

A. APPEARANCE OF COMMUNITY/RURAL CHARACTER/OPEN SPACES

1. What do you like most about Grantham? *(Check those most important to you)*

<u>635</u>	a.	Small town atmosphere	<u>2</u>	UNANSWERED
<u>564</u>	b.	Uncrowded living conditions		
<u>612</u>	c.	Peace and quiet		
<u>372</u>	d.	Outdoor recreation opportunities		
<u>10</u>	e.	Employment opportunities		
<u>128</u>	f.	School System		
<u>352</u>	g.	Favorable Tax Burden		
<u>510</u>	h.	Unpolluted natural environment		

2. Over the next ten (10) years, would you like to see Grantham: *(Check those most important to you)*

			<u>3</u>	UNANSWERED
<u>639</u>	a.	Be primarily a rural residential community		
<u>145</u>	b.	Encourage home occupation/cottage industry		
<u>76</u>	c.	Be seen largely as a retirement community		
<u>274</u>	d.	Attract a more balanced mix of resident age groups		
<u>50</u>	e.	Encourage development of seasonal residences		
<u>165</u>	f.	Encourage outdoor recreation related business		
<u>50</u>	g.	Encourage tourist related businesses		
<u>367</u>	h.	Expand commercial/professional services only to meet Town's needs		
<u>210</u>	i.	Not encourage any additional business or industry		
<u>107</u>	j.	Encourage additional business or industry		
<u>13</u>	k.	No opinion		

3. The phrase "rural character" is used many times in the Grantham's current Master Plan, and is a key concept for growth management in Grantham. "Rural character" means different things to different people. Please help us create a community definition by indicating how important each of the following is to you: *(Check those most important to you)*

<u>691</u>	a.	Woods	<u>0</u>	UNANSWERED
<u>500</u>	b.	Farms and Fields		
<u>583</u>	c.	Wildlife		
<u>369</u>	d.	Wetlands/Marshes/Bogs		
<u>558</u>	e.	Undeveloped Spaces		
<u>190</u>	f.	Unpaved Roads		
<u>462</u>	g.	Scenic Vistas or Views		
<u>460</u>	h.	Recreation Trails – Non-motorized Uses		
<u>63</u>	i.	Recreation Trails – Motorized Uses		
<u>418</u>	j.	Personal Safety		
<u>547</u>	k.	Quiet/Silence		
<u>308</u>	l.	Sparse Population		
<u>486</u>	m.	Dark Night Sky		
<u>449</u>	n.	Privacy		
<u>586</u>	o.	Low Traffic Volume		

4. Open Space is broadly defined as undeveloped land, which may include the open space categories in the following list. Please indicate what types of open spaces you believe are important for Grantham to preserve. *(Check those most important to you)*

A. Farmlands

5 UNANSWERED

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| 443 | 1. Farms and farm buildings |
| 644 | 2. Open fields and croplands |

B. Ecological Features

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| 744 | 1. Rivers, streams, ponds, lakes |
| 435 | 2. Wetlands |
| 670 | 3. Forests |

C. Scenic Areas

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| 553 | 1. Ridgelines and hilltops |
| 440 | 2. Country roadways |
| 617 | 3. Woodlands |
| 470 | 4. Green belts surrounding existing and new population centers |

D. Recreation Areas

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| 205 | 1. Class VI (unmaintained) roads |
| 588 | 2. Trails – non-motorized uses |
| 76 | 3. Trails – motorized Uses |
| 167 | 4. Hunting areas |
| 366 | 5. Fishing areas |
| 447 | 6. Parks/town greens/ball fields |

5. Which, if any, of the following are important to you in your neighborhood? *(Check all that apply)*

4 UNANSWERED

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| 739 | a. Peace and Quiet |
| 65 | b. Lights at Night |
| 439 | c. No Lights at Night |
| 71 | d. Hunting Allowed |
| 506 | e. No Hunting |
| 593 | f. Low Traffic Speed |
| 642 | g. Low Traffic Volume |

B. GROWTH & GENERAL LAND USE

6. According to *CENSUS 2000*, between 1990 and 2000, the population of Grantham increased from 1,247 to 2,167. This is an increase of about seventy-four percent (74%) . During this same period the regional population grew about nine percent (9%). Do you feel that the increase in population of Grantham is: *(Check one)*

27 UNANSWERED

- 452 a. Too rapid
- 310 b. About right
- 7 c. Not fast enough

7. From 1999-2002, the number of building permits for new residential construction issued by Grantham each year were 24, 35, 32, and 45, respectively, and as of August 13, 2003, the number issued so far this year is 28. Which of the following best describes your reaction to this rate of new residential construction in Grantham? *(Check one)*

82 UNANSWERED of which 61 answered b) & c)

- 144 a. **Favorable:** Want the Town to continue to grow without further limits
- 125 b. **Unfavorable:** Too much growth for the Town
- 309 c. **Unfavorable:** Would like to see further limits on potential growth
- 136 d. **No Opinion**

8. Would you favor limiting the number of building permits issued each year in Grantham to allow the Town to control the rate of growth and assess the impact of such growth on taxes, Town services & facilities, traffic, safety, and the like? *(Check one)*

14 UNANSWERED

- 531 a. Yes
- 169 b. No
- 82 c. No Opinion

9. In the current Zoning Ordinance, most of the Town is classified as Rural/Residential. There are two zones in this category, differing only in the required minimum lot size for the future subdivision of land. One zone (covering most of the Town except Eastman) has a minimum lot size of one (1) acre. The other zone (covering Olde Farms) has a minimum lot size of four and a half (4½) acres. What, if any, changes should be made to the minimum lot size in each of the following areas of Town? *(Check one for each letter)*

	Remain Same	Increase	Decrease	Unanswered
a. Grantham Village	563	97	27	109
b. South Grantham	463	175	8	150
c. East Grantham	466	180	9	141
d. Dunbar Hill	446	195	11	144
e. Within Eastman borders/boundaries	529	169	14	84
f. Olde Farms	524	76	68	128
g. North Grantham	451	191	15	139
h. West Grantham (Corbin Park region)	445	192	10	149

10. Should Grantham develop and adopt a Capital Improvement Program? A Capital Improvement Program is a comprehensive assessment of the capital improvement needs for all Town departments that establishes priorities for those needs based on projected available funding. For example, capital projects may include road improvements, vehicle or major equipment purchases, new buildings, expanded or renovated buildings, land acquisition, recreation improvements, etc. *(Check one)*

15 UNANSWERED

<u>619</u>	a.	Yes
<u>80</u>	b.	No
<u>82</u>	c.	No Opinion

11. Under current law, the Town is permitted to impose Impact Fees on future developments to help defray the cost of expanding and maintaining public services. Should the Town impose such fees in Grantham as part of the Capital Improvement Program? *(Check one)*

16 UNANSWERED

<u>549</u>	a.	Yes
<u>150</u>	b.	No
<u>81</u>	c.	No Opinion

12. Are you in favor of the Town adopting an ordinance that would control the days and times that builders can conduct noisy construction, land clearing, or excavation/filling activities, for example, Monday through Friday, 7AM to 7PM, and no holidays? *(Check one)*

8 UNANSWERED

<u>603</u>	a.	Yes
<u>136</u>	b.	No
<u>49</u>	c.	No Opinion

C. RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT & HOUSING

13. In the future, where in Grantham would you like to see the following types of residential development? *(Check one for each letter)*

	Anywhere	Grantham Center Only	Outside Grantham Center Only	Nowhere	UNANSWERED
a. Single family residences	617	10	63	26	80
b. Two family residences	130	140	61	333	132
c. Conversion of large homes to apts.	60	112	26	481	117
d. Multi-family residences	54	91	39	488	124
e. Manufactured homes on individual lots	253	16	110	295	122
f. Mobile homes on individual lots	29	5	58	580	124
g. Manufactured homes in parks	34	10	54	579	119
h. Mobile homes in parks	12	9	21	617	137
i. Senior housing	265	178	102	130	121
j. Cluster housing with single family homes on reduced lots with the balance preserved as open space	196	43	156	289	112

14. How should Grantham address its social responsibility to accommodate affordable housing? *(Check one for each letter)*

	Yes	No	No Opinion	UNANSWERED
a. Permit "in-law" apartment within a residence or garage	597	113	41	45
b. Permit greater residential density for projects designated as affordable housing	240	396	87	73
c. Encourage multifamily housing	106	536	72	82
d. Permit conversion of large homes to apartments	171	482	71	72

D. COMMERCIAL & INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT

15. Which of the following commercial uses would you like to see in Grantham in the future?
(Check those most important to you)

58 UNANSWERED

- 447 a. Professional business offices
- 509 b. Medical offices
- 164 c. Light industry
- 7 d. Heavy industry
- 158 e. High tech industry
- 161 f. Auto service & repair
- 142 g. Gas stations
- 371 h. Personal services (barbers, laundries hairdressers, etc.)
- 486 i. Restaurants
- 252 j. Cottage industry/home occupations
- 166 k. Motels/inns/bed & breakfasts
- 225 l. Retail sales
- 57 m. Shopping centers
- 101 n. Movie/entertainment center/theater
- 409 o. Farms

E. TRANSPORTATION/ROADS/SIDEWALKS

16. Would you support encouraging public transportation in Grantham? *(Check one)*

19 UNANSWERED

- 245 a. Yes
- 392 b. No
- 140 c. No Opinion

17. Would you support the development of sidewalks in Grantham Village? *(Check one)*

15 UNANSWERED

- 343 a. Yes
- 348 b. No
- 90 c. No Opinion

18. Would you support the development of any of the following bike paths or routes in Grantham?
(Check one for each letter)

- a. Along roads
- b. Off-Road, such as in forests, parks, conservation land, and the like

	Yes	No	No Opinion	UNANSWERED
a. Along roads	450	185	66	95
b. Off-Road, such as in forests, parks, conservation land, and the like	558	134	47	57

19. Grantham has roads that are privately maintained as well as roads that are owned and maintained by the Town, so-called “Town” or “public” roads. As far as the public roads are concerned, some are paved and some are gravel. As a general rule, should Grantham have a plan or policy to pave its public gravel roads gradually over the next 5 to 10 years? *(Check one)*

17 UNANSWERED

- 251 a. Yes
- 376 b. No
- 152 c. No Opinion

F. COMMUNITY SERVICES & FACILITIES

20. Based on your knowledge and experience, what is your opinion of the following community services and facilities? *(Check one for each number under each letter)*

A. SERVICES:

	Good	Fair	Poor	No Opinion	UNANSWERED
1. Fire protection	465	80	7	204	40
2. Police protection	449	125	25	157	40
3. Emergency/FAST Squad	446	67	9	233	41
4. Road maintenance	536	146	26	55	33
5. Snowplowing	625	80	5	56	30
6. Transfer station (trash)	641	44	9	72	30
7. Recycling	578	70	23	93	32
8. Library	603	38	5	117	33
9. Management of Town gov't.	422	126	20	192	36
10. Grantham Village School	421	56	7	265	46

B. FACILITIES:

	Adequate	Renovate	Replace	No Opinion	UNANSWERED
1. Town Offices	318	81	229	128	40
2. Town Hall	315	79	206	144	52
3. Police Station	178	84	346	142	46
4. Fire Department/FAST Squad Building.	534	27	8	181	46
5. Highway Dept. Shed	334	35	25	345	57
6. Library	620	24	3	104	44
7. Grantham Village School	434	62	2	250	48

21. Over half of the calls answered by the Grantham Volunteer Fire Department occur between 7AM and 5PM when many of the members are working, which results in increased response times. Should the Town employ a full-time paid Firefighter/EMT or Firefighter/Paramedic during the daylight “working hours” to significantly improve response time? *(Check one)*

17 UNANSWERED

439 a. Yes
206 b. No
134 c. No Opinion

22. If Grantham had a full-time paid Firefighter/EMT or Firefighter/Paramedic, would you be in favor of expanding their duties to include Code Enforcement of state fire code regulations? *(Check one)*

18 UNANSWERED

416 a. Yes
188 b. No
174 c. No Opinion

23. At present, Grantham has an all-volunteer F.A.S.T. Squad to provide first response to a medical emergency, and relies on the New London Hospital Ambulance Service for complex medical assistance and transport to the hospital. We could provide more immediate complex medical assistance and transport services, using the current F.A.S.T. Squad vehicle, if we had full-time paid Emergency Medical Technicians or Firefighter/Paramedics and paid administrative support to supplement the volunteer members. Should the Town upgrade its F.A.S.T. Squad to an Ambulance Service? *(Check one)*

25 UNANSWERED

322 a. Yes
296 b. No
153 c. No Opinion

24. At present, the Grantham Police Department does not have a 3rd shift, and the NH State Police does not have a 3rd shift in Sullivan County. In Grantham, “911” calls for police assistance during overnight hours could be handled by adding a full-time 3rd shift to the Grantham Police Department, which would require hiring 2 additional full-time police officers. Would you be in favor of expanding the Police Department to include a full-time 3rd shift? *(Check one)*

24 UNANSWERED

259 a. Yes
378 b. No
135 c. No Opinion

G. ENVIRONMENT/CONSERVATION

25. Is preservation of the following natural resources in Grantham important to you?
(Check all that apply)

29 UNANSWERED

- 713 a. scenic natural resources
- 481 b. historic buildings/sites
- 512 c. agricultural lands
- 706 d. natural areas
- 553 e. surface waters/ground waters/wetlands
- 387 f. Class VI roads/trails

26. Would you support continued efforts by the Town to acquire land that is considered significant to the rural character of the Town, such as Sherwood Forest, Reney Memorial Forest, and the green spaces in Eastman, which have been acquired in the past? *(Check one)*

14 UNANSWERED

- 656 a. Yes
- 87 b. No
- 39 c. No Opinion

27. Would you support the use of your tax dollars to purchase property or easements for the following purposes? *(Check one for each letter)*

	Yes	No	No Opinion	UNANSWERED
a. Conservation	583	110	47	56
b. Recreation	450	183	75	88
c. Scenic views	440	179	83	94
d. Trail systems	479	155	78	84
e. Historic Preservation	440	155	101	100

28. If a proposed development may adversely impact significant natural or historic resources, should the Planning Board have the authority to require submission of an alternative layout for the proposed development that is designed to protect those resources? *(Check one)*

19 UNANSWERED

- 713 a. Yes
- 35 b. No
- 29 c. No Opinion

H. RECREATION/CULTURAL/HISTORICAL

29. In association with the possibility of a new Municipal Center (*e.g.*, Town Offices, Police Station, or possible other facilities), would you support the development of a community center in Grantham to serve people of all ages and provide a variety of activities? (*Check one*)

16 UNANSWERED

378 a. Yes
298 b. No
104 c. No Opinion

30. Assuming that the local property tax would support the acquisition and maintenance of any new recreational facility, which of the following types of recreational facilities would you be in favor of the Town pursuing? (*Check those most important to you*)

50 UNANSWERED

194 a. No recreation facilities needed
122 b. Band stand
127 c. Picnic area
196 d. Softball/Baseball
91 e. Skateboarding
20 f. Shuffleboard
46 g. Volleyball court
170 h. Public swimming facilities
44 i. Horse shoes
290 j. Hiking & cross country ski trails
336 k. Bike paths
225 l. Parking at existing trail heads
240 m. Multi-purpose recreation area
186 n. Meeting/Events hall

I. DEMOGRAPHICS

31. Are you a: (*Check one*)

9 UNANSWERED

576 a. Year-round resident & property owner
159 b. Part-time or seasonal resident & property owner
43 c. Nonresident property owner
8 d. Resident voter, non-property owner or renter

32. Do you own or rent your residence? (*Check one*)

16 UNANSWERED

774 a. Own
6 b. Rent

33. What is the location of your employment? *(Check one)*

60 UNANSWERED

<u>51</u>	a.	Not employed
<u>346</u>	b.	Retired
<u>41</u>	c.	Work out of the home
<u>26</u>	d.	Grantham
<u>8</u>	e.	Newport
<u>93</u>	f.	Lebanon/West Lebanon
<u>22</u>	g.	Hanover
<u>18</u>	h.	New London
<u>4</u>	i.	Claremont
<u>8</u>	j.	Concord
<u>4</u>	k.	Manchester
<u>15</u>	l.	Vermont
<u>46</u>	m.	Massachusetts
<u>7</u>	n.	Connecticut
<u>4</u>	o.	New York
<u>44</u>	p.	Other

34. If you have children at home, in which of the following categories do they fall? *(Check all that apply)*

658 UNANSWERED

<u>61</u>	a.	Preschool (Up to 6 years old)	If so, how many? <u>40</u>
<u>77</u>	b.	Grades K-6	If so, how many? <u>53</u>
<u>25</u>	c.	Grades 7-8	If so, how many? <u>15</u>
<u>32</u>	d.	Grades 9-12	If so, how many? <u>25</u>

35. Do you home-school any children living with you? *(Check one)*

288 UNANSWERED

<u>9</u>	a.	Yes
<u>288</u>	b.	No
<u>211</u>	c.	No school-age children living at home

36. To what age group do you belong? *(Check one)*

24 UNANSWERED

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| <u>0</u> | a. | Under 25 |
| <u>46</u> | b. | 25-34 |
| <u>129</u> | c. | 35-49 |
| <u>275</u> | d. | 50-64 |
| <u>322</u> | e. | 65 and over |

37. Where in Grantham are you located? *(Check one)*

12 UNANSWERED

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| <u>42</u> | a. | Grantham Village |
| <u>23</u> | b. | South Grantham |
| <u>27</u> | c. | East Grantham |
| <u>38</u> | d. | Dunbar Hill |
| <u>552</u> | e. | Eastman |
| <u>57</u> | f. | Olde Farms |
| <u>43</u> | g. | North Grantham |
| <u>2</u> | h. | West Grantham (Corbin Park region) |