

Dorchester Master Plan Survey - Administered Sept & Oct 2010

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1. Which best describes the area of Town in which you live or own land? (please refer to town map) Telephone Exchange

- 523 (Canaan)
- 786 (Rumney)
- 795 (Lyme)

2. How long have you lived or owned property in Dorchester?

- Less than 1 year
- 1 - 5 years
- 6 - 10 years
- 11 - 20 years
- 21 - 30 years
- 31 years plus

3. Are you a (check all that apply):

- Year-round resident
- Part-time or seasonal resident
- Property owner

Renter

4. Which of the following describes your employment status? (Check all that apply)

Homemaker

Self-employed

Employed full-time

Employed part-time

Student

Retired

Unemployed

Other

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5. What is your age? (Check all that apply)

Under 18

18 - 30

31 - 50

51 - 70

Over 70

1 prefer not to answer

6. Why do you feel Dorchester is a desirable place to live? (Check all that apply)

- Born and/or raised in the area
- Small-town atmosphere
- Uncrowded, quiet living conditions
- Outdoor recreation opportunities
- Friendly people
- Employment opportunities
- School system
- Town planning
- Low housing cost
- Low taxes
- Accessibility to work
- Other

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7a. Dorchester provides some services to its residents and contracts other services with neighboring municipalities, agencies, and service districts. Please rate the following Community Services.

	Excellent	Very Good	Good	Fair	Poor	No Opinion
Fire Protection	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Police Protection	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Ambulance Services	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other Emergency Services	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

7b. Dorchester provides some services to its residents and contracts other services with neighboring municipalities, agencies, and service districts. Please rate the following Community Services.

	Excellent	Very Good	Good	Fair	Poor	No Opinion
Road Maintenance	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Snowplowing	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Library Services	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Transfer Station	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Schools	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Town Government	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Postal Service	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

8. What new services or expansion to existing services would you like in Dorchester? (Check all that apply)

- Cable television
- High-speed internet
- Cell phone coverage
- Transportation services
- Nothing
- Other

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9A. Does your Dorchester property have Internet access?

- Yes (If checking Yes, answer Part B, below)
- No

9B. If you answered "Yes" to 9A: What type of internet access do you have?

- Modem/Dial-up
- Satellite
- Cable
- Fiber-optic
- DSL through phone company
- T1, T3, or other high-Speed copper service
- Wireless internet through cell phone network
- Fixed wireless

10. Please rate the following Community Facilities.

	Excellent	Very Good	Good	Fair	Poor	No Opinion
Dorchester Town Offices	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Dorchester Community Church	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Dorchester Historical Museum	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Dorchester Town Hall	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Dorchester Highway Yard	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Dorchester Forest Fire Equipment Shed	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

11. What new facilities would you like in Dorchester? (Check all that apply)

- Post Office (with a Dorchester zip code)
- Transfer Station
- Library
- Street Lighting
- Nothing
- Other

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12. What do you think Dorchester should do to improve its tax base? (Check all that apply)

- Encourage new industry
- Encourage expansion of existing industry
- Encourage additional commercial development
- Encourage new higher-value housing
- Housing for mature residents (55 years and older)

- Encourage vacation/recreational industry
- Nothing
- Other

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13. What businesses or services would you like to see, or see more of, in Dorchester? (Check all that apply)

- Retail sales
- Automotive service
- Sand and gravel excavation
- Eating establishments
- Professional offices
- Lodging (B&B's, motels, hotels)
- Tourism-based businesses
- Home-based businesses ("cottage industries")
- Light industry (e.g. research and development)
- Manufacturing
- Forestry and timber
- Agriculture
- Personal services
- No new businesses or services
- Other

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14. Which of the following types of future residential development would you like to see in Dorchester? (Check all that apply)

- Single-family
- Two-family (duplex)
- Conversion of a large house to a multi-family house (3-4 units)
- New multi-family construction
- Accessory apartments in existing houses or buildings on the same parcel
- Manufactured housing/mobile home parks
- Manufactured housing/mobile homes on individual lots
- Conservation subdivision: single-family houses on small lots with large open space
- Vacation housing

15. Are any of the following traffic conditions a problem on roads in Dorchester? (Check all that apply and specify which roads)

- Truck traffic
- Traffic speed
- Pedestrian/bicycle safety
- Traffic noise
- Road conditions

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16a. Please indicate your agreement or disagreement with the following statements, as they apply to Dorchester:

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Protect some land from development	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Provide affordable housing	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Encourage development to stimulate the economy.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Preserve water quality by strictly enforcing State regulations for on-site wastewater systems.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Develop energy efficiency standards for municipal facilities and equipment	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Encourage environmentally sensitive, low-impact business and industry development	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Preserve its historic buildings and cemeteries	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Focus new development away from critical environmental areas and wildlife habitats.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

16b. Please indicate your agreement or disagreement with the following statements, as they apply to Dorchester:

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Seek to maintain a stable local economy by encouraging cottage industries.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Encourage alternative energy production.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Develop a program to promote forestry best management	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

practices

Establish a Capital Improvement Program to plan for necessary improvements to public facilities.

Discourage land uses that negatively impact environmental quality.

Maintain a high level of citizen participation in Town business

Identify and designate scenic roads

17. To what extent do you wish the Town to maintain roads? (Check all that apply)

- Regularly: Town roads should be in the best possible condition at all times.
- As Needed: Focus effort on necessary maintenance and repairs to town roads.
- Bare Minimum: Only critical repairs to town roads.

18. How should Dorchester accommodate affordable housing (i.e. , housing that costs no more than 30% of household income) for those individuals with limited and/or fixed incomes? (Check all that apply)

- Permit once accessory apartment within a residence or garage
- Permit greater residential density for projects designated as affordable housing
- Encourage multi-family housing
- Permit conversion of large homes to multi-family residences
- Other

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19. Do you support protection of the following resources? (Check all that apply)

- Areas of important wildlife habitat
- Historic buildings and sites
- Scenic views
- Surface water resources
- Groundwater resources
- Agricultural land/open fields
- Recreational access to land
- Other

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20. The town should promote:

	Agree	Disagree	No Opinion
Access to recycling (organic waste, asphalt, electronics, etc)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Energy conservation	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Alternative energy production	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Hazardous waste collections	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Public access to lakes, rivers and ponds	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Public access to trails	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

21. How do you rate the quality of the water supply on your property?

- Reliable supply, water quality was tested within the last 5 years
- Reliable supply, water quality was not tested or was tested more than 5 years ago
- Unreliable supply, water quality was tested within the last 5 years
- Unsure about the reliability or quality of the water

22. Have any of the following events happened to your water supply in the last 5 years? (Please check one)

- Contamination
- Well maintenance conducted
- Drought
- Low in Summer/Dry Season
- Other

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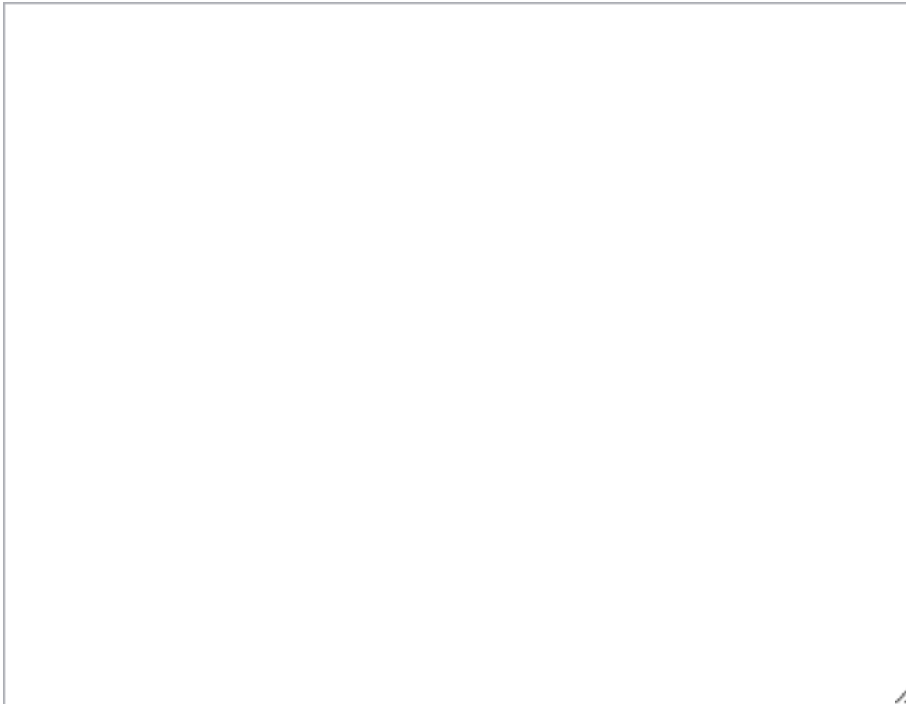
23. What do you feel is the best feature of Dorchester?

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24. What do you feel needs the most improvement?

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25. What do you feel is the town's biggest challenge for the future?



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26. Do you have any other comments or suggestions for this community survey?

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Name and phone number for meal voucher at Old Home Days.

First Name:

Last Name:

Home Phone: