around the turn removed. Also there are a lot of areas where roadways ahve been built up to the point where there's a sharp drop off on to the shoulder. Dangerous if you get driven off on to the shoulder. Dangerous if you get dirven off the road and over that drop off. Dangerous if you're walking along the road and get pushed off on to the shoulder. Really dangerous if you are on a bike and pushed off that pavement drop off on to the shoulder. My suggestion: build up the shoulders to the level with the road. Probably not easy but would make a big difference.

- We are concerned about the potential of "climate migration" to Maine. We live in a part of the country that is being highlighted for its "safer" attraction. We believe that our population in Montville and Waldo County can grow exponentially as a result. The discussion of future development should include this possibility of increase growth and climate resiliency as well.
- Part of maintaining the rural character of the Town will be controlling noise and light pollution. Even for example farm-based events and create atmosphere that is not compatible with rural life.
- Thank you for volunteering and revisiting the 20 plus year original one.
- We need businesses for tax income.
- "Thank you all for this survey. Good work! Robust regulations to control large scale or corporate development and to protect all neighboring properties not just single property rights noise, light, pollution, resale value et cetera Keeping taxes low and equitable so working class common folk can live and work here. Property valuation as a basis for tax contribution is outdated and non-progressive. Income based would be more fair"
- I realized the town needs many things. I feel our roads are a major cost factor. By paving we'll cut down on equipment needs, equipment costs, repairs, operations, insurance, maintenance, gravel! Grading. Better roads will attract more people to want to live here. I can't see investing in other major cost items when we have such poor road structure (gravel) roads that require constant repair. Also no restrictions on mobile homes many homes as to their locations will not enhance our tax base but only attract more of same. The town office parking lot should be paved, as the town recycling area also. How is it towns like Morrill do so well while Montville struggles?
- we need business for tax purposes
- We need a solid tax base i.e. businesses!
- A town center. Reliable internet options. Small businesses that cater to locals
- many questions require knowledge of what is happening not or expected and nobody knows nada
- The plan should have a paragraph acknowledging the earliest human inhabitants on the land which was taken from them by European colonization.
- I think we are on the right track. At least we are all talking about this
- Montville is widely recognized for its vibrant arts community, and I believe we could celebrate and strengthen that identity by holding an annual Montville Art Fair Day. This event should feature local artists of all kinds. Stoneworker, quilter, painter, woodworker photographer, musicians, sculptors and more - showcasing their work in a center location for residents and visitors to enjoy. Not only would it give our talented neighbors a platform to share their creations but it would also draw visitors, boost local businesses and foster community pride. An annual art fair could become a signature event that reflects what Montville is already known for: creativity craftsmanship and friendships.
- Need to encourage participation in the town at all levels, residents need to build the community, not some folks build the community and then those that do not participate feel they can then criticize. It takes everyone to build the community
- What about a community elementary school?
- I have no idea what you might be missing. I think ya'all are doing an awesome thing for the town. Thank you for your service.
- As former residents of a formerly rural town near Boston, if you don't have zoning in place, you will have no control over what happens
- I think you've done an amazing job!
- Not sure
- More meetings to share these findings.
- The current trend in property taxation is unsustainable. The current policies and lack of budgetary discipline is creating an economic situation that will force people to subdivide, develop and sell their property. I've lived in this town for over 30 years and am very concerned that I will no longer be able to afford to grow old here.
- Thank you for doing this work

- Good for you! Great job!!!
- I would encourage you to look into lowering taxes, although I know you probably are and have been, look into our local school affiliation and if it would be a positive impact to remove ourselves financially from the district and also our local fire department closure.
- Nothing comes to mind
- ?
- What are the projections for growth? Is population increasing or decreasing?
- Nothing
- "Great survey – Thanks - MCOG has been essential to recent progress here. By not including this in the survey, you may underrepresent its significance in final results. - Might help to have a grant-writing function as a permanent presence in the Town."
- I appreciate Montville's peaceful and quiet environment. I would like to see Montville remain the same and continue to allow residents to maintain independence within reason.
- None
- My complements to the Comprehensive Planning Committee for all the work they are doing.
- Who do you think is going to do all the work required by the responses to this? Who is going to pay the bills to accomplish all of this?
- How individuals, families, entrepreneurs, stable businesses, and community planners can begin the work of reaching out to one another.
- be future looking
- After serving on the committee for a number of years I realized that more than half the people on the committee were there to prevent the town from adopting a plan.
- Not every group has to tackle climate change. The Town Government should really stick to the basics.
- I'm strongly in favor of minimum lot sizes in some if not most areas of town. And set backs from roads on all buildings.