

## L. TOWN SURVEY RESULTS

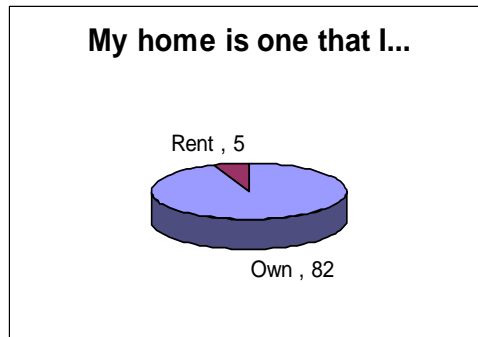
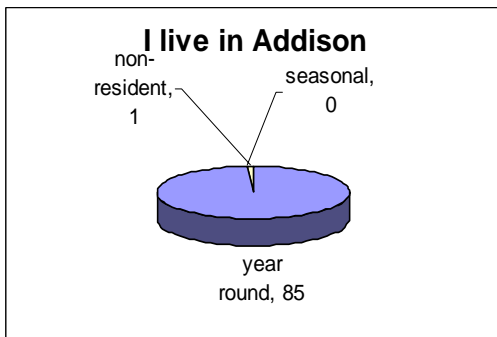
The survey that was distributed to town residents in May of 2003 is reproduced in Appendix A. There were approximately 450 surveys hand distributed by the eight grade class to all residents with the Town Report. There were 86 returned, some hand delivered to the town office and others were returned to a collection box at the town meeting. All of the written responses are reproduced in Appendix A. Summaries of the written comments are noted with the charted data here and throughout the document as the issues they address are raised. The raw data is available at the town office and graphical summaries of the responses are provided here.

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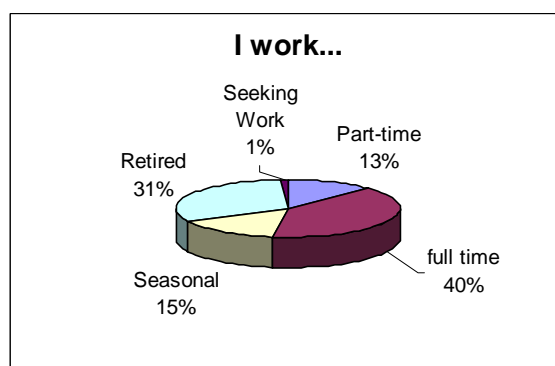
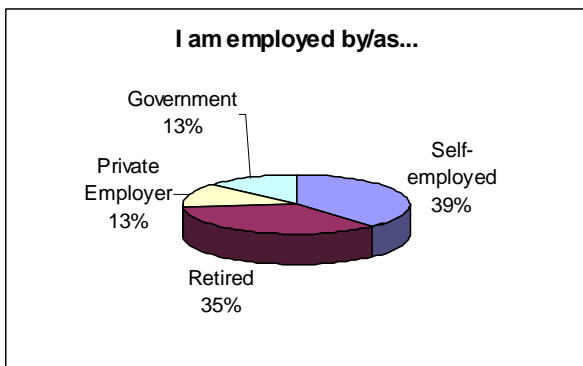
Survey results are presented here in charted form as the raw data is voluminous and not very instructive.

#### A. General

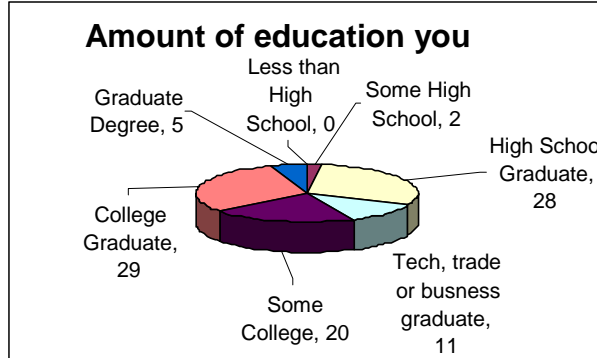
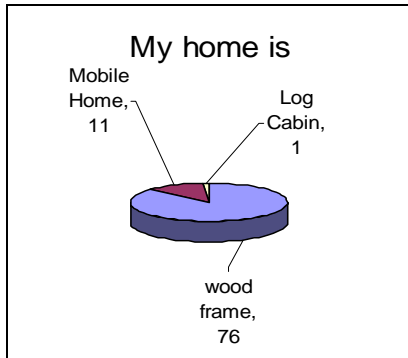
Survey respondents were almost entirely year-round residents of Addison with one non-resident respondent. Most own their homes although 5 renters also responded.



Retirees and the self-employed, who comprise approximately 17% and 23% of the population respectively, answered the survey in numbers that exceed their actual proportionate share of the population.



Respondents live primarily in wood frame housing and are relatively well educated.

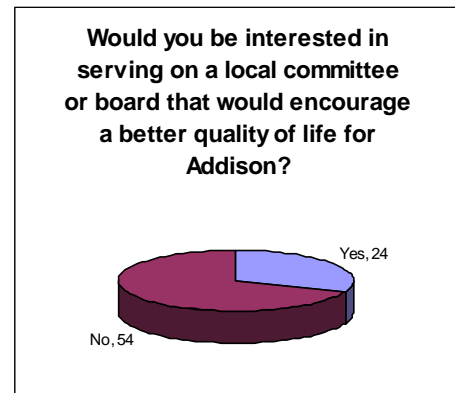


Twenty-four respondents indicated a willingness to volunteer to assist with town affairs.

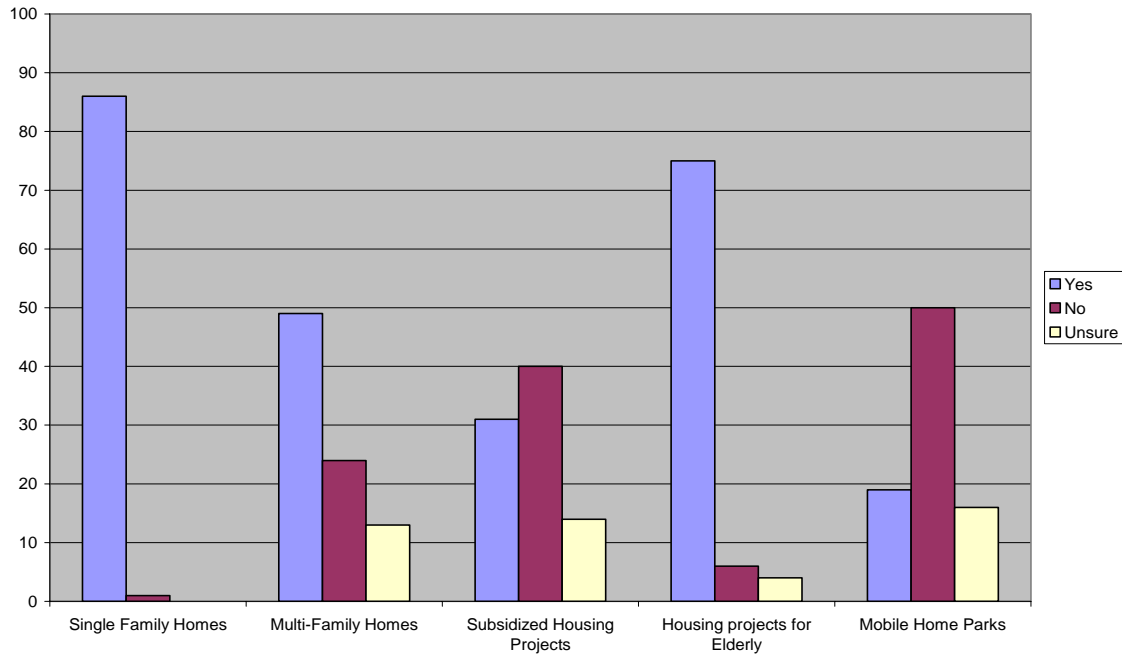
### B. Housing, Development and Preservation

#### Opinions on Housing Type:

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Opinions on Housing

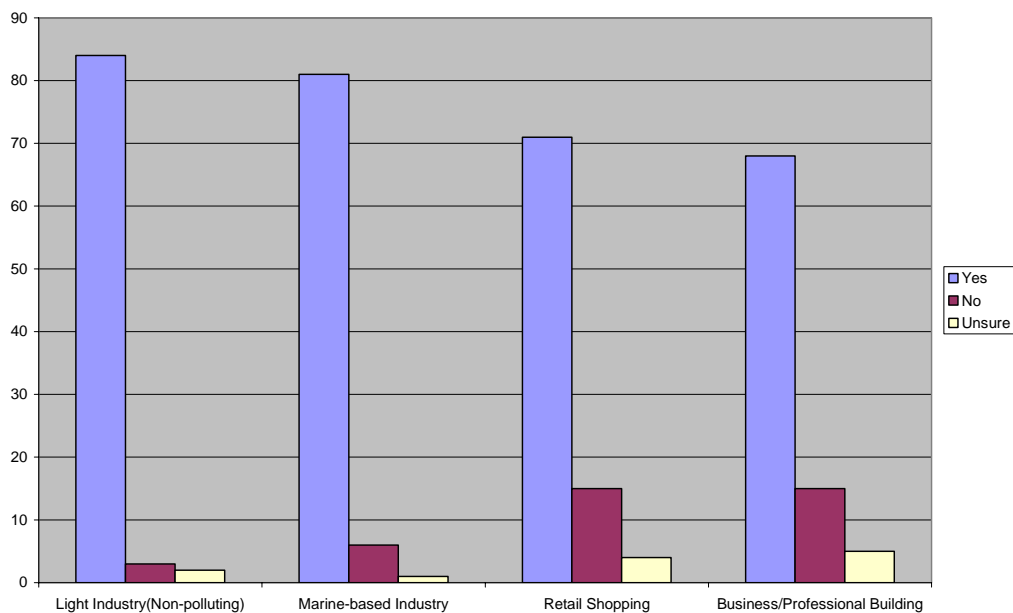


Development:

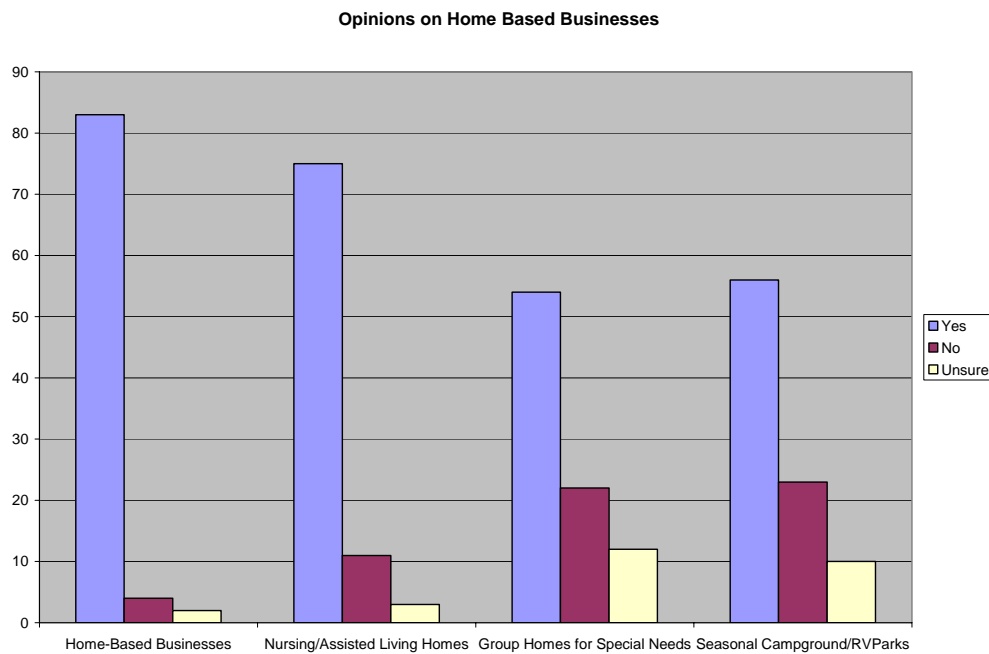
The survey sought input from respondents about a variety of development activities.

Support for maritime-based industries is clear as is support for retail, business/professional buildings and light industry.

Industry and Business

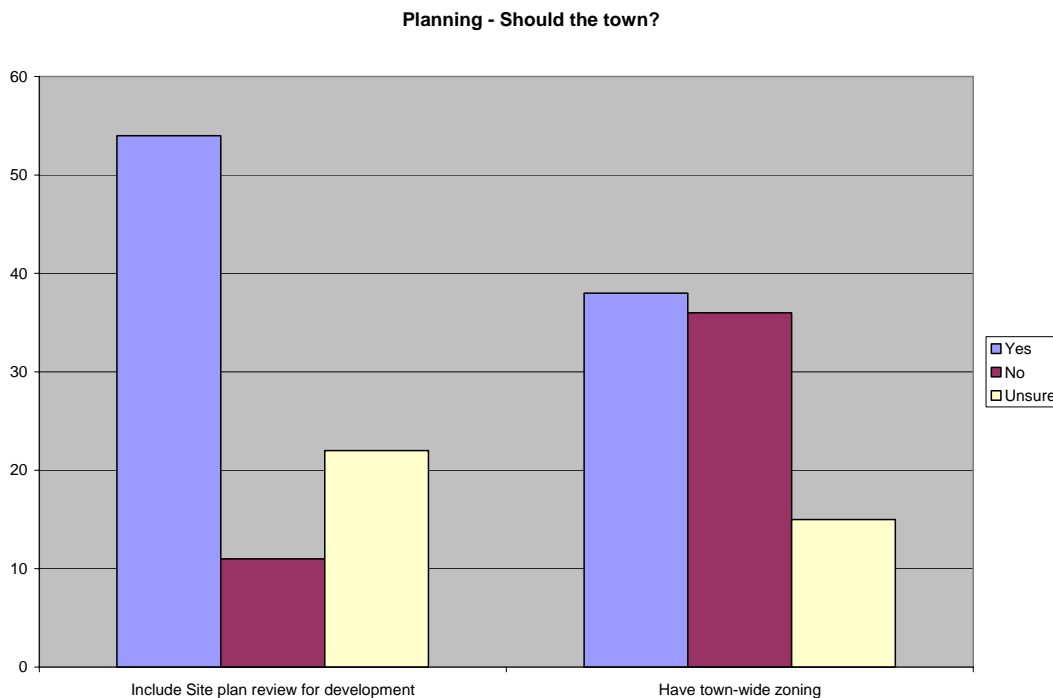


Opinions on home-based businesses varied a little more:

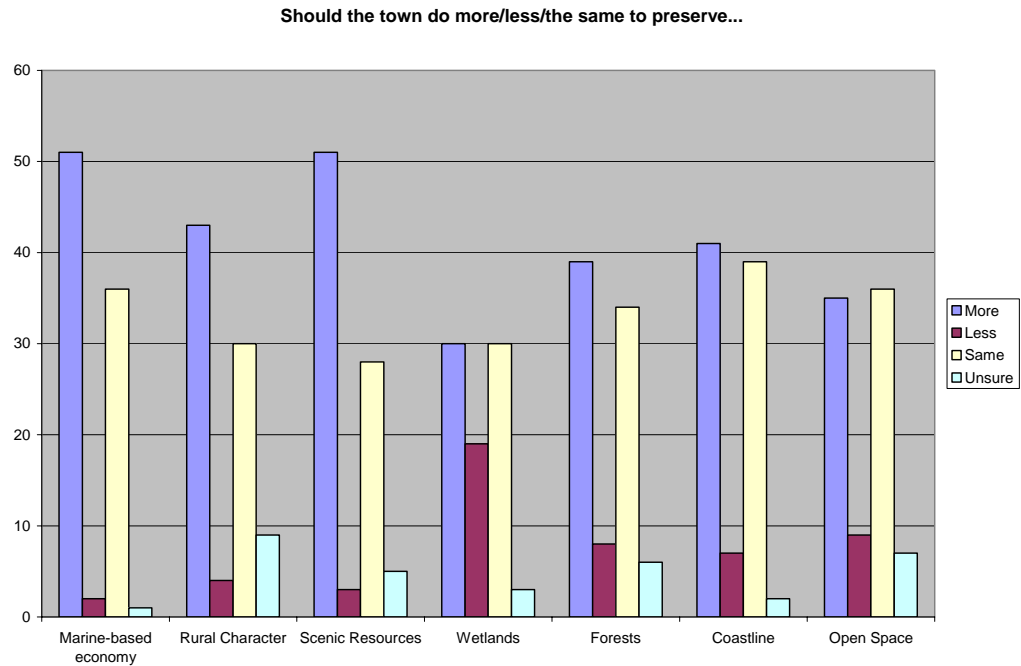


Preservation, Planning and Land Use:

Support for town-wide zoning was marginally positive; far clearer was support for Site Plan Review for development.

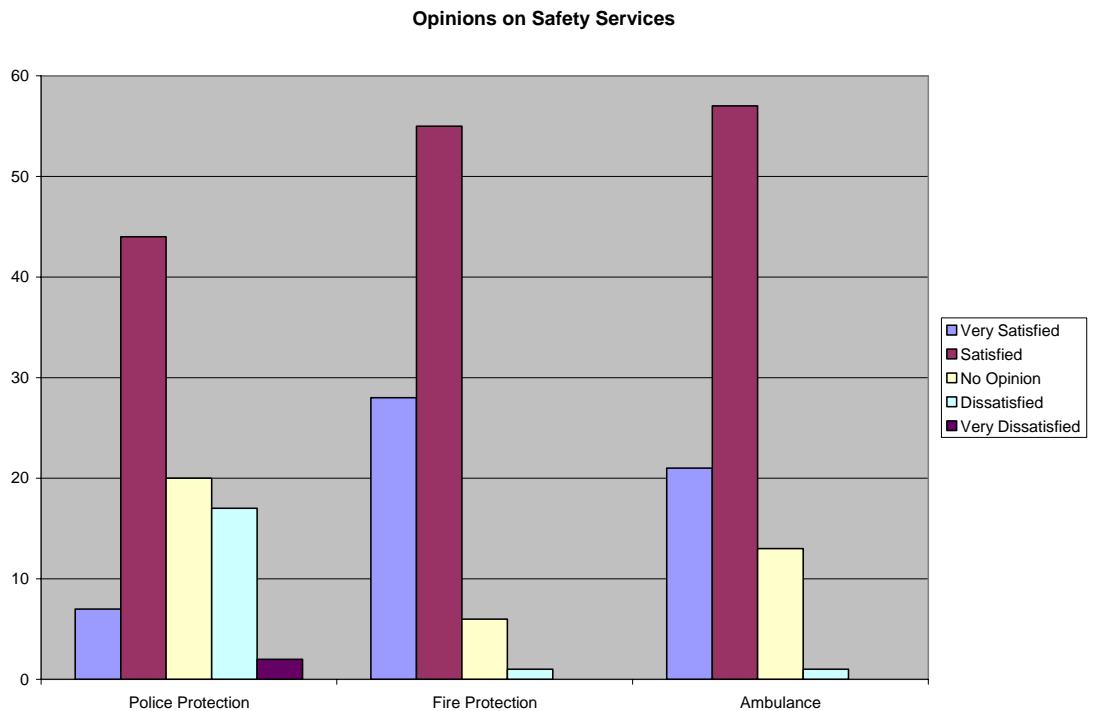


Respondents are generally content with the town's efforts to preserve wetlands and forests. Similar contentment exists concerning preservation of coastline and open space however there is also substantial support for doing more in all four areas. Support is much clearer for preserving the marine based economy, rural character and scenic resources. The town concludes that protection efforts be targeted to scenic areas and preserving shore access for the marine economy rather than on wetlands and forests.

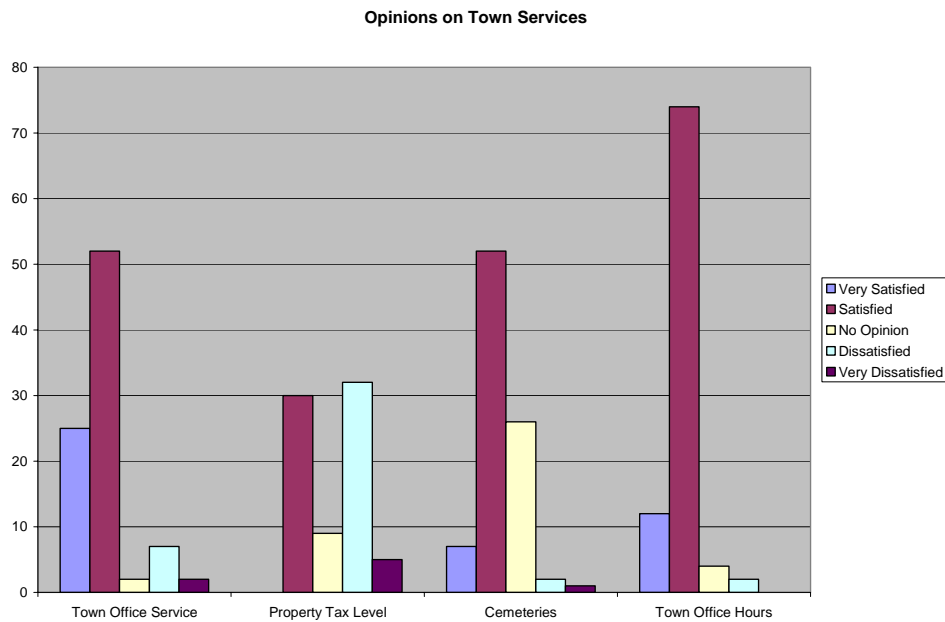


### C. Facilities and Services

Opinions on the adequacy of public facilities and services were obtained on a five point graduated scale from very satisfied to very unsatisfied. Respondents were generally satisfied or very satisfied with health and safety services with less enthusiasm for police services. Many had no opinion about police services but it was the only service with a significant number of respondents noting dissatisfaction.

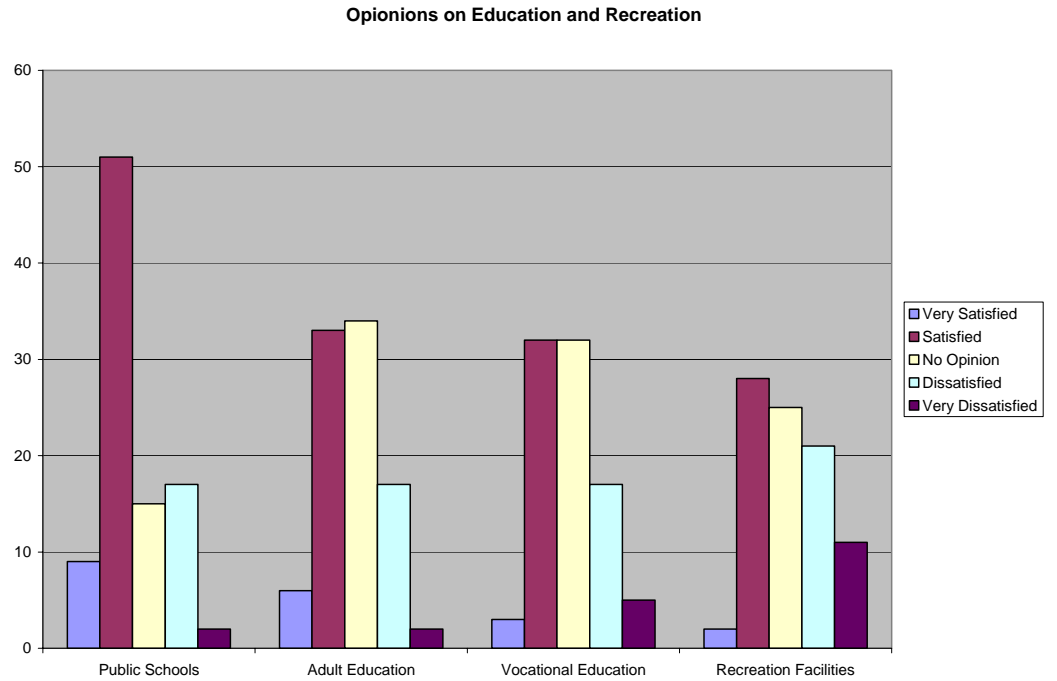


Respondents are generally satisfied with the services and hours provided by the town office itself. They were content with the cemeteries. Many were dissatisfied or very dissatisfied with property tax levels.

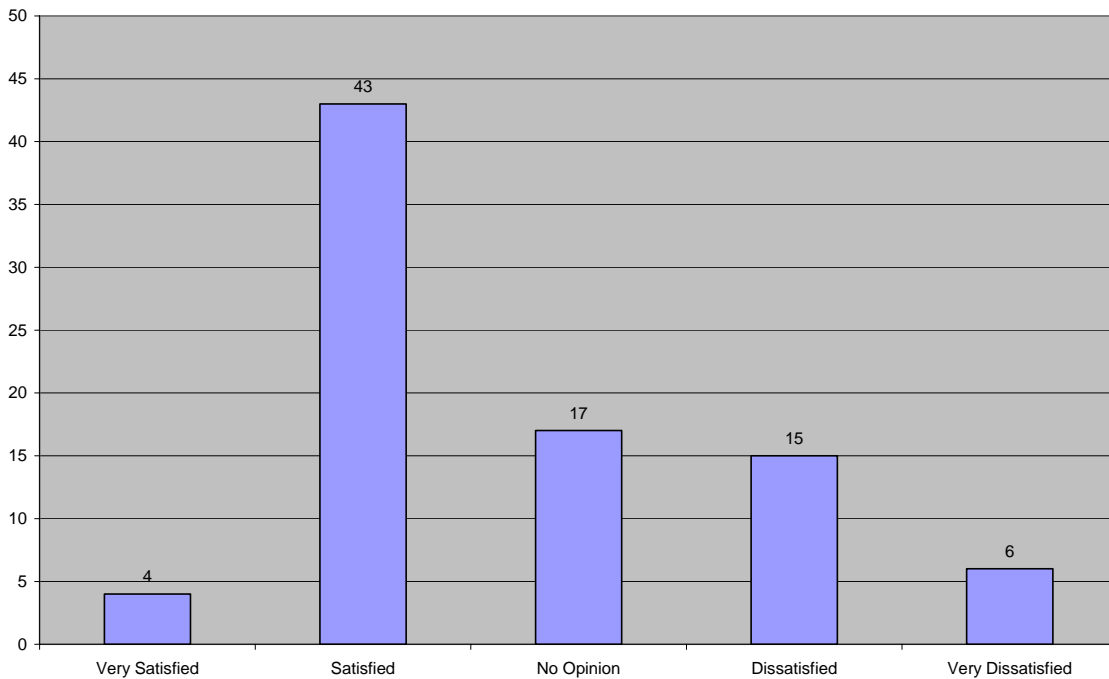


Respondents are generally satisfied with community facilities although a sizable minority is unhappy with recreational facilities and opportunities for adult vocational and education training.

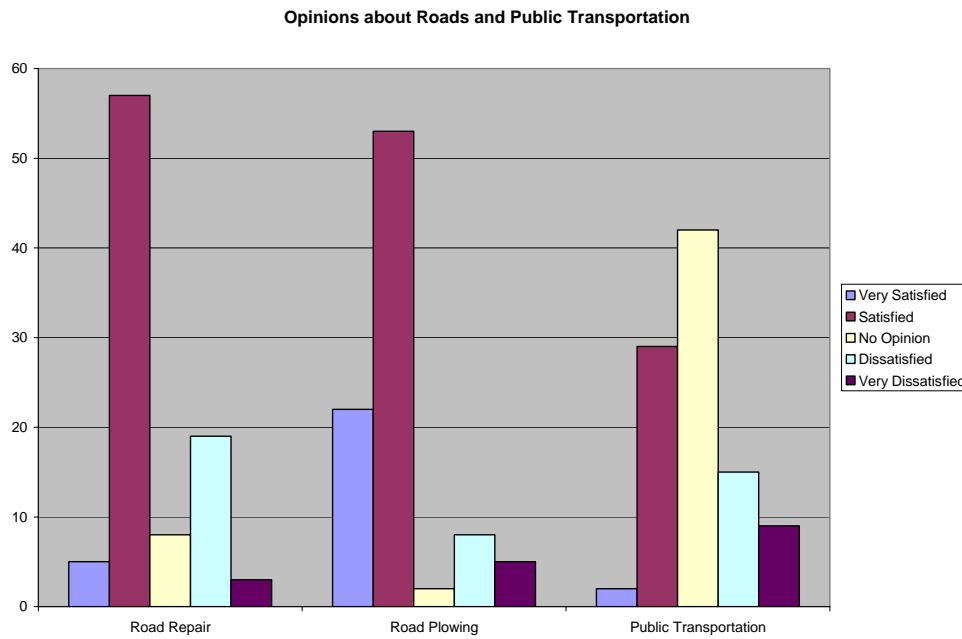
Education for the children in Addison is generally viewed as satisfactory. However 21 individuals expressed dissatisfaction.



With regard to education for children in Addison, are you:

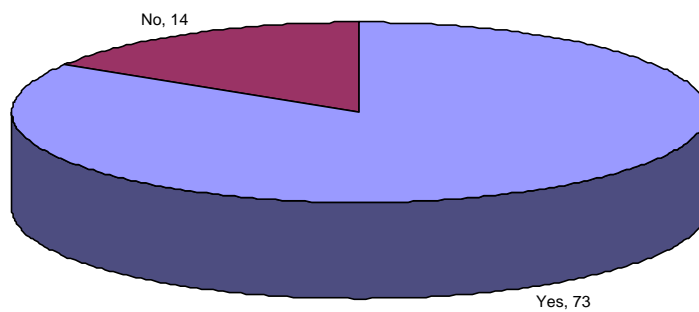


Survey respondents are generally satisfied with road conditions and had mixed opinions on public transportation.



The majority of respondents prefer a pay as you “throw” system of waste disposal.

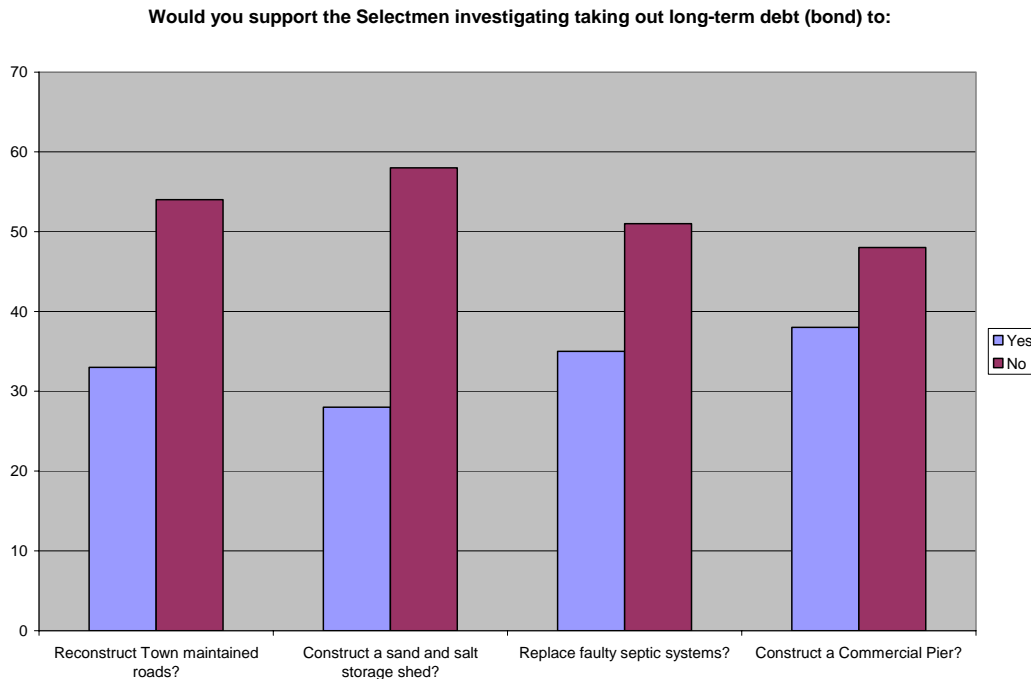
**Do you prefer the pay as you "throw" system of waste disposal?**



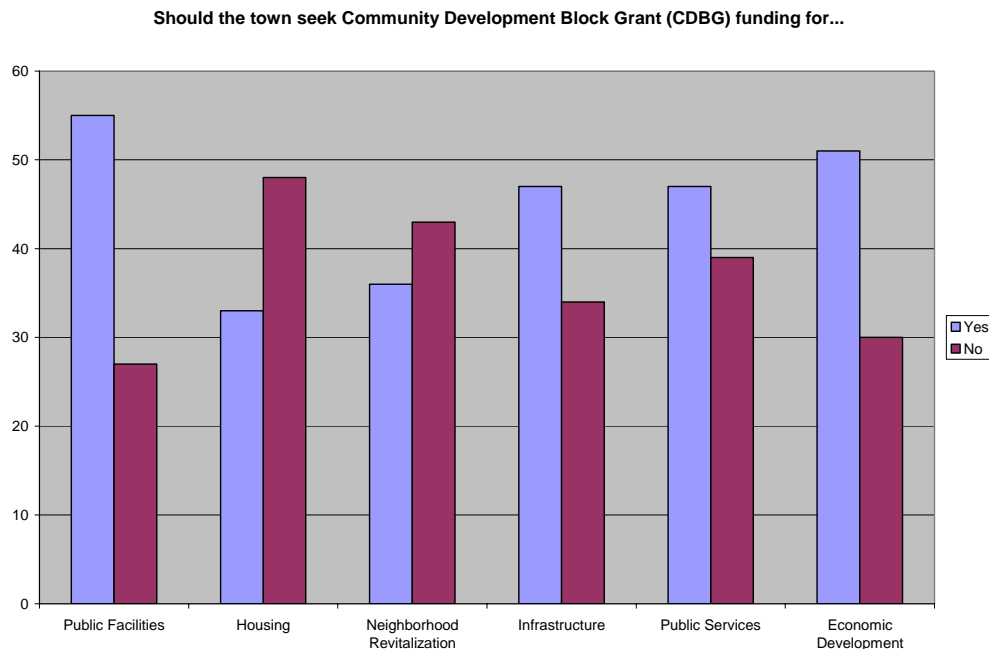


The survey asked a series of questions about how the town should seek funds or develop incentives for public infrastructure and business development.

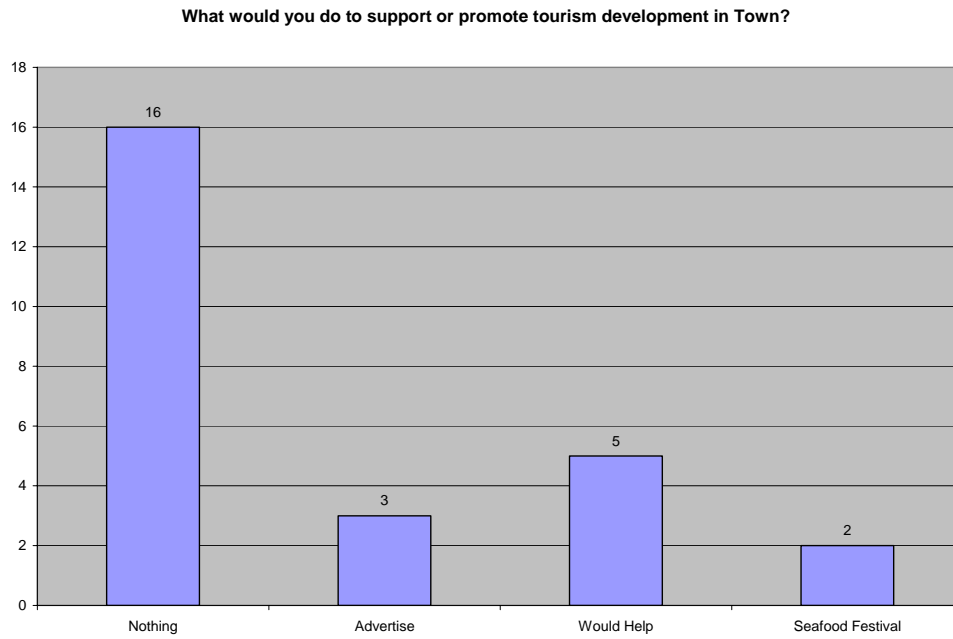
As to whether the town should incur debt for various activities, majorities opposed doing anything.



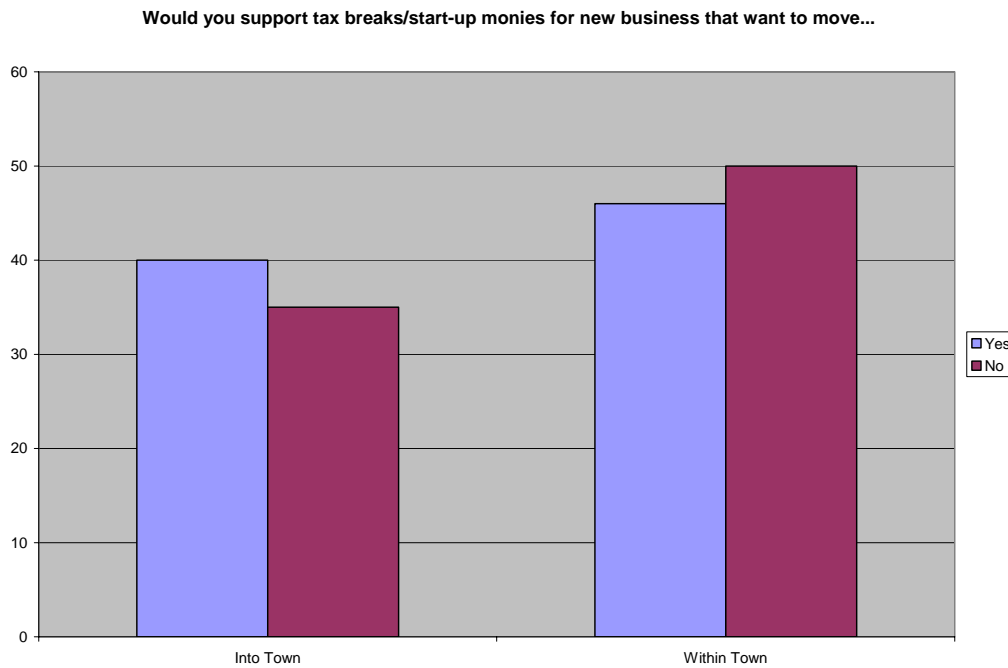
More support was observed when the town could obtain grants to develop facilities particularly for infrastructure, public facilities and economic development.



There was very little support expressed for tourism development.



Nor were respondents particularly interested in providing significant tax breaks to encourage business location decisions.



## SUMMARY

In May of 2003, just prior to the formation of the committee to update the Comprehensive Plan, a survey was distributed to Addison residents to elicit their views on important aspects of the town's future. The participation rate was typical for surveys of this type (about 20% of households responded) but included limited written input (reproduced in Appendix B).

Retirees and the self-employed, who comprise approximately 17% and 23% of the population respectively, answered the survey in numbers that exceed their actual proportionate share of the population. As in many Maine communities respondents oppose mobile home parks, are mixed about subsidized housing and strongly support single family housing and subsidized housing for the elderly. Support for maritime-based industries is clear as is support for retail, business/professional buildings and light industry. There was very little support expressed for tourism development.

Respondents are generally satisfied with community facilities although a sizable minority is unhappy with recreational facilities and opportunities for adult vocational and education training. Many were dissatisfied or very dissatisfied with property tax levels. This accounts for why majorities opposed doing anything when asked whether the town should incur debt for various activities. More support was observed when the town could obtain grants to develop facilities particularly for infrastructure, public facilities and economic development.

Respondents are generally content with the town's efforts to preserve wetlands and forests. Similar contentment exists concerning preservation of coastline and open space however there is also substantial support for doing more in all four areas. Support is much clearer for preserving the marine based economy, rural character and scenic resources. The town concludes that any protection efforts be targeted to scenic areas and preserving shore access for the marine economy rather than on wetlands and forests.

# PROPOSED COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

## Questions and Answers

Prepared by the Comprehensive Plan Committee  
As requested by the Selectmen

1. What is a comprehensive plan?

A comprehensive plan describes the town by inventory and analysis, indicates what the town's residents want for the future of the town – how they want it to grow or not to grow – guides decisions about how tax dollars will be spent and how resources will be protected.

2. Will a comprehensive plan benefit the town?

There are two reasons to approve a comprehensive plan:

- A. The town could qualify for more state grant money.
- B. The comprehensive plan provides a guide as to how Addison residents want Addison to grow or not to grow in the future.

3. Is Addison required to have a comprehensive plan?

No. Addison is not required to have a comprehensive plan.

4. Does the plan require Addison to adopt any ordinances in the future?

No, but any existing ordinances, which are inconsistent with the plan, must be brought into compliance.

5. Can the comprehensive plan be changed?

Yes. It is an on-going document, which can be amended at any time by the voters of Addison and will be revisited every ten years.

6. Does the plan expect Addison to grow?

Not much. The Comprehensive Plan Committee found that in the ten years 1995 to 2004 Addison grew at an average rate of ten new homes per year and projected Addison's growth over the next ten years to remain at the same level or, more likely, to be less than in the past ten years. In the Committee's opinion, the small amount of projected growth is not expected to create any significant future needs for, or potential impacts on, public facilities.

7. How does the proposed plan affect my property?

The plan proposes five land areas which mirror what's on the ground now. The proposal would not take effect unless the Selectmen request an ordinance to be drawn and the voters of Addison approve the ordinance.

8. Does the comprehensive plan take my property?

No.

9. Will property taxes be affected by the plan?

No.

10. What will happen if the plan is not approved?

The town will not have as good an opportunity for state grants.

The town will not have a guide for the future of the town.

A copy of the plan, for review, is available at the town office and on the internet at:

[www.maine.gov/spo/landuse/plans](http://www.maine.gov/spo/landuse/plans)