

Clarendon Survey

The Clarendon Planning Commission is updating the town plan and we need your help. Please answer the following questions as they will help guide our updates. Please respond before December 31, 2025. This survey is also available online. Please go to <http://www.clarendonvt.org> and look for the link! Additional paper copies may be obtained through the town clerk.

As a place to live, Clarendon is:

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Excellent 16 30 1 1 Poor

What type(s) of land use would you like to see MORE of:

12	Commercial
20	Light Industrial
27	Residential - Single Family Homes
8	Residential - Multi-Family Homes
8	Childcare Centers
15	Affordable Housing
21	Agricultural
19	Land Conservation
3	Mobile Home Parks
5	Vacation/Second Homes
14	Elderly Housing
5	Healthcare Facilities
17	Home-Based Businesses
13	Small Crafts/Artisans
19	Recreation Facilities
	Heavy Industrial
2	Need More Information
	Other: Parks, Light Commercial, Bicycle Paths

What type(s) of land use would you like to see LESS of:

12	Commercial
9	Light Industrial
3	Residential - Single Family Homes
11	Residential - Multi-Family Homes
1	Childcare Centers
7	Affordable Housing
	Agricultural
4	Land Conservation
22	Mobile Home Parks
12	Vacation/Second Homes
1	Elderly Housing
2	Healthcare Facilities
	Home-Based Businesses
	Small Crafts/Artisans
3	Recreation Facilities – one note: no taxpayer \$
29	Heavy Industrial
6	Need More Information
	Other: solar arrays (3), cannabis grow, unauthorized/unregistered businesses

How would you rate your level of satisfaction with the following town services?

	Very Satisfied	Somewhat Satisfied	Neutral	Somewhat Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied	No Opinion
Schools	8	10	14	5	6	9
Road Maintenance	28	17	3	4	0	0
Fire Protection	29	13	7	1	0	2
Police Protection	10	9	19	5	4	5
Recreation Opportunities	6	10	19	6	3	7
Health Services	4	1	19	6	4	14
Transfer Station	19	14	10	2	2	6
Transfer Station Fees	10	4	6	5	6	3
Library	23	4	10	1	3	10
Snow Removal	32	9	3	3	1	2
Parks	7	11	15	5	4	10

Community Center 11 7

What type(s) of housing do you feel would best meet the needs of the town?

43	Single Family
13	Two-Family
9	Multi-Family
3	Condominiums
8	Vacation/Second homes
20	Accessory Dwelling (mother-in-law)

Do you feel that zoning in Clarendon is:

7	Too Restrictive
15	Just Right
1	Not Restrictive Enough
29	Don't know enough about zoning to say.

What type(s) of energy development do you support:

20	Residential or Business Net Metered Systems
10	Municipal Net Metered Systems
10	Municipal electric car charging systems
18	Small commercial projects (less than 1 MW)
9	Medium commercial projects (1 MW to 2.5 MW)
4	Large commercial projects (greater than 2.5 MW)
11	Nuclear Energy Production
7	I do not support energy development
	Other: Renewables (2), leave to GMP & focus on town needs

Are you in favor of designating as village center one or more of the following locations?

30	Moulton Ave / Route 7B North
2	Beacon Heights / Clarendon East Road
19	Clarendon Flats (by Town Hall)
8	Route 7B/Route 103 Area

Do you feel you have enough control and/or influence over how Clarendon develops?

11	Yes
21	No
19	Need More Information

What would you like to know more about?

7	Select board
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What would you favor as the smallest lot size allowed for a single family dwelling?

11	1/2 Acre
26	1 Acre (Current Minimum)
5	3 Acres
1	5 Acres
8	No Restriction
2	Need More Information

Are you in favor of developing a walking/biking path in town?

30	Yes
11	No
10	Need More Information

Shoulders/sidewalk from MR to 4-corners

What types of renewable energy sources do you support?

24	Wind
34	Solar
18	Biogas (Energy from animal waste, i.e.: Cow Power)
22	Hydroelectric
24	Biomass (Wood or other organic material)
3	I do not support renewable energy
1	Nuclear
	NO Wind, NO Solar (2)
	Not for the town to get involved with

Do you feel adequately informed on local issues?

14	Yes
20	No
19	Not Sure/ Need More Information

I think and see town resources used for not supported function 8 weeks & 3 person road crew at rec park

Should Clarendon consider the addition of subdivision regulations for future planning?

18	Yes
7	No
26	Need More Information

18	Everything
12	Nothing
10	Zoning
8	Recreation
6	Schools
9	Planning
	Newsletter, Development

The Clarendon Town Plan currently encourages the town to attract new industries and businesses which will meet environmental standards and will not impact heavily on housing needs and the local school system. Given those standards, please give examples or describe industries and businesses you would like to see come into town.

Restaurants (4), Health club/fitness (2), Lt. Manufacturing/Lt Industrial (5), Agriculture (5), Town Center, Clothing manufacturing, tech-based (3), No marijuana shops, Recreation, Arts & Crafts (2), Store/Deli/gas station (7), Metal working, spa, Childcare, Trade School, Manufacturing (2), Jobs, Expand Airport Business Park, Schools are big enough, Shooting Range, Auto Repair, Food production (2), home-based businesses (3), Businesses (3), Pharmacy, Target/big box store/grocery store (2), Remote Work Support, Would have to evaluate on a case-by-case basis.

The Grange Hall Committee would like to know what activities or events you would like to see held in the community center. Please list any ideas below.

Pickleball, Bingo, Dance Classes/Dances (2), Business Meetings, Dinner w/ ethnic foods, Meeting ??(illegible), Coffee Socials, Themed Parties, Town Fundraisers, Food Donations, Neighbor helping neighbor workshops, Cooking Classes, No Changes, Pot Luck (4), Bone Builders/exercise classes (2), Live Music/music nights (4), Holiday parties (2), Card Game Nights, Town Watch, Craft Classes, Town History presentations, Movie Nights, Multi-age activities, Book Club, Game nights (3), Cooking Contest , Farmers Market, Secure space for historical society materials

Are you age 60 or over? (To be used only for Grange Hall planning purposes) Yes 28 No 13

Is there anything else you'd like the town to know? All are direct quotes.

Are businesses in the Airport Business Park paying taxes that can be used to stabilize property taxes with the impending implementation of Act 73; Quality of life in Clarendon is very good; More town events; I would like taxes to go down, you can't survive with taxes going and food; Taxes are high for a place with no public sewer or water; Taxes and cost of living issues?; There is a great deal of traffic and congestion on the Middle Rd from the large trucks going & coming to & from the sawmill and all the school traffic. Everybody speeds. Also don't run Clarendon into another Williston; I like Clarendon as a quiet suburb of Rutland; Our town needs a municipal wastewater plan for any growth to happen; No; No more school taxes there high enough. Keep taxes low; We have no noise ordinance. We need one! People discharge weapons night & day. Shoot where they shouldn't be! Fireworks goes on all the time. Speeding is rampant & we have no shoulders on roads for people to walk, ride bikes, and horses none of these regulations will do any good if they are not enforced; Whatever happened to the town's discussion on a noise ordinance?; stop the use of road salt - use brine other's have cut cost by 1/2 start using sand & brine mix last year Clarendon was over 48 tons per mile the environmental impact is huge may all ready to late it seems like road forman has his own agenda not willing to try better ways he has no supervision skill. 1 person 1 position (like road forman & select position not working) I see a conflict in several position (like select board and treasure) even though both are doing a great job; We should be repurposing industrial buildings before allowing new ones to be built. We need an ordanance to insure that only the U.S. and State flags be flown on town property; The pellet plant on Rt 7B pollutes the air severely in a 3 mi radius when it blows in your direction; I was considering joining the fire department but chose not to because the equipment seemed outdated. The air packs need to be updated as soon as possible. What recreational opportunities are available? Does Clarendon have any parks? I've heard good things about the pre and elementary school but Mill River is not good lack of opportunities and discipline at Mill River. Considering Rutland High, MSJ and Long Trail; Research once again the feasibility of having a "resident" town constable vs the fees paid to the sheriff's dept.; Please

communicate news to the residents; Yes. I do not favor a local options sales tax for Clarendon. Instead of trying to raise more money from Clarendon residents – try finding ways to spend less!

The town should send a news letter via e-mail instead of having to visit the web site; Is it possible to create a planning committee charged with creating a vision for a more cohesive sense of community in Clarendon?; The planning commission should have checked the website they listed on the survey mailing before mailing. The website was wrong which to me suggests this survey will not be accurate.; Post more, easier to access activities/notices on the town website; A bike path on Creek Rd would be well-used and much safer than current situation. There is a lot of rec use on Creek Rd.; Yes, on the Town Web Site - - Fire Dept. link. A Fire Dept. Report on Monthly activities.; Host workshops, involve the youth; As measured by standardized test scores, we are not getting value for the substantial sums we spend per student. The majority of students graduating from Mill River do not have basic literacy or math competencies. Our scores are less than 50%, hence me stating the majority of students. Perhaps it is time to close Mill River and send our kids to Rutland High School. They rank higher than Mill River on those standardized tests.; if the taxes go up, results are usually able to be seen but....; If you are not aware, <https://www.strongtowns.org/> covers many topics like these in great details.
