

**TOWN OF DOVER, VERMONT**  
**LOCAL OPTIONS TAX SURVEY**

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The University of New Hampshire Survey Center conducted a mail survey for the Town of Dover, VT. The specific areas of interest are the spending priorities for revenue gained through a local options tax. Two thousand nine hundred and thirty-four (2,934) Dover homeowners were mailed a survey on October 3, 2011. Five hundred and nineteen (519) Dover homeowners responded to the survey between October 3 and November 18, 2011; the response rate is 18 percent.

### **Best Thing About Being a Homeowner in Dover**

- A quarter of Dover homeowners (26%) say that the best thing about owning a home in Dover is the accessibility of skiing, particularly on Mt. Snow, followed by the small town feel of Dover (23%), the scenic beauty of the area (15%), the quiet or peaceful atmosphere (15%), the easy access to outdoor activities other than skiing (7%), or some other characteristic (13%). (*Figure 1*)
- Primary home owners were more likely to cite the small town feel of Dover, while second home owners were more likely to say access to Mt. Snow.

### **Needed Improvements**

- About one in five Dover homeowners (18%) said that the tax level in Dover needs improvement, followed by a greater effort to attract businesses to Dover (17%), more recreational facilities (16%), better cell phone coverage, infrastructure improvements (7%), beautification of the town (5%), access to broadband internet (4%), better input from second home-owners (4%), town government and services (4%), 10 percent said some other issues, 4 percent said nothing needs improvement, and 1% don't know. (*Figure 2*)

### **Quality of Life**

- Three-quarters of Dover homeowners (76%) said that improved cell phone coverage is a "very important" aspect to the quality of life in Dover, 64 percent said that high-speed internet access is very important, followed by access to biking and hiking trails in national forests (52%), beautification of the town (43%), community events (26%), development of parks (23%), and construction of sports fields (9%). (*Figure 3*)
- When asked to select the most important aspect to the quality of life in Dover, more than a quarter of Dover homeowners (29%) selected improved cell phone coverage, 25 percent said access to biking and hiking trails, and 21 percent said access to high-speed internet. (*Figure 4*)

### **Building Community**

- About a quarter of Dover homeowners (23%) strongly support the use of revenue from the local options tax towards building community in Dover, 31 percent somewhat support it, 14 percent somewhat oppose it, and 31 percent strongly oppose it. (*Figure 5*)

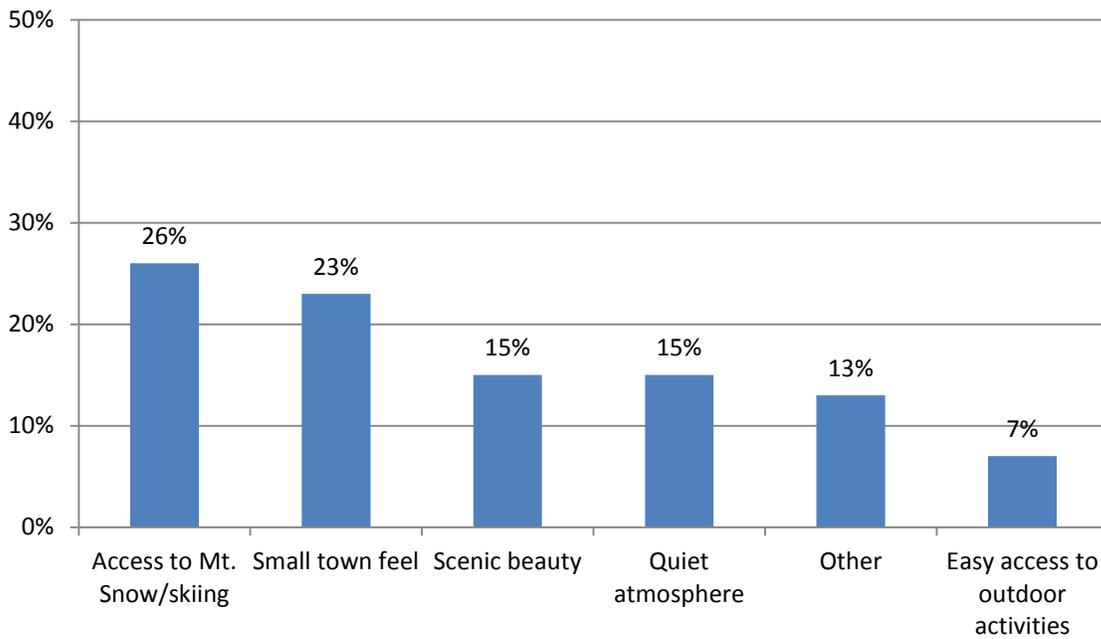
### **A Community Center in Dover**

- If Dover were to move forward with plans to build a community center, more than one in ten Dover homeowners (14%) said that the first most important activities or characteristics it should support is activities for children and teens, followed by a swimming pool (9%), a gym or fitness center (8%), activities for the elderly (8%), space for meetings or classes (8%), sports and games (8%), cultural events (6%), activities for all ages or families (5%), activities for all seasons and weather (4%), 14 percent said some other activity or characteristic, 3 percent cited concerns related to second home owner usage, 12 percent said that there was no need for a community center, and 1 percent did not know. (*Figure 6*)

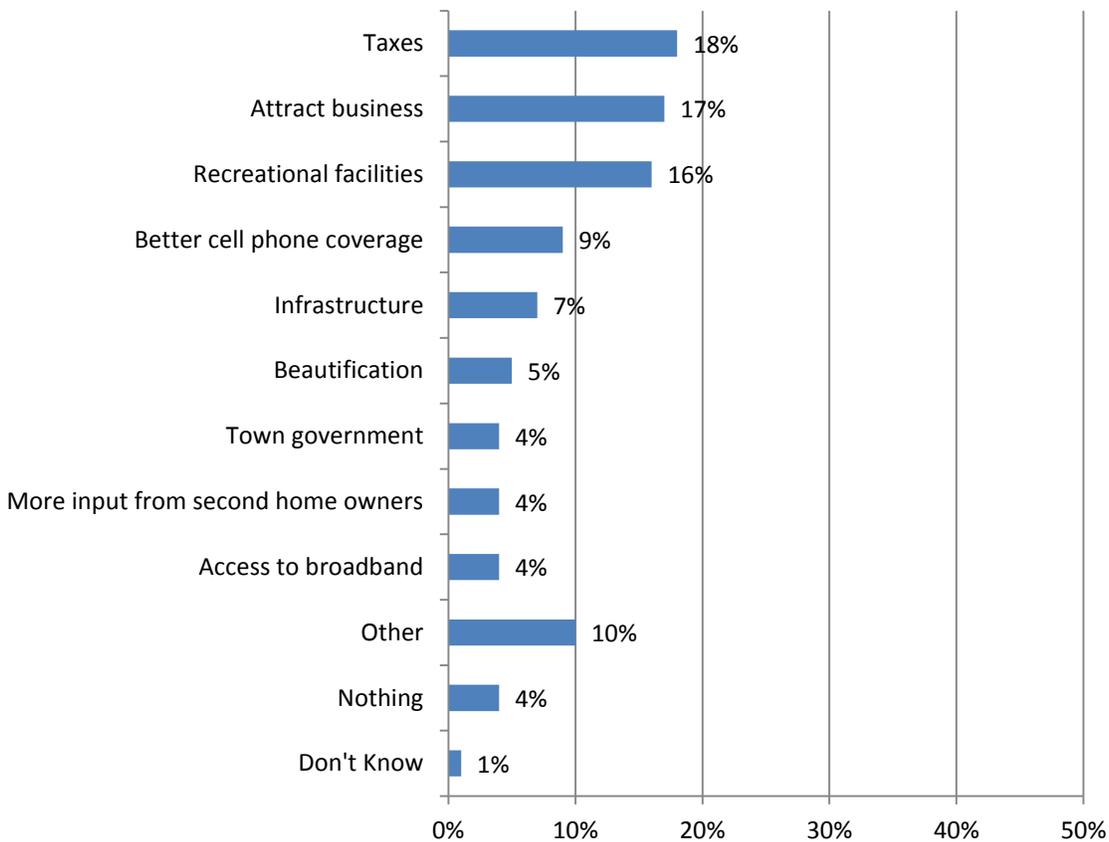
### **Building Community**

- One in ten Dover homeowners (11%) strongly support the use of public funds raised through a local options tax to support events that are developed by private organizations, 27 percent somewhat support it, 21 percent somewhat oppose it, and 42% strongly oppose it. (*Figure 7*)

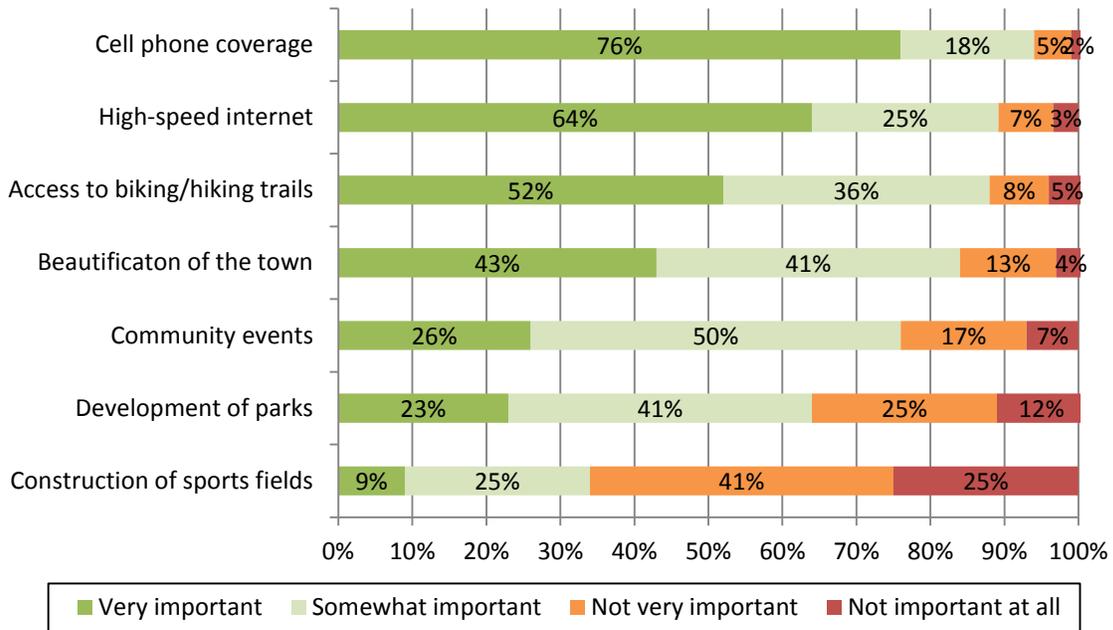
**Figure 1:** “What do you like best as a homeowner about Dover?”



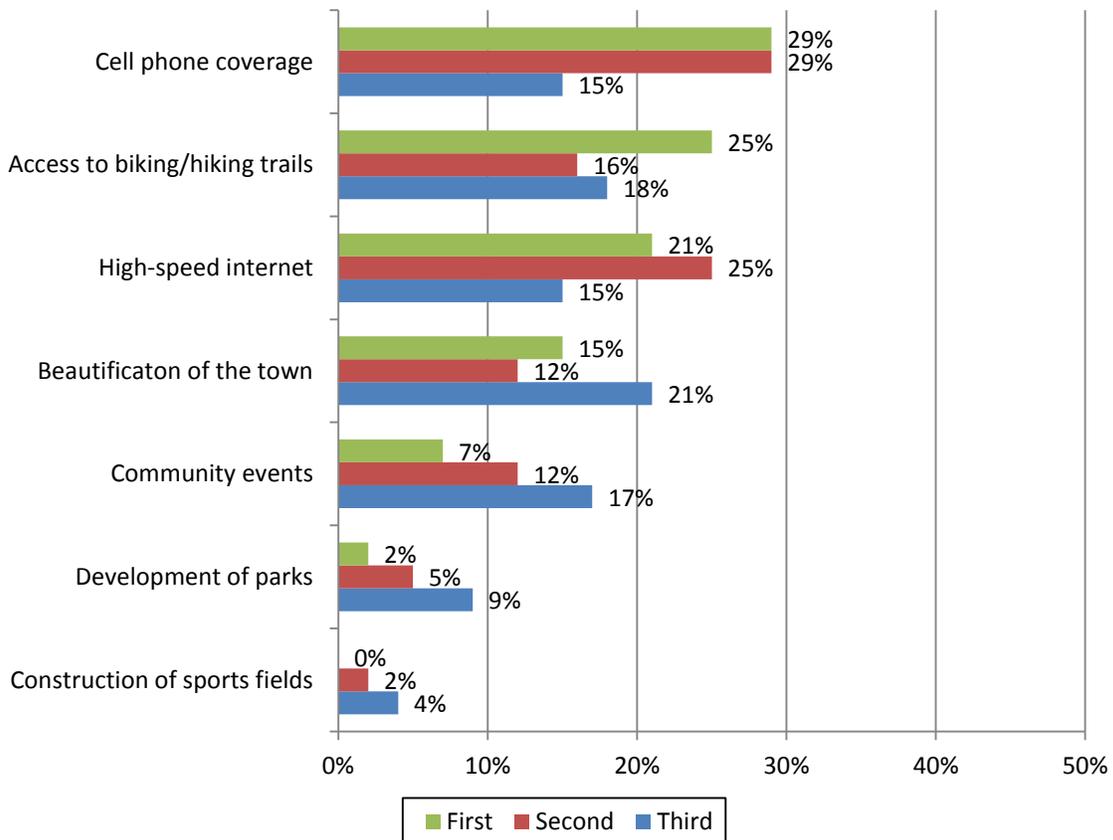
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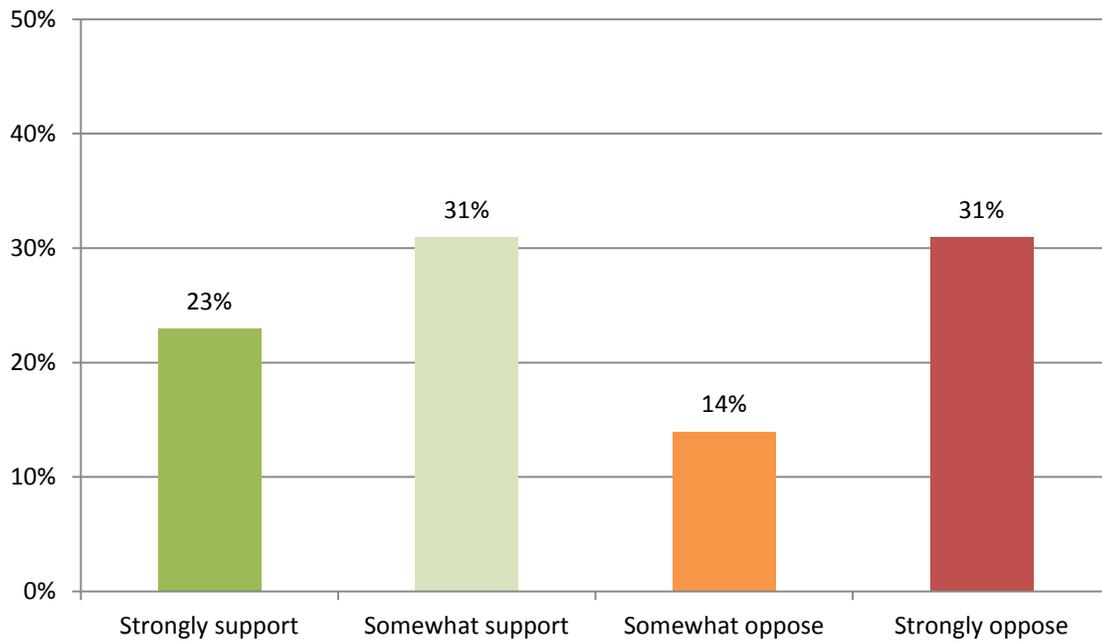
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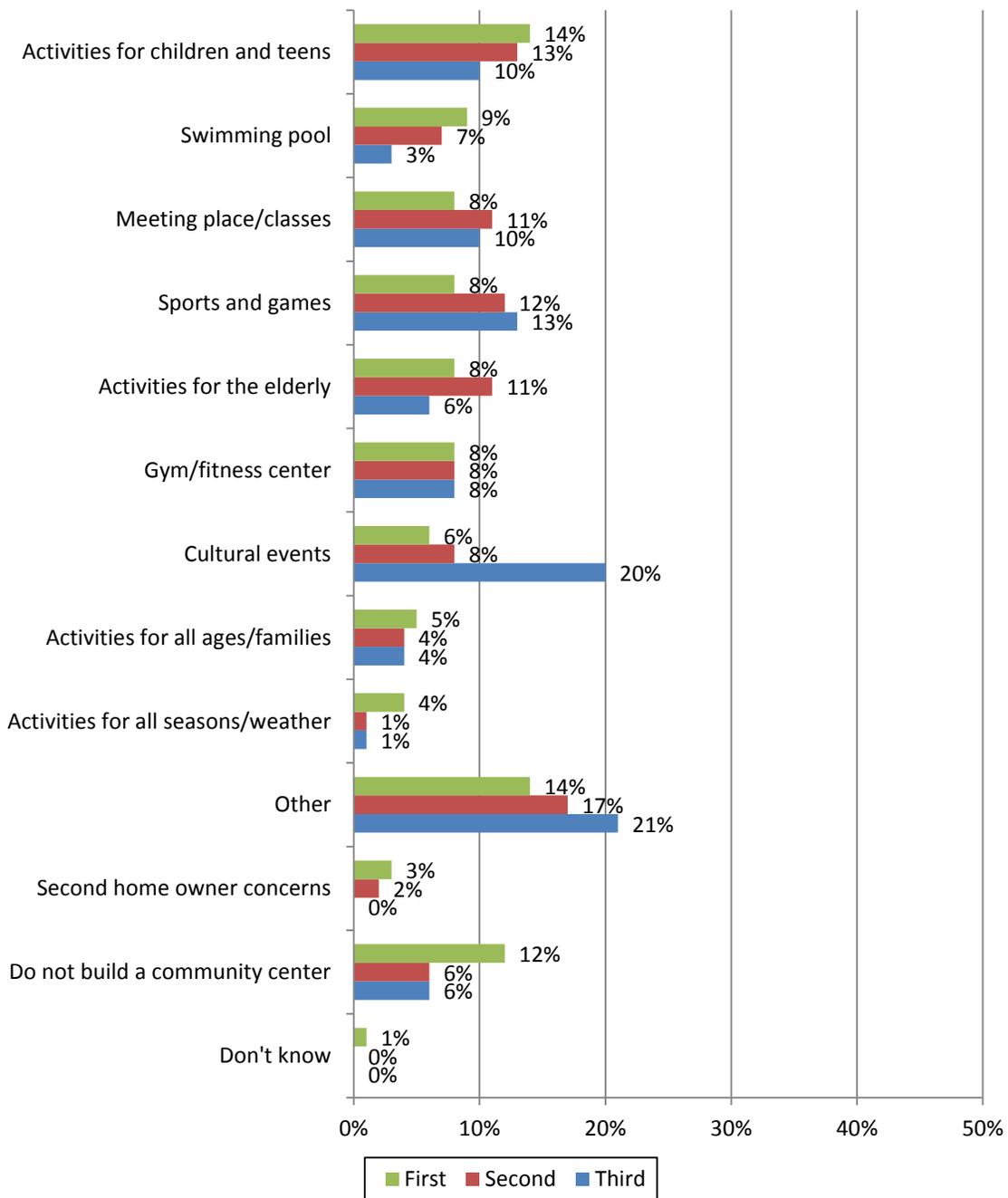
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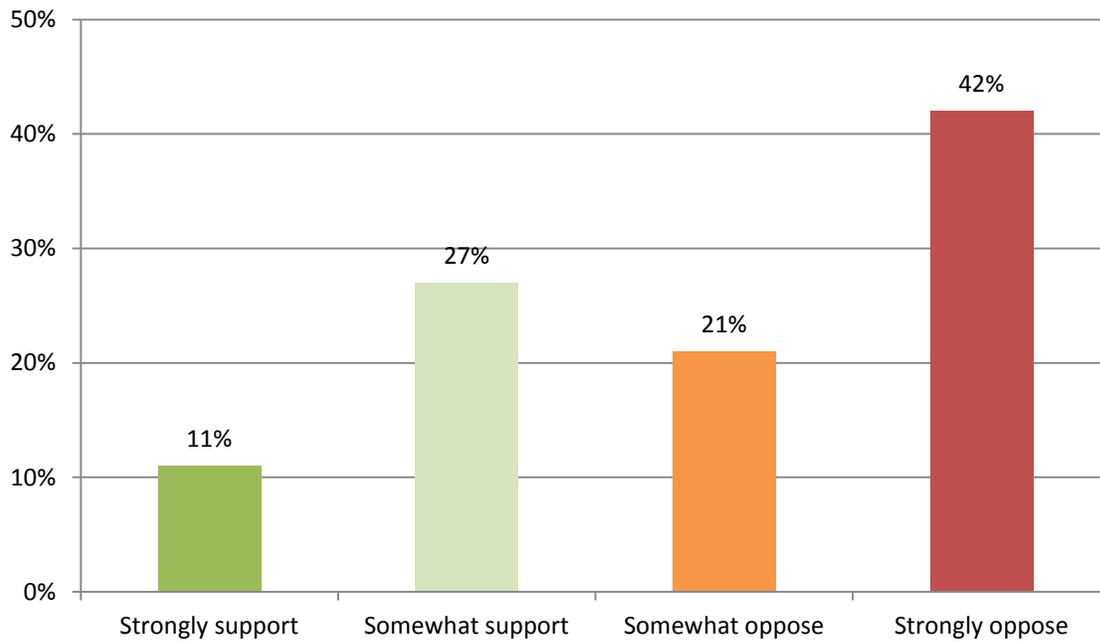
**Figure 5:** “How much would you say you support or oppose the use of local option tax revenue to build community in Dover?”



**Figure 6:** If Dover was to move forward with a community center, what are the three most important, activities, or characteristics that a community center should be able to support?



**Figure 7:** “How much would you say you support or oppose the use of public funds raised through a local option tax to support events that are developed by private organizations?”



**APPENDIX A:**  
**DETAILED TABULAR RESULTS**

Q1: "What do you like best as a homeowner about Dover?"

	Access to Mt. Snow/skiing	Scenic beauty	Small town feel	Easy access to outdoor activities	Quiet atmosphere	Other	Number Responded
All Dover Homeowners	26%	15%	23%	7%	15%	13%	467
Residence Type							
First Home Owner	14%	17%	29%	7%	14%	19%	177
Second Home Owner	31%	13%	21%	8%	16%	10%	254
Sex							
Male	22%	17%	25%	4%	17%	16%	193
Female	29%	13%	22%	10%	14%	12%	265
Age							
18 to 39	17%	17%	17%	0%	22%	28%	18
40 to 49	30%	20%	20%	9%	11%	11%	91
50 to 59	28%	9%	21%	11%	16%	14%	152
60 to 69	23%	17%	29%	6%	17%	8%	132
70 or older	24%	20%	25%	0%	12%	20%	51

Q2: "What needs to be improved about Dover?"

	Attract business	Better cell phone coverage	Access to broadband	More input for second home owners	Recreational facilities	Taxes	Beautification
All Dover Homeowners	17%	9%	4%	4%	16%	18%	5%
Residence Type							
First Home Owner	16%	11%	9%	2%	13%	14%	7%
Second Home Owner	19%	7%	2%	6%	19%	18%	4%
Sex							
Male	18%	12%	7%	3%	17%	13%	6%
Female	17%	7%	3%	5%	14%	21%	5%
Age							
18 to 39	21%	14%	7%	0%	21%	14%	14%
40 to 49	22%	8%	2%	5%	19%	11%	2%
50 to 59	21%	8%	4%	3%	18%	19%	4%
60 to 69	13%	9%	8%	3%	12%	19%	5%
70 or older	14%	10%	0%	8%	10%	22%	10%

	Town government	Infrastructure	Other	Nothing	Don't Know	Number Responded
All Dover Homeowners	4%	7%	10%	4%	1%	435
Residence Type						
First Home Owner	6%	8%	12%	2%	1%	174
Second Home Owner	2%	7%	9%	5%	1%	223
Sex						
Male	4%	6%	10%	2%	2%	172
Female	4%	8%	11%	5%	0%	251
Age						
18 to 39	7%	0%	0%	0%	0%	14
40 to 49	0%	8%	14%	6%	1%	83
50 to 59	4%	5%	8%	6%	1%	142
60 to 69	5%	10%	13%	2%	2%	120
70 or older	8%	8%	6%	4%	0%	50

Q3A: "How important do you think each of the following aspects are to the quality of life in Dover: Access to biking and hiking trails in national forests?"

	Very important	Somewhat important	Not very important	Not important at all	Number Responded
All Dover Homeowners	52%	36%	8%	5%	491
Residence Type					
First Home Owner	46%	37%	10%	8%	186
Second Home Owner	55%	35%	8%	2%	264
Sex					
Male	57%	33%	6%	4%	197
Female	47%	39%	9%	5%	283
Age					
18 to 39	59%	35%	6%	0%	17
40 to 49	60%	34%	3%	3%	92
50 to 59	60%	30%	7%	3%	162
60 to 69	43%	42%	11%	5%	142
70 or older	31%	45%	14%	10%	51

Q3B: "How important do you think each of the following aspects are to the quality of life in Dover: Community Events?"

	Very important	Somewhat important	Not very important	Not important at all	Number Responded
All Dover Homeowners	26%	50%	17%	7%	485
Residence Type					
First Home Owner	29%	49%	15%	7%	185
Second Home Owner	25%	51%	19%	5%	259
Sex					
Male	34%	52%	12%	3%	197
Female	22%	49%	21%	9%	277
Age					
18 to 39	40%	47%	7%	7%	15
40 to 49	26%	54%	13%	7%	91
50 to 59	24%	47%	22%	7%	162
60 to 69	26%	54%	16%	3%	140
70 or older	26%	46%	16%	12%	50

Q3C: "How important do you think each of the following aspects are to the quality of life in Dover: Access to high-speed internet?"

	Very important	Somewhat important	Not very important	Not important at all	Number Responded
All Dover Homeowners	64%	25%	7%	3%	495
Residence Type					
First Home Owner	70%	20%	6%	4%	186
Second Home Owner	62%	28%	7%	3%	266
Sex					
Male	73%	21%	5%	2%	197
Female	59%	27%	9%	5%	288
Age					
18 to 39	41%	35%	18%	6%	17
40 to 49	57%	29%	10%	4%	93
50 to 59	62%	27%	6%	5%	162
60 to 69	74%	19%	6%	1%	144
70 or older	71%	17%	8%	4%	52

Q3D: "How important do you think each of the following aspects are to the quality of life in Dover: Cell phone coverage?"

	Very important	Somewhat important	Not very important	Not important at all	Number Responded
All Dover Homeowners	76%	18%	5%	2%	498
Residence Type					
First Home Owner	79%	15%	4%	2%	188
Second Home Owner	75%	19%	5%	1%	268
Sex					
Male	76%	18%	5%	1%	201
Female	76%	17%	5%	2%	286
Age					
18 to 39	65%	29%	6%	0%	17
40 to 49	67%	24%	6%	3%	93
50 to 59	75%	19%	5%	1%	160
60 to 69	81%	13%	4%	1%	145
70 or older	85%	9%	4%	2%	55

Q3E: "How important do you think each of the following aspects are to the quality of life in Dover: Beautification of the town?"

	Very important	Somewhat important	Not very important	Not important at all	Number Responded
All Dover Homeowners	43%	41%	13%	4%	493
Residence Type					
First Home Owner	39%	42%	14%	5%	188
Second Home Owner	45%	42%	11%	2%	263
Sex					
Male	46%	39%	13%	2%	199
Female	41%	42%	12%	4%	283
Age					
18 to 39	71%	24%	6%	0%	17
40 to 49	43%	42%	13%	2%	93
50 to 59	48%	36%	12%	5%	160
60 to 69	36%	49%	13%	2%	143
70 or older	37%	48%	12%	4%	52

Q3F: "How important do you think each of the following aspects are to the quality of life in Dover: Development of parks?"

	Very important	Somewhat important	Not very important	Not important at all	Number Responded
All Dover Homeowners	23%	41%	25%	12%	490
Residence Type					
First Home Owner	22%	39%	26%	14%	187
Second Home Owner	23%	43%	26%	9%	261
Sex					
Male	29%	39%	21%	10%	196
Female	18%	42%	28%	12%	284
Age					
18 to 39	35%	41%	18%	6%	17
40 to 49	25%	45%	25%	5%	92
50 to 59	24%	41%	23%	13%	160
60 to 69	24%	37%	31%	8%	142
70 or older	8%	41%	27%	24%	51

Q3G: "How important do you think each of the following aspects are to the quality of life in Dover: Construction of sports fields?"

	Very important	Somewhat important	Not very important	Not important at all	Number Responded
All Dover Homeowners	9%	25%	41%	25%	478
Residence Type					
First Home Owner	9%	23%	42%	26%	184
Second Home Owner	9%	28%	39%	24%	255
Sex					
Male	13%	28%	42%	17%	188
Female	6%	23%	41%	30%	280
Age					
18 to 39	7%	33%	53%	7%	15
40 to 49	12%	24%	41%	23%	92
50 to 59	9%	21%	44%	26%	156
60 to 69	9%	27%	42%	22%	138
70 or older	6%	31%	35%	29%	52

Q4\_1: Please rank the three most important aspects to the quality of life in Dover - Most Important

	Access to biking and hiking trails	Community events	Access to high speed internet	Improved cell phone coverage	Beautification of the town	Development of parks	Construction of sports fields	Number Responded
All Dover Homeowners	25%	7%	21%	29%	15%	2%	0%	490
Residence Type								
First Home Owner	17%	8%	27%	32%	13%	4%	1%	184
Second Home Owner	28%	7%	17%	30%	16%	2%	0%	264
Sex								
Male	22%	10%	22%	30%	14%	3%	0%	200
Female	27%	5%	20%	29%	16%	2%	1%	280
Age								
18 to 39	29%	12%	6%	18%	35%	0%	0%	17
40 to 49	35%	5%	18%	23%	12%	4%	2%	94
50 to 59	31%	9%	17%	25%	16%	3%	0%	157
60 to 69	18%	3%	28%	35%	13%	3%	0%	142
70 or older	9%	9%	23%	43%	15%	0%	0%	53

Q4\_2: Please rank the three most important aspects to the quality of life in Dover - Second Most Important

	Access to biking and hiking trails	Community events	Access to high speed internet	Improved cell phone coverage	Beautification of the town	Development of parks	Construction of sports fields	Number Responded
All Dover Homeowners	16%	12%	25%	29%	12%	5%	2%	482
Residence Type								
First Home Owner	15%	14%	27%	29%	9%	5%	1%	182
Second Home Owner	17%	12%	22%	27%	13%	5%	2%	260
Sex								
Male	17%	13%	25%	26%	8%	8%	3%	197
Female	15%	12%	25%	30%	15%	3%	1%	275
Age								
18 to 39	24%	12%	24%	18%	6%	18%	0%	17
40 to 49	17%	13%	19%	29%	17%	3%	1%	93
50 to 59	17%	9%	22%	26%	15%	7%	4%	156
60 to 69	12%	17%	27%	32%	9%	3%	0%	139
70 or older	10%	10%	40%	32%	4%	4%	0%	50

Q4\_3: Please rank the three most important aspects to the quality of life in Dover - Third Most Important

	Access to biking and hiking trails	Community events	Access to high speed internet	Improved cell phone coverage	Beautification of the town	Development of parks	Construction of sports fields	Number Responded
All Dover Homeowners	18%	17%	15%	15%	21%	9%	4%	457
Residence Type								
First Home Owner	17%	21%	13%	15%	19%	8%	7%	172
Second Home Owner	17%	16%	16%	16%	22%	10%	2%	249
Sex								
Male	17%	21%	17%	14%	19%	6%	5%	189
Female	19%	15%	13%	16%	23%	11%	3%	260
Age								
18 to 39	18%	24%	12%	12%	18%	18%	0%	17
40 to 49	16%	16%	15%	18%	19%	13%	2%	91
50 to 59	16%	13%	18%	20%	20%	9%	3%	148
60 to 69	21%	21%	12%	11%	22%	9%	5%	130
70 or older	23%	17%	15%	6%	30%	0%	9%	47

Q5: How much would you say you support or oppose the use of local option tax revenue to build community in Dover?

	Strongly support	Somewhat support	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	Number Respoonded
All Dover Homeowners	23%	31%	14%	31%	439
Residence Type					
First Home Owner	27%	30%	12%	31%	172
Second Home Owner	22%	34%	15%	28%	229
Sex					
Male	31%	36%	9%	25%	162
Female	19%	30%	17%	34%	266
Age					
18 to 39	18%	9%	0%	73%	11
40 to 49	25%	39%	10%	25%	87
50 to 59	26%	33%	13%	28%	133
60 to 69	22%	35%	13%	29%	129
70 or older	20%	18%	22%	40%	50

Q6\_1: If Dover was to move forward with a community center, what are the three most important, activities, or characteristics that a community center should be able to support - First

	Swimming pool	Gym/Fitness center	Activities for children and teens	Activities for the elderly	Activities for all ages/families	Cultural events	Sports and games
All Dover Homeowners	9%	8%	14%	8%	5%	6%	8%
Residence Type							
First Home Owner	9%	7%	13%	5%	8%	5%	7%
Second Home Owner	9%	8%	15%	10%	3%	7%	9%
Sex							
Male	9%	8%	16%	9%	6%	4%	9%
Female	8%	8%	13%	6%	5%	8%	7%
Age							
18 to 39	7%	7%	14%	0%	0%	7%	7%
40 to 49	12%	12%	11%	7%	7%	7%	12%
50 to 59	9%	9%	14%	6%	6%	4%	9%
60 to 69	8%	6%	17%	9%	3%	9%	4%
70 or older	0%	9%	19%	19%	6%	0%	3%

	Meeting place/classes	Activities for all seasons and weather	Other	Second home owner concerns	Do not build a community center	Don't Know	Number Responded
All Dover Homeowners	8%	4%	14%	3%	12%	1%	377
Residence Type							
First Home Owner	9%	3%	17%	2%	14%	2%	151
Second Home Owner	8%	4%	11%	3%	9%	1%	201
Sex							
Male	8%	4%	13%	4%	9%	2%	171
Female	9%	4%	16%	2%	16%	1%	200
Age							
18 to 39	7%	7%	14%	7%	21%	0%	14
40 to 49	9%	4%	12%	1%	5%	0%	74
50 to 59	8%	5%	15%	6%	9%	0%	127
60 to 69	9%	4%	16%	0%	13%	3%	109
70 or older	0%	0%	9%	3%	25%	6%	32

Q6\_2: If Dover was to move forward with a community center, what are the three most important, activities, or characteristics that a community center should be able to support - Second

	Swimming pool	Gym/Fitness center	Activities for children and teens	Activities for the elderly	Activities for all ages/families	Cultural events	Sports and games
All Dover Homeowners	7%	8%	13%	11%	4%	8%	12%
Residence Type							
First Home Owner	8%	9%	13%	10%	3%	7%	10%
Second Home Owner	8%	7%	12%	12%	5%	10%	13%
Sex							
Male	10%	11%	15%	12%	3%	6%	12%
Female	5%	5%	11%	11%	5%	9%	12%
Age							
18 to 39	11%	11%	22%	11%	0%	0%	22%
40 to 49	15%	5%	15%	5%	7%	12%	17%
50 to 59	4%	12%	8%	16%	2%	6%	10%
60 to 69	4%	4%	12%	9%	3%	12%	11%
70 or older	0%	0%	35%	18%	6%	0%	6%

	Meeting place/classes	Activities for all seasons and weather	Other	Second home owner concerns	Do not build a community center	Don't Know	Number Responded
All Dover Homeowners	11%	1%	17%	2%	6%	0%	264
Residence Type							
First Home Owner	15%	1%	17%	0%	7%	1%	104
Second Home Owner	10%	1%	18%	2%	3%	0%	145
Sex							
Male	13%	2%	13%	0%	4%	1%	128
Female	9%	1%	23%	3%	7%	0%	132
Age							
18 to 39	0%	11%	11%	0%	0%	0%	9
40 to 49	7%	0%	7%	2%	10%	0%	60
50 to 59	10%	0%	22%	3%	6%	0%	89
60 to 69	16%	3%	20%	0%	4%	1%	74
70 or older	18%	0%	18%	0%	0%	0%	17

Q6\_3: If Dover was to move forward with a community center, what are the three most important, activities, or characteristics that a community center should be able to support - Third

	Swimming pool	Gym/Fitness center	Activities for children and teens	Activities for the elderly	Activities for all ages/families	Cultural events
All Dover Homeowners	3%	8%	10%	6%	4%	20%
Residence Type						
First Home Owner	1%	9%	5%	8%	6%	22%
Second Home Owner	4%	7%	12%	5%	3%	19%
Sex						
Male	4%	6%	13%	6%	5%	22%
Female	2%	10%	7%	5%	3%	18%
Age						
18 to 39	0%	20%	20%	0%	0%	20%
40 to 49	8%	5%	13%	3%	3%	10%
50 to 59	3%	10%	10%	3%	4%	28%
60 to 69	2%	4%	7%	11%	4%	21%
70 or older	0%	17%	17%	0%	0%	17%

	Sports and games	Meeting place/classes	Activities for all seasons and weather	Other	Do not build a community center	Number Responded
All Dover Homeowners	13%	10%	1%	21%	6%	198
Residence Type						
First Home Owner	9%	17%	0%	17%	6%	78
Second Home Owner	17%	5%	1%	25%	3%	110
Sex						
Male	13%	14%	0%	16%	2%	101
Female	14%	5%	1%	26%	9%	94
Age						
18 to 39	0%	20%	0%	20%	0%	5
40 to 49	8%	10%	3%	28%	13%	40
50 to 59	11%	6%	0%	24%	3%	72
60 to 69	16%	16%	0%	16%	5%	57
70 or older	33%	8%	0%	8%	0%	12

Q7: How much would you say you support or oppose the use of public funds raised through a local option tax to support events that are developed by private organizations?

	Strongly support	Somewhat support	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	Number Responded
All Dover Homeowners	11%	27%	21%	42%	443
Residence Type					
First Home Owner	11%	25%	20%	44%	173
Second Home Owner	11%	30%	23%	36%	231
Sex					
Male	13%	28%	24%	36%	174
Female	9%	27%	20%	44%	258
Age					
18 to 39	0%	21%	29%	50%	14
40 to 49	14%	26%	18%	42%	85
50 to 59	12%	31%	26%	31%	136
60 to 69	11%	28%	18%	44%	131
70 or older	10%	24%	18%	48%	50

**APPENDIX B:**  
**OPEN-ENDED RESPONSES**

Q1: What do you like best as a homeowner about Dover?

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- (Land Owners) Peaceful, central location.
- 1)no mail and no incoming phone calls 2)skiing, snowmobiling, snowshoeing & golf (things we don't take time for at primary residence)
- A great second home community with exceptional winter sports (skiing), family activities, and diving.
- A lovely place to call home- the generosity of/ hospitality of fulltime population
- A sense of community as experienced during the flooding
- Ability to relax from daily life
- Access to & beauty of nature
- Access to great outdoors
- Access to Mount Snow/ restaurants
- Access to Mt Snow
- Access to nature
- Access to outdoor activities
- Access to outdoor activities, local shops & restaurants
- Access to outdoor activities, summer and winter.
- Access to outdoor winter activities
- Access to recreational activities and the small town VT feeling of Wilmington
- Access to skiing and golf
- Access to skiing(cross country), hiking, cycling. A place to relax Dover has become increasingly central to what we do but less and less where we do things.
- Access to the mountain & the quiet.
- Access to the town hall, Mt. Snow activities, outdoor activities
- Access to VT outdoor amenities! Hiking, skiing etc.
- Access to year round recreation
- Accessibility to Wilmington Mt Snow and shuttin
- Accessible entertainment, winter recreation.
- Access to year round recreation
- Active and dedicated town officials, community spirit, compact business district, easy access to recreational activities of all types
- All 4 seasons
- A lot of activities & stores
- Always feel safe, friendly, clean, quiet
- As a past VT resident this is a bit of 'homecoming' for me- proximity to many types of outdoor recreation is a blessing
- As a second homeowner in Dover I really enjoy the restaurant selection.
- Atmosphere, community, access to recreation, restaurants in immediate area
- Availability to the mountain. The golf course. The beautification done in town.
- Available recreation and beautiful countryside
- Beautiful setting/community
- Beautiful area, big trees, close to Mt. Snow, good restaurants, friendly people
- Beautiful country to come up & relax

- Beautiful place to live. Has movie theater, good restaurants & Mt & golf
- Beautiful scenery, great skiing, hiking & outdoor activities.
- Beautiful small town feel even during peak ski season.
- Beautiful surroundings and "a get away from it all" feeling
- Beauty
- Beauty and serenity of mountains
- Beauty of land and its self- mountains and streams.
- Beauty of the area Rural feel (but still need to be "connected" in this day and age!) History
- Being close to MT Snow
- Being in the Vermont countryside
- Being near my family
- Being outside in the wilderness
- Beauty lifestyle outdoor activities
- Beautiful scenery, enjoyable relaxed lifestyle
- Beauty of the area, quietness
- Certainly not the tax base
- Cheap taxes, close to mount snow, access to the national & town forest, great people
- Classic Vermont country town! Very relaxing throughout the year.
- Clean, rural, new bike/hiking trail
- Clear skies, clean air, good people
- Close nit community, safety, maintenance on roads in winter
- Close proximity of Mt Snow
- Close proximity to MT Snow
- Close proximity to Mt snow
- Close proximity to MT. SNOW
- Close to many activities - Mt snow, Stratton, lakes, hikes, biking
- Close to MT snow beautiful outdoor recreation
- Close to Mt. Snow
- Closeness to major cities and rural country feel truly fell you are away
- Combination of nice restaurants, a variety of nice shops, a farm to visit
- Community
- Community state land
- Community spirit
- Community-people helping and watching out for each other.
- Convenience
- Convenience of natural & cultural amenities
- Convenience to MT snow and skiing. The beautiful views and peace. The slower pace
- Convenience to New Jersey
- Convenience to skiing, snowmobiling, the valley trail
- Country - local population small - know everyone! Recreation area!
- County
- Dirt roads - trees, stone walls. Sounds of nature. Bears, deer, and other wildlife.
- Distance to Mt. Snow
- Distance to skiing
- Dover free library
- Dover is a community-not a traditional ski town we love this-

- Dover is a progressive community with good infrastructure & excellent school
- Dover is a very family oriented town. We enjoy the restaurants, small shops, seasonal events, and quaint environment
- Dover's a small town with lots of restaurants, etc.
- Dover's natural beauty
- Easy mountain access w/moover. Variety of restaurants & groceries, & stores Beauty of mountains
- Easy to get to Mt Snow
- Efficiency of police/road depts. Proximity to MT snow, the seven eleven
- Everything but the taxes
- Everything is fine
- Excellent community services-Road, Fire Rescue-Police
- Fresh air
- Friendly people
- Great maintenance of town roads and lower taxes than surrounding towns
- Great place to live, well run town
- Great place to relax and enjoy the mountain activities.
- Great town to live in
- Hometown feel-good services-good variety of businesses
- Hometown feeling
- Honestly the peace and quiet.
- I am a land owner at this time but have been trying to build a vacation home here. My property is mostly ledge so unable to get a septic system approved. I think Dover is a wonderful Ski vacation get away location. Would welcome any suggestions on septic approval.
- I am so proud to be a homeowner in such a beautiful area.
- I have filled out these questionnaires in the past-but nothing gets done-omg where is the 10% tax going if we don't see anything new in Dover. The mountains-crime free-clean air & Mt. Snow
- I just love spending time in Vermont and having a nice private home there
- I like the sense of community, of knowing my neighbors. I also value pure strong school.
- I like the true country atmosphere of Dover. I like not seeing billboards all around to spoil the scenic beauty.
- I love Vermont!
- I only own land, Vermont is Beautiful
- I'm rarely in Dover and don't take advantage of the town offers
- Isolation- peace and quiet! Great road crews
- It is a quiet small town, especially when tourists are not around
- It is a quiet town
- It is a step away from reality. I also do not need to have "home of Mt Snow" on our Welcome to East Dover sign
- It is quaint yet offers a variety of services
- It is small and country-ish, and Mt Snow
- It's a second home for us. We love the peace, quiet, proximity to the ski area, and outdoor recreation.
- Its authenticity
- It's just a nice place to have a second home
- Its location from CT and Mt Snow.
- Its own getaway-2nd home
- It's rural character

- It's safe quiet and close to MT snow. Love the natural charm of the town
- It's very "Vermont"
- Just a great location & town
- Just coming to VT and enjoying your wonderful town
- Just the way it is
- Knowing the people who live here
- Laid back lifestyle
- Like rural living and access to skiing and golf
- Location
- Location
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- Location
- Location only 3 1/2 hours for RI.
- Location relative to home, variety of sports activities.
- Location to golfing skiing and other outdoor activities.
- Location to Mount Snow
- Location to Mt Snow
- Location to Mt Snow, my neighbors, local restaurants and only 2 hours from my home in Connecticut
- Location, beauty of area
- Location, proximity to skiing Family time
- Location-close to MT snow
- Love the feeling of dover love our community, it is our place to chill and smell the roses
- Love the friendly attitude of people
- Love VT love mount snow
- Low taxes and skiing
- Lower taxes and knowledgeable listers
- Meeting the friendly, local residents. Slower pace than in an area-outdoor activity opportunities
- Mix of small businesses and restaurants. No big chain stores.
- Mount Snow
- Mount Snow & Mountain bike trail
- Mount Snow relaxed country environment
- Mount Snow resort
- Mount snow, Dover people, beauty, peacefulness, restaurants.
- Mount snow, town spirit, restaurants
- Mount snow-they provide the jobs and service the economy of our town.
- Mountains, peaceful, shining, golf.
- Mount Snow, golf course, restaurants, my residence at Sawmill Farm
- Mt snow
- Mt snow
- Mt Snow

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- Mt snow good restaurants and shops
- Mt Snow valley trail
- Mt Snow, short travel time to primary residence in W. Spfld, MA
- Mt snow/ quaint OF THE TOWN
- Mt. Snow
- Mt. Snow- ski area
- Mt. Snow, snowmobile trails, nice VT small town, restaurants/shops
- Natural beauty, community minded people, recreational activities.
- Natural Beauty
- Natural beauty, peaceful, outdoor recreation
- Nature
- Nature of residences, lots of outdoor activities skiing
- Nature peaceful setting, access to parks skiing etc.
- Near Mt Snow
- Near Mt Snow
- Near ski resorts, beautiful area
- Next to MT snow
- Nice little town with everything else one needs. Nice and cozy.
- Not a lot of people
- Not a thing Mt. Snow as made it (Bad)
- Not as much as 20 years ago. We came to ski and made many friends but it's gotten too costly.
- Not the highest taxes! Disparity between E. Dover and W. Dover! Town highway dept. Does a stellar job!
- Outdoor activities
- Outdoor activities
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- Outdoor activities
- Outdoor activities restaurants
- Outdoor activities, skiing, hiking, biking
- Peace & quiet
- Peace + Tranquility
- Peace and quiet
- Peace and quiet
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- Peace and quiet
- Peace and quietness, nearness to Mt. Snow
- Peace quiet, serenity, natural views

- Peace, quietness and natural beauty of the land
- Peaceful, natural, No large chain stores, hotels restaurants.
- Peaceful and green surroundings.
- Peacefulness
- Peacefulness, being a "quaint" Vermont town
- Peaceful environment
- People are very friendly
- Place to go to
- Place to relax and enjoy outdoors with family and friends.
- Plenty of activities, winter and summer. Beauty of the mountain and peace and
- Privacy
- Proximity to downhill + cross country skiing.
- Proximity to Mount Snow resort
- Proximity to Mount Snow, other areas, lakes, hiking
- Proximity to Mt Snow
- Proximity to MT snow
- Proximity to my home Greenwich CT
- Proximity to Ski + snowmobile trails
- Proximity to ski area
- Proximity to ski areas, national park land
- Proximity to ski resort
- Proximity to ski resorts
- Proximity to skiing
- Quaint town atmosphere
- Quality of elementary school-proximity to ski mtn, free pass for dover kids
- Quality of life
- Quality of life. Access to walking trails. Access to skiing, golf, etc. Community warmth and helpfulness
- Quality of life-community spirit-beauty-cultural events (Bratt. Included); outdoor activities (walking, snowshoeing etc.); good dining; great library, interesting mix of people
- Quiet with some restaurants
- Quiet + undeveloped land
- Quiet
- Quiet & peaceful area-help each other out
- Quiet but driving distance to Brattleboro and Bennington
- Quiet country feel
- Quiet friendly community
- Quiet- nature- undeveloped area
- Quiet surroundings easy access to outdoor activities
- Quiet town close to MT Snow skiing and hiking
- Quiet, freedom
- Quiet, natural, small town atmosphere Do not spoil this!
- Quiet, wooded, country living
- Recreation and local restaurants
- Recreation options
- Recreational opportunities

- Relaxation/slow pace/ friendly people
- Relaxed setting on Mt Snow!
- Road maintenance
- Roads
- Roads kept well plowed/maintained
- Rural ambiance friendly people helpful people.
- Rural environment
- Rural life small town-good community
- Rural lifestyle
- Rural living, the highway dept. is better than other towns, library, use of the old town hall.
- Rural location. Proximity to Brattleboro, Bennington, Keene Access to recreation, Variety of dining.
- Rural quiet living
- Rural setting & sense of community
- Rural, not over developed
- School system
- Seclusion, beautiful seasons
- See attached letter
- Sense of community
- Sense of community, peaceful setting
- Serenity + beauty
- Serenity. Beauty, outdoors-skiing, golf, hiking, small town atmosphere
- Size of town, close to Mt Snow
- Ski area
- Ski resorts, charm, it has not been overly developed and commercialized
- Skiing
- Skiing and dining
- Skiing at Mt Snow good restaurants in the area
- Skiing at Mt. Snow, golf at Mt. Snow, Beautiful scenery, restaurants, friends.
- Skiing hiking biking
- Skiing Mount Snow
- Skiing, cross-town road trails, public beach at Lake Raponda + Harniman
- Skiing, golf
- Skiing, Hiking
- Skiing, hiking, nature, good restaurants
- Skiing, hiking, biking, the view
- Skiing/picturesque town/golfing
- Skiing/ snowboarding at Mt. Snow

- Skiing, small town feel
- Small & simple
- Small community
- Small community spirit, support, knowing that we live where everyone else wants to retire
- Small community with good choice of restaurants and shops/services
- Small quiet and friendly town.
- Small town
- Small Town atmosphere, open space.
- Small town atmosphere
- Small town beauty of nature
- Small town community; great roads and snow removal; MT snow
- Small town feel
- Small town feel
- Small town feel quaintness, quiet.
- Small town feel with a lot to offer
- Small town feel. Peace & quiet. Mt. Snow.
- Small town feeling-quiet
- Small town great community- safe
- Small town view, easy living
- Small town, access to activities - quiet.
- Small town, friendly people, for ski town with lots to do!
- Small town, knowing people can get involved in the community- generally safe
- Small town, Moover busses are great.
- Small, Friendly community-was everything you can ask for
- Snowplowing- ease of getting to Mt Snow
- Spring/summer/fall and winter
- That there are many bests: good school, town is well organized with good people in community, great library, clean air, lots of outdoor recreation, rural area, great road crew
- The 4 seasons
- The access to nature
- The activities of the mountain and golf courses.
- The ambiance
- The area
- The area & people
- The area is like "comfort food" & the quaintness of the town
- The atmosphere and feel of the valley.
- The beauty of the state.
- The beautiful scenery
- The beauty and tranquility of the surroundings
- The beauty around me
- The beauty of the area, local feeling of community. Cell coverage, internet.
- The beauty of the surrounding and the friendliness of everyone I meet
- The character of the town-quaint, friendly
- The community
- The community
- The community and the open space & wilderness

- The community, the roads are good, plowing is excellent
- The convenience of services-town office-police station-fire department-shops-bus service
- The energy and fun atmosphere of the valley
- The entire Dover experience
- The Environment
- The fact that East Dover is still rural; that the resort development and most vacation homes are mostly on the West side. The Dover school-tops in VT
- The fact that it's a fairly rural environment. As such, I always have the ability to hike, bike & observe nature-in my own neighborhood! That is why the urban features (internet, cell reception) are important
- The feeling of community that I like as part of a group of connected people, not just side by side but together.
- The festivals , skiing
- The friendly atmosphere & natural beauty
- The Help in the town offices and the kind police
- The history & community
- The hometown atmosphere small businesses, low property taxes
- The king
- The laid back lifestyle. The lovely nature the close trails , the town doesn't have a ton of homes with junk piles
- The land. The town is beautiful
- The library+ Dover school, kind folks, natural beauty
- The local businesses, bike path, MT. Snow
- The location- Mt. Snow The view - the peace
- The Mount Snow area
- The Mountain
- The mountain, skiing
- The mountain, snowmobiling, Valley Trails.
- The mountain, The mountains, The mountain
- The natural beauty
- The off season
- The outdoors, trails, accessibility to lakes
- The outdoor activities-skiing, hiking, mountain biking, golfing
- The peace and quiet
- The peace and quiet
- The peace and quiet
- The peace and quiet and natural beauty.
- The peaceful mountains, skies, hiking, biking atv's, etc.
- The people
- The people
- The people
- The people living in dover are friendly and so helpful like the many good restaurants in the area
- The people things to do and MT Snow
- The people, skiing, quiet
- The People/ winter & summer activities
- The proximity to the Mountain
- The proximity to a wide range of recreational options for every season

- The proximity to Mount Snow.
- The quaintness and beauty of the area, the restaurants and mountain activities. Also - special events (blueberry festival, wine festival/ tart shows
- The Quaintness and Charm of the community.
- The quality of life, love the bike path, need more though or make one just built longer.
- The quiet
- The quiet and small town ambience, friendly people
- The quiet atmosphere
- The quiet atmosphere and nature on the east side of Dover
- The quiet escape
- The quiet of my neighborhood and MT snow.
- The quietness & the beauty
- The quietness, seeing wildlife
- The resort feel about the area
- The restaurants, Mount Snow proximity to NYC, the reservoir @ harriman
- The road crew
- The rural feel, the beauty & yet there is everything one needs to live.
- The rural setting.
- The rustic feel of the town-very low key
- The school choice we've been afforded just being homeowners is nice
- The school system
- The seclusion + safety
- The sense of community
- The serenity
- The serenity of the environment, the ponds and lakes to kayak swim, snowshoe, cross country
- The serenity of the neighborhood with the accessibility to healthy outdoor activities, community events, and social venues.
- The skiing
- The skiing is our main reason for owning in dover we appreciate the new England charm of Dover and no chain or franchises.
- The skiing, the lakes for kayaking
- The slower pace of life! Peace & Quiet
- The small town atmosphere
- The small town atmosphere and sense of community. It is still in many ways rural.
- The small town community, relaxed lifestyle
- The small town environment, the ambiance
- The small town, friendly people, activities available, flowers in the summer
- The Solitude
- The spirit of the local folks - the peaceful side roads - the local "Mom & Pop" merchants! Not the slick money hungry new comers.
- The strong sense of community and the commitment to service both of volunteers and anyone in town government.
- The support of MT. Snow
- The town and area.
- The town maintains the character and charm of a small Vermont town
- The town of Dover itself - shops, atmosphere

- The town services are exceptional for a small town (police, fire, town clerk, etc.)
- The town, ski resort, and all gold courses it's just beautiful relaxing place.
- The upkeep & maintenance of town roads. They are always there during a snow storm with plows and sand. They never seem to miss a beat.
- The warmth of the people.
- The weather, snow, summer. There is nothing to do anymore except ski.
- These surveys! Not!
- Town charm and climate
- Trails, access to hiking. Mountain air, trees, old Vermont towns, Buildings
- Tranquility
- Tranquility, helpful friendly people, quiet living
- Un-commercial atmosphere beauty
- Vacation community
- Valley trail
- Vermont country environment where everybody waves
- Vermont is beautiful peaceful. People have time for each other and are friendly.
- Views to nature, noncommercial, no fast food outlets, privacy, access to Mt snow and trails.
- We are in east Dover. Very quiet peaceful Americana setting on a dirt road. Great neighborhood.
- We are second home owners and seasonal users
- We are second homeowners. We chose the area for its natural beauty, cultural opportunities, and its restaurants and shopping.
- We find the area to be very relaxing and enjoyable. We love the small town feel and the local business. We like that there are small business and restaurants and not chain restaurants in town.
- We like the beauty of the natural surroundings & the outdoor activities that the area offers
- We love Dover skiing and winter sports as well as hiking biking and boating in summer.
- We love historic feel of the village always enjoy the great restaurants + Mt Snow.
- We love pristine environment but would like to have access to some modern conveniences. Cell phone, internet, etc.
- We love skiing @ Mt Snow and enjoying the personal beauty of the mountains
- We love the landscape, mountains, and accessibility to great skiing
- We love the people and how well balanced the town has remained. It retains the rural character of Vermont even with such a large mountain like mount snow in town and lots of weekenders/second homeowners
- We purchased our condo to be able to ski
- We value high quality of elementary education, the respect, preservation of the natural, the library
- Weather summer and fall foliage Mount snow
- Weather, seasons, people, winter skiing
- What sports the area offers.
- Winter sports
- Winter sports

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Q2: What needs to be improved about Dover?

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- Cell phone coverage. 2. Extend Route 100 walk/bike trail
- 2nd homeowners who don't use schools should not pay higher taxes than full time residents who do
- A community rec dept. on the East side or near Dover Town Hall for locals
- A good building code for commercial business on main roads
- A stronger focus on 2nd homeowners since a majority of the taxes are paid by these people
- A super market would be a great convenience instead of having to fight traffic in Wilmington at the junction of Rt 100 and Rt 9.
- Abandoned buildings on Rte. 100
- Ability of vacation homeowners to vote in local elections
- Access to biking and hiking trails
- Access to cell phone service
- Access to high-speed internet.
- Access to MT snow into town is dreadful driving
- Accessibility especially at intersection of Rt 9
- Activities for the kids like a recreational center indoor pool, basketball courts, weight room gym racquetball courts.
- Add more restaurants/pubs, entertainment, year round activities, shopping add/expand/create large public beach area @ Harriman Res.
- Advanced emergency services (EMT with certification)
- After ski activities for family
- All year round recreation, community swimming pool etc.
- Amenities
- Amount nonresidents pay in taxes
- Appearance dilapidated trailers really detract from the towns image
- As a non-resident, I am not aware of issues that affect year round residents. Personally I don't have any complaints
- As a second home owners we have no complaints.
- Aesthetics of commercial properties, new restaurants
- Attract business+ tourist
- Attitude of townspeople towards too MG13/skiers. Not all of us are ugly Americans but instead home owners who have a vested interest in being part of the community. For example: I belong to Dover Historical Society - just to support their efforts.
- Attitude toward seasonal owners who come
- Availability of broadband to all/as well as cell towers not being so partial towards businesses
- Availability of communication technology
- Beautification is on the way and should encourage. We need to compare communications property taxes are too high
- Beatification + access to high speed internet
- Beatification of the town, business development increase tourism, year round events, access to medical and dental services
- Beautification of the town. Remove abandoned buildings and work with property owners to restore old buildings
- Better business district-needs to offer more and be better planned
- Better catering towards tourism- restaurants, shops, etc.
- Better cell coverage

- Better cell service
- Better cell service
- Better commercial areas-change in zoning to improve aesthetics
- Better communication to residents and homeowners, develop an email list for weekly communication such as Wilmington
- Better dining options
- Better markets for food
- Better pedestrian walkways
- Better restaurants
- Better restaurants, more snowmobile friendly businesses, trail access etc.
- Business district-non existent
- Can't think of anything except to see the town fixed up from Irene
- Cell and high speed internet services
- Cell and net
- Cell coverage + internet, help for community.
- Cell coverage, internet
- Cell phone and internet services.
- Cell phone coverage
- Cell phone coverage & high speed internet service & competition
- Cell phone coverage (Verizon)
- Cell phone coverage- I have none. This is so bad!!
- Cell phone coverage is very poor
- Cell phone coverage, broadband.
- Cell phone coverage-nonexistent in Dover Hills
- Cell phone service
- Cell phone service
- Cell phone service
- Cell phone service + internet access
- Cell phone service coverage, more restaurants.
- Cell phone service, Help business to open + thrive, too many struggling / out of business.
- Cell phone service, internet service
- Cell phone service; more internet choices, appearance
- Cell phone towers
- Cell service
- Cell service
- Cell service no tax increases
- Cell service, broadband connectivity
- Certainly an improvement in a sense of village around route 100; Better communication to second home owners.
- Clean up the empty businesses along RT. 100
- Clearing of secondary roads (snow)
- Commercial businesses, activities for children
- Communication between service board and the community.
- Communication to second homeowners- perhaps blast emails could be used- the events after the flooding from Irene were not well communicated other than postings to the internet
- Communication with outside world

- Communication-cell phone & internet
- Communication-parking on rte. 100 for valley trail access spend 1% of money
- Community center for all (not just youth)
- Community center with lap pool
- Community relations
- Complete the crosstown trail to west dover, cell phone coverage
- Complete the valley trail
- Contact with the outside world-electronic professional marketing efforts-we are amateurs
- Continue to develop more community activities and recreation facilities
- Continued economic development, more opportunities for kids to stay here and have careers and families.
- Continued support for dover
- Continues to add to Valley Trail, add ice skating.
- Control condo buildup. Taxes.
- Cost for second home owners
- Cross country ski trails
- Curb appeal of some properties
- Cut spending and taxes
- Cut taxes
- Definitely a community center
- Designated space for all terrain vehicles-4wheelers,dirt bikes
- Dirt roads should be paved
- Do away with option Tax.
- Don't allow 4 wheelers on dirt roads it turns the town into a yahoo town. Noise, drinking, disrespectful to full time residents!
- Dover is fine
- Dover is one of the closest towns to CT/NY with a great ski resort... Encourage businesses to promote this location in order to enable growth. Make it more like a quaint ski village.
- Dover needs a long term development plan that includes investments in its current residents including children, young adults existing business owners and potential business owners. It's not just heads in beds its heads in homes.
- Dover needs more town services-garbage pickup, community center-the Board of Selectmen need to follow through on tasks assigned-there also needs to be more communication between the Board and other commissions
- Dress up main entrances on Rt 100
- Economic development, growth, jobs for local people rather than hiring so many internationals
- Economic growth
- Economy
- Cell phone coverage
- Encourage all to maintain their properties ( i.e. no abandoned cars, equipment in front of yard, etc.)
- Encourage more business - too bad they rejected ESPN races
- Enhanced outdoor activities for families-ice skating, family bike trails, hiking trail access on town + national forest land. Town website-better access to town gov't and activities for 2nd homeowners.
- Equal taxation/tax rates for State residents and nonresidents tax payers
- Everyone has to agree that were a tourist community and we have to start acting like one-take a lesson from Bermuda not the island of Jamaica
- Extend the valley trail.

- Extend valley trail to MT snow0go north instead of south
- Extension of Dover trail
- Extension of the valley trail. Evening group sports activities or ice skating.
- Fairness to second home owners
- Finish bike path from Handle Road to town hall
- Finish the valley trail-make sidewalls everywhere
- Fix broken down buildings and paint, paint, paint!
- Fix the property tax
- Fix the school tax disaster!!!
- Food stores
- For a second homeowner- only the two tier property tax- seems odd that we don't use education but pay higher taxes
- Fronts, businesses and landscape is old & outdated
- Get haystock up and running
- Get rid of junk cars on the main road
- Getting private roads taken over the town & fixed. We pay taxes too!
- Grocery Shopping
- Grocery store Children & teen center
- Have the police stop setting up speed traps. Cell phone service
- Haven't owned long enough to make any fair comments
- Having more local businesses
- Help restore businesses damaged by hurricane
- High speed internet access
- High speed internet access
- High speed internet access for all Dover households Cell phone service for all Dover households
- High speed internet and cell phone service in east dover
- High speed internet and cell phone coverage
- High speed internet in town
- High-speed internet does not exist! Cell phone coverage is poor!!! Heating costs are terrible. The winter rate is twice as high as the summer rate
- Hiking trails
- I am concerned about the economic well-being of Wilmington following the fiscals
- I feel we 2nd homeowners are entitled to a vote. This is most important. Police dept. likes to ticket out of State homeowners
- I own a acre of land for some 40 years nut I am not allowed to build. I am assessed and taxes more and more each years for property that the town has declared "worthless".
- I think use of new snowmobile trails access to heart of the commercial districts would be an economic boost to many restaurants
- I would like my road to be considered a town road
- I would like to see regulations changed to allow septic design for property with ledge.
- I would like to see the bike/hike/walk trail finished
- I would love to see more charming stores
- If we have to have an option tax all funds should stay in Dover. More funds used on marketing.
- I'm fairly happy with it as it is. See below for priorities
- Improve and lengthen paved biking trails
- Improve flow of traffic Wilmington traffic light is a problem

- Improve local business climate, consider permitting carefully selected national restaurants to provide more meal options for families, a grocery store would be helpful.
- Improvement in the look of some of the businesses more outdoor activities
- Increase length of walking trail
- Infrastructure - high speed for all.
- Internet
- Internet & Cell connections
- Internet access
- Internet access, Cell phone coverage
- Internet access, improved phone service-cell
- Internet access, larger employee pool
- Internet and cell service; non full time resident school taxes
- Internet service, cell phone coverage-community center would be great
- Internet, cell phone- Dover is like 2 towns, West Dover has everything, East Dover has nothing
- It needs a little life - more events, music, theater.
- Items a-g listed in #3
- Its excellent right now.
- It's fine as is
- Japanese/ Sushi restaurant
- Joining of east and west Dover.
- Keep going on Valley Trail-into Wilmington. Cell service/High speed Wi-Fi Lower taxes (more than quadrupled in 15 years-Reverse Act 60)
- Keep taxes low
- Lack of entertainment on a cultural basis other than Marlboro in the summer and Memorial Hall occasionally
- Lengthen valley trail
- Less emphasis on tourism / mount snow and more on local full-time residents sustainable growth, not outside money
- Less government
- Less government and committees- more action, less talk, stop spending money on frivolous things "existing" bike/hiking trails not maintained- why do we need more?
- Less police
- Less police state. Full talk about the police seem there not to help but hinder
- Less taxes
- Like it as is, maybe extend the bike path (paved one not the dirt one)
- Limit development
- Linking the different parts of town more entertainment during increment weather.
- Local economy, roads, communication, capabilities listed below
- Lower my taxes!!
- Lower out of stater's taxes
- Lower property taxes
- Lower property taxes for non-residents
- Lower school tax rate
- Lower state tax
- Lower tax rate
- Lower taxes

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- Lower taxes (property assessments are too high)
- Lower taxes for non-residents
- Lower taxes for non-residents. We are unfairly taxed. We spend money on food and recreation. Your services for nonresidents are not so wonderful at the price we pay.
- Lower taxes so people can afford to live here.
- Lower taxes to second home owners
- Lower taxes, more restaurants
- Lower taxes...get rid of the stupid Act that takes taxes from "rich towns" & gives to "poor towns" for schools
- Lower taxes-you are driving people out of the area because of the high taxes
- Make it look like the quaint town it used to be! Year round activities-take care of our elders w/a community ctr.
- Marketing. Cell phone coverage. Sidewalks. Less police
- More activities in summer
- More bicycle paths/lanes.
- More bike trails better cable internet service
- More bike trails.
- More business for the small entrepreneur less red tape and barriers to get started.
- More businesses and storefronts need to be updated
- More community events
- More family friendly restaurants
- More focus on development on the ski resort
- More local business
- More local stores in downtown
- More marketing for our area - expand recreation services for second homeowners - must be a destination resort.
- More marketing for tourism-to NJ,NY,CT,MA,RI
- More moderately priced rest- similar to the Saloon activities such as Adams Farm before they closed
- More opportunities for second homeowners to be included in the community.
- More pedestrian walkways-valley trail great start
- More places to eat out
- More police and ranger presence. There is a lot of hunting and some drinking and driving going on.
- More public transportation
- More quality restaurants
- More recreation other than skiing - an ice skating rink, Wi-Fi throughout the valley, more commercial summer recreation, stronger cell phone coverage.

- More responsive town government
- More restaurants and more evening activities and night life
- More restaurants
- More restaurants, police dept. Attitude towards vacation homeowners, more winter activities
- More restaurants, theatre (live+movies) retail outlets book store
- More roads need to be paved
- More shops (my wife's suggestion)
- MORE SHOPS AND UPGRADE EXISTING SHOPS
- More shops, restaurants
- More summer activities and better cable and wireless access.
- More summer activities for general public
- More support for full time residents (community center that focuses on wellness).
- More trails, lifts, parking, snowmaking
- More wind generators. A bank in town. Beautification along RT. 100 lengthening the town trail. Getting Fred at the land fill a better attitude and much friendlier personality
- My tax bill for a lot only no house is ridiculous!
- Need a town manager and less micro-managing Select board
- Need more businesses
- Need more local business
- Need to attract more business and investment in area. Too many places closed or for sale
- Need to have some kind of open community center for classes (instructional exercise), comm. Events etc.
- Needs a downtown area w/ shops + restaurants
- Needs to be able to attract local and tourist, retailers, restaurants, and business
- Not a lot in my opinion. Maintain shop fronts, add flowers, more Christmas lights. Need coffee + bake shop in town.
- Not familiar enough to make a suggestion
- Not much
- Not much
- Not much, help maintain an environment for local business viability, encourage business to maintain or create more attractive store fronts, improve bike path into Wilmington.
- Not much, people just need to enjoy, and support our lovely, fun town
- Not sure. Only "second home" owner in W. Dover
- Nothing
- Nothing
- Nothing
- Nothing
- Nothing
- Nothing
- Nothing its simple and perfect just as it is
- Nothing that would mean an increase in taxes. We are already stretched to continue to maintain our home with mounting costs in all areas!!!
- Nothing the government can provide. Private investment must lead.
- Nothing!
- Once there, poor connection to outside world. A shame in the day & age-cell service I wish East Dover had a store or a coffee shop! No mud season A continued strong future for the local youth!

- Open haystack bike path up to W. Dover, VT
- Open meetings & fairness in hiring local craftsmen - not "old boy" buddies! / & politics!
- Parks and recreation
- Pedestrian/bike trails around town
- Perhaps zoning ordinances to keep new business from putting up unattractive store fronts. Keep things quant.
- Ping Pong Pool Need new activities center etc. Something like Dave and Busters
- Places for kids i.e.-billiards, ice-skating, maybe a community center where kids can go (no drinking)ages 10-18 (après-skiing)
- Plant trees Rte. 100 (beautification; activities for young people; cell phone & internet
- Police are out of control! We sometimes feel we are in a police state. The Valley trail - on Hundle Road is gone - not maintained.
- Power towers
- Preservation of local business, restaurants
- Promote economic growth, support small businesses
- Promote local business
- Promote more recreational development/ restaurants beyond Mt. Snow.
- Promote non-skiing activities - stimulate growth at Haystack (re-open to public?)
- Promotion of community so that more business will be attracted to the community and more services will be available to residents year round.
- Property tax rate too high
- Property taxes
- Property taxes are too high & need to be lowered
- Protection of the rural character of the town
- Public transportation
- Quick response on regular (not emergency)repairs-get State education taxes back to community-more varied events
- Raise taxes on Mt Snow and Lodges
- Real estate taxes are inequitable- absentee owners will be forced to sell to escape burden this will impact economy
- Real estate taxes are too high
- Rebuild after "Irene"
- Recognize more the value of second homeowners & tourists.
- Recreation activities at the local level lacking
- Reduce # in town office positions drop 1% tax->basically a gift to Mt. Snow
- Reduce homesteader tax-taxes are too high
- Reduce property taxes
- Reduce taxes.
- Reduce taxes: compromise on taxes for year round resident vs. Vacation part time resident
- Reduce the amount of development
- Restaurants
- Restaurants shopping and lower taxes
- Restaurants
- Restaurants, shops open more, summer activities. Town is only alive 3 months of the year!
- Road bike trails or lanes
- Road maintenance

- Roads
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- Roads & trails
- Roads need repair. Busy corners should have 4 way stops.
- Roads, access to existing trails.
- Roads, valley trail, cell service
- Route 100 - its ugly
- Second home owner-more say in zoning + building projects, more community events.
- See attached letter
- Select board
- Selectmen without personal agenda
- Small business/ restaurants continuity. Seems that a village approach closer to Mt Snow would help capture + drive business from Mt Snow to local venues.
- Some of the properties on well-traveled roads are unsightly
- Some road repair here and there
- Sprucing up tired commercial buildings
- State taxes should stay in local community
- Stop dumping/diverting water out of private property using culverts from draining ditches.
- Stop having police roadblocks every holiday weekend
- Stop raising taxes you could lose a lot of part time residents, including ourselves
- Stop sending surveys & wasting my taxes on this crap!
- Stop the Willington police speed traps and do not overtax second home owners
- Taxes
- Tax base- Business development
- Tax base should be reduced too high
- Tax levels
- Tax reduction
- Tax relief for nonresident home owners
- Tax Structure
- Taxation on second homeowners that do not use school district and are disproportionately taxed vs. Full time residents
- Taxes
- Taxes
- Taxes- also develop/implement catch + release fishing in the Deerfield river.
- Taxes are getting too high!! The taxes are probably the reason why properties valued are so low!
- Taxes are quite high for second homeowners other than that I'd like to see more year round activities available
- Taxes need to be lowered. Our high taxes do not stay in our town
- Taxes too high
- Taxes your tax rate is absolutely ridiculous. My axes on my primary home are lower and its three times the size
- Taxes!
- Taxes! Too high, esp. for 2nd homeowners

- Taxes, high speed internet & cell phones. A must to sell a house! Bringing a bank to town (1)
- Taxes-taxes-taxes. Real estate and sales taxes are way to high
- Technological improvements such as high speed internet and better coverage will drive investment in the town
- Technology and politics
- Teen activities and something for people to do after 4pm that doesn't require liquor atmosphere/restaurants
- Telephone and internet services
- The cell phone coverage and the roads.
- The disconnect between 2nd homeowners and VT.
- The Dover school tax imposed on second homeowners and ever increasing taxes make it difficult to continue being a second homeowner! We could not support a local options tax as well.
- The entire Town offices & officials lower taxes
- The locals need to be friendlier.
- The look of the town has improved over the last few years which is great. There is a little room for improvement there.
- The only way to really improve Dover would be to secede from the state of VT.
- The overall attitude and feeling towards winter guest in the ski resort area in West Dover. I feel like you all detest {unreadable} AND VISITORS, YET WE SPEND MONEY IN YOUR STATE and support your stores
- The police need to lighten up a bit
- The property taxes are way too high and need to be lowered.
- The responsiveness of fire/ems services is too slow. Need high speed internet/DSL
- The ridiculous focus on dui is running the restaurant business
- The roads
- The roads and the construction
- The S curve at Dover Green
- The Select board
- The sense of community needs to be broadened less fighting over every decision more team effort, neighboring towns are also part of our community
- The taxes on second homeowners are outrageous. More than on primary homeowners who require much more services
- The town has a good budget- the state of Vermont should not take so much from the town
- The town of Dover could be designed so that it has more of a "village" feeling you can walk easily between shops and stores. There is a mix of businesses and food eateries, benches to sit along, planting, walk ways - would increase business in the area.
- The traffic light in Wilmington!! Especially when there is traffic
- The very high real estate tax's
- The weather
- There are not any activities at night besides bars. It would be nice to have evening activities after skiing.
- There needs to be more stuff to do
- There seem to be lots of police cars stopping people at night. Too much??
- There should be less turnover of businesses. How can you keep business going? Tax breaks? Subsidized?
- There should be major improvement to the hiking/biking trail from the mountain to Wilmington.
- There's no downtown area to walk around. No place for families to go.

- Things to do for families & adults
- Think of this as a baseball game. Hit a lot of "singles" and runs will score. Don't put all eggs into one basket. Attitude's - The town could have a contest...Happiest/friendliest/outgoing makes \$500. 2nd place \$250. 3rd \$100. Improve local employees to smile at the people who move to or visit Dover!
- Tighter control of ugly development, residential and commercial
- Town accessibility and business access for snowmobiles
- Town aesthetics, abandoned buildings need to be demolished
- Town beatification
- Town center, better cell towers.
- Town Government
- Town should take over private roads since they receive {unreadable}
- Traffic at Rt 9 and 100 when everyone is leaving at the same time.
- Traffic at Wilmington
- Trails, recreation access, cell coverage, internet access
- Treatment of non-residents
- Understand that non-resident owners of recreational property are not an infinite source of "extra assessment" revenue
- Use the 1% tax to reduce local taxes or do away with it
- Valley trail idea is nice. Need a town common or green for activities, events, a place to meet for events, access to national forest trails.
- Walking/biking trails in town, extension of valley trails
- Water for Mt. Snow, maintenance of some older retail establishments, zoning for future developments - tasteful New England style.
- We like it the way it is-though have concerns about enough jobs for locals
- We need a bank! Kids/young people hang out better movie theater. More N.A. activities (etoh)
- We need a community center!
- We need a rec. Center with an Olympic size pool badly!
- We need a town center!
- We need more businesses to help offset taxes & help with growth. We need stability in local restaurants, etc.
- We need to attract business to our "Main street"
- We need to lower the taxes
- Well maintained public tennis courts
- Wider roads with shoulders for bicycling and more of a town center
- Willington traffic congestion ant routes 100 +9 and the ineptitude in billing by branch F.D
- Winter- off mountain activities, family
- Wish there were more activities - for example Bromley's summer activities on the mountain for all ages and a great weekend retreat. The Heritage has helped a lot for the winter with ice skating and all day tubing. Wish there was more.
- Walking path from Dover to NH snow, and to Wilmington.
- Would be nice to have a local bank and cell service
- Would like a town-now that Wilmington has been lost. Better convenience store with good produce
- Would like more stores
- Would like to see the valley trail extended
- Would love to use well marked hiking, biking snowshoeing, x-country ski trails throughout the town
- Year round activity indoor activities in winter
- You just want our out of state taxes - you won't listen to anything we write.

Q6\_1: If Dover was to move forward with a community center, what are the three most important, activities, or characteristics that a community center should be able to support - First

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- 25 yard lap pool
- 4 season activities- ice rink into roller rink
- A community center should be able to be used by all who live in dover & those who pay property taxes in dover
- A community pool
- A facility that allows teens to socialize in a safe zone with music that they play along with some recreational games. Billiards, ping pong.
- A fitness center
- A gym
- A place to exchange (recycle) used goods
- A place to gather
- A space for educating the community about gardening, biking etc.
- A ymca facility would bring year round benefits to people of all ages in the town
- A youth night
- Ability to host conferences or some entertainment
- Access to all ages
- Accessible
- Accessible via mover
- Activities and space for youth, especially teens
- Activities for 2nd homeowners as well as full time residents
- Activities for all ages
- Activities for all ages
- Activities for all ages of visitors - youth, adult, & both.
- Activities for children (all ages) + seniors
- Activities for infants to seniors
- Activities for kids & dances, skate park
- Activities for kids/ teens
- Activities for kids/skate (bd.) Park
- Activities for old & young people-teen/pre-teen
- Activities for residents not just tourists
- Activities for seniors
- Activities for seniors
- Activities for students of all ages to use including after school
- Activities for teens
- Activities for teens in a healthy organized environment
- Activities for teens. Somewhere for teens to spend time at night
- Activities for the elderly.
- Activities otherwise held in bratt for people to attend locally instead (1)let's dance
- Activities to attract second home owners
- Activities to interest the young people
- After school activities
- After school activities
- Against

- All outdoor activities
- Allow second home owners same access rights as fulltime res.
- An internet learning program.
- Any all i.e. Seniors, youth, location, things for "real" locals!
- Art space for art classes young and old of all sorts
- As a second home owner no increase in taxes.
- As a second user I do not see the need
- As determined by the full time residents + their families.
- Athletic facility
- Athletic services
- Availability for groups to hold meetings (for a charge)
- Availability to teachers physical activities
- Be financial supported by those who use it
- Before you build a community center, get a realistic appraisal of how many people would actually use it. What % would it benefit for most today. This number is too small to support the expense.
- Biking access
- Bingo
- Build bike paths on rte. 100 from Wilmington to MT snow.
- Cafe
- Charitable causes
- Child educational activities
- Child/teenage activity
- Children
- Children's activities (especially toddlers)
- Children's activities
- Children's activities
- Children's programs/learning/sports
- Children programs
- Classes (instructional)
- Classes for the community
- Classical concerts
- Community events (winter carnivals, etc.)
- Community pool and recreation facilities
- Community wide indoor gym facility
- Community/youth events
- Concerts
- Concerts
- Consolidated services
- Craft classes
- Cultural events
- Cultural events
- Cultural events
- Dances
- Dancing or learning to: two step ballroom, etc.
- Define the usage and purpose of a center
- Developing business

- Did you know that my mom and dad met as young people (in Marlboro) while on the way to the dawa dauce. Any modern equivalent community activities would be good.
- Dk/na
- Do not do this with my tax money
- Do not support too much taxes
- Do not support using tax increases for a community center during a recession.
- Do not waste the money
- Don't build
- Don't build it. You can't afford it.
- Don't build...sounds good but won't be used!
- Don't do it-what a waste of money!
- Don't feel a need for this (not a full time resident)
- Don't live there year round
- Don't think needed
- Don't think we need one
- Dover having a community center. It is not needed the town revolves around MT snow, not dover there are not nearly enough full time residents
- Education
- Educational activities
- Educational classes
- Educational/training opps for locals to help them get better jobs.
- Elder activities-how about using our elders to "sit" our youngsters. I cannot believe you wasted money doing this survey again. I am tired of surveys how about actually doing something
- Elderly
- Elderly
- Elderly & their activities
- Elderly and in need/ transportation, programs, meals
- Emergency shelter and food pantry
- Enough space for town meetings or space for rental to help support the cost of up keep.
- Entertainment events
- Entertainment venue for music, plays
- Events (community - art- music) internet sport events
- Events for adults
- Events for children/ teenagers
- Events that appeal to all ages
- Exercise program with trainer
- Exercise
- Exercise program-gym
- Exercise room
- Extracurricular activities for kids, families
- Family activities
- Family activities / park for children
- Family events
- Far more important things needed to be dealt with first
- Farm based activities/gatherings
- Fitness

- Fitness center
- Fitness center
- Fitness center for adults & children
- Fitness center-low-cost memberships for year round residents (with trainers classes)
- Fitness programs
- Fitness room
- Give youth a place to be
- Good gym and work on facilities
- Good location
- Good space for events
- Green space w/parking & public restrooms
- Group meetings
- Gym
- Gym
- Gym
- Gym
- Gym equipment
- Gym for adults
- Health and fitness
- Health promotion classes.
- Hiking trail maps
- I don't really think we need a community center
- I don't think a community center is great.
- I don't think this a wise idea
- I have no idea. Have no idea what happens at a community center
- I probably wouldn't use it much, but activities for kids (teen agers)
- I think that we should leave this to the locals-we have a second property in VT (mail residence in ma)
- I would rather see a town common and a bike path that extended to Willington. It would be great to have an affordable health club
- Ice rink
- Ice rink (could even be outdoor)
- Ice skating
- Ice skating
- Ice skating
- Ice skating in the winter
- Ice skating rink
- Ice skating.
- If a community creates jobs in the private sector only then will it be useful. Paying more taxes to maintain the ctr. Will just put more strain on he one person business and property owners
- If you are planning on raising taxes I will sell both of my Vermont homes
- If you're going to do a community center take a look at MT Freemont

- In this economic climate, concern should be directed on developing opportunities aimed at reducing taxes and helping local business. Second homeowners are tax saturated! A community center would add another burden at this time.
- Indoor bad weather recreation
- Indoor ice skating (could be outdoor also)
- Indoor pool
- Indoor pool
- Indoor pool for winter
- Indoor recreation area
- Indoor recreation i.e. Gym, pool
- Indoor sports
- Indoor sports/swimming
- Indoor swimming pool
- Indoor swimming programs
- Indoor swimming-all affordable to the locals with job opportunities for older teenager young adults to keep them here
- Indoor walking trail
- Information center
- Information for visitors
- Inside walking route for us older folks! (for bad weather)
- Instead of building community centers, we need to lower taxes. They are ridiculous & strangling the economy! Waste of taxpayer money.
- It must supply itself!
- It should be small
- It should include activities + interest for visitors + second homeowners.
- It should welcome residents
- Job training placement services for local youth
- Kid friendly space + activities
- Kids' activities, recreation
- Kids activity programs
- Kitchen for events
- Large group meeting space.
- Local farm markets for locally grown produce
- Local teens
- Location
- Meeting places
- Meeting rooms
- Meeting space
- Meeting space for civic groups, scouts, youth groups
- Meeting space that can be rented out also for parties
- Mentoring programs
- More concerned with the cost of center & where the \$ are coming from
- Multi-generational activities
- Music
- Music events
- Na

- Need more information
- Need more information in order to offer an opinion
- Needs of senior citizens
- Newsletter
- No community center is needed we already have a town hall
- No idea as a second homeowner I know I'll never use it and don't want my taxes to go up to pay for it
- No need for a community center.
- No opinion
- No opinion on sports, sorry.
- No significant interest in this.
- No tax increases, community center should support itself.
- None
- None
- None-there shouldn't be a community center built.
- Not a permanent resident. I don't think it's fair for me to say.
- Not important for me at all as I only spend 20-30 days per year
- Not in favor of a community center
- Not interested
- Not interested
- Not interested
- Not interested in a community center
- Not necessary to do that
- Not sure, I would most likely not participate in a community center activity.
- Not wanted
- Nothing
- Once again you are asking 2nd homeowners to pay for something that they will not use
- Ongoing adult education
- Only a part time resident so I have no opinion
- Open minutes of selectmen meetings
- Open to everyone
- Outdoor ice skating
- Outdoor swimming pool
- Paddle tennis, basketball hoops
- People should be able to enjoy group activities.
- Place for young kids to hang out/skate board park?
- Place where family activities can take place
- Please don't move forward, everything is fine.
- Pool
- Pool & gym for 2nd homeowners & their guests
- Pool and exercise areas

- Pool for us in winter especially
- Pool skating playground
- Pool tables
- Program for seniors
- Providing youth programs
- Public access
- Public input meetings, emergency, etc.
- Public meetings/local organization meeting and activities
- Rec room (pool table, darts, etc.)
- Recreation - tennis, basketball etc.
- Recreational activities
- Rent it for income
- Safe place for kids that enjoy going to affordable exercise
- Safety
- Safety of children
- Seasonal events related to nature
- See attached letter
- Self-financing without added taxes
- Self-supporting
- Senior activities
- Senior activities
- Senior activities
- Senior activities
- Senior citizen activities
- Senior citizen activities
- Senior citizen activities and services
- Senior citizen groups/arts/theater
- Senior citizen support
- Senior citizens activities
- Senior citizens group
- Senior education (training)
- Seniors
- Seniors
- Seniors
- Seniors and children
- Services for elderly
- Shelter if natural disaster should occur
- Should be designed for 365 days of events
- Skateboarding, basketball, billiards, electronic games
- Skiing
- Small business networking
- Social room(s) for daily use & special events
- Some activities for kids in the winter including theater, bowling alley, ball courts, also a recreational (general), climbing wall, skating rink
- Some sort of teen program
- Someplace kids can hang out- stay active, not get into trouble if they had somewhere to go

- Something's for the group over 50
- Space available for various activities-yoga classes, for example, flexible use
- Space for children playground area
- Sporting events
- Sports
- Sports (basketball/volleyball court)
- Sports facilities-ice rink, basketball courts, tennis, volleyball inside and outside
- Sports for kids
- Sports for school age
- Sports, basketball, etc.
- Summer concert series w/regionally famous acts on school property overlooking 100 mile view with local vendors. Build an amphitheater.
- Summer outdoor pool
- Support elderly, seniors, handicapped, and homeless
- Support local community-children and elderly
- Support mix of visitors and local population
- Swimming
- Swimming
- Swimming - Olympic size for laps. None is available anywhere else.
- Swimming pool
- Swimming pool
- Swimming pool (a must for all ages)
- Swimming pool (indoor/outdoor)
- Swimming pool (it's for all ages)
- Swimming pool (might be a bit much!)
- Swimming program
- Tax revoct meetings
- Tax services for seniors-free
- Teen activities
- Teen area
- Teen events after 4pm during the winter
- Teen program
- Teen/senior center
- Tennis
- Tennis court
- Tennis courts
- Tennis-pick-up games
- The tax payers cannot afford a community center
- The youth - somewhere to meet other than a bar.
- Theater
- Theater
- Theater for music/special events/movies - i.e. - skateboard, indoor skate park.
- Theatre
- There should be some focus on vacation 2nd homeowners services since second homeowners account for a majority of the taxes
- This is something we do not need

- Town meetings
- Town meetings
- Town meetings and events
- Transient residents do not use or desire a center.
- Vacation home owners are charged too much taxes
- Warm water pool
- Waste of money
- We already have one at top of hill repeal the tax
- We are second homeowners in dover - and don't think we'd use a community center much - so n/a - would not want taxes to raise for it.
- We do not need a center.
- We don't need one
- We don't want option for tax use outside dover and one should not have to be a member of cofc to have their business advertised
- We have a town hall already
- We have town hall, school, fire houses & churches what other community centers do we need????
- Well baby clinic
- Why do you need a community center?
- Workout area or gym area really lacks a good facility.
- Would not want to see my taxes raised for a community center
- Yes- we oppose moving forward with a community center
- Year round access and use
- Year round activities for all ages.
- Ymca family-include community center
- You don't say what amount the tax is.
- Young kids
- Youth activities
- Youth activities
- Youth activities
- Youth activities
- Youth activities center
- Youth drop in center with activities esp for teens
- Youth problems
- Youth sports
- Youths

Q6\_2: If Dover was to move forward with a community center, what are the three most important, activities, or characteristics that a community center should be able to support - Second

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- " " Youth
- "green" building, but with lots of natural light.
- 2nd homeowner events
- A place for family friendly activities all year round
- A variety of activities geared towards the whole community.
- Ability for community to have physical exercise in bad weather
- Access allowed by second home owners
- Activities for all age group
- Activities for children of all ages-babysitting
- Activities for children- playroom, library
- Activities for kids
- Activities for seniors
- Activities for teenagers
- Activities for teenagers specifically
- Activities for teens
- Activities for the elderly
- Activities for youth
- Activities.
- Activity center for seniors
- Activity for children
- Ad hoc programs - esp. On weekends to attract visiting families.
- Adolescent outlook for socialization located on route 100 to serve as visual landmark of community.
- Adult activities
- Adult education
- Adult education classes
- Adult education classes-ongoing educational sessions/lectures
- After school programs
- After school programs for teens
- All ages appropriate activities for adult kids
- Ample size
- Arts
- Athletic equipment
- Athletic gym equipment
- Athletic opportunities
- Auditorium
- Availability of computer or Wi-Fi
- Available for events like square dancing
- Available to towns people
- Basketball
- Basketball
- Be open to second homeowners whose taxes will go to it
- Big enough for town meetings
- Big gov't =more tax.

- Bike/hike/walk trail
- Billiards room
- Book club
- Can't think of any other needs for a community center
- Catering/kitchen for fundraisers and gatherings
- Central location
- Centralized location for services
- Centrally located w/lots of parking
- Child care
- Children activity
- Children's activities
- Clubs
- Comm. Meeting
- Communal/ meeting/ prospect spaces
- Community
- Community college or continuous education
- Community concern
- Community event planning
- Community event usage
- Community events
- Community events, festivals etc.
- Community events/theatre
- Community health
- Community health center
- Community meetings
- Community rooms
- Concerts
- Concerts
- Continuing education for local young adults and adults
- Contractual architectural style
- Craft shows/ exhibits
- Cultural events
- Dance
- Day care
- Day care at reasonable rates
- Display areas for art shows, crafts
- Dk/na
- Do not do this with my tax money
- Do not want a community center
- Don't build
- Economically priced, affordable
- Educational events for all
- Elder activities
- Elder activities
- Elderly programs
- Emergency shelter

- Emergency shelters
- Event capability-kitchen, meeting rooms, etc.
- Events for seniors
- Events to get kids involved
- Exercise programs
- Exercise room
- Excitement
- Exercise area
- Exercise classes
- Exercise equipment for young & old, health related activities
- Exercise equipment maybe tennis courts
- Facility being available for organized local events.
- Families
- Family events
- Farmers market
- Festivities
- Fitness center
- Free internet access
- Free senior meals
- Game room
- Gathering place for seniors
- Gathering place/coffee shop
- Good, safe, fun place for teens
- Gym
- Gym
- Gymnasium
- Heated pool
- Historical events of the community
- Hot tub
- I don't think this is a wise idea
- Ice rink
- Ice skating
- Ice skating
- Ice skating
- Ice skating rink
- I'd like to see a public accountants of 1% tax.
- If dollars are there a gym/ice skating/roller rink would be nice
- Important to segregate age groups (12-15 vs. 16-18)
- Indoor & outdoor pools
- Indoor pool
- Indoor skating (ice) rink
- Indoor tennis
- Information on local goods and services
- Interesting events
- Internet access
- Internet connectivity

- Internet service
- Internet-free Wi-Fi
- Involvement of non-permanent residents
- It should be no cost to the taxpayer
- Kitchen to support events
- Kitchen with option to rent for possible parties and town events
- Large community events
- Large shows-i.e. Art on the mountain, antique shows, events
- League of women voters activities
- Legal services for seniors-free
- Lifetime learning and recreational classes
- Local events
- Local meetings - community based
- Low maintenance
- Maybe room for yoga/Pilates/etc.
- Meeting place for youth
- Meeting rooms
- Multi-functional
- Municipal events such as wed night music
- Must be open year round + be managed/ open to public including meeting room space/bathrooms
- Needs to address the youth population, like a ymca, keep dover youth on a healthy track
- No tax increases
- None
- Not have it raise or taxes to support it
- Not interested
- Nothing
- Organized
- Outdoor gathering space for events
- Outdoor instructional classes
- Outdoor sled area
- Park grounds + programs for all ages
- Perhaps something for the elderly
- Physical activities
- Physical activities-skateboarding, volleyball etc.
- Place for kids to play
- Place for seniors to hang out/card & game room-computers
- Please save our town by not
- Pool
- Pool?
- Private events (weddings, etc.)
- Programs for all ages

- Programs/activities for children
- Public meetings - select bd, etc.
- Putting green
- Reading area
- Recreational activity
- Recreational sports, plays, clubs
- Repair tap
- Restaurants
- Retired community activities
- Schools should support afterschool activities at school
- Seasonal outdoor activities
- See attached letter
- Self-improvement seminars
- Seminars or classes for personal improvements
- Senior activities
- Senior activities
- Senior activities - pool - exercise classes, etc.
- Senior center for locals
- Senior citizen activities
- Senior citizen activities
- Senior citizen activities
- Senior citizen activities, training (i.e. Computer use)
- Senior citizen center
- Senior citizen events on weekends
- Senior citizens activities
- Senior program
- Senior program
- Senior programs
- Senior support
- Seniors
- Services for elderly, low income currently in brat/ben
- Should be central to other businesses
- Skate board
- Skate park/ blading
- Skate park; family recreation to complement
- Skating (roller)
- Skating rinks
- Sledding and tubing
- Small theatre plays- puppet shows- concerts
- Space for all to use
- Sporting and historical events
- Sports - activities - indoor & out
- Sports activities
- Sports facility there is not really any public access in our area
- Support groups
- Swimming

- Swimming
- Swimming
- Swimming classes all 3-6 grade
- Swimming pool
- Swimming pool
- Technology center (expanded from library)
- Teen activities
- Teen activities
- Teen center
- Teen support to keep kids away from drugs
- Tennis
- Tennis
- Tennis courts
- Tennis program
- The people who use it. Must pay to support.
- The rest is not too important
- The youth & their activities (sports, scouts, fairs)
- They are paying the option tax through their support of local business.
- Town courts esp. if winterized, and/or indoor golf range
- Town image beatification
- Town meetings
- Town meetings
- Tween+teen activities
- Use by homeowners
- Visitor center
- Visitor info and bathrooms
- Vocational classes
- Volunteers offering classes
- We don't need a community center
- Why not leverage existing facility
- Work-out machines
- Would not use tax dollars for this
- Year round swimming activities. Winter aerobics etc.
- Year-round pool
- Ymca type of facility - pool tennis courts, racket ball, etc.
- Yoga & exercise
- Youth activities
- Youth activities
- Youth cultural activities.
- Youth oriented activities
- Youth programs-after school/holidays, etc. So parents can work

Q6\_3: If Dover was to move forward with a community center, what are the three most important, activities, or characteristics that a community center should be able to support - Third

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- "Welcome events" for visitors to area where "visitors" 2nd Home owners feel like they belong.
- A way to teach kids or create jobs, community service
- A gym and some gym equipment.
- A hall that could be rented for weddings etc. To create additional residents, it would need a full kitchen to create a catered affair
- A recreational program for all ages
- Activities for children
- Activities
- Activities
- Activities for children and elderly
- Activities for children and seniors too
- Activities for seniors
- Activities for youth
- Adequate parking area
- Adult activities
- Adult ed
- After school/weekend youth activities
- Afterschool activities
- Applicable for all ages with youth babies parents teen elderly
- Art and culture
- Art enrichment for children
- Arts programs
- Arts programs/ all ages
- Athletes
- Athletic center
- Auditorium/venue
- Available as a disaster center
- Bar and tea room
- Basketball courts
- Be open on weekends.
- Bike maps
- Bus trips, history readings, community dinners, dances
- Card night
- Card room; card games sign up board
- Center with game room and pool
- Charity events
- Child-care for adults who want to use the center
- Children's activities
- Children's activity
- Classes exercise and community gatherings. Dances
- Community activities
- Community activities
- Community activities, i.e. Art shows, concerts

- Community events
- Community events
- Community events (4th of July, etc.)
- Community events and emergencies
- Community service
- Community suppers
- Community swimming pool
- Community, outdoor programs
- Computer training
- Connect to the trail
- Covered skating rink
- Craft fairs, farmers markets, locally grown/made products
- Cross country skiing
- Cross-country trails
- Cultural events
- Cultural opportunities
- Dedicated space for adult ed classes, concerts, guest speakers.
- Dk/na
- Do away with option Tax.
- Do not do this with my tax money
- Don't build
- Don't let it become a money pit
- Educational events
- Educational programs and activities
- Emergency/disaster support
- Environmental health
- Events center
- Exercise gym
- Exercise facilities
- Exercise facility for both
- Exercise gym
- Exhibit space for local artist
- Family friendly events, activities to bring business to the town
- Films/ arts presentations
- Fitness
- Fitness center
- Fitness center
- Focus for "green" energy systems
- Friendly, accessible, open to all citizens
- Gathering place for young people.
- Good acoustics
- Gym-good equipment for public use-small fee for usage
- Gymnastics
- Health club
- Historical, local culture
- History of the area/ development

- Holiday events
- Host social events
- I don't think this is a wise idea
- Improvement of any outdoor/natural spaces
- Indoor area for children to play (climbing wall)
- Indoor ice skating rink
- Indoor tennis
- Indoor tennis courts for winter use
- Indoor/outdoor track
- Information center for tourists.
- Informative events
- Internet
- Internet
- Internet with Wi-Fi accessible space
- Inviting to vacationers, not just local residents.
- It must come out of the option taxes-no new taxes! AKA Mt. Snow? And the Chamber of Commerce
- It should be closed as soon as it opens
- Land use and resource management seminars
- Large space for banquets with catering facilities
- Local Artist Exhibitions
- Local construction built
- Lower my taxes and I will support this area to a greater degree.
- Meeting hall
- Movie night, other- during certain seasons.
- Multi-purpose room
- Music and art classes
- Music festivals
- Music venues
- Music, art enrichment
- Must have a second business plan.
- Nice space for community gatherings
- None
- Non-profit activities
- Not a box - fit in with character of town. Support classes, e.g. Arts.
- Not compete with area commercial venues
- Not interested
- Nutrition center
- Organized activities for family/visitors
- Outdoor pool
- Outreach to all
- Party room option
- Philharmonic- like Jacobs pillow in Mass.
- Place for events: craft fairs, auctions, etc. where we can mingle and make new friends.
- Place for kids/teens to be able to meet & have activities
- Pool
- Programs for children (classes)

- Provide recreational & learning opportunities for families to engage in together.
- Providing programs for elder adults
- Quaint Vermont architecture
- Racquetball
- Reading, bridge hobby activities
- Reasonable cost to run and upkeep
- Recreation
- Recreation for young adults
- Recreational activities for seniors-free
- Recreational center
- Rental space for private events
- Retail development
- Rock climbing wall
- Saturday night events
- Seasonal events
- See attached letter
- Senior activities
- Senior center
- Senior center
- Senior center
- Senior citizen activities
- Senior community center
- Senior programs
- Seniors
- Should be an icon for the town
- Ski conditioning program
- Social awareness issues for teens
- Social events
- Social functions
- Socialization
- Socials
- Spa
- Spa
- Space for emergency
- Space for groups to meet
- Space for musical performances
- Special events to get the community together
- Sport activities
- Sporting facilities
- Sports
- Sports & exercise area
- Sports training/team sports/nutrition education
- Self
- Support and program for local business
- Sustainability
- Swimming

- Swimming pool
- Swimming pool or skating rink
- Taxing us to extinction
- Tea party meetings for vacation homeowners
- Technology for power point or other audio/visual presentations
- Teen activities
- Teenage night life activities
- Tennis, dancing, exercise, basketball
- Town meetings
- Town meetings
- Vermont History
- Visitors center
- Volunteer coordination both for emergencies, elderly, sick help
- Website
- Wi fi connection
- Workout area (weights, machines)
- X-country ski trails
- Youth activities
- Youth activities for "non-skiing" weekend days.
- Youth activities/sports

**APPENDIX C:**  
**SURVEY INSTRUMENT**

# TOWN OF DOVER SURVEY

In 2007, the Town of Dover conducted a community survey to gather input from Dover citizens, property owners and local business interests on how best to direct the spending of public funds raised through a local options tax. In much the same way, this survey is intended to confirm that the previously identified general priorities retain their importance to the community today.

**Please return your completed survey on or before October 19, 2011 so that your opinions can be included in the compiled results.** Simply close and tape together (do not staple) the completed survey so that the UNH Survey Center address is showing and place it in the mail. For your convenience return postage is prepaid. Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to email Chad Novak at [csnovak@unh.edu](mailto:csnovak@unh.edu) or call at 603-862-4858. Thank you in advance for your assistance and cooperation. We truly value your opinion.

Sincerely, The Dover Selectboard

**1)** What do you like best as a homeowner about Dover?

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**2)** What needs to be improved about Dover?

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**3)** How important do you think each of the following aspects are to the quality of life in Dover?

	<u>Very Important</u>	<u>Somewhat Important</u>	<u>Not Very Important</u>	<u>Not At All Important</u>	<u>DK/NA</u>
a. Access to biking and hiking trails in national forests	1	2	3	4	9
b. Community Events	1	2	3	4	9
c. Access to high-speed internet	1	2	3	4	9
d. Cell phone coverage	1	2	3	4	9
e. Beautification of the town	1	2	3	4	9
f. Development of parks	1	2	3	4	9
g. Construction of sports fields	1	2	3	4	9

**4)** Please rank the three most important aspects to the quality of life in Dover? (Write a "1" next to the MOST important aspect, write a "2" next to the SECOND most important aspect, and a "3" next to the THIRD most important aspect.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Access to biking and hiking trails in national forests<br><input type="checkbox"/> Access to high-speed internet<br><input type="checkbox"/> Beautification of the town<br><input type="checkbox"/> Construction of sports fields | <input type="checkbox"/> Community Events<br><input type="checkbox"/> Improved Cell phone coverage<br><input type="checkbox"/> Development of parks |
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**5)** How much would you say you support or oppose the use of local option tax revenue to build community in Dover?

1. Strongly Support    2. Somewhat Support    3. Somewhat Oppose    4. Strongly Oppose    9. Don't Know/NA

**6)** If Dover was to move forward with a community center, what are the three most important, activities, or characteristics that a community center should be able to support?

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

**7)** How much would you say you support or oppose the use of public funds raised through a local option tax to support events that are developed by private organizations?

1. Strongly Support    2. Somewhat Support    3. Somewhat Oppose    4. Strongly Oppose    9. Don't Know/NA

**8)** Are you... 1. Female 2. Male      **9)** What is your age? \_\_\_\_\_      **10)** What is your zip code? \_\_\_\_\_