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RE: 2009 Community Survey; Preliminary Results

Chris:

I'm attaching a document that summarizes the responses we received to date for the community survey.

As of September 15, we received 163 completed surveys out of a total of 345 that were mailed out. This represents a 47.2 percent response rate. This is a bit lower than I had predicted, but a very good rate nevertheless.

Of the 163 surveys returned, 160 (98 percent) were original surveys that were mailed out by us (as verified by the unique green ink stamp on the originals we mailed).

The attached document is a preliminary summary and not all of the questions are included. A complete summary report will be prepared once the data analysis has been completed. However, frequency statistics for most of the questions (particularly those of most interest) have been tallied and presented in the attached report. A list of some of those results is presented on the next page.

I will be discussing the survey and workshop results in detail with the PAC on Thursday as we begin to focus in on specific issues and opportunities, goals and objectives for the plan.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions before then.

Respectfully,

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Highlights of 2009 Community Survey Results:

- 53% have lived in Town > 20 years
- 89% live in Single-family homes
- 48% live on a farm vs. 42% who live on a small non-farm lot
- 50% own >25 acres of land
- 56% travel >6 miles to work (work outside of town)
- 39 respondents have kids living at home
- Average number of persons per home is 2.7
- 76% are >45 years old
- 75% have internet access
- Top (3) things MOST valued include:
 - Small town atmosphere
 - Quietness
 - Low crime
- Top (3) PROBLEMS to address:
 - Local taxes
 - Uncontrolled “sprawl” development
 - Unattractive property
- 44% rate Cable TV & internet as poor/very poor
- 78% desire a population increase that is at the same or slower rate
- 47% desire small lots for future non-farm development
- 52% desire NO CHANGE in the number of non-farm lots created in the future
- 69% knew nothing or very little about the Town’s comprehensive planning effort
- 66% support land use planning
- 64% AGREE with adopting an “eye sore” ordinance
- 20% AGREE with repealing the Town’s zoning ordinance
- 17% AGREE that the Town should construct a Town Hall outside the Village
- 33% AGREE that the Town should look into joint local law enforcement
- 6% AGREE with appointing (vs. electing) the next Town Clerk/Treasurer
- 41% AGREE that the Town should oppose annexation attempts by the Village