Visioning Workshops Takeaway Points

Residents…

- like Southampton’s rural feel, community, schools, and location
- are concerned about sprawl development patterns
- support design and development standards
- are concerned about housing affordability
- support clustered residential development with open space protection
- support mixed-use centers with open space preservation

Residents want….

- balanced growth
- a vibrant Village Center with lots of things to do and a small-town feel
- College Highway to remain rural, agricultural and scenic and to have passive recreation activities and multiple transit options
- to see more public involvement in decision-making
- more transportation options, including options for cyclists and pedestrians
- more types of housing in town
- the town to be proactive about acquiring open space
- to protect Conant Memorial Park
- to secure access to use the Tighe-Carmody reservoir area
- to connect existing open space areas to each other
- to preserve farms and orchards, and support farming activities
- to create a farmer’s market
- to promote agricultural and cultural tourism
- to expand library services and physically connect it to the larger community
- venues for cultural and performance space
- to expand town hall hours and emergency services
- to consider FiOs and broadband
- to assess the costs and benefits of services and infrastructure
- to improve road safety and implement traffic calming measures
- to encourage business / cottage industries in existing homes
- to focus future commercial development on the north/Easthampton side of town