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### SUMMARY

This report documents results from a survey conducted by CGR (Center for Governmental Research Inc.) for the Town of Mendon and its Comprehensive Plan Survey Committee. The survey revised one last undertaken by the Town in 1991, and is intended to be a supplement to the ongoing revision of Mendon's comprehensive plan.

The questions included in the survey were developed by the Survey Committee with guidance from CGR, and covered six major topic areas. They included:

- ❖ Growth and development;
- ❖ Housing;
- ❖ Public services;
- ❖ Economic development;
- ❖ Transportation; and
- ❖ Historic preservation.

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## INTRODUCTION

In February 2003, CGR (Center for Governmental Research Inc.) administered a survey of residents for the Town of Mendon's Comprehensive Plan Committee. The 94-question survey was primarily web-based, and all registered voters in the Town were invited to participate. Invitations were in the form of mailed announcements, which provided all residents the opportunity to visit the survey website (housed at [www.cgr.org](http://www.cgr.org)) and register their opinions.

Survey announcements were mailed to the 5,814 registered voters townwide. A total of 551 valid surveys were received via the website during the three-week survey period. In addition, residents were given the option of submitting their surveys in paper form to the Town Hall. Exactly 100 residents submitted valid paper surveys in this manner, making the total response rate for the survey ( $n = 651$ ) 11.2 percent.

### Survey Security

The Town's Comprehensive Plan Survey Committee identified survey security as a primary concern at the beginning of the survey process. As a result, CGR implemented a "unique ID" system to preserve the integrity of individual responses and the validity of the dataset.

This approach involved the random assignment of 5,814 unique six-digit numbers, all between 0 and 999,999, to residents. Each registered voter was assigned a unique number, and that identifier appeared on the survey announcement mailed to them. Those who opted to complete hard-copy surveys were assigned similarly unique identifier numbers by the Town Hall. CGR maintained a master list of all unique IDs assigned to registered voters in the Town. Using that master list, CGR "cleaned" the final database prior to running the analyses that are presented in this report. Any responses that either a) lacked one of the *assigned* unique ID numbers or b) had a unique ID number that appeared multiple times in the database, were removed.

This process removes almost every possibility that residents who wished to "load the ballot box" could actually do so. In other words, respondents were not able to submit multiple valid

responses. The process also protects against residents (or non-residents, for that matter) “making up” unique ID numbers. The statistical probability of someone making up a unique ID number that was not assigned to them, but which appeared in the master list of assigned six-digit numbers, is less than 1-in-100. To be precise, the chance against that happening is 99.991 percent.

## GENERAL QUESTIONS

### Where respondent lives

Respondents were asked to begin the survey by identifying what portion of the Town they resided in. The basis for the question was a Town map created by the Comprehensive Plan Committee to differentiate different “neighborhoods” (see Appendix).

Which of the numbered “zones” (1 through 8) do you currently live in?	
Choice	Percentage
1	12.6 %
2	7.4 %
3	10.0 %
4	8.6 %
5	12.0 %
6	16.0 %
7	14.6 %
8	18.9 %
Number of Responses = 651 (100.0 %)	

### Type of housing unit

Q1. What type of housing unit do you live in?	
Choice	Percentage
Single Family Home	97.1 %
Apartment	1.1 %
Townhouse	1.4 %
Senior Citizen Housing	0.2 %
Other	0.3 %
Number of Responses = 647 (99.4 %)	



## People in housing unit

Q2. How many people live in your housing unit?	
Choice	Percentage
I live alone	4.6 %
2	41.7 %
3	14.2 %
4	26.1 %
5 or more	13.3 %
Number of Responses = 647 (99.4 %)	

## Age

Q3. What is your age?	
Choice	Percentage
18-24	1.2 %
25-34	6.1 %
35-44	32.7 %
45-54	23.8 %
55-64	20.6 %
65-74	11.1 %
75 or older	4.5 %
Number of Responses = 642 (98.6 %)	

## Children

Q4. How many children (18 years and under) live in your home?	
Choice	Percentage
0	53.0 %
1	12.2 %
2	24.0 %
3	8.5 %
4 or more	2.2 %
Number of Responses = 645 (99.1 %)	

## How long in Mendon

Q5. How long have you lived in the Town of Mendon?	
Choice	Percentage
Less than 5 years	20.7 %
More than 5 yrs but less than 10	21.8 %
More than 10 yrs but less than 20	27.9 %
More than 20 years	29.6 %
Number of Responses = 648 (99.5 %)	

## Town Comprehensive Plan – 2015

Q6. Prior to this survey, were you aware of the Town of Mendon Comprehensive Plan – 2015?	
Choice	Percentage
Yes, and I have reviewed it	12.3 %
Yes, but I have not reviewed it	50.9 %
No, I was not aware of it	36.7 %
Number of Responses = 648 (99.5 %)	

## Village Growth Management Plan

Q7. Prior to this survey, were you aware of the Village of Honeoye Falls Growth Management Plan?	
Choice	Percentage
Yes, and I have reviewed it	4.2 %
Yes, but I have not reviewed it	32.3 %
No, I was not aware of it	63.6 %
Number of Responses = 648 (99.5%)	

## Other Plans

Q8. Prior to this survey, were you aware of the adopted Mendon Hamlet Master Plan, the Town of Mendon Utilities Master Plan, or the Town of Mendon Open Space, Parks and Recreation Mater Plan documents that exist?	
Choice	Percentage
Yes, I am familiar with all of them	10.3 %
Yes, I am familiar with some but not all	53.2 %
No, I was not aware of these documents	36.4 %
Number of Responses = 648 (99.5 %)	

## GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT IN THE TOWN OF MENDON

### Current perception of Town

Q9. What best describes your current perception of the Town?	
Choice	Percentage
Suburban (e.g. Brighton, Pittsford, Henrietta)	2.9 %
Rural/Suburban (e.g. Perinton, Penfield, Victor)	43.9 %
Rural/Agricultural (e.g. Rush, Riga, Sweden)	52.1 %
Agricultural (e.g. Hamlin, Wheatland)	1.1 %
Number of Responses = 647 (99.4 %)	

### Residential development in Town

Q10. Are you satisfied with how residential development is occurring in the Town (outside the Village of Honeoye Falls)?	
Choice	Percentage
Very satisfied	5.1 %
Satisfied	34.2 %
Neutral	27.4 %
Unsatisfied	24.7 %
Very unsatisfied	8.6 %
Number of Responses = 649 (99.7 %)	

### Residential development in Village

Q11. Are you satisfied with how residential development is occurring in the Village of Honeoye Falls?	
Choice	Percentage
Very satisfied	5.6 %
Satisfied	35.2 %
Neutral	48.6 %
Unsatisfied	7.8 %
Very unsatisfied	2.8 %
Number of Responses = 642 (98.6 %)	

### Commercial development in the Hamlet

Q12. Are you satisfied with how commercial development is occurring in the Hamlet of Mendon (the area around Routes 64 and 251)?	
Choice	Percentage
Very satisfied	5.0 %
Satisfied	42.1 %
Neutral	27.5 %
Unsatisfied	20.0 %
Very unsatisfied	5.4 %
Number of Responses = 644 (98.9 %)	

### Commercial development in the Village

Q13. Are you satisfied with how commercial development is occurring in the Village of Honeoye Falls, including the area along West Main Street?	
Choice	Percentage
Very satisfied	3.7 %
Satisfied	42.5 %
Neutral	32.5 %
Unsatisfied	17.5 %
Very unsatisfied	3.9 %
Number of Responses = 647 (99.4 %)	

### Preferred lots sizes

Q14. In general, the size lot you feel is better for your area of the Town is:	
Choice	Percentage
As large as possible	59.7 %
As small as possible	2.9 %
A mixture of large and small lots	35.2 %
No opinion	2.2 %
Number of Responses = 647 (99.4 %)	

## Zoning

Q15. Most of the Town is currently zoned either 5 acres or 1 acre. One acre zoning is primarily south of Mendon Center Road/Rush-Mendon Road, north of Cheese Factory Road and east of Lanning Road. The 5 acre zones are north of Mendon Center Road/Rush-Mendon Road and south of Cheese Factory Road, between Quaker Meeting House Road and Lanning Road. Which of the following best represents your view of zoning in these areas of the Town?

Choice	Percentage
Change the 1-acre zoning to 3-acre zoning	25.6 %
Change the 1-acre zoning to 5-acre zoning	17.8 %
Change it all to more than 5-acre zoning	16.1 %
Do not change the current zoning	26.7 %
I'm not sure / No opinion	13.8 %
Number of Responses = 640 (98.3 %)	

## Storm water runoff

Q16. Storm water runoff can wash pollutants off rooftops, driveways and lawns into the community's streams. In an effort to control this pollution problem, I would be willing to have my taxes increased by approximately \$.01 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation (On a home assessed at \$100,000 the increase would be \$1.00).

Choice	Percentage
Strongly agree	29.5 %
Agree	34.8 %
Neither agree nor disagree	15.1 %
Disagree	10.1 %
Strongly disagree	10.6 %
Number of Responses = 644 (98.9 %)	

## Water

Q17. Do you currently have public water or well water?

Choice	Percentage
Public water	81.2 %
Well water	18.8 %
Number of Responses = 650 (99.8 %)	

## Water quality

Q18. How satisfied are you with the quality of your water?	
Choice	Percentage
Very satisfied	46.6 %
Satisfied	41.7 %
Neutral	4.5 %
Unsatisfied	3.2 %
Very unsatisfied	4.0 %
Number of Responses = 648 (99.5 %)	

## Townwide water district

Q19. Not all residents have access to public water. In some instances the quality of their water is so poor it cannot be utilized. Would you be willing to support the creation of a Townwide Water District (a “special improvement district”) to allow the extension of public water to these areas if your taxes were increased by less than .01 per \$1,000 of assessed value?	
Choice	Percentage
Yes	55.9 %
No	34.7 %
No opinion	9.4 %
Number of Responses = 649 (99.7 %)	

## Open space preservation

Q20. How important to you is the preservation of open space in the Town?	
Choice	Percentage
Very important	81.3 %
Somewhat important	13.0 %
Neutral / No opinion	1.7 %
Somewhat unimportant	1.5 %
Very unimportant	2.5 %
Number of Responses = 647 (99.4 %)	

## How to preserve open space

Q21. How should the Town preserve open space? (Choose only one)	
Choice	Percentage
Active recreation (e.g. ice skating, ball fields)	2.3 %
Passive recreation (e.g. hiking, biking)	22.1 %
Agricultural uses	13.8 %
All of the above	58.1 %
None of the above	3.7 %
Number of Responses = 647 (99.4 %)	

## Types of open space areas to emphasize

Q22. Which of the following types of open space areas should the Town place the most emphasis upon when protecting it from development? (Select as many as desired)	
Choice	Percentage Citing
Farmland	71.1 % (n = 463)
Scenic corridors	70.4 % (n = 458)
Woodlots	71.9 % (n = 468)
Steep slope areas	45.2 % (n = 294)
Freshwater wetlands	64.4 % (n = 419)

## Support for purchase of development rights

Q23. Would you support the use of Purchase of Development Rights to control development in the Town?	
Choice	Percentage
Yes, definitely	53.3 %
Maybe	33.8 %
Maybe not	4.8 %
No, definitely	8.0 %
Number of Responses = 647 (99.4 %)	

Q24. Would you support the use of Purchase of Development Rights in the Town if it resulted in an increase in your taxes by less than \$.05 per \$1,000 of assessed value?

Choice	Percentage
Yes, definitely	44.2 %
Maybe	34.6 %
Maybe not	9.3 %
No, definitely	11.9 %
Number of Responses = 647 (99.4 %)	

Preserving open space through regulation

Q25. In general, do you believe the Town should preserve open space through regulation?

Choice	Percentage
Yes	72.7 %
No	12.2 %
I'm not sure	15.0 %
Number of Responses = 645 (99.1 %)	

Preserving open space through larger lot zoning

Q26. Would you support preserving open space by the Town enacting larger minimum lot size zoning?

Choice	Percentage
Yes	67.9 %
No	16.8 %
I'm not sure	15.3 %
Number of Responses = 647 (99.4 %)	

Preserving open space through mandatory clustering

Q27. Would you support preserving open space by the Town enacting mandatory clustering?

Choice	Percentage
Yes	33.2 %
No	36.0 %
I'm not sure	30.8 %
Number of Responses = 647 (99.4 %)	



### Preserving open space through larger setbacks

Q28. Would you support preserving open space by the Town enacting larger setback requirements (i.e. open area between buildings and property lines)?

Choice	Percentage
Yes	56.5 %
No	16.9 %
I'm not sure	26.6 %
Number of Responses = 644 (98.9 %)	

### Tax incentives to preserve undeveloped land

Q29. Some communities give tax incentives to large landowners that commit to keeping their undeveloped land undeveloped. Would you support the Town using tax incentives to preserve open space if it led to increasing your taxes by less than \$.03 cent per \$1,000 of assessed valuation?

Choice	Percentage
Yes, definitely	35.0 %
Maybe	39.9 %
Maybe not	8.7 %
No, definitely	16.4 %
Number of Responses = 646 (99.2 %)	

### Familiarity with EPOD regulations

Q30. How familiar are you with the Town EPOD regulations?

Choice	Percentage
Very familiar	8.5 %
Somewhat familiar	27.2 %
Not very familiar	35.6 %
Not at all familiar	28.7 %
Number of Responses = 648 (99.5 %)	

### Town protection of environmental areas

Q32. How well is the Town protecting environmentally sensitive areas from development?	
Choice	Percentage
Very well	4.8 %
Well	10.5 %
Average	50.1 %
Poorly	29.5 %
Not at all well	5.2 %
Number of Responses = 601 (92.3 %)	

### Village protection of environmental areas

Q33. How well is the Village protecting environmentally sensitive areas from development?	
Choice	Percentage
Very well	3.1 %
Well	7.9 %
Average	64.6 %
Poorly	21.6 %
Not at all well	2.8 %
Number of Responses = 573 (88.0 %)	

## HOUSING IN THE TOWN OF MENDON

### Preferred residential development - Town

Q34-39. Natural site conditions (i.e. topography, geology and soils) limit development capabilities in the Town of Mendon. Where possible, which of the following types of residential development would you like to see in the Town of Mendon?				
Choice	Encourage	Do Not Encourage	Not sure/No opinion	N
Single family housing	78.0 %	15.8 %	6.2 %	641
Senior citizen housing	47.9 %	31.9 %	20.2 %	639
Subsidized housing	9.1 %	77.0 %	13.9 %	635
Apartments	10.2 %	79.5 %	10.2 %	635
Townhouses	28.6 %	59.1 %	12.3 %	636
Multiple family homes	7.7 %	83.3 %	9.0 %	635

**Preferred  
residential  
development –  
Hamlet**

Q40-45. Natural site conditions (i.e. topography, geology and soils) limit development capabilities in the Town of Mendon. Where possible, which of the following types of residential development would you like to see in the Hamlet of Mendon?

<b>Choice</b>	<b>Encourage</b>	<b>Do Not Encourage</b>	<b>Not sure/ No opinion</b>	<b>N</b>
Single family housing	73.6 %	17.2 %	9.2 %	633
Senior citizen housing	59.3 %	23.9 %	16.8 %	631
Subsidized housing	11.1 %	78.5 %	10.3 %	629
Apartments	17.6 %	72.2 %	10.3 %	632
Townhouses	42.7 %	46.0 %	11.2 %	632
Multiple family homes	13.7 %	76.2 %	10.2 %	629

**Preferred  
residential  
development –  
Village**

Q46-51. Natural site conditions (i.e. topography, geology and soils) limit development capabilities in the Town of Mendon. Where possible, which of the following types of residential development would you like to see in the Village of Honeoye Falls?

<b>Choice</b>	<b>Encourage</b>	<b>Do Not Encourage</b>	<b>Not sure/ No opinion</b>	<b>N</b>
Single family housing	73.1 %	16.2 %	10.8 %	631
Senior citizen housing	66.4 %	18.3 %	15.3 %	633
Subsidized housing	15.5 %	73.4 %	11.2 %	627
Apartments	25.6 %	61.0 %	13.4 %	626
Townhouses	48.8 %	39.2 %	12.0 %	633
Multiple family homes	19.3 %	68.2 %	12.5 %	626

**Senior housing  
availability**

Q52. How would you rate the availability of senior housing in the community?

<b>Choice</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Too much	0.7 %
Too little	42.6 %
Just about right	56.7 %
Number of Responses = 596 (91.6 %)	

## Architectural review board

Q53. Some communities use Architectural Review Boards to review design plans for new housing units and ensure they conform to the community's standards. Which do you think is the best way to accomplish this?

Choice	Percentage
Create an Architectural Review Board	33.8 %
Keep this task with the Planning Board	45.0 %
Don't regulate this at all	10.0 %
I'm not sure / No opinion	11.3 %
Number of Responses = 640 (98.3 %)	

## PUBLIC SERVICES IN THE TOWN OF MENDON

### Service quality

Q54-62. Whether you are a Town or Village resident, please answer the following questions as they relate to services provided by the Town.

	V Poor	Poor	Average	Good	V Good	N
Highway Maintenance	0.8 %	1.6 %	19.2 %	44.7 %	33.8 %	645 / 99.1 %
Snow Removal	0.8 %	3.4 %	15.7 %	38.1 %	42.0 %	648 / 99.5 %
Fire Protection	0.0 %	0.2 %	12.4 %	39.6 %	47.9 %	637 / 97.8 %
Building Code Enforc	1.8 %	5.9 %	33.7 %	41.0 %	17.6 %	612 / 94.0 %
Senior Services	1.6 %	10.0 %	57.2 %	26.9 %	4.3 %	579 / 88.9 %
Youth Services	4.7 %	16.2 %	44.5 %	26.7 %	7.8 %	591 / 90.8 %
Ambulance Services	0.5 %	2.4 %	17.5 %	41.0 %	38.6 %	617 / 94.8 %
Recreational Services	2.6 %	11.4 %	36.9 %	35.6 %	13.5 %	623 / 95.7 %
Brush Pickup	3.8 %	5.7 %	23.6 %	36.9 %	30.1 %	635 / 97.5 %

Q63. How has the quality of Town services changed in the last ten years, if at all?

Choice	Percentage
Significantly worse	0.8 %
Worse	2.2 %
No change	55.5 %
Better	38.2 %
Significantly better	3.2 %
Number of Responses = 586 (90.0 %)	

## Recreation facilities

Q64. How satisfied are you with the quality and type of recreation facilities in the Town?

Choice	Percentage
Very unsatisfied	4.4 %
Unsatisfied	16.9 %
Neutral	38.2 %
Satisfied	34.0 %
Very satisfied	6.6 %
Number of Responses = 639 (98.2 %)	

## Consolidation of services

Q65-68. Would you support the Town and Village consolidating any of the following services?

Choice	Yes	No	N
Highway maintenance	73.6 %	26.4 %	626 (96.2 %)
Fire protection	59.0 %	41.0 %	625 (96.0 %)
Justice courts	80.9 %	19.1 %	623 (95.7 %)
Ambulance	68.9 %	31.1 %	627 (96.3 %)

## Hamlet parking

Q69. How would you rate the availability of parking in the Hamlet of Mendon (the “four corners” area surrounding Routes 64 and 251)?

Choice	Percentage
Very poor	15.6 %
Poor	37.6 %
Average	34.2 %
Good	11.0 %
Very good	1.6 %
Number of Responses = 635 (97.5 %)	

## Library of choice

Q70. If you needed to visit a library, which would you be more likely to use?

Choice	Percentage
Mendon Public Library	50.4 %
Another Town's Library	27.6 %
Monroe County Library	7.1 %
College/University Library	6.7 %
I'm not sure	8.2 %
Number of Responses = 645 (99.1 %)	

## Building a new library

Q71. Would you support the construction of a new public library in the Mendon community?

Choice	Percentage
Yes	56.7 %
No	22.8 %
I'm not sure	20.5 %
Number of Responses = 645 (99.1 %)	

### Location of a new library

Q72. If a new library were built, which best represents your feeling on where it should be located?

Choice	Percentage
In the geographic center of the Town	13.0 %
In the Village	55.5 %
In the Hamlet	11.7 %
I'm not sure / No opinion	19.8 %
Number of Responses = 640 (98.3 %)	

### Multi-use town facilities

Q73. As the Town continues to grow and expand services, should new facilities be developed in the form of multi-use buildings (e.g. Brighton Town Hall/Library/Police, Perinton Town Hall/Recreation Center, etc.) that combine services in a single area?

Choice	Percentage
Yes, definitely	34.9 %
Maybe	39.8 %
Maybe not	7.0 %
No, definitely	12.1 %
I'm not sure / No opinion	6.2 %
Number of Responses = 644 (98.9 %)	

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN THE TOWN OF MENDON

### Types of economic development

Q74-81. Which of the following types of economic development should the Town encourage?				
Choice	Encourage	Do Not Encourage	Not sure/ No opinion	N
Office/Commercial	57.9 %	30.5 %	11.6 %	639
Boutique/Retail Stores	77.1 %	16.2 %	6.7 %	651
Light industrial	47.0 %	40.3 %	12.7 %	638
Technology cos.	67.3 %	20.5 %	12.2 %	639
Super stores	5.1 %	91.1 %	3.7 %	641
Tourism	64.7 %	20.2 %	15.0 %	638
Agriculture	89.0 %	4.2 %	6.7 %	638
Restaurants	75.4 %	14.6 %	10.0 %	643

### Sewer extension for economic development

Q82. Economic development (jobs and services) is limited in Mendon by geologic and soil constraints and a lack of sewers. Would you support extending sewer infrastructure in the Hamlet or adjacent to the Town of Victor as a tool to promote economic development in these areas of Mendon?	
Choice	Percentage
Yes, both in the Hamlet and on the Victor border	34.5 %
Yes, but in the Hamlet only	15.6 %
Yes, but on the Victor border only	5.9 %
Not at all	24.6 %
I'm not sure	19.3 %
Number of Responses = 641 (98.5 %)	



## TRANSPORTATION IN THE TOWN OF MENDON

### Transportation problems

Q83-87. Would you say any of the following are problems in the Town?					
	No problem	Slight problem	Moderate problem	Significant problem	N
Amount of auto traffic	59.3 %	25.9 %	10.6 %	4.2 %	642 / 98.6 %
Amount of truck traffic	39.6 %	29.1 %	18.2 %	13.1 %	639 / 98.2 %
Posted speed limits	59.1 %	19.5 %	12.5 %	8.9 %	641 / 98.5 %
Road quality	71.6 %	22.6 %	4.4 %	1.4 %	638 / 98.0 %
Road capacity	74.0 %	19.2 %	5.4 %	1.4 %	631 / 96.9 %

### Developing a bikeway system

Q88-91. Which best expresses your thoughts on the development of a bikeway system in the Town?						
A bikeway system...	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	N
...should be developed along Route 64	10.9 %	10.0 %	30.5 %	29.9 %	18.7 %	642
...should be developed along Route 65	10.5 %	12.1 %	30.4 %	28.1 %	19.0 %	638
...connecting the Village with the Lehigh Valley Trail	5.8 %	3.3 %	23.2 %	36.4 %	31.3 %	642
...connecting the Lehigh Valley Trail with Mendon Ponds Park	6.4 %	4.5 %	18.9 %	37.7 %	32.5 %	640

## HISTORIC PRESERVATION IN THE TOWN OF MENDON

### Preservation of historic properties

Q92. The Town of Mendon currently has legislation for the preservation of historic properties, designed to protect and enhance significant historic architectural and cultural landmarks. The placement of a site in the Towns Landmark Registry is voluntary with the landowner. Once a property is placed in the Registry, its exterior cannot be altered or modified without approval from the Town. Do you feel that the Mendon preservation of historic properties legislation:

Choice	Percentage
Should continue to be voluntary	73.1 %
Should be made mandatory	16.2 %
Should be eliminated	3.9 %
I'm not sure / No opinion	6.8 %
Number of Responses = 643 (98.8 %)	

## APPENDIX – LONG FORM COMMENTS

The survey invited respondents to submit supplemental comments on topics of their choice. Those comments are presented in the following section. The comments have in no way been altered, abridged or corrected for grammar or substance, and are presented as they were submitted both on web and paper-form surveys.

1. Regarding traffic - My main concern living in Mendon is the amount of traffic and truck traffic that is currently on Route 65. The posted speed limits, passing zones and amount of truck traffic combines to make this well-traveled route extremely dangerous for those living in the community. Also, the deer population adds to the danger of accidents.
2. Regarding Historic Preservation - I would encourage the Town to investigate offering tax incentives (or a program similar to PDRs) to those who own a historic home as a way of encouraging them to enhance and maintain their property. It is wrong (as referenced in question 92) to suggest mandatory legislation for these homeowners without offering assistance.
3. Regarding Bikeways - I feel there should be a portion of land within Mendon Ponds Park which is dedicated to mountain biking. The property is already there and this is a no-cost solution to creating a bike system.
4. Regarding the Library - Our current library is very small especially for the amount of young children that frequent the library regularly. For the amount of taxes we pay, the library should be larger and hopefully we'll get a new one soon.
5. Availability of public sewers to the west side of town; residential property development by sub-standard developers; deer control around highways; availability of a town center for all town activities; need for more information about town government activities; ways to continue to improve our park systems in the town.
6. Combine Village and Town functions where ever there is duplication.
7. Taxes are too high (County and Town & School combined)so any growth and development that would support more of a tax base while maintaining the town's image would be ideal.
8. There is too much residential construction curenly being carried on in the town. I refer to Schoenberger's two planned developments - Rt 251 and Cheese Factory Road. Those two developments are way too dense.
9. I would like to see lifeguards so Mendon ponds may be used for swimming. I would like to see the hamlet of Mendon increased and encouraged to give a better center to the town with more housing options and retail space that people can walk to with a library to make it more of a "small town" entity.
10. I'm not sure what is meant by "bikeway system" but I feel strongly that bikers should be gotten off the roads!
11. Residential development should require 5 acre minimum AND clustering. Development of parcels should require houses on 2-3 acre lots, clustered together so that whenever a large parcel is developed, at LEAST 50 % is left continuous open space. We also need better set back requirements to protect woodlots and streams. No construction within 100 - 200 feet of either.
12. I feel there should be grants to make improvments (roofing, gutters, painting, foundation) on older barns. There is nothing like driving down the road and seeing an old barn. This is an artist community and has so much beauty. Offer more for development rights. If Pittsford can offer 22K per acre Mendon should be able to keep up with the neighboring town/villages.
13. Keep the town in a rural environment. Have a building moritorium.
14. If the Town wants to keep from becoming another "Pittsford", then change the zoning to prevent multiple lot subdivisions in 1 acre zoning. In no way, should the distinction of historic lanmark ever be mandatory. It should be each homeowners right to choose.

15. How/why in world did you people approve the development that is now beginning accross from HF-L Middle School -- it may be "Mendon" but the traffic, sewer and other impact will be Honeoye Falls -- what were you thinking?!?

16. I am concerned with the attitude of the planning boards of both the town and village. It is quite obvious that the boards are imposing their will on landowners - above and beyond their authority. If I hadn't lived here for 27 years, I certainly would not consider moving here. It is a shame that the town/village presents such an arrogant attitude.

17. I feel the FONT on this survey is VERY difficult to read.

18. I like the idea of a small town and village. I don't want to see our town or village to be as busy as pittsford or henrietta. I am very happy with our town and village the way it is.

19. I would like to see morr fast food opportunities in the village

20. In #15 you did not include all choices - the one missing being changing the 5 acre lot size to something smaller. While I don't want the town to become overcrowded and overdeveloped, the lot sizes could be decreased to 3 or less for certain areas to encourage more development of neighborhoods like Clover Meadows. I think our children should be able to play with other children in their neighborhood and not have them all living on 55 mile an hour roads. This is a wonderful area to raise children and that's what I would like to see along with large open space, like agricultural area. I don't see large lot sizes as the way to preserve open space so much. Also, I would like to see more economic development in Honeoye Falls. Not excessive, but more services near Rite Aid and in the center of the village. Even 1 fast food place would be acceptable to me - at least one! We're busy working parents and we're tired of Pontillo's Pizza as our only source!

21. Thanks for surveying us and getting our opinions. I love this area and would recommend it to anyone. But we do need a rec center like Perinton. I would also add that the library should be within walking distance of the schools in Hon. Falls area.

22. I am vehemently opposed to the efforts by Robert Schoenberger to develop the Holly Hill Farm on Cheese Factory Road. The proposal represents, in my opinion, unbridled greed and the destruction of one of the loveliest EPODs in the town. The surrounding housing density represents the rural quality Mendon residents desire. Placing 32 housing units on this hillside directly violates the wishes of the vast majority of Mendon residents.

23. With regards to a bicycle path, I feel the area between the Lehigh Valley Trail and Mendon Ponds Park is of low vehicle density and the existing roadways would function perfectly well as a conduit between the two.

24. Too much development

25. There is a growing number of young families here, and there seems to be limited recreation and extra-curricular activities.

26. Limited developemtn of housing so that Mendon keeps its beauty and does not become Pittsford, etc. The town needs more recreational facilities for kids (ball fields, etc.)...limited availability at the schools. The Hamlet of Mendon needs more commercial uses that enhance the appeal of Mendon. The Hamlet of Mendon would beneit by having sewers.

27. My wife and I like to bicycle ride from our home and we would feel a lot more comfortable if there were a bike path system

28. Keep growth slow enough to let the community absorb the population. This rapid growth will damage our schools and other services.

29. The biggest thing for us is to zone residential 5+ acres to maintain the sense of rural-ness in the area. Clover meadows is too congested and that type of development should not be allowed to continue. // Thank you all for taking the time to ask the community what we think about these things. This survey is the BEST thing you have done. // David Yates - 290 Quaker Meeting House Road Honeoye Falls NY 14472

30. Residing on Rt. 65, we are concerned about the speed of traffic as well as the proximity of the road to our house. It is concerning that any widening of the road would result in a severe reduction in the value of our home. In addition, we would like to see the hamlet of Mendon developed to look more quaint. Finally, the village of HF is very nice, however taking consideration into keeping the small town feel would be important to us. For example, less Rite-Aide type stores more Valentino's. The signage for stores as well as the actual buildings could also impact the feel of the Village. (See sign on Chinese Restaurant) PS: Some of the questions in the survey like those that pertained to Senior Services and Youth services were ones that should have had an "I don't know" box, the lack of this option forces inaccurate responses in my opinion.

31. Mandatory items that incur significant cost to property owners is not fair, unless offset with a tax break.

32. Lots of good ideas, but property owners can't afford tax increases if we do all of them. Must pick & choose wisely.

33.

I moved to this community because I wanted to move away from a Suburban setting. I have been concerned when I have seen all of the growth on Clover Street. There are very large homes being planted on top of one another. To prevent this "in my backyard" I would like to see even more forever wild areas or Farm Lands protected. I am grateful to be living near Mendon Ponds Park for this reason. Conversely, I recognize that people who can not afford/or don't want to maintain 5 acres may also want to live in Mendon, and for that reason I agree with having some areas "clustered" that fit into this category. I feel that they should be in the village or Hamlet, like some of the neighborhoods currently in Mendon.

34. We would like to see the Hamlet of Mendon developed to look more quaint and the village of HF to be kept to look like a small town. In doing so it is thought that zoning to regulate the look of buildings, signage and encouraging community owned and operated business owners might assist. The signage for stores as well as the actual buildings could also impact the feel of the Village. PS: Some of the questions in the survey like 32 and 33 were difficult to answer and maybe should have had an "I don't know" box, (since I answered I am unfamiliar with this issue in question 30 and 31) the lack of this option forced me to make an inaccurate response. In general, thanks for asking for our opinion-

35. Protect the historical aspect of the town and promote economic development. We need more high tech business- research/development. They provide jobs and bring dollars into the town to support merchants etc. Forget the little stuff. Make some real progress on the big picture. Control growth and open space using clustering techniques which are used in other areas. Put parking lots BEHIND buildings, don't create "malls". Require new construction to pay a fee to keep the town green. If people want to live here, be sure they are ready to support the values we aspire to right from the start by putting building standards for design etc. in place. We have enough boxes sitting in the middle of farm fields!!

36. I am tired of people trying to stop development just for the sake of keeping others out. I am grateful that I had the opportunity to move to this area and I think others should have the same opportunity as I did. Just because I am here doesn't mean everyone else has to stay out. Development is not a 4 letter word. It does have to be steered so that image of Mendon that attracted us remains. I hate clustering. If I wanted to live on top of my neighbor, I could have bought a house in almost any other suburb. Who cares if I have a 10 acre lot if my neighbor can hear me when I yell at the TV

during football season. When I think of Mendon, I picture beautiful homes on large, well maintained landscaped (naturally or otherwise) lots by people who care and are not afraid of a little hard work. That is me and my family and that is why I live here.

37. We would prefer for the highway department to go back to using sand, instead of road salt, which kills our trees.

38. 1. Speed limit on Mendon Center road should be reduced to 40MPH. There should be no stretches of 55 MPH. 2. Deer are a problem to motorists and homeowners around Mendon Ponds Park. The deer herd needs to be controlled. It is costing homeowners and motorists tens of thousands. To ignore this problem is not right. There are too many deer!

39. The Hamlet of Mendon needs to be cleaned up. It looks run down. The business have to make it look appealing.

40. I think that the Town of Mendon has made good choices in regards to the types of businesses they have accommodated in the last ten years. I do believe that an Architectural Review Board should review all new buildings to support a look and feeling of a small hamlet. I think the street lights and sidewalks will be of great value as well as the new park area behind Assembly Drive. That will be of great service to the hamlet. I grew up in this town and returned to raise my family here because this town is a little secret! I would like to see the town and village combine services, create more recreational facilities and maintain the feeling of the beautiful countryside we have. We need to give great thought to large future developments and insist that nice landscaping become part of all new developments entrances. Use landscaping as the buffer to hide these new developments. Thank you for your interest.

41. I've heard area residents say that they are ready to move out of their large homes, want to stay in town, but the availability of smaller, nice, low-maintenance homes is limited. It would also be nice to have a town 'shuttle' around the village and hamlet. My biggest concern is that West Main St doesn't turn into an over-commercialized district...I would rather see light industry that is 'present' but not really 'visible' similar to Southco. I would like to keep our village 'cozy' using our lovely old buildings which now house our town and village offices and even the library.

42. Too many empty store fronts in Village. Why can't new businesses (Portico) sustain? Too much housing/schools (Manor) overcrowded. No family entertainment places, except Brongo Bowl. Too many pizza, hair and auto stores in Vlg, need to diversify. Entrance into Vlg on 65 and W Main St are eyesores, need improvement.

43. need housing for empty nesters + ranch houses, patio homes, condos, town houses

44. Townwide water district!

45. need housing for senior citizens and empty nesters. Ranch houses, town houses, patio homes and condos.

46. I hope the town understands that the village needs its Public Buildings, ergo Library, Post Office, schools, Town and Village Hall to remain a viable village center.

47. Owners of historic structures including barns should be required to, at the minimum, protect them from failing. This could be done through code enforcement. 2. All structures over 75 years old that the owners want to demolish should be required (similar to the Town of Pittsford code) to offer them to the public for relocating. 3. The Town of Mendon should encourage the saving and importation of other historic buildings. 4. Farmers should be allowed to operate without complaints from housing subdivisions. 5. Horses should be allowed in all parts of Mendon. 6. Rural farming values and rights should be maintained for all individual property owners.

48. I am dismayed at the number of new houses being built where there was once farmland and open space. Many of these new residences are so elaborate I question who can afford to live in them! Please let's slow down the rate of housing development occurring in a seemingly hit and miss manner. This is resulting in less open space and more of a feeling of spread out tract home development: UGLY! Please keep Mendon an open space community.

49. Occupancy of existing retail/restaurant space in the village and hamlet before further approval of new construction.

50. School Taxes are too high. I have zero children and get no value from this tax.

51. The Town planning board should act at a reasonable time to approve a building for constructions.

52. Encourage light industrial growth in the town, keep taxes low, don't take away anymore rights of the residents. Question 15 above does not allow for enough choices. I think the lot sizes are too big and would favor a reduction of all properties to a 1 or 2 acre minimum.

53. Preservation of Land should be controlled by the town. Acres of land in grass should be controlled and limited to plots of land around the house only, as large expanses of grass are useless to the wildlife. As we take their land, we should at least leave a good part of it wild. I prefer mostly one-acre lots with small lawns, and if very large lots are permitted, most of it should definitely be kept wild. Also, provide safe road crossing areas for animals on busy roads and fencing to prevent car accidents with animals. Also, a pay-to-enter fenced-in "dog park" where dogs can go to run and play with other dogs. Some rarely get out of their homes.

54. I am disabled and would like to see parking laws enforced for the handicapped. One real problem for me is at our schools. As of now there seems to be no enforcement of these spaces. I also feel that parking for the elderly is a problem. Too often I have had to watch an elderly person struggle through the ice and snow because there is no parking available to them close to the store they frequent.

55. I do not wish to see the village get too large. It is so charming now. I do not wish to see big developments as there is now on Pride Street, etc. Too crowded. There is so much history in this area, it would be a shame to lose any of this history and beauty to too much development.

56. More affordable senior housing; at least 1 fast food restaurant (other than pizza places) at least 1 major store like a Wal-Mart, more frequent bus service.

57. Should keep the town focused on residential property, agriculture and supporting retail (shops and restaurants). Also the town and village could use more places for youths to hang out in constructive ways - community center, youth center. Not just hanging out getting rowdy in the village gazebo.

58. I don't want to see any more developments put in and I fear Mendon and Honeoye Falls are gaining the snotty bad reputation of Pittsford. Pittsford is an example of what I don't want this area to turn into. I would like it to remain an agricultural based town and please, don't build it up. It's way too beautiful.

59. EAST ST. HAS A LOT OF TRAFFIC WITH TRUCKS ALL DAY GOING TO AND FROM THE FACTORIES AT THE END OF EAST ST. THEY NEED A NEW ROUTE, LIKE OFF OF CLOVER ST. WITH THE SCHOOL CHILDREN IT IS VERY DANGEROUS WITH THEM WALKING. PLUS THE SPEED ON EAST ST. THIS SHOULD BE LOOKED INTO.



60. I don't want to see any more developments put up and I DON'T want to see any super stores. We have our basic necessities and I would like to see Mendon remain an agricultural based town. I'd like a cut back on the developments.

61. I am saddened to see all these plots of land that developers are trying to subdivide and put many homes on. They seem to be popping up everywhere there is available land. (Schoeberger for instance). I do not like this. I moved to this area for the open space and ruralness of it. Please work on legislation that promotes my ideals.

62. I don't understand why we are using a Honeoye Falls mailing address when it's the TOWN of Mendon...very odd and confusing!

63. I do not want to see the town or the village over developed that is one of the reasons I moved here.

64. You let the Dollar Store in but no McDonalds or Applebees--where's the logic in that??? Either be all one way or allow other similar things in as well. You need to be more reasonable about encouraging business but still maintaining the character of the town.

65. Another comment--you should have a town booklet available when people move in that list all the services (like brush pick up) and facilities (like parks and rec) available--how do we find out where the parks are or when the pick ups are, unless a lot of individual effort is expended? It would expediate and consolidate things and make the experience of moving to the town more pleasant if the town itself put out a brochure of some kind on these things.

66. 1. The proliferation of housing subdivisions is of concern. 2. No where in this survey were horses/pastures/riding trails/etc. mentioned and that is one aspect that makes Mendon special. 3. Development has brought significant traffic to Route 65. 4. Truck traffic (Elam) is noisy and too fast on Route 64. 5. Town should focus on perserving barns. 6. A hamlet is a small village - key word is small - keep it quaint. 7. Sewers will only bring more development to the hamlet and Route 251. 8. Development requires more services, thus more taxes. 9. Development that is approved should be set back from the road with a buffer that includes significant natural screening. 10. Need to get more aggressive about buying development rights.

67. More commercial and light industrial growth should be encouraged. The Planning Board should be more receptive and/or less obstructive when reviewing proposals for such development.

68. Definately needing new library current one is understocked and old Need more room for childerens activities skate park skating rinks indoor and outdoor

69. Leave woodland, wetland, agricultural areas free from any type of development...we don't need to make parks out of them...just leave them alone. (Also, monitoring the Lehigh Valley Trail area once and a while...maybe cooperating with the DEC concerning hunting along the PARK LAND). Concider allowing snowmobiling and ATV use on Lehigh Valley Trail...reason #1 - they are the only reason the trail stays clear...no one else will do it, especially during the winter when the snowmobiles keep the trail groomed nice for the cross country skiers(personally i would rather have snowmobiles than cross country skiers), reason #2 - Its the only nice riding area around, and they don't hurt anything riding on the trail (PLEASE CONSIDER LETTING ALL TERRAIN VEHICLES USE OF THEIR ONLY NICE TRAIL THROUGH MENDON)

70. How about a sidewalk from the developments off Taylor Rd.(just west of Rt.64) to The Hamlet

71. Don't allow alot of building to begin and let other buildings set empty like an eye sore. I see it in Henreitta all the time.

72. Need affordable Townhomes, Condos & Patio Homes for those of who wish to remain in the HF area and want to down size from our present larger homes. We love our area and want to remain here but there just does not seem to be and building growth for this type of housing!!!!

73. I think it is very important to expand the Mendon Public Library because its limited amount of books limits the access that kids in the community have to books, unless they want to go downtown. I was a student at HF-L until a couple of years ago, and I always did research for my homework in another library because Mendon just doesn't have enough space, nor enough money, to keep up to date. Libraries are an important part of a commitment to education and should be better supported.

74.

75. the Town of Mendon must be very cautious as it is exposed to the many elements in how the rest of the county preseves Mendon We moved here because we didnot wish to live in Pittsford and have to deal with small areas and crowded streets. We came here for the openspaces ,not a house every 50 feet. Please keep the integrity of Mendon at the status quo. I feel this is a very poorly designed survey and leaves too many questions that cannot be answered completly or the person cannot express their opinions.

76. I believe there is a growing need for "empty-nest" patio type homes in the Honeoye Falls area. Many residents would like to down-size to a smaller home on a small lot.....we do not want acreage!!!!!!

77. Allowing too much development occur will destroy the rural atmosphere of Mendon. Higher taxes are worth praying if they will preserve our open spaces.

78. My main ongoing concern about future growth in Mendon is the general misconception most people have that "growth" is always a good thing for a community. Rarely have I found that to be the case in other areas I have lived. The reason my husband and I moved here along with numerous of our neighbors is becuase we really like the open farmlands and quiet countryside that Mendon offers. So if we can't keep Mendon that way, then we will not want to stay here. Surely you realize that the appeal of this whole area is it's natural beauty and open farmland. If we lose that, what have we really got at the end of the day? Another store? Another vacant business building? To me, it's NOT worth it - leave well enough alone.

79. My major concern (which may seem selfish) is the lack of water service on Amann Rd. off BoughtonHill Road. I am on a well and very unhappy with the water. A water line is going in on Boughton Hill Road stopping at the creek just west of Amann Road. It has been explained to me that the population density on BH Road between QuakerMeetingHouse Road and the creek justifies a water line while the population on Amann Road does not. There are a good many houses at the south end of Amann Road. Five new homes (with a sixth coming) have been added within the first half mile of Amann Road heading south from BH. Road. While I have not counted the houses on BH Road and Amann Road (which I intend to do... along with mileage measurement),just by "eyeballing" these areas, it seems to me that water service on Amann Road could be justified.It appears to at least equal the population on BH Road. Has a survey been offered to the occupants of Amann Road as to their feelings on this issue? I have lived in Mendon for 10 years now. I love the area, I love Honeoye-Falls, and I feel my children are getting a good solid education here. My water concern is not a true complaint, but rather a concern that I wish someone would look at. Perhaps others on my road feel the same way. Thank you for this opportunity to voice my opinion.

80. I am concerned that Mendon is losing its rural character. In the 12 years I have lived in Mendon there has been a slow, but steady transformation to a more suburban environment. Projecting this growth over the next 10-15 years will yield a town that will look like Perinton, Pittsford or Penfield. The time to make a stronger commitment to preserve the rural character of Mendon is now.

81. Too many new homes being built. We moved in 5 years ago because we like the "country" surroundings, and since then, 4 new homes have been built surrounding our property, and another lot up for sale. All one acre zoned lots. We actually have considered selling because of this.

82. Initiate or expand programs for youth that develop character and values. For example, the Scout house in Harry Allen park is too small for all the kids that are currently enrolled. This is a village building. Kids drop out for a variety of reasons, but space to house them shouldn't be one of them. This happens to be the 90th year of continuous operation of Troop 10 in HF. An expanded Scout house would allow us to create a new Venturing unit that would attract boys and girls 14 yrs old and up in a values driven and adventure oriented program. Contact leadership of Troop 10 is you would like to follow up on this.

83. I like the rural feel, farms, open space, wildlife and lack of traffic. Mendon should try to preserve those things. A Wegmans grocery store in the Mendon/Honeoye Falls/Victor area (preferably, in one of the hamlets/villages) would be a welcome addition. Hiking, bike and cross-country ski trails are always nice, as are bike lanes on country roads. An upscale spa cloistered away on rural grounds would also be a welcome addition. I think Mendon should remain largely rural/exurban. I encourage people to support the Mendon Foundation. I also am a big believer in conservation easements to limit development.

84. Town is growing too fast.

85. I am very concerned that unless the Town and Village specify and target specific areas for commercial and residential development, area builders and opportunists will infill in an unregulated and random fashion. The rt. 65 corridor in Pittsford is already evidence of this. Developers have a droll saying "you name your development after the amenity you destroyed". I find this to often true and unless a vigilant stance is kept, the very thing that gives Mendon/HF its identity and desirability could also yield to overdevelopment and thus its ultimate undoing.

86. We enjoy the small-town feel of living in this community, and the rural nature of (most of) the surrounding countryside. We're concerned about how much longer it will be before we have to think about moving if we want to continue to live in this type of community. Developers don't seem to realize that, if you keep building in a small town, pretty soon it's not small town anymore, and you've destroyed that which was supposed to be attractive about the area in the first place. We love the school district, and we will stay here at least until our youngest graduates in 2007. At that time we will assess (in terms of development) where the community is, where it is going, and how that compares with the type of community we want to live in, which is what Mendon/Honeoye Falls was when we moved here in 1986.

87. Tax rates are getting out of control. We need to encourage business to locate here so the tax roles do not have to be primarily on the home owner.

88. Better support for downtown buildings and owners to help in preservation

89. The pettiness of the Planning Board...spending months worrying over minuted...and their apparent desire to display their omnipotent authority.

90. The town seems to be about 15 years behind Perinton in their development. You could learn from them. Taxes there haven't increased the way there have here to provide the services needed. We don't have brush pickup except twice a year....come on....we're trying to develop a trail system, but no one controls the trail that is there now. I love to walk the canals and trails in Fairport, but here I would fear for my life. If hunters aren't parking on West Bloomfield and walking with their guns in hand then the snowmobilers are on there. I would monetarily contribute if I ever thought it would be useable, but I don't see it happening. We too often go into another town for recreation and dining.....we need and want to keep our dollars here, but there isn't enough offered here. I'd like to see controlled growth to maintain the beauty of the area, but we obviously need growth to offset the

tax increases. I don't mean to be negative, because we like living here, but work needs to be done to make this the best place it can be. Thanks for your efforts.

91. please keep some open farm land, and continue to support Mendon Ponds Park as a Nature area. No development in Park for commercialization.

92. we just moved to mendon a year and a half ago. We love the openness of mendon and the large lots that most houses sit on. We would hate to see all the beautiful farm land and open spaces turn in to developments on 1/3 acer lots (ex. like Victor has seem to become. We would love however to see the hamlet and village to bring in great little shops and resturants and services for the community. It would be great to be able to drive to these places and be able walk and shop and do things for a day with the family. The sewers are an interesting idea since we live on the mendon victor border. I would be interested in knowing What kind of services would be sought after to be developed in this area. Would the sewers be put in for just buisness' or for residential too? In a nutshell, like i said before, we love Mendon and the open space, we really hope it doesn't turn into a Victor where there seems to be house after house crammed into every available inch. Our school seems to be the perfect size now. Good luck!!!

93. keep mendon rural

94. I am strongly opposed to extension of water service as it would drive excessive growth. Keep the slow transformation from rural to suburban.

95. The Lehigh Valley Trail runs directly behind my house. Currently, the trail is used by snowmobilers and ATV's even though there are signs posted against this use. I am somewhat concerned about the development of this trail in terms of safety issues (i.e. trespassing, property damage, burglary, noise, etc.) when people begin to regularly use the trail. I feel that some method of policing the trail should be put in place in order to deter illegal use of the trail and to put property owners' minds at ease.

96. Need more/better communication of town activities/events. In the north of the town, people identify with Pittsford Town services more than Mendon. More /better recreational facilities. Careful, innovative residential and commercial development. Invest in the Hamlet. Clean it up. Create a master plan for it. Make it a desirable retail destination.

97. Recreation: Such potential, a la Perinton Rec Center. Pathways already in existence; wonderful and you could expand this. HFL High school traffic flow awful now that there is only one way out. Make another left hand only turning lane, or exit only/entrance only. Hamlet of Mendon, 4 corners, an amazing eyesore...can the businesses there spruce it up somehow?? LIBRARY's New LOCATION: can you explroe Portico South's old building?? Please keep it away from the other side of Rite Aid.....too far away for walkers and young kids. Loses it's neighborhood appeal. Thanks for listening to our opinions!

98. the idea of allowing the mass development of the Holly Hill Farm on Cheese Factory Rd. is outrageous. The proposal calls for a prohibitive amount of homes in an environmentally sensitive area.

99. I hate to see more and more traffic on West Main Street because of increased commercial use. In the summer, especially, the amount of truck traffic has become unbearable. Also, the speed limit never seems to be enforced. We are considering moving because of the noise. if more building is allowed west of our house, the racket will only get worse.

100. Encourage the involvement of new Mendon residents to the various committees! New blood is good!

101. We need our own police services-- (too many teens selling drugs right out in the open in the village.)
102. We recently moved to Mendon specifically to preserve open space.
103. I'm concerned there are too many tracts being built which is changing the character of Mendon.
104. sandwich board signs in the Hamlet-can they be removed?
105. Horses are being kicked out of mendon, because they don't pay taxes. Horses should be allowed on properties without houses, which means the rules should allow for horse barns without houses.
106. The DEER population is completely out of control. It is getting worse every year. I personally have had 5 car deer accidents in 11 years. I predict that I will die or become crippled due to a car deer accident. This is currently the LARGEST issue for our town. I am willing to help. I just don't know how.
107. Keep Mendon beautiful with its parks & fields & beautiful old (& new) houses. And horses of course!
108. the hamlet needs attention, sidewalks, parking, streetlights
109. I'm in favor of clustering, but I think the R1 zoning needs to be addressed as well; ie, I think in the case of single-family homes, lot sizes should be larger than one acre in areas that are not within walking/biking distance of the hamlet/village.
110. I really believe that what makes Mendon special is the larger size lots. We moved here specifically for that more open feeling that is not obtainable in Pittsford or the other desirable suburbs.
111. traffic light at the 4 corners of Rt. 64 and 251
112. I do not support subsidized housing or commercial development in the hamlet of Mendon.
113. I love the area because of the beauty, and lack of development. I would support higher taxes to limit development...
114. Too many subdivisions, housing developments. We moved here because we don't want to see Mendon turn into another Perinton or Pittsford. We love the rural character.
115. appears to be no effort to keep the quality of mendon as it has been in the past. appears that decision makers want to make it like pittsford and brighton.
116. Lack of sanitary sewer system. Loss of businesses in HF Village 4 corners area. Development of buildings across from Lower Mill. Need daycare facility in HF Village!!! Misguided development of farmland (keep the lots big). Need another family neighborhood (like Pride St.) in HF Village limits.
117. I do not understand why we should be encouraging growth, it is a vicious circle, most people in Mendon pay the high taxes willingly because this area does not have the commercial development that plagues the surrounding towns. I want to live in a quiet peaceful community that only has one flashing stop light at the corner. We have three pizza shops in the hamlet now, how many more do we really need. I am very happy with the current size and services. I am unhappy everytime I see a new parcel of land stripped and a new house located there. Please do what you can to limit and control growth, please do not encourage it. I feel that extending the sewer line to the hamlet will only

encourage development. If water quality is a concern then there are other sustainable ways to control it than a public sewer system. Marsh lands are an excellent approach to cleaning the water. I would also strongly encourage a Green Building initiative for the Town, the Governor's Executive Order 111 could be recognized and used to start this initiative. The new library should be LEED certified to show that the town is serious about preserving our limited resources.

118. New construction within the village should have architectural features to blend in with the village better like the CNB bank.

119. The Master Plan should include an overall controlled growth program for the town. In the next 10 years, the town should not grow (in terms of number of residents) at a pace higher than the last ten years. Or this will have a serious impact on the public services, highway system, school system, and retail services required to support the growth.

120. The park which is proposed to be constructed in the Hamlet of Mendon should be a tourist attraction and a magnet for future recreational business in the Hamlet. I believe that if a trolley type system connecting the Lehigh Valley Trail to Mendon Ponds Park were put in place it would be a marvelous draw to our community. A stationary train is now being proposed, which will be wonderful for the children. But a trolley would enable cross country skiers, bikers, hikers, skaters, sight seers of all ages to enjoy and utilize the trail systems.

121. Preservation of the historic cemetery in the Hamlet. Grave markers are in disrepair. Assure that future growth & development is done in an active, esthetic manner in keeping with a rural/country atmosphere. Some current businesses in the Hamlet are very unattractive.

122. Enjoy the size, traffic, and open spaces as they exist today. Must not ruin it

123. Discussions about introducing light industrial near Rite Aid and HFMP concerns me. That would detract from the unique village setting that make HF so special. I would like to see an effort to spruce up the HF village storefronts, sidewalks, etc.

124. Please consider traffic amounts in making development decisions. Living on Route 64 has become a nightmare because of the noise and dirt from large trucks and other traffic. I need to move to a smaller place because of health but am concerned that I will be unable to sell my house now because of the traffic.

125. The village of HF is losing its mainstreet character due to the development around the HFMP area--ie., the Dollar Store and all the car dealers are an eyesore.

126. more space for bikes on quaker meetinghouse rd. Many go through and there is not a safe place to ride.

127. Preserve open space by pushing developers to cluster the larger plans. No benefit to having larger zoning if all evenly spaced 5 acre lots. You don't accomplish much going from 5 homes on 5 acres to 1 home on 5 acres, but 75 acres of open space with a development of homes on the remaining 25 would be desirable. PDR that allow term to expire or be revoked should not be considered. Tax incentives that allow owner to repay and develop should not be considered. Town (Residents) money should be spent only on permanent solutions for the Town. Commercial development should be encouraged in both the Hamlet and Village with careful regulation to insure there is only a positive impact on residents in these areas. Do not abandon these two centers of our Town to commercial use only. People love living in the village of Pittsford. They have areas with commercial development that do not negatively impact their beautiful village.

128. slow down the building and be more careful of building on wet land



129. Development of the hamlet should be done in a cautious and thoughtful way. Route 64 from Pittsford is a well traveled road to areas south of the hamlet and to Rte 251. Why not make the hamlet itself a destination by offering "quaintness" and convenience? It would need to be done in a way that will prevent it from becoming just another commercial area with no appeal. AND NO SUBSIDIZED HOUSING! please.

130. Perhaps in regulating the minimum lot sizes to larger parcels the rapid development will be kept in check. I do realize that the Town Of Mendon struggles with being progressive while still keeping the development to a minimum. I am very much in favor of preserving at it's current level which is the rural setting that has been so dear to Honeoye Falls and the Town Of Mendon. I would support any and all actions to preserve the open spaces for our Town's wildlife and Wetlands for keeping and attracting waterfowl in the area. Housing development from Pittsford has been creeping ever closer each year and it seems that each new residential family wants their piece of Mendon Ponds Park I do have concerns of this lovely and natural facility / resource approaching over use ! Though I don't apose the community's growing population of families with Horses I do believe that emphyasis should be put on preserving foot paths and hiking trails for people use. I have noticed increasingly heavier equestrian traffic in and around Mendon Ponds Park though I do not presently view it as problematic I do believe we should keep an eye on it's growth. ( I do very much like Horses but want to keep a good balance ! )

131. Sewers in the Hamlet should be actively persued. Commercial development should be encouraged when it helps to preserve the historic nature of these areas. The two commercial centers of town should be a place residents want to visit and live close to.

132. Boughton Hill,Parrish, Lanning and Mendon Ionia to Langpap need water district. I can pump my 125Ft well dry in 5 minutes with open garden hose.Also sulfur

133. Most of the development taking place in the Town is on large lots located on one-acre lots. At some point time these can be further developed creating more density than should occur. I strongly support the enactment of larger lot zoning in order to prevent this.

134. Due to the limitations on road width at the traffic light in the Village, any actions that cause an increase in automobile traffic will create a problem. Signs of this congestion are already evident.

135. provide affordable & good housing construction for our future generation so they may be able to live in area they grew up in

136. The school system should be included in your survey. It is the largest expense to a homeowner, but input and "customer satisfaction" are sorely lacking.

137. Vistas are very important to me. I enjoy seeing horses in fields (and have no problem with private owners, who can afford them, having sizable indoor arenas). I am very tired of the light pollution --- it is SUPPOSED to be dark in the country. Consider an ordinance that new lighting fixtures may not cast light beyond owners property line. Wish we used less salt on the roads --- I will slow down. I like the idea of clustering, but am reluctant to make anything mandatory --- unless the planning board needs such backing to make its decisons stick. Reason I haven't purused all the Plans --- not easily available: Town Hall during "business hours" will never work for me. I prefer that the Village remain the primary center of town development.

138. The Town needs to pursue smart development, e.g. a mix of deliberately targeted residential, commercial and recreational "improvements" that significantly improve the quality of life for local residents. There are deficits in both commercial and recreational venues in the the Town that make the quality of life in the Town of Mendon "inconvenient" compared to Pittsford and Perinton. For example, the lack of light industrial development, office parks, etc. the dearth of various amenities, esp. restaurants and casual shopping venues compared to neighboring communities combine to make the Town of Mendon a "pass through" community rather than a destination. Village and Town

officials should actively court, instead of hindering, developers capable of positively impacting all three sectors: commercial, industrial and residential. Maintain the character of the present Town by concentrating future multi-use development around Village and Hamlet centers while dispersing some civic & recreational venues, e.g. libraries, ambulance corps and rec centers, more liberally throughout the Town. Mendon's character has remained largely unchanged during the 30 years that I have lived here. The question really is: Is random change a good thing or is deliberate change the thing to be desired? Change will occur in either case. One unexpected and bitterly contested, the other anticipated and carefully nurtured and guided. I am in the latter. Change is inevitable in either case.

139. The Hamlet badly needs sewers. Without them, any reasonable development plan is just dumb. I will not vote for people who do not support a better plan for the Hamlet.

140. We need more townhouses in Honeoye Falls for senior citizens who want to downsize from a larger single family dwelling. #1 PRIORITY: We need more TENNIS COURTS. The Semmel Road courts are OFTEN FILLED, but no one uses the adjacent basketball area. That area should be turned into tennis courts. It would be VERY NICE if the tennis courts could be LIGHTED. An automatic light could go on at dark.

141. Coming here from CA, taxes here in Mendon are extremely high. I cannot see a path to retirement here in our current house. If carefully managed growth in the village and town areas can help reduce taxes that would be a good goal.

142. We live in Mendon Farms we liked the fact that sidewalks were installed from the Hamlet east towards Victor on Rte 251. However, our neighborhood is nearly isolated from the hamlet for walking or biking as the sidewalks end 1/8 mile from Hopper Hills Dr. At that point the road and shoulder are very narrow. I think that Sidewalks should be extended at least to Hopper Hills or even Mile Square Rd. Also, south on Rte 64 to the Fire House. Walking is very dangerous on both Rte 251 and Rte 64 due to the volume of auto traffic and the amount of large truck traffic. My second point is the housing off of Assembly Dr. I think that more housing of this nature should be encouraged, these are particularly suited to seniors due to the size of the home and the lot sizes; however, the neighborhood is in keeping with the nature of the town. Developments such as this with open space/park area around it are assets to the community and encourage a mix of senior citizens into the community.

143. Preservation of the viewscape -- i.e., the rural scenic vista in the town outside the village and the Hamlet of Mendon. Clustering of homes has value in or near the village and the hamlet of Mendon, but in some cases, such as Route 65 north of the village, a cluster of houses would have an adverse effect on the viewscape (i.e., the rural vista) of the town. In this situation, a cluster of houses would appear out-of-place and/or block the view of the rural nature of Mendon. Also, I would like to see greater emphasis placed on improving the appearance of an abandoned (i.e., no longer active) waste disposal area and gravel pit. These are eyesores which significantly detract from the beauty of Mendon. They are examples of "derelict open space."

144. Please continue to use large lot zones in the town. please continue to discourage the kind of uncontrolled growth that is/was rampant in neighboring towns like Pittsford, and Henrietta that destroyed their small town character and resulted in horrible traffic conditions. I also support the construction of water mains along most major streets and in all developments (especially those off Boughton Hill rd) to improve fire protection. I would support commercial/light industrial development along West Main st. I'd be sorry to see that land developed, but, the tax base is needed, and the shopping/dining options and new jobs would benefit our community. However, please support our local industries by not bringing in superstores (either supermarkets or K-Mart type places). Preserving the rural, agricultural, small-town atmosphere of our community needs to be a very high priority. That's what makes it such a great place to live!

145. Maintaining a balance between development and growth while keeping our taxes from getting out of hand. 2. The continuing growth of the deer population in and around Mendon Ponds park!!



146. I am highly sceptical of any plan for increasing water and sewer services with a promise of a tax increase held to \$.01/1000. The past year's water district expansion cost far more than that for benefit to a small handful of residents.

147. The Planning Board should be more user friendly.

148. I think you use Conservation Easements the wrong way. While they are a great idea, it appears that you try to make every zoning board issue into a conservation easement issue. I am afraid to ask for something as simple as a deck permit, because you will try to make me put a conservation easement on all of my land, just to get a silly permit to put a deck in. Every Sentinel issue has a story about the zoning or planning board turning every single zoning issue into a Conservation Easement issue. Also, I moved here from Perinton, and I pay twice as much property tax, for almost no services. When I grew up in Mendon, there was no need to spend money on a Wing Wall, or other expenses related to the Town Offices. There was also no need for a gigantic firehall, when there is about 1 fire a year in the town (and Ionia usually gets there first anyway).

149. We should be careful to be fair to the current property owners. It is unfair to change the regulations regarding an owner's property without compensation for the reduced value of the property.

150. It may be nice to have more public transportation.

151. I'm concerned that the town will lose its rural character that we so love. At the same time, we're on fixed income and would hate to lose our home because of high taxes. Also, while I love the open spaces of the town, I'm conflicted by the notion that only those that can afford a huge home on five acres can afford to live here. It seems too elitist. I realize these are the conflicts your survey is meant to address, but I have no answers. I wish I were wiser.

152. Stricter enforcement of dog leash laws.

153. I fear the Town is risking uncontrolled growth in favor of an increased tax base.

154. I would like to see more housing development, ie. 1 acre or less neighborhoods - like Stonefield Rd.

155. Complete sidewalk construction on Rt. 251 to Mile Square Rd.

156. I am not interested in encouraging development, only steering it. What makes Mendon/HF attractive is the fact that it is not overly developed. Our main commuting accesses are Rtes. 15A, 65, and 64 are starting to bog down now.

157. Consolidation of services should be done to lower taxes; new development should be tightly restricted and be analyzed with an eye on long-term tax base efficiency and preserving the rural nature of the Town.

158. The most important aspects are taxes and maintaining the rural nature of Mendon. By restricting development, it seems, both of these objectives can be served.

159. Maintain the rural feel of Mendon and keep taxes as low as possible.

160. the town of mendon needs to get off its high horse and lighten the taxes on everybody!!!!!!

161. Making sure that we keep a grocery store in the hamlet

162. I would like to see appropriate commercial development be encouraged to help keep taxes low while continuing or building town services. Light industrial / technology companies such as the type that are on 251 just east of Mendon in Victor.

163. A little more police presence in the village park after dark. Maybe a small Mendon sherrif dept.

164. I would like to see more light industry/Professional Office parks in the town as long as it preserves the balance of family, agricultural, preserved areas, and recreation. balance of agricultural and family dwellings.

165. The Hamlet of Mendon is an eye sore. The Peeking Duck Restaurant and Cottage Hotel look dirty and not maintained. Why has not the town forced these facilities to clean this up? Also, I would like to see extended sidewalks from the hamlet neighborhoods lead into the Hamlet. The current sidewalks lead to nothing. I do not like walking my dog or strollers on Rt. 64.

166. Two things I wanted to emphasize: a public swimming pool would be greatly enjoyed by my children. Also, I feel that improving the water treatment plant for Honeoye Falls is important.

167. Parking around the Cottage Hotel makes the intersection of 251 and 64 a danger!!! sidewalks in the hamlet go nowhere.

168. Environmental protection at commercial, light industrial and research facilities within the village of Honeoye Falls.

169. As little development as possible

170. The rampant development and "Pittsford-izing" of Mendon is truly unfortunate. Unfortunately spending more tax dollars to try and fix it is a solution that will not work. The local economy is very bad, and even suggesting a tax increase (i.e., mentioned several times in this survey) is CRIMINAL!! Stop over-governing and over-taxing the local population. More government and more taxes in a down economy should not even be thought of by our elected officials. Is this survey merely a means to justify local government spending? My taxes are more than twice what I would pay in many other parts of the country. What programs is our local government thinking of to SAVE money, rather than SPEND money?

171. Its hard to believe that the town has only grown by 1500 people since we moved here. The amount of traffic that rockets down our road at well above the speed limit and then barely slows for the stop signs seems to have grown exponentially in the last few years. I worry that we are becoming more like present day Pittsford and less like the old rural Mendon that we got a small taste of when we moved here. When we purchased our home we had a local farmer and a previous owner of our home take great interest in the goings on on our property. Today we're more likely to find broken beer bottles in our driveway than have someone say hello to us. There is much less of a hometown feel to our town than there was 10 years ago. I think steps should be taken to ensure the rural feel of the town and the hometown feel of the village. I know its not possible but if I had it my way there would be no more new home building in Mendon at all.

172. The deer population conitnues to grow at an alarming rate. The destruction of property, especially in regards to landscaping is also growing. With more and more growth within the town, the deer will conitnue to loose natural habitat, and food sources, too. What is the answer? More hunting permits? A longer hunting season? Deer birth control? We need to make educated decisions about this problem. They're not going to go away!

173. I would like to maintain the village appeal in the Hamlet, village. I like that in living here you feel like yuo belong your not just another number on the tax roll. I do not want to become a Brighton,Pittsford "too busy and comercial" At the same time I understand that we must develop

and grow in order to maintain that appeal and tax base as well as to be able to enhance the services our local government can provide.

174. too much control being exerted by elected or appointed officials.

175. Sped limit should be lowered on Pittsford-Mendon Center Road to 45 in areas of 55. Dangerous corner of Smith & rte.64. Visibility poor on Smith of traffic going north on 64.

176. In general, I favor the control of lot size through zoning and regulation not by the town buying up property. The town needs to continue to be sensitive to the tax burden placed on the residents. This survey only discussed potential tax increases for various projects. Aren't there any projects that could be eliminated and replaced with these projects that would keep the tax burden neutral. We have a great town, a solid small town community with great schools, low population density and no traffic. Until 1995, I lived all my life in a suburban area with 1/4 to 1/3 acre lots and lots of traffic and congestion. My family is very happy in the town of Mendon and we would be in favor of town policies that keep the small town feel of this community with lots of wide open countryside. Outside of the hamlet or village, the lot sizes should never be allowed to be less than 1 acre. In the seven years that we have lived here, I have not noticed a significant increase in congestion or traffic or a loss of open space. I think the town council is doing a fine job and should continue the policies already in place.

177. Let's get a pharmacy in the area at the very least. Better yet, a Wegman's. The school and property taxes I pay here are OUTRAGEOUS - at least give me some basic services (like the above) that would be closer to me than Pittsford is.

178. Controlled growth, suitable with the current landscape. New homes should blend in with the older homes. Business owners should maintain their property to a town standard. Homeowners with junk in their yards should be fined and the town should be able to clean up properties if their is no compliance.

179. Recreation -- I would love to see a community recreation center built similar to Perinton. I understand that would result in an increase in taxes, but I am still in favor of such a decision. A recreation center create a facility for youth to organize and provide all residents with access to fitness facilities. I also think town government and services could be included into the construction of such a facility, creating new places for organizations to gather.

180. I believe it is important to put the infrastructure in place to keep this town from becoming another Pittsford but I also believe that the town should not spent its resources to buy land to keep it from development or to seek grants to buy up land; spend that money on a library or infrastructure like roads, etc.

181. What makes Mendon desirable is the lack of the type of development that is happening just south of Pittsford between routes 65 and 64. Any extension of 1 acre zoning jeopardizes much of the town's rustic appeal.

182. I love the park want to see the lots available to all be at least 3 acre lots possible even all of them at 5 acres. I don't want to see Mendon grow and grow and grow, putting more and more houses on small lots.

183. The Village needs to be developed in manner that will make it sustainable because of access to relavant services.

184. I believe that the Village has as many quite bi\outiques as it needs. What we need now is real establishment sthat will feed the souls and meet the real needs of the residents who I suspect now go to the city or suburbs for them. At all costs discourage development at it is now proacticed. End McMansion developemtns and insist on high quality building design. This need not be historic

reproductions, modern architecture when designed appropriately can exist nicely even in historic districts. Ensure that as the population grows the availability of commercially zoned land exists so that additional service establishments can be built.

185. Improve code enforcement. Get unlicensed vehicles out of peoples yards. A major violator is on West Bloomfield Rd.

186. I believe that we need a good plan which has some flexibility but is not subject to the greedy demands of developers. Residents need to be informed of the plan and the processes for making changes, and also early notification when these change processes are being initiated. One note on this survey: there is a difference between "neutral" and no opinion due to lack of knowledge. I did not answer question where the latter pertained. Also, I found that once I entered a response, I could change it, but not eliminate it. There were cases in which I wanted to do so.

187. I don't like to see the dollar store I think it cheapens our village. I would like more business required to have signs and buildings that fit in with the village.

188. Thank you so much for this opportunity. I have great concerns about the use of land for housing. There seem to be large developments coming up everywhere with farmlands being used up for this purpose. The character of Mendon is open space and farms. Anything to preserve this should be put into place. Large modern buildings on the edges of property lines should cease immediately. There is also a perception that the zoning board is less consistent in policy enforcement and decisions. Both the hamlet and the village of HF should be groomed as places where there are small shops, restaurants and businesses. A new library is very much needed and the architecture of a new structure should be consistent with the character of the town. Recreational space for tennis courts, playgrounds are limited and there are none in the northeastern part of the town except by 251. Mendon is a wonderful place to live with a great school system HFL-Lima.

189. Zoning should be changed to "Cluster" 5-acre zoning in all places except the Village and Hamlet. We should get as much built in the Village and Hamlet as possible, and have sewer and water available to everybody in the Hamlet and Village. We should make every effort to get people off of well water. There are too many problems these days with ground water quality, and with all of the horses around, I can't believe that ground water quality is not a problem.

190. I would be very interested in sidewalks being placed along Route 64 connecting the hamlet to the few housing tracks within walking distance. It is extremely dangerous to try to walk into the Hamlet from the neighborhoods surrounding it. It is a shame that our children cannot appreciate what is so close by simply by taking a short walk. There is a HUGE amount of large truck traffic going down Route 64. This makes it close to impossible to even walk to the playground from Chateau Place. This large amount of heavy truck traffic as well as excessive speeds of the motorists makes it very dangerous for us each time we turn from Chateau Place onto 64.

191. Please help those of us with wells to get useable water. Also sewers for those of us with septic tanks.

192. growing way too much - we are rapidly on our way to becoming another Brighton - this is NOT why we moved here. There are no more farms, no open fields, nothing that kids or adults can play in, enjoy, whatever unless you drive to them. All there are are clusters of homes that way too many folk cannot hope to purchase, leading to problems in our schools, not knowing anyone in grocery stores, a feeling of "just another town". Honeoye Falls, and Mendon, are no longer a special place to live or work.

193. Are there any plans for the near future for public water, sewers, cable, natural gas on our part of West Bloomfield road between Smith and 251?

194. I am concerned that too much focus is placed on establishing conservation easements and not enough focus is placed on visual impacts of buildings. For example, a large building was built directly next door and there was no requirement for plantings to lessen the impact on neighbors. However there was undue emphasis on conservation easements even though most of this property is in the Genesee Valley Land Trust already and therefore protected. Lets look at the real, practical issues that effect the neighbors every single day. How could visual impacts be overlooked like this?

195. There is a cost associated with growth (schools, roads etc.). There should be a charge (tax) on any new building to cover these costs.

196. In order to cover the cost tied to new development (School expansion, roads etc.) there should be a one time tax on new buildings. This is done in some other communities and it helps defray the cost associated with new building.

197. Way too much salt is used on the roads in the winter. Town/village should plow the snow and save the salt for when there are icy conditions. Village passing ordinances against skating, boating, swimming, mowing etc in parks is very disturbing. These ordinances were obviously addressing the Pride street ponds and are seen as unnecessary rules governing our community. If the board members were so concerned with the safty of the people why didn't they include Honeoye stream and other water sources in the ordinaces. The select few on the village board that think they're protecting the citizens of the village are simply forcing their own views as to how the village areas should be used. Many families moved to Pride Street to allow their children to grow up in an "old-fashion" "out-doors" environment. No one in the neighborhood has done anything to harm the environment or distract from the beauty of it. As a matter of fact, many people from all around the town enjoy these activities and are happy to see children playing outside instead of sitting in front of a TV all day. It's time for the village board to start acting responsible and think of how the "majority" of the people who live in the village would like to live and not just of their own views. Also, placing a meeting notice about the above proposed ordinances in the "Sentinal" paper over the holidays is by no means a realistic way of informing the citizens of the village. I know of very few people who subscribe to the Sentinal, and none who read it over Christmas.

198. It seems to me that, of the issues discussed in the survey, the highest priority should be to hold on, as best we can, to the rural character and elements of the town. Looking at Henrietta should give us some sense of what we want to avoid. Given the relatively small size of the town, we dont need a range of business, services, and residential options that would match that in the county overall.

199. My primary concerns are: 1-loss of open space to any sort of development 2-increased traffic resulting from new development 3-increased noise and light pollution. I believe that most residents chose to live in the town or village because of its rural character. Development of wild areas, open space, or farmlands will only diminish the attractiveness of our region and strain its infrastructure. Look at Perinton or Pittsford and then ask: "Is this what we want!?". It breaks my heart to see the housing developments that have consumed these towns. Development will only profit the developers. And it will be at the expense of the village and town residents. Thanks for soliciting our input!

200. We need improved snow removal and ice control on County highways. Town highways appear to get better care in these areas.

201. I moved out to Mendon to live in the "country" and I would like it to stay a country setting. Look at Henrietta; it isn't a town, it's a big city.

202. I fear development and expansion. I don't want HF village to run into Lima or Rush without significant open space. I wouldencourage us to keep an undeveloped area around the village, school village center. Preserve an uncluttered view of the horizon.

203. Concentrate on open spaces

204. Every effort should be made to preserve the rural nature of Mendon. This rural character is what made the area appealing to us in the first place. In addition, current and future development should include careful consideration of outdoor lighting to prevent light pollution and preserve our dark night skies.

205. I think that the town is growing very fast. If the population keeps growing as it has, the town infrastructure will no longer support it (ie schools, roads). On the other hand, I feel that the town is too restrictive on home development. Too much emphasis is placed "conservation" easements. There are reasons for conservation but the town applies these rules arbitrarily. I have an easement on my land due to the slope of it, a developer behind me was allowed to cut down hundreds of trees for his subdivision. If the town wants to restrict development, it must be done fairly. I am upset at the latest reductions in speed limits around the town. In Mendon, you need to travel many miles to get anywhere. The distance is offset by roads that are not busy and high speed limits. If the town continues to reduce the speed limits, it will become a major inconvenience to people in the town.

206. Regarding question #12, I feel installation of sidewalks is a help but more needs to be done to encourage development of the four corners area of the hamlet, recognizing nonetheless that development on Assembly drive makes this difficult. Regarding question #15, increasing the acreage will only create ghetto areas of large expensive homes which will make us like Pittsford, which is not our identity. Preservation of Open Spaces/Purchase of Development Rights (#20-29) - about 11 years ago a survey similar to this one was done and my understanding is that the overwhelming number of respondents expressed support for the concept of preservation of open spaces. My perception is that the town has crept forward on this issue at a snail's pace, attempting to obtain outside funding (many communities are ahead of us in terms of taking advantage of state funding although we began exploring this issue before they did) when, in reality, only through tapping into our own revenue stream can we expect to preserve, in a timely fashion, our open spaces. The longer it takes us to realize this, the more expensive a proposition it will become and the more opposition from developers can be expected as Mendon becomes a prime area for development as Pittsford's open spaces (for development or otherwise) disappear. Hopefully this time around this survey will accomplish something other than being stuck in the back of a file cabinet. On the issue of housing, I have declined to take a position on housing in the village as I don't live there. As to question #53 on the issue of an Architectural Review Board, I have mixed feelings. Although I can imagine some instances when some input from the town might be appropriate when confronted with a building proposal that dramatically impacts on the property values (or/and aesthetic sensibilities) of surrounding property owners, I am reluctant to create a "building police" which creates too narrow an aesthetic sensibility. As to questions #59 and 61 asking me to rate youth and recreational services in our community, I believe what is provided is barely adequate and, as the community grows, will become inadequate. I would suggest looking to nearby communities such as Penfield for ideas. I acknowledge that larger communities with a larger tax base can provide more ambitious programs, but as we grow we should be aware of the possibilities and set priorities for future development of programs in these areas. Question 70 calls for answers that might not truly indicate the feelings of the community. My answer was to indicate that I would more likely use the downtown library. But this is in part because I view the present library as being inadequate. I have however begun to use the Mendon library more often as I have a four year old child who attends preschool in the village and a visit to the nearby library is convenient. I support the building of a new, larger library and would suggest that the population growth trend (over 20% each decade) be taken into account. On transportation issues, although I think the current road capacity is adequate, it is clear that rapid development is taking place not only in Mendon but in communities south of Mendon that have become or are becoming bedroom communities to Rochester. This issue will bear careful monitoring in the future. Finally, on question #92 regarding preservation of historic properties in Mendon, the only community in this area which allows voluntary historic registration is Henrietta, enough said! Thank you for the opportunity for this input.

207. Encourage the development of condominiums in the village or vicinity and the same for the hamlet. Ownership enables one to vote on issues, whereas apartment dwellers require services but do not pay taxes to support the required services. Also would allow current property owners to downsize



as they become "empty nesters" and still stay involved residents of the town or village. Encourage more industries such as the GM facility in the Village.

208. There is too much focus on preserving open space and not enough focus on economic development, especially in the Hamlet area. The town should be more pro-actively involved in the development of the Station Park in the Hamlet (perhaps by buying the property necessary for parking associated with the Park). I really don't see the Town as focused on the Hamlet as it was 10 years ago when the Hamlet Master Plan was completed. Despite that plan, there continues to be very little town and school services in the Hamlet. The town seems to be concerned with listening to just a few (loud and usually wealthy) people who complain about open space and not the struggling Hamlet business owner or the young families too burdened by parenting to complain.

209. Please keep Mendon small and do not bring in any fast food, Walmarts, etc.

210. Why is there so much concern at the Town Board level regarding open space? I thought we solved that issue 10 years ago by creating the Mendon Foundation. We don't want the town to get into the business of "preserving" open space. First, Mendon already has one of the largest tracts of open space in the County (Mendon Ponds Park). Second, if people really want to preserve open space, they can do so through the Mendon Foundation. Third, preserving open space through a private foundation is more secure because towns can always vote to override previous public decisions. I really believe that by following the false siren of open space, the town has merely succumbed to the whims of a very small politically correct minority and, as a result, failed to concentrate on increasing jobs and business in our town. Open Space is the rich man's whine of the decade of irrational exuberance. I highly recommend the town board read up on current events and get out in the community to see how many of their constituents have either been laid off or are otherwise in much more circumspect economic straits than even five years ago. To do anything that suggests increasing taxes in this economic environment is irresponsible.

211. 1) The town of Mendon is looking more and more like Pitsford with the increase in development. What can be done to stop the creation of subdivisions and require evergreen barriers between the houses so they are not able to be seen from the road ways. 2) The traffic on Clover Street between Rt. 251 and the town line is out of control it is very difficult to safely cross over, enter or exit Clover Street. 3) The deer population in the Clover Street area is also out of control contributing to the traffic hazards along Clover Street. 4) Why are the gravel trucks allowed to go through the village, couldn't an alternate route be taken?

212. If they are not already, I'd appreciate being able to access the various documents (Growth, etc) mentioned above via the website. I just don't typically have 8-5 time available to make it over to the HF offices to read the documents...I suspect that is the same for many residents. \* We've been in Monroe County for 17 years (Webster) and just recently moved to Mendon last year. It's a beautiful part of the county and I am glad to see the officials are taking steps to preserve the essence of this area. I lived in Lancaster County PA in the early 80's and farmland preservation was becoming a serious issue...the county was basically being overrun with houses and light industrial due to poor growth planning, lousy zoning and local governments unable to keep up with the developers. Hopefully a reactive response to the problem of growth can be avoided with proactive planning...which appears to be the path Mendon is on. Lancaster might be a benchmark as to what worked, and didn't. \* Don't let growth in the Hamlet wind up with it looking like that utility pole extravaganza Victor has dreamed up from Main Street Fishers through to Route 251...geeze, what were they thinking? It looks like a deranged spider was in charge of the power lines. \* I was pleased to see the question on truck traffic...I think it's a big problem, especially in the Hamlet. It comes in 3 forms: 1. Air quality --- it's not so great in the Hamlet during peak parts of the workdays with multiple diesel engines coming to a halt, then starting back up on Rt 64 and Rt 251. I don't know how you cure that since the gravel industry is a big part of the local economy. Anyone ever do an air quality check in the Hamlet? 2. Noise -- the trucks are very noisy (tire noise) even from a distance. We live on top of a hill near W Bloomfield and 251 and never expected the backyard to be so noisy in the summer months (very nice in winter when not being used). It's all road noise from trucks on W

Bloomfield and RT 251 that travels over 1/2 mile up the hill to the backyard. A little less "rural" than I had expected. Lower speed limits would help...it lowers the noise and drives the trucks to the state roads with higher limits. 3. Highway safety. I'm fine sharing the road with larger vehicles -- my wife less so, especially on narrower county roads with everyone running at top speed. I was really surprised at the local volume of truck traffic in this area, and especially the number of trucks with trailers. I was surprised that the county roads would take that kind of heavy traffic on a continual basis. We also seem to get tractor trailer traffic from 390 headed to Victor down 251...additional load on the Hamlet. Anything that can be planned to reduce, not encourage, truck traffic in the town and especially the Hamlet, would go a long way to preserving the rural character of the area, make the air cleaner and the roads more friendly.

213. Not at all happy with hunting in residential areas in Mendon. Do not feel safe going in my back yard during hunting season. No need to hunt so close to homes when there is a lot of open fields away from homes. Our children should be able to feel safe in the yards all year.

214. Light Pollution. please do not install lights.

215. do not build outdoor lights on roads, etc, I like to see the stars at night.

216. Would not like to see houses, especially large ones, on anything less than one acre. If clustering puts homes on less than one acre, I don't support that. Otherwise, I am ok with it.

217. My concern is that Mendon would become an extension of Rochester or Pittsford. We love the smallness of Mendon. The fact that it's close to Rochester, yet feels like it's in the country.

218. Too numerous to mention....one, however, the Planning Board needs new blood...there's far too much arrogance with the current members. Town Boards from our neighboring communities are awestruck by the inconsistencies of the Mendon Planning Board. I personally know 5 families who are going to be moving out of Mendon and in to Pittsford; they are fed up with the way the Mendon government is run.

219. All stores and business should be required to have exterior signage and decoration that are consistent with the architecture and beauty of the older buildings in the village of Honeoye Falls. This should apply especially to the car dealers, Chinese Restaurant, Critics Restaurant, gas stations and Dollar Store. We should try to preserve the quaint beauty of the village.

220. We should build several swimming pools for the public to use outdoors during the warmer months

221. The village of Mendon (rt 251 & 64) is badly in need of a face lift. Not all Homes, but in any direction you look there is at least 1 or 2 dilapidated homes in need of restoration or demolition and rebuild. It saddens me that in such a beautiful community (my community) we allow the four corners to look so shoddy. I.e., The Chinese restaurant, the homes heading north on 64 past 251, The Mendon Cottage Hotel, the gas station. Why do we allow homes and structures to appear no better than run down inner city homes and structures. The Town should mandate improvements to these buildings, as it is the first thing you drive into as you enter the area. All properties should be subject to meeting fair but firm aesthetic guidelines, insuring a favorable representation of our town and village. A sewer system would be a great improvement for all residents in the Mendon community.

222. Heavy truck traffic should be regulated in the Village, kept to the major route (65) or at the very least, the speed limit should be enforced with far greater effort within the Village. Without this, additional growth will ruin the charm and aesthetic appeal that keeps property values high in the area. The area has a good deal of pedestrian traffic but it becoming more dangerous to be anywhere near a main road.



223. Regarding Honeoye Falls-that dollar store next to Rite Aid is awful. We do NOT want the farmland across the Street from the HOneoye Falls Marketplace(grocery store) to be developed with a strip mall or stores, we'd prefer it wasn't developed atall- left for the farmers- it is very fertile land-very good farmland. We LOVE the CHinese restaurant but wish it had a nicer sign consistent with the rest of the village. Thank you for asking!!

224. I believe that landowners rights are being considerably over regulated with all the restrictions being placed on any type of construction. A good example of this was the ridiculous 400 square foot restriction on out buildings that appeared in the new zoning code. A two car garage is larger than that square footage and a two car garage is insufficient for almost any purpose today. I think the town has gotten carried away trying to protect everything.

225. The speed on Route 251 is out of control.The town of Rush has a speed limit of 35-40 on 251 and in Mendon its 55+++++++ It was ok 15 years ago and needs to be revisited. Also the deer situation should be looked and a thinning of the herd with bow should be considered. They are a problem not only with car accidents but disease and total vegetation destruction.

226. I am concerned about growing too quickly and ending up with traffic problems like Pittsford; or looking like one large housing development. I live here because I like the small village where your neighbors say hello. But I would like to see more housing available for people with lower and fixed incomes. We have some wonderful old houses in the village But mandatory Landmark registry might lead to homeowners leaving especially if they are not allowed to replace windows and doors and anything else that makes their home theirs.

227. I would just like you to continue to closely scrutinize land development and growth. I would hate to lose the quaintness of the Hamlet and the Village to become as overrun as Fairport has over the years. Let's preserve our beautiful, rural hometown feel, and keep our schools smaller and excellent (as they are now).

228. Both my husband and I grew up in the town of Greece, NY. I vividly remember feeling troubled by the rapid development - then just plain overdevelopment - of the area, and I was just a kid! We chose to move here and raise our family here because of the rural/ag. setting, the open space and the high regard the Town has held to these points. I look to our neighborhoods east of us - just before the Town of Victor border - and feel that same angst again. The light industrial office parks going up - and mostly vacant. Ugly. I run along Mile Square Road and breathe deep the smell of the earth along the farmland, and EVERY time I wonder how long it will be before that space is developed. I understand communities need to grow to prosper, however I've never been a big fan of development. I do believe in very slow, WELL thought out progress is the way to go. We've become accustomed to driving a bit for certain goods & services, as I think most town residents have. They wouldn't still be here if they just had to have everything right nearby. And I think serving the "fast food/instant gratification" society has trained us to have would be detrimental both to what the Town of Mendon stands for, and the Plans listed in question 8.

229. Let other towns develop industry, shops, restaurants, and housing. Our tax base can be derived by single family homes only. We live in Mendon, we do not need to work there also. Only salt the main and side roads, not the individual developments. You waste so much salt on 1/10 mile cul-de-sacs. Can we not drive 1/10 mile at 20 mph on snow ??? Just plow them or do nothing at all.

230. Strive to keep Mendon a mix of rural/agriculture. 5 acre minimum lots would be great. 2) Hamlet is not very appealing. As an example, why does a business on Rt. 64 in Hamlet have swing sets/playground equipment all over the property, isn't there any type restriction to stop this? 3) Consider having a third brush pickup, in July or August. Too much time between pickups currently.

231. coming from greece I miss the convenience of having everything close and being able to walk to stores or library. However I do not miss the traffic or grouchy people. I have fallen in love with this community. The people here are friendly, warm and welcoming. While I feel that a drug store is

greatly needed, I also believe that it is the "rural" feel of Mendon that makes them so. What most impressed my husband and I is that at both the carnivals and mendon days there were no gangs of teens with leather and black lipstick(very prevalent in Greece,Gates,...etc.)Instead there were families, Grandparents to small children. The teens were polite and nonthreatening. I believe this has to do with the quality of families found here. Do what ever it takes to keep it this way! The only complaint I have is the speed zone on 251 coming east from the four corners. 35 to 55 is too great a jump only to slow again at Mendon Center. Cars come flying through at 60-65. I need to turn on W. Bloomfield and they would just as soon run you off the road than allow you to make the turn at a safe speed. In all, While I would like to see modest development, I enjoy this town the way it is. But in the words of my doctor,"everyone want to be the last one to move to Mendon." P.S. The Mendon Station Park is a fantastic plan.

232. I think public water should be extended to the entire town of Mendon.

233. Future development and growth MUST focus on features and services, which enhance life for the CURRENT residents. The entire attraction of Mendon is its undeveloped, uncluttered, natural beauty. I am not at all interested in encouraging additional housing. STOP landowners who carve up and sell off their property in sections...then after the fact go to the zoning board to get an approval to sub divide. This is a MAJOR weakness in the zoning law. I am saddened by the proliferation of new homes, which if unabated, will soon cannibalize the countryside, and transform Mendon into just another suburb with every square inch of green earth consumed by our insatiable urge to develop. Focus on quality and character of development. Develop more services and facilities for FAMILIES to enjoy the town together (healthy and wholesome). There is real opportunity for improvement there. Science, Art, Music Sport...PICK EVEN ONE. Why not approach RSMC, or Hochstein, or Memorial Art Gallery.... and the like to develop satellite programs in a multi-use facility in Mendon? How about someplace decent to work out? The high school facility is inadequate. And for goodness sake, build a multi use, four-season facility to house community activities. Fight for restoration of services at Mendon Ponds Park. The Nature Center is almost always locked up, the beach has been abandoned, and grouchy snobs have ruined the potential fun we could have had at Christmas time because they couldn't tolerate a few weeks worth of Holiday Lighting. Enough ranting? Well perhaps not. The library is PATHETIC. Don't bother building a new one if you are not going to be able to staff it with enthusiastic, approachable people, and pack it with programs. Need ideas? Just read the town paper listing for activities at the Chili or Henrietta libraries etc. Better yet, visit them. We shouldn't have to drive 1/2 hour to get the basics. If you're going to bring water, bring it to everyone. Encourage development of quaint small businesses in the village and hamlet. Overall I have grown weary with this whole Comprehensive plan. I am unaware of any material transformation that has occurred because of it. That may be a PR issue. Best of luck! Keep trying.

234. More open weekend hours are needed for the library. Also would like to see full day summer rec as other towns are offering.

235. I'd really prefer to see minimal development of any kind.

236. Our water is so terrible. It costs us \$1000/yr for pottasium pellets. Any hope of getting public water??

237. The land fill in the Hamlet has never been reclaimed, like both the town and DEC said it must, yet the owner has been allowed to open a new disposal business there. Why?

238. Growth and development in the Town of Mendon and the Village of Honeoye Falls should proceed in a thoughtful and balanced manner. Open space is desirous, but this goal should be balanced with 1) the need for housing and services for people of a VARIETY of economic strata and senior citizens. (--not just those who can afford \$200-300,000 homes on 10 acre lots with 3 car garages!) (I'd like to see more planned housing development which includes clusters of streets with affordably priced houses/ town-houses (\$65,000-125,000) which has a cozy neighborhood feel near the already established population areas of the Town in the village/hamlet) and 2)with the rights of

current property owners. I'm very much in favor of clustering and the use of an architectural review board for guiding future housing/economic growth. I'm happy that the town is providing this survey and asking for its citizens' responses. It shows forward thinking. Planning ahead is the key in order to ensure that housing/economic development doesn't proceed in a haphazard manner. The town of Mendon is a beautiful town, and it can remain so provided there are caring, thoughtful and just parameters in place to guide its development. This survey is a great start!

239. When a housing development is planned i.e. Mendon Square, the width of the roads should be widened for walkers and the heavy traffic to and from the Grocery, Post office, day care, etc. Assembly drive, just two lanes, is handling 18 wheelers and other big trucks.

240. I am concerned that the various boards are attempting to deny property owners the right to use their land as they see fit. Those who have already developed and built homes on formerly "open space" land in Mendon now seem determined to limit the use of everyone else's land. This is not only unfair, it is not right. The recent case of a landowner wanting to build a single family home on 10 acres, without giving the town easements is a case in point. What a waste of our tax dollars to be taken to court over the landowner's right to use his own land. Leave the regulations alone and stop trying to make people jump through hoops every time they want to use their land, whether by building or selling.

241. You also have no right to make demands on the type of home a person wants to build and live in. Taste is personal, and the town officials are not authorized to be the judge of what is to be allowed. I may not like my neighbor's house, but I defend his right to build the house he wants on his land. Thank you for the opportunity to express my opinion. I was not sure how to answer some of the questions because what I wanted to say was not a choice. As an alternative to buying development rights, the town should consider buying outright the land it wants to remain open. Do not penalize the landowner. What is a landowner in Mendon to do with land that can't be developed when there are no farmers left to farm, yet it is still being taxed?

242. clustering of homes is always good, suburban tract development should be discouraged or made unexceptable. this is not what we came here for. Developement rights should be pursued more acrestively and consideration to smaller homes in the village should be encourage (I mean a lot of people (empty nesters) would like to stay here and sell the big house for a smaller home in the village, but there is none and some infastucture (like sewers) can not take more capacity.

243. Taking all these factors in the survey into account the town should invest in a town masterplan that sets a vision for the types of physical growth that we want to occur. This requires the hiring of a bonafide town planner with experience in this type of work. With a 5/10/20 year snapshot this allows us to define how and where we want development to occur rather than leaving it to the developers to define our growth. The plan must include standards for design for roadways, paths, lighting, landscaping, buildings, clustering strategies, etc.

244. Too many housing developments and elimination of agricultural/farm land.

245. I love the Town of Mendon as it is and hope that it doesn't change much. Growth is not always a good thing. I'd rather see focus placed on maintaining the quality of life in the Town. I would hate to see Mendon develop into another Victor or Penfield.

246. Development in the hamlet (four corners) should be encouraged in such a way to facilitate a village like atmosphere where walking from shop to shop is natural. New buildings should be close to the sidewalk with more side walks built. There should be a maximum front set back and a side set backs should be minimal to allow some density of development toward this end as well.

247. Encourage business opportunities in existing buildings within the village. The need for new building construction should only be after all current, available sites have been reviewed. We have a wonderful main street that should be nurtured and supported so it may thrive and survive. - Town/Village personel should be sensitive to the needs, lifestyle and wishes of its citizens.

248. Stop building a ton of homes on a small piece of land, each home should have a few acres with it.
249. stick to technology an light industry-somthing that will not over tax the infrustucter to quickly
250. Planning board has way too much "personal" desire input- according to what I read in the newspaper. If you are going to publish the minutes, let's keep it professional and with accordance to current law. Also feel there is way to much government for such a small town.
251. Allowing additional developments in the town of Mendon will put additional burdens on our already at-capacity schools, plus we are losing too much of the rural character that attracted us to the Honeoye Falls area in the first place.
252. Would like to see more open space, especially ballfields and playgrounds for kids.
253. My concerns are with traffic in the village and discharge from our water treatment facility. I live on North Main St. and my property includes a section of Honeoye Creek. Traffic in front of my house can be very heavy. Also, it appears that the water quality (turbidity, odor, algea) down stream of the Big Eddy is not as good as up stream.
254. The development by the middle school is very concerning in terms of safety - the entrance to the development that appears to be directly across from the school inbetween the two entrances to the school look like an accident waiting to happen. Not to mention that yet another beautiful piece of farm land has been taken away from us. Am concerned regarding the town interests and how they differ and often contradict the village interests.
255. Am more interested in independent businesses or small regional businesses instead of chains (no McDonalds, Walmart, Denny's, etc) Concerned that cluster planning will ultimately lead to variances in the future that result in high density lots over the entire land. The route 65 corridor is becoming way too built up. Much of this is outside our town control, but any opportunity we have to impact this growth should be exerted.
256. Deer overpopulation
257. Concerned that the town and village are starting to look and feel like every other town around here - there is way too much development occuring way too fast. We're going to look like another Pittsford or Fairport before we know what happened to the scenic cooridors and open space that drew us to the area in the first place. (We didn't build we moved into an existing house). Would like the town to keep it's open feel. Also afraid that if the brakes aren't applied to the growth soon, we'll be facing a tax increase to build a new school. Do not want the hamlet and village to spraw. The village seems to be heading down the spraw lane with the Can. bank and the drug store moving out of the village center. Would like to see business in existing buildings in the village and hamlet, not new complexes. Monroe county in general has more than enough empty commercial buildings with out building more. Why can't the new library go across from the high-school in the village in that place that looks like an old factory? It would be good if the various "master plans" that were mentioned in the survery were available on-line to read. Also, in the Town Supervisor column that appears in the local paper it will sometimes say that you can come down and read something during office hours. I would like to know more about what is going on in the town and village, but work during the same hours the village and town offices are open. Can you put that stuff on line to be read? The village and town should seriously consider combining many services, elminate the duplication, maybe have longer hours of availability, ie "after hours" hours maybe one day a week. Enlarge the minimum lot size for houses, encourage people to plant trees and stop mowing every inch of the property. Do not want to see housing development that looks like suburban spraw. Really need to keep this in check, the cul-de-sac nightmare where only one way in and out then leads to increased traffic and congestion. An actual

traffic light should go into the hamlet of Mendon if that area keeps growing at its present rate. Too many people don't seem to know what a four way red flashing light means.

258. I favor continued emphasis on providing open space. I favor concentrating open space near the main arteries (roads) of the town so that the visual impact is obvious and strong, both to residents and visitors.

259. Questions No. 9 in growth and development didn't seem applicable to my area (the Hamlet of Mendon) so I left it empty. Concerning public services questions, I am unfamiliar with senior or youth services so I checked none of the options. In regards to the town's landmark registry If it ever came to resident not wanting to keep the authenticity of a home, I would want it to become mandatory. So I am straddling the fence on that questions. It seem to me the people who buy those home are people who are interested in keeping the integrity of the home. Thank you for the opportunity to offer my opinions. Sincerely, a 16 years resident

260. 1) There should be an emphasis on improving the storefronts / facades in the village/4-corners area of HF. It is hard to create a historical ambiance with many shabby buildings in the center of town. 2.) There should be a publicized effort to encourage economic development in the town and the village - tax abatements for tech or light manufacturing, creation of an Epire Zone, efforts to fill empty factories and storefronts, etc. My impression is that the village is happy to discourage economic development, and rely on higher property taxes for revenue. In the end this will create an exclusive and non-diverse village with no economic base.

261. Traffic & posted speed limits within the Village (especially on main thoroughfares (East St., West/North Main St.) are not enforced. Specifically the "school zone" on East St.

262. The problem I see with other towns development rights systems is that they create "patches" of undeveloped areas. The tenancy is to see tracks of homes surrounding a 100 acre unused farm. A drive down Turk Hill road at Arrault is a perfect example. Seeing that farm with the sheep in the field surrounded by 1 acre lot housing and the Perinton town complex is the most un-natural looking use of land around. there are others. In lieu of buying up old farms in spotty areas, Rezone entire quadrants or blocks to allow only single home sites on minimum 25 acre lots. Subdivisions would also not be allowed in these areas. The town can preserve "openness" without adding tax burden or requiring the town to take out a 30 year bond for a 25 year land rights agreements.

263. none - I believe the Town and Village governments are doing an excellent job - especially the Town Planning Board.

264. I would like to limit the amount of future development of housing, business, etc within Mendon. I would support a reasonable increase in taxes to achieve this goal.

265. I don't have enough information to answer questions about consolidation of Town and Village services, e.i., cost, quality of service, location of services, etc.

266. Growth in the town, especially near Mendon Ponds Park, seems to be going crazy - too many houses.

267. We moved here because of the rural quiet nature of the Town. Please do NOT encourage any type of development or adding the suburban type "recreation" facilities, commercial businesses, services and the like, any which will turn us into a suburb! Open space with farmlands and undeveloped areas is what makes this a good wholesome community and provides the recreation space with biking, running, walking on rural roads and lanes and generally viewing nature. Regulate for single family home cluster development with minimum 3 or 5 acre lots and expansive open space between. Absolutely do not allow multi family housing. Consolidate services and government where possible to save costs and taxes. Keep government to minimum! Some of the survey questions will likely mislead respondents or statistically not show people's real thoughts since many questions had



limited answers. Talk to the people! This is a rural bedroom home community, economic development should NOT be part of the picture..if people want that, let them move to another area! Thanks for the opportunity to comment.

268. LIMITING COMMERCIAL AND RETAIL DEVELOPMENT AS WE ALREADY HAVE TOO MANY VACANT STORE FRONTS. I AM AGAINST THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE PROPERTY ACROSS FROM HONEOYE FALLS MARKETPLACE

269. residential and commercial industrial development should take place within the boundaries of the Village and the Hamlet where public utilities exist. Smaller lots are appropriate for the hamlet and the Village .The surrounding land should remain farmed or 20acre plots. The Library and all government services should remain in the Village . Heavy truck traffic should not be routed through the Village center. There should be acommunity center in the village for allages, especially youth. Historic buildings should be presereved by law.

270. Still looking for a new library in the village. Please finish that project before others are started

271. Keep the "country atmosphere" as you drive through our area. Fewer homes on larger pieces of property. If this requires an increase in taxes so be it.

272. Total dependence on a residential tax base is not fair for the Hamlet in particular. This is especially if the hamlet residents are going to expect their tax dollars back equal to the village residents. \_AND\_ We need to address the water quality issue for the town. Well water use would be fine and fair if the majority of the water was usable, but some residents pay more to condition their water (with poor results) than any bond for a water district would cost them!

273. It seems a lot of emphasis is being put on growth & development of the area. I find it troubling that there seems to be no attention given to some of the existing eye sorers, especially in the Hamlet. I read in the supervisors updates about the amount of time the board spent on deciding what the color of the gas station roof should be. I live near the 4 couners of Mendon. I look out my window and can see the gas station roof very clearly & the color would make no difference especially when the roof of the barn across the street, and the barn itself are in an incredible state of disrepair. Has any time been spent by the Board to figure out what should be done with that structure. Does such a sight fit into the Master Plan. In some parts of the Hamlet, private yards look like junk yards. How does that fit into the Master Plan? I would like to complement the 4 major commercial establishments at the intersection--the gas station, the Peeking Duck, The Cottage Hotel and the Touch of Gold. The properties are nicely landscaped, and kept clean. Another question--how does the "Enchanted Forest" business at the corner of Mill Road and 64 fit into the Master Plan? There seems to be a double standard for the business in the Hamlet. I am not against residential and commercial development, but, again, I don't understand why some businesses and residences are held to one standard when we have several unsightly pieces of property that seem to receive no attention.

274. Growth would bring more activity and more reasons to have fun in Mendon. The growth needs to keep the small townfeel intact however. the cars drive too fast as it is up 251. I would prefer a more laid back feel where you would feel safe riding a bike or walking without the fear of more cars driving faster than ever. The hamlet of Mendon has a great potential to be a town like Bedford Falls in the movie "Its a Wonderful Life." Not Potter's version!

275. I was disappointed that this survey didn't address conservation and preservation of open space in more detail. There were no methods addressed in how is the Town planning to continue to allow development while preserving open space. I was very disappointed in the survey generally. Nothing new was addressed here. The questions did not reflect the issues and concerns of the residents.

276. Don't want all the big stores Target, Wal-Mart, McDonalds, Burger King.

277. Speed Limits: Roads like West Bloomfield between Cheese Factory and Rte 251 should be decreased - speed alleys!! Road maintenance on West Bloomfield between Taylor and Canfield after a snow/ice event is TERRIBLE - our family has had 2 head-ons in 5 years on same stretch!! Should look at consolidating ALL village and town services Extending water district will just encourage increased development unless it can be coupled with some sort of zoning restrictions (currently, these seem to be non-existent - compare the consistency of housing type and set-back in Town of Pittsford with Mendon ex: along Cheese Factory from Rte 64 to Clover is a tremendous mish-mash of style, setback and it looks awful!! Town Library hours are very unfriendly - few evenings - NO SATURDAYS IN SUMMER!!!

278. Keep open spaces and that country feel. No big retailers ( Walmart, Wegmans , Tops ) or franchises ( Burger King etc).

279. transportation and services for senior citizens

280. Pushing sewers to the Hamlet would lead to the demise of the character of the area. More development would occur and it won't be industry it would be housing. Mendon is a bedroom community and we do our major shopping at Eastview or Marketplace. It took years to replace the Big M. As for the pollution in Irondequoit Creek let's encourage landowners with failing septic systems to replace and upgrade their septic systems with tax incentives. I rather foot that bill than the increase in taxes due to uncontrolled development that sewers will bring. More housing means more gov't services are required.

281. We love the rural atmosphere of the Town of Mendon. While more conveniences would be nice, I'd rather preserve the peaceful country setting which we have grown to love. Our small town community without the clutter of stores and businesses sets us apart from the other suburbs as a more enjoyable place to live. A larger recreation department to coordinate activities and a multi-use facility (like Perinton's services) would be very welcomed. Parents enjoy volunteering to be coaches but a town recreation position to coordinate recreational activities/youth leagues would much appreciated by all us busy parents. We have enjoyed the nice changes to the town parks and would love to see the Lehigh trail expanded for bike use connecting the hamlet and the town since the roads in our area of the town are too dangerous for kids to ride bikes on. All in all though, we just love living here (in spite of the weather!!!

282. Main Street Honeoye Falls looks shabby except for the video (book & shoe are acceptable) store; a classic & quaint small town look should be created and be demanded/required from landowners. Small businesses should be allowed to thrive; no BIG superchains please! Let's get some upscale restaurants to stay here! Why can't the Masonic & Legion halls be renovated and used for community gatherings, parties, concerts, fundraisers etc? Let's give the kids a place to skateboard for gosh sake--it keeps them out of trouble! Those buildings across from Juniper Beans not look horrendous, but they smell inside with chemical fumes--I don't want to work out inside the building at the Fitness Center! Let's do more of what Juniper Beans and the Write Bookstore have done--preserve, update and add something to this community! Mendon the hamlet needs a severe makeover too! Let's put some money into a "look"--not just a small sidewalk, lights, and a horse sign that you can't even see because of the weeds/brush! I echo my concerns for the hamlet as stated for the village above. Let's not make it impossible for entrepreneurs to exist in our community--we need them and they need us. Let's not overregulate; let them be creative and tell us what they'd like to offer within our "new look". Once the ambience exists, we'll be happier and thriving...and then the tourism can come if there's anything to tour other than the falls and other natural beauty...and a little food and shopping...and more recreation and art. Thank you--call me for more suggestions and my help! Thank you for asking!

283. Regarding the development of sewers, light industrial facilities. Mendon is predominantly a residential community with services in place to support the residential focus of the community. the concept of trying to encourage more development in the area of office space/light industrial is a mistake. the town is at a distinct disadvantage in terms of infrastructure to support

commercial/industrial space and the cost of upgrading the infrastructure is significant. the mission statement of the town should be to emphasize the support of a residential/agricultural community. let pittsford/perinton/victor continue to grow in the support of commercial space and facilities. otherwise mendon will just become another suburban look-a-like community comparable to nearby suburbs which will ultimately change the type of mendon is.

284. Growth is inevitable, however, we do not want to encourage the wrong type of growth. For instance we needed a dollar store like I need a second asshole. I am also very concerned about allowing apartments to be built. You are encouraging the wrong class of people and With renters comes crime.

285. We should look to the north, Pittsford, and learn from their history what plans and intentions work for the short and long term.

286. Parking in Honeoye Falls is scarce and will stunt the growth of business which will diversify the tax base. We lack any meaningful youth services, like a youth center, recreation facilities for youth outside of school. The Creek is an underutilized asset-needs development for recreation and tourism.

287. Having safe sidewalks for walking and biking should be incorporated into all plans - proper lighting as well. Disallow the use of ATVs, snowmobiles and the like near residential areas and nature trail systems.

288. I think more attention should be given to the community youth sports programs. The baseball fields are embarrassing and there are no public facilities for our children to use when they participate in recreational sports. A community center with fields would be nice. The hamlet needs some sort of big grocery store to accommodate residents. The one that is there now is better than nothing but not adequate. We have gone in on several occasions and found meat items being sold past the expiration date. We continue to bring this up to management but they have yet to resolve the matter, health department is next. We do not need a Wegmans super store but something a bit larger than what we now have may work.

289. I vehemently object to a few members of the Town Board misusing their seats as a vehicle for enacting a personal agenda against a fellow town resident, namely, Mr. Bartholf. Their high-handed and horribly unprofessional behavior amounts to nothing more than childish spite toward a disliked neighbor, and this gross abuse of power flies in the face of any REAL growth or development in the Town of Mendon. Perhaps an additional question is required: 95. Do you feel that certain members of the Town Board should be able to use their influence and power to forbid their neighbors from legally enjoying their own property? How do YOU think your constituents would respond?

290. You need to encourage more farming. Howabout promoting organic farms in Mendon? That would help the environment and Mendon could be a "classroom" for environmentally-friendly farming.

291. would like public water on lanning road

292. It seems like all new homes are very expensive and out of the price range of most current residents, if I need to move I will have difficulty finding affordable housing. We need more housing under 2000sq. ft. for the those of us who would like to downsize to smaller lots and less house. We should be able to do that for less than \$200,000. Even the Pride St. homes have grown in size and price. We would like to find a home with public water, less than 1900 sq. ft. for less than \$175,000.

293. You seem to be worried about the right things. I just want us to find a way to maintain the delicate balance we have between rural, residential, and agriculture we enjoy in this town. I know this won't be easy but planning is a very important part so keep paying attention! Also, I would like to see more historic markers in the town and village.



294. Our Town is in a time warp: it is super friendly. The relationship between the attitude of the residents and the behavior is difficult to understand. Whatever it is, I hope our town remains the same in this respect.

295. I would be interested in the EPOD documents for both the town and village.

296. We have only been in the town for less than two years and really love it. Right now there seems to be a real nice mix of farming, residential, village and light industry. I would love to see that Mendon does not turn into another Pittsford!

297. traffic light in the Hamlet of Mendon

298. Route 64 and 65 are not capable of supporting the traffic load we have today. Increasing the population of the Town or Village without making significant changes to those roads is going to make commuting even more difficult than it is today. To make matters worse, the deer population in the area seems to be exploding causing even more frequent deer/car accidents on Rt 65. The town should consider this problem as they decide how large Honeoye Falls should grow.

299. I'd like to see a policy that encourages more people of color to move to the town, to create some diversity.

300. I worry specifically about open space in and around the village of honeoye falls. I also dread the thought of big department stores and restaurants(wal-mart, Macdonalds.I would hate for the natural environment to be destroyed for the construction of unneeded and unwanted buildings like these.I encourage the preservation of these areas through the addition of recreational areas, like parks and picnic areas. I feel that nature is important for the future. what is built on and destroyed is gone forever.

301. change the flashing lights ( 65/251 and the hamlet of mendon to normal traffic lights..the increase of traffic has cause this to be a real danger!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! put some of \$\$\$\$\$\$ towards this before someone is killed!

302. Need to resolve any conflicts (very quickly) between Village and Town politicians. As i see it, there's too many people to secure a power base. As far as I'm concerned it's a very very ergo thing and many times the issues are NOT in the best interest of the people of Honeoye Falls and Mendon.

303. How about a recreation facility like in Perinton or Pittsford?

304. Must be carefull to avoid the overdevelopment of residential housing as is currently occurring in Pittsford and the commercial overkill that plagues Henrietta. I believe that the vision of Mendon should be to preserve its quiet, rural character.

305. Owners of businesses at the hamlet 4 corners should be encouraged to visually improve their structures. Possibly low interest loans or other types of encouragement. This area needs to be developed tastefully. Sidewalks should be extended to Mendon Farms development. What happened to the park idea along Rt. 251 just east of the 4 corners along the creek? Can we do something about the large trucks that go through the hamlet in large numbers?

306. I believe that by limiting the growth of single family housing, apartments, condos and townhouses, it will limit the drain on municipal and school funds which will help keep our taxes bearable. Senior housing in the hamlet and the village would not increase student enrollment. Victor is a prime example of what was a charming community spinning out of control with development. Longtime residents are being burdened with taxes that may force some of them to leave. Developers in Pittsford have, in a greedy fashion, built up that town to the extent that traffic is a nightmare. The

schools are congested and now have limited expansion real estate available. By minimizing growth ,and with the rules of supply and demand, doesn't it make sense to have fewer houses and more open space to keep Mendon desirable?

307. Limit population growth of residential.

308. Growth in Mendon should be very slow and we should consider what impact our decisions will have on the seventh generation. The town of Mendon should maintain open, agricultural and woodland areas as part of a "Forever" plan. Mendon has unique qualities, virtually lost in other communities surrounding the Rochester area.

309. Sewer and Water delivery infrastructure should be made available to facilitate future growth.

310. Serious concern about development that is out of character with the surrounding area and any existing homes. For example, placing a large number of houses on an open lot in an area that is rural.

311. There were a number of questions asked by the survey that implied tax increases but did not give any indication of how much if I were to support the service, expansion, etc. I think most people don't know the implications of their answers, and while many things might be "nice", when you factor costs into them they might not be as necessary. Ex. consolidation of town and village services...what will that mean to me as a resident? I have no idea if this makes sense or not. Same thing with economic development...is that a good thing for the town, to help with taxes, or does it put strains on our roads, services, etc. What will that mean to the residents?

312. I believe Honeoye Falls or Mendon should build a hockey rink/indoor soccer-lacrosse facility. There is a large population of people here who would use such a facility, especially during the fall, winter and spring. The business that's going to distant rinks and the Sports Garden in Henrietta could stay right here at home. I envision a facility much like the one in Webster. There are more than enough players of sal those sports in our town and neighboring towns to support such a facility. It could go across the street from the Honeoye Falls Marketplace and the influx of people would help support those businesses as well.

313. There needs to be more affordable housing for teachers, fireman, ministers, newlyweds, and seniors

314. Question 70 - I wanted a "What parking?" answer. The traffic created by large subdivisions on heavily traveled roads. People pulling in and stopping to turn..the number of entrances on 55 mph roads needs to be watched. Don't want malls, super stores, mcdonalds....keep it sole proprier type of stores and local ownership. Chain businesses more than Cheapen a community. They become impersonal and non-generational.

315. concerns about over developement of large homes which are out of character with existing homes.

316. Suburban sprawl and poor use of land.

317. The purchase of development rights is lagging way behind that of other towns -- a small increase in taxes would go a long way toward promoting your concept depicted under the horse and hound on opening page of website !!

318. Protection of Mendon Ponds Park; preservation of wetlands

319. Question 26 The minimum zoning for lot size should be 1.5 to 2 acres. The type of resturants to encourage should be GOOD family resturant. Better than a diner not as fancy as the Mendon House. I left some questions blank. I have only lived here for two years and had no opinion on them.

320. The amount of traffic at the intersection of Rt.64 & 251, I believe, requires a red, yellow, green light rather than flashing red. I realize this is a safety issue but it will only get worse as growth increases. I hope that not all Lehigh Valley trails will be made accessible to bikes as there are plenty of us who choose to walk.

321. Sewer projects should be planned throughout the entire town. Flashing traffic light should be considered at Route 65/Williams Rd. intersection.

322. I strongly feel that public water, and eventually sewers, should be made available to the entire town. I understand the restraints that soil quality places on development, but if Mendon is to uphold it's place as the premier town in Monroe County in which to live, then these basic services need to be provided to every home, and paid for by our taxes, regardless of population density! If not, then the residents in the sections of town without sewer and water should be given property tax relief - I have been paying for these services through my taxes in other parts of town for several years now... it's time to even things up!

323. need to increce tax base something other than housing

324. I believe a new Library should be developed into a viable intergenerational community gathering place since it is one of the important assests which we wish to develop in our youth. The programming of a Library contributes to proactive positive growth, unlike the current judicial system. I believe there ought to be careful cosideration to a combination of housing and acreage restrictions. I believe the current 5 acre vs 1 acre is too restrictive. Housing ought to be driven by the need. There is no current opportunity for our youth to remain in our community. Young people are living and building houses in Bloomfield, for example. The Honeoye Falls and Mendon Marketplace have been doing an excellent job of providing jobs for youth. What are other businesses doing to provide jobs for entry level workers?

325. It's a lovely place to live. There are enough Pittsford type places but not enough Mendons. Slow growth and development is fine with me.

326. I think if the Hamlet of Mendon wants sewer, water, sidewalks, etc. they should become a village and have their own tax enity, otherwise should stay a hamlet. That's why people moved there in the first palce.

327. Mendon is a physically diverse town, in that population, services, and businesses are varied. So many of the questions in this survey could be answered differently depending on the area of the town. I would like to see clarification and amplification of the questions.

328. The town (village) could use a real rec center (not just part-time use of the high school).

329. I hope they never put a Thruway exit on 64 or 65. It will destroy the Town. Fight it! And I think the Village of Honeoye Falls should be dissolved as a municipal entity. Their entire government is an unnecessary duplication of services.

330. Dissolve Village government.

331. I strongly believe that the Town ought to establish annual growth limits on the number of new housing units allowed per year, and that rate should be set at no more than what it's been for the past 30 years. Make developers compete for those allotments rather than trying to accommodate whoever shows up with plans. It's been 12%/decade for the past 30 years and I would hope you keep it at that rate or gradually bring it closer to 10%. Overall, you have done a terrific job in managing the growth and development of the Town!

332. I'm concerned about the rapid growth in the past 4 years. The large development on clover and cheese factory looks nice but, has impacted the school . Our taxes keep going up & up. Much

higher than any raises we get. The new families are bringing in many children. The schools keep expanding. I'm not sure if the tax money they are bringing in is enough to offset the actual cost of having that many kids in school. I've heard of others who rent here so they can take advantage of the schools. With what I pay in property taxes per month I can rent an apartment in the complex and send my kid to school here. There's something wrong with this. The system of paying school taxes is becoming more unfair. Maybe a per kid tax is a better way to go. I still haven't seen where that STAR program has helped. The older citizens with fixed incomes are finding it difficult to afford to live here. Personally I would like to add improvements to my property but have to ask myself if it's worth the increase in taxes I'll pay. I'm also going to become one of those fixed income people soon. I would like to see the town build a recreation center with an indoor/outdoor pool and park area. I would be willing to pay extra for this. In other areas, (Washington DC), communities have Recreation Centers that have pool, spa, exercise, & meeting places that members can rent for large gatherings. They pay a yearly fee for this. It helps preserve resources and space, (not everyone has to have a pool in their backyard). I would like to see our community have something like this so I wouldn't have to go to the JCC. I'll pay the town the annual membership fee. I would like to praise the person(s) responsible for the ice rinks on 251 and Semmel road. Many teens are keeping occupied with good healthy play at night with the lights on. I would love to see at least one of the tennis courts kept open for roller blade hockey for the kids during the summer. Consider building a skateboard park for the town youths. (Tennis is not considered cool with the kids and I'm not sure that the courts are being fully utilized). I would love to see a rec center with pool tables, ping pong, table hockey or soccer and a lounge area with big screen TV. Something to encourage youths to be together. I don't support low cost or subsidised housing in this area. Mendon is an upscale community and I would like to see it stay that way. If you want diversity, move to the city. If you can't afford to buy here and pay the taxes, than live elsewhere. Lastly, about transportation, I would like to see an exit off the 390 for Honeoye Falls.

333. We are very concerned that extensive development will ruin the character of Mendon. We would like to see that open space and environmentally sensitive areas are preserved. We also feel that limiting future development that is out of character is in the best interests of the town. But development in hamlet and village should be encouraged. It seems that Mendon is on the way to being another Pittsford or Perinton and we would like to see minimum of 5 acre lots or 50/50 zoning become mandatory. We fear that improving sewer and water infrastructure will only encourage more dense development.

334. Library should exist in village within walking distance for many. Construction of Town hall facilities similar to Perinton would be disgraceful! Keep these services within the village or hamlet. Would like to see more Soccer field availability Would like to see more/better indoor gymnasium space for basketball, etc. Questions above on Economic development should be more specific. There are many types of technology companies that would be a great fit for our community, but others that would absolutely not. Water/soil/air pollution should be of utmost concern. Question #21 should allow for selection of passive and agricultural w/out having to select active. I would not support a public swimming pool. Question #52 should have "uncertain" as an option. Roadway snow removal and salting is overdone. We could save money here. Sensible road maintenance requires sensible driving... Participation in historic registry should be encouraged and potentially incentivized, but not made mandatory.

335. Youth recreation programs are non-existent. Non-competitive sports, such as soccer, are non-existent past 13 years of age. There is no place for kids to shoot baskets or hang-out.

336. Unsafe intersection at the corner of Rt 65 and Rt 251

337. If we want an example of the type of development we DON'T want, we need only look at Pittsford. The beauty and character of the Pittsford village has largely been submerged by excessive traffic through the four corners area, and the surrounding cookie cutter developments. Ideally, all new developments in Mendon should have the same feel and character as the Mark 4 development just north of the village. With its open space and sidewalks the development serves as a fine template

for the rest of Mendon. I recognize that development is inevitable. In just the past two or three years the amount of traffic in the Village has increased noticeably. As a Honeoye Falls resident I do not want to see development come at the expense of the Village's grace and character. I strongly urge the Town government to preserve and protect all that makes our village and town special and desirable.

338. Eliminate hunting from the town completely! Currently, the distances hunters must adhere to when hunting near residences are unsafe. Additionally, since both the town's and deer populations have grown, hunters more frequently chase the prey into the paths of oncoming vehicles. There are more safe and humane ways to control wildlife populations than allowing hunting in a town with this many residents.

339. The town's hunting regulations are dangerous. Hunting is not practical here anymore since the population has increased significantly and more residential "sprawl" is occurring. Get rid of the hunters.

340. I am proud of the beauty of our town and the high quality of life that we enjoy. Historic preservation is a major interest of mine, as well. It would be better to have more for teenagers to do when they are not in school. More public transportation would be helpful but that seems to be a thing of the past. I like the large amount of open space in the town and don't want to see it developed into miles of houses.

341. The great appeal to me of the Town of Mendon is its rural character. That's why I moved here. I would like to see it remain as rural as possible. I have no problem traveling a little bit farther (outside Town boundaries) to access stores and services in order to keep my environment as pristine as possible. I would limit further commercial growth to Village and Hamlet and keep residential development as low impact to the eye and the environment as possible.

342. As both the Village and Town grow, more and more cooperation between the Village and Town needs to occur. This survey is a great beginning to that cooperation.

343. Economic development in the town should be kept to the area of rte 251 near the victor border and the hamlet of Mendon

344. Taxes too high for services received. Taxes have trippled in the 19 years I have lived here. No residential development would be my goal. Traffic congestion on Rte 65 and the Village Main Street is approaching the as same the problems that exist in the Pittsford Village

345. NO RESIDENTIAL GROWTH UN LESS THEY PAY THEIR WAY. Traffic congestion is approaching the problem level of the village of Pittsford.

346. Preserve the Honeoye Falls Village as the early century look it was designed as. It is starting to take on the look of a honky tonk town with the current shop signs going up.

347. Need for more traffic lights on Main St/Honeoye Falls

348. I believe it is critical to protect Mendon's open space and scenic views. This is an issue that needs to be addressed immediately because it is so time sensitive. The town can not "undo" development once it has commenced, so protecting the towns open space should be among its top priorities.

349. A Wegmans would be nice.

350. Parking in Honeoye Falls is very poor: no room to park. Also, nothing for middle school and high school kids to do.

351. Truck & auto traffic thru Mendon hamlet is awful; suggest mandatory reroute of truck traffic towards Victor & onto 490/Thruway roads, not up Rte 64; If future growth expands, need to expand sewers and stop raising taxes ---Mendon taxes are deplorable, hurt resale of homes.

352. My greatest concern would be that "large lot" residential development may displace agriculture/woodlands turning the town from "rural" character to "suburban" character (former farm fields full of houses on 2-3 acre lots is not "rural"!!) I therefore strongly encourage that we use the tools noted above for managing growth and that we push clustering in large parcel development. It is also critical that we encourage the hamlet and the villiage to develop stronger retail centers and avoid "strip mall" formation such as is occurring on West Main Street. This will require some innovative approaches to issues such as parking. Lastly, I would strongly recommend that our master plan address the admittedly sticky issue of the maximum population that we feel is appropriate for the town considering the issues I've mentioned (maybe 12,000-14,000?).

353. Just to let you know you are doing a good job managing and regulating growth! Would not like to see the Town grow any faster than it has been. If anything, slower is better, except for adding more "open space".

354. Regarding this survey: Several important questions appear to be lacking in significant information which would allow an informed response. I.e. #16 my response depends on how it would be done, how effective the means would be (obviously you are looking for support and the less information and the way it was presented is more likely to garner a positive response); # 15 aren't there other options?? Why stay within this box; #25 response depends on what type, the question is way too braod to elicit a meaningful and knowing response; #29 What does "commit" mean ??? This question may have won the "void for vagueness" prize. This is a really interesting topic but more information is needed before anyone could give a meaningful response. But no, I do not feel that setting a precedent for large landowners to hold residents who support open space hostage is a good idea, unless, the landowner is engaged in active farming and is financially suffering through no fault of his own.

355. What has been done about the residents' continuing desire to see more open space ? This has been a top priority for over 10 years that I know of.

356. I moved here because of the physical beauty of the rural lands and the interesting mix of old amid new, meaning the people, their lifestyles, and their homes/farms. If we degrade these characteristics by overbuilding or embracing mass commercialization, I would sadly seek another place to live.

357. Mendon is Rural with charm of older homes allowing high density developements of high end homes does not fit wiht the character of the town. It takes away open space increases pollutants, interferes wiht the unique geology of the area and the quaint older homes. With each new homw you bring 2-3 more Auotmobiles to the town. Keep the smalltown slowpace feel.

358. Development should preserve Mendon's uniquely open, scenic, agricultural and undeveloped character. The village of Honeoye Falls also has special physical, historical and architectural attributes that should be preserved. For these reasons I favor clustered single family developments and possibly more concentrated housing, such as townhouses, in the hamlet and village. More small retail businesses, restaurants, cafes, offices and entertainment facilities like bookstores, bars, places to listen to music, or a movie theater would attract not only regional visitors but residents who are currently driving to Pittsford, Victor or Rochester for these services.

359. The beauty of this area is the agricultural farming and the wide open spaces. This is Mendon. It's why we chose to live here. The Town does a great job trying to preserve the beauty here and a few cents more in taxes to keep it this was is certainly worth it.



360. I fear that Mendon will experience growth similar to Pittsford and Victor. I don't want to see the HUGE housing developments with small lots and HUGE houses. I don't want the automobile traffic congestion either.

361. Our town and communities within, are rapidly losing their rural flavor. The village traffic is horrible and it is because of the increasing development of our farmland into housing areas. I realize that this cannot be prevented entirely but I know in my area, people want the land so they can live in "the country" and that RUINS it for those of us who are already here in houses and farms that have been existing for over a hundred years. For us, the building has ruined our view, has made traffic on our street very bad in terms of fast driving cars and trucks and it has steadily ruined the rural and agricultural flavor of our street. I would like to see a moratorium on all building be it housing or ANYTHING. I am willing to pay higher taxes to pay for the lack of income to the town. I know I speak for many of my neighbors when I say this as we all have noticed the traffic issues and the ruination of views and vistas and agricultural flavor.

362. I believe that the only benefit to development is to the developers. I would want to discourage any and all development in our town and communities. No more housing development and no more industrial development. This RUINS the flavor of an ag community and ruins our unique area. We seem to be rapidly becoming like Henrietta and Pittsford were a few years back and look at those communities now! How disgusting they are and should our community continue as it is, we will move out and so will so many others. We need to have a stronghold on this growth and development and we need to do it NOW while we still can. Our roads are crowded, our views are ruined and our open spaces are being gobbled up. Please listen to the taxpayers!

363. The saloon with its neon beer signs in the windows at the four corners of the Hamlet of Mendon and its attendant parking problems, is a poor use of the historic Cottage Hotel and detracts from the otherwise scenic and historic nature of the hamlet and the Town of Mendon.

364. The Town Highway Dept. has done a terrific job of maintaining the roads this winter. However, in the interest of costs and maximizing the salt usage, I don't think it is necessary to heavily salt the neighborhoods. We end up with piles of salt in the road and on the edges of the lawns. Just salt the main roads and apply less salt in the neighborhoods or a mix of salt and sand.

365. Replacement the flashing red light at the four corners in Mendon with a traffic light. People are both running the light or turning prior to coming to a complete stop.

366. To support tourism in the Village: 1) Rebuild the covered railroad bridge over Honeoye Creek (or at least maintain the foundation) 2) Improve and capitalize the lower falls in terms of historic significance - formal trail with trail markers, clean up area (remove trash/graffiti - promote area for fishing / recreation (exercise trail). Thanks for asking.

367. How does the Town manage to obtain grant money for over \$1 million for Lehigh Valley Trail development but can't raise the same funds for sewer development in the Hamlet? As a taxpayer I am outraged that any money is being spent on recreational facilities when there is raw sewage dumping into Irondequoit Creek on a daily basis.

368. An emergency plan of which all are aware in case of actual terrorist attack.

369. We need better pedestrian access in the village. Especially at the main 4 corners (Rt. 65/Main St.); it can be very dangerous crossing that intersection with vehicles turning Right. Also crossing the bridge over the creek, the sidewalk is very narrow; if someone is pushing a stroller or a child is on a bike it is hard for on coming pedestrians to pass by. I would like to see the sidewalk widen or have a pedestrian bridge installed over the creek.

370. I do not feel we are keeping pace with other towns at provided places for our children to keep busy. Soccer is a growing sport but we are doing nothing to develop areas for our children to play it.

Children hang around in the village because there is no place for them to go. Young drivers hang around the parking lot down at North Main Park making it not safe for children to do other activities down there.

371. I feel the village is close to being fully built out, unless we can be certain that agricultural land throughout Mendon is protected and encouraged. Residences don't pay enough taxes to balance their infrastructure costs, so we should work hard to entice clean industry to allocated areas to bolster our taxbase and leave the open land (agr) that we all love and came here because of in the first place. With a huge number of apartments about to be built in the village this year, we should have plenty of new housing for retired, starting families, etc. Let's slow down the land gobble!

372. lower speed limits, got to say something!?

373. We would like to see the park develop in the Mendon hamlet. That area needs beautification, and a park would give the area a useful as well as beautiful attraction.

374. I am grateful for the committees currently engaged in planning for the future of H. F. and Mendon. As a community we need to meet the needs (housing, shopping, health care, educational, recreational and etc.) of all people of all ages and economic levels living in our community. My husband and I have lived in our home for 37 years and we love this area.

375. Complete lack of commercial and retail development in the Town of Mendon. Commercial and retail development should be encouraged through a comprehensive plan, architectural review board and town improvements to draw such development. This type of development would not only be beneficial for the current residents, but stabilize taxes and encourage future development. Many people like the area, but find it very inconvenient. Also, there is a major deer problem near Mendon Ponds Park. We live near there and there have been many serious deer accidents! Not only that, but the deer have caused serious damage to many homeowners landscaping. This is very discouraging. At any given time, there could be as many as 15 to 20 deer in our yard. We have replaced our landscaping many times. These animals are very hungry and obviously, don't have enough food in the park. How unfair is this to the deer? The town is aware of this problem and should become more responsive to the situation - such as the Town of Irondequoit. This is also discouraging for future development because of safety issues.

376. ancillary roads that link rte.64&65, and 15 should have lower,safer speed limits. In peak travel time, cars will speed by our house going 10 to 15 miles over the speed limit. This include some school buses.

377. I am concerned about the specifics of the development that may occur on West Main St. in the village across from the Marketplace plaza.

378. teen center supervised by volunteers; consider using vacant buildings for library

379. Stormwater and Runoff Flooding in Southern Manor

380. Sewers in the Hamlet of Mendon. Storm water flooding due to lack of proper runoff which was previously in place and now not enforced in area

381. Too much Housing that has been allowed to be developed. In addition, the plans for a Light Industrial park in the Village of Honeoye Falls is a bad idea. This will increase traffic and diminish the old town look of the Village. We do not want Mendon to turn into Henrietta. People move out the this area to get away from the stores and industry that exists in areas like Henrietta. We also need to provide more support and resources to the volunteer services of the Town and Village including the Fire department's, Ambulance, and Historical Preservation Society.



382. Uncontrolled growth and loss of open space are critical issues. Also, I am very concerned about the degradation of the business climate in the center of the village while the West Main Street area gets developed in a rather uncreative and unappealing way. Empty storefronts in established, historic buildings seem to be inexorably expanding.

383. Maintain the rural quality - open spaces with an emphasis on preserving farmland.

384. Truck noise from 251 is louder than I anticipated when I moved to Mendon. The Hamlet gets clogged in the morning with many trucks in the area. The noise and smell is not the most welcoming thing in my commute in the morning.

385. Town does not support youth. Note no youth center, no paid participation in youth activities such as assets for positive youth development. Continued (3%) increases every year in assessment are unrealistic in the Rochester region. Will undermine senior housing, condos, industry etc. that you asked about earlier.

386. (1) More business development (Light Industrial / High Tech) should be encouraged. For example the new GM Fuel Cell development center is perfect -- Kudos to those involved in getting it built here. (2) A concerted effort should be undertaken (with volunteers) to create a 100-200 mile network of \*horse only\* trails throughout the entire town, to be linked to those in Mendon Ponds Park. Every landowner that participates should be granted a liability exemption, as well as a tax reduction on the easement itself. Then equestrian business development could flourish. One example of possible equestrian development that should be encouraged is 'horse condos': a specifically clustered equestrian development, centered around condo-owned stables. There is significant precedent for this approach working elsewhere. (3) Please don't try to make Mendon more like Pittsford. We like the current level of open space, comparatively low traffic, and the expectation that taxes will remain reasonably low into the future. Thank you to those who have initiated this survey.

387. I would to see water come down Boughton Hill Road.

388. I would like to see a water line along the length of Boughton Hill Road. I would like to see less restriction on signs and zoning enforcement. Too much time and money is wasted on code enforcement. We don't need another Pittsford.

389. Instead of bikeways let's have bridle trails in Mendon -- in the town parks. Also dog parks -- such as Monroe County is considering.

390. On road bikeways, not separate paths. Paved shoulders on quaker meetinghouse also.

391. I'm concerned that Mendon's open space is going to be lost -- irretrievably -- through the present development patterns. I honestly feel that the planning/zoning boards are committed to protect Mendon as best they can but their careful scrutiny is only a band aid over a very serious problem. Unfortunately, Mendon is not as nice a place to live as it was 20, 10 or even 5 years ago. I am especially concerned about the impact of higher population and higher traffic patterns near Mendon Ponds Park on both pedestrians and wildlife.

392. I am very concerned about the transformation of Mendon -- the "Pittsfordization" if you will -- into a more congested suburbia. The intangible but very real charms of Mendon -- open spaces, quiet, star-filled skies, low traffic volumes -- all will be negatively impinged upon (or lost) as we allow more housing developments to sprawl out. Even "cluster" homes and other attempts to "limit" development, are really ineffective -- especially into buffer areas adjacent to Mendon Ponds Park. There should be stronger restrictions.

393. Live and let live -- let nature take its course and rely on the goodness of man to want the best around and to be willing to share it so all can enjoy.

394. I don't want to see the Village of Honeoye Falls get too busy and congested. I'd like to see vacated buildings (i.e. Valentino's) put to good use. No more auto parts stores, bars or liquor stores.
395. Too many homes in the future. Destroy the open space is real. Car traffic increasing too much. Don't repeat Pittsford's open space losses – we need to stop construction now.
396. Keep growth and development to a minimum. Open space is too precious to lose. We don't need another Pittsford – Preserve our tranquil, open character.
397. I don't like the appearance of some (most) of the cluster developments. They look too much like Pittsford, which I abhor. I'd rather see all 1 acre zoning changed to 3 or preferably 5 acre. This will maintain the rural look of the Town as well as help maintain water quality, wildlife corridors, etc. I think the town needs to do a better job of protecting environmentally sensitive areas. We need to try to encourage businesses that would create the type of jobs to slow the growth of Mendon into primarily a "bedroom" community, rather than a community where people live and work. The great blessing and appeal of Mendon is still its friendly, rural quality!
398. (Growth and development and historic preservation) are closely related, especially within the HF four corners district. Virtually all consideration of new applications for most any development/business/housing should be measured in vehicular traffic – regardless of property land availability. The pressures of traffic will dictate the quality of life in HF. Having lived in a beautiful town in Virginia that had its historic core strangled by traffic, I'd hate to see the jewel of Mendon town destroyed by the "benzene buggies."
399. Lots sold outside of Village limits should not be less than 5 acres.
400. Emphatically, no superstores allowed in the town!!
401. It is important to keep in mind the individual needs of the community residents, but continue also to preserve the rural and agricultural nature and natural beauty of Mendon. Not wanting the suburban living (e.g. Brighton) it has been my personal choice for 38 years to live in Honeoye Falls – Mendon are. Let us maintain its charm and beauty with a minimum of government intervention.
402. Residents of your hamlet area had very little input to your so called Masterplan. Truck traffic in hamlet area, rtes 251 + 64 is not controlled as to speed. I doubt there will be any change until someone "important" dies. Rochester has locked up the Regional transit area. No one can supply public transport to this area – and Rochester will not.
403. Would like to see family type restaurant in the vicinity of the hamlet. Would like to see Wegmans closer than Canandaigua, Henrietta, Perinton and Pittsford.
404. The ambulance and fire department are fantastic. Also, the highway department crew do a fantastic job.
405. The ambulance fire dept highway dept and the village crew do a more than great jobs. Less building of new houses and housing tracts in the town and village of Honeoye Falls.
406. 1) Enforce "no motorized vehicles" in Mendon Ponds Park, Lehigh Valley Trail, Town recreational land and village recreational land and posted private lands. 2) Eliminate gatherings of repugnant youth in Harry Allen Park. Keep open to those that want to use the facilities for purposes for which it was intended.
407. Encourage giving land to a land trust for a conservation easement.

408. If we allow some developers to cram many houses in a small area we as a town will suffer for it. This must be taken care of very quickly. There are only several that want to do this but this is a critical issue.

409. Stop your no growth attitude. New tax dollar are needed (new home residents) to help pay for all of these new things you're trying to push down our throats.

410. Taxes need to be cut and this survey hints at expanding everything. The only way you can accomplish both of the above is to not limit town growth, thereby getting more and new tax dollars to pay for all other things you're trying to add.

411. The Mendon Historical Preservation Commission will continue to lose protection for some of our finest historic properties unless legislation is made mandatory.

412. The town and village should offer a variety of housing options. Cluster housing has been very successful in the village but should not be mandatory in the town. Certain sites are suited to different types of development. With an aging population, condos and townhouses would be attractive in the village and hamlet. This would provide "empty nesters" and retirees with low maintenance option to staying in their home community.

413. A new Mendon public library can be built behind existing building with access from North Main Street next to A Plus. Current library then could be museum and then museum to be youth activity center. Do not buy existing tax paying property to make into library.

414. We live in the Cheese Factory Road area. We would like road shoulders, wide enough to walk or bike. Speed limits could be a bit lower. It is not safe to walk along Cheese Factory Road even in the summer.

415. Can't safely walk roadways. Fast traffic; especially Boughton Hill, Cheese Factory W Bloomfield Rds. Biking also hazardous on these roads.

416. Lot size should conform to adjacent home site parcels and blend with the existing area.

417. Economic growth in the hamlet will be restricted because there are no sewers. Septic systems are costly and difficult to maintain for commercial use. With the development of the linear trail it's a great opportunity to bring business to the area ie: bike shop, hiking, cross country skiing, equestrian, clothing for the various sports. With the boundaries in place too much growth will be regulated.

418. Traffic is a problem in the village of Honeoye Falls now. York Street has a major problem with traffic as people use the street as a pass thru to Main Street. The four corners of the village is always a problem with trucks, cars and buses. More buildings create more traffic problems in village and town. Where do the cars go?

419. Honeoye Creek is in back of our house and we are concerned that a policy is needed to prevent rising flood waters from entering our home. What will be done? Is there an emergency plan? Suggestions: 1) Go to the people responsible for lake levels of Honeoye, Hemlock and Canidice to hold back the outflow so that homes will not be flooded downstream on Honeoye Creek. 2) Erect portable barriers that can quickly put in place to direct the flow away from homes. Possibly a permanent barrier can be made. 3) A huge pile of sand bags should be read so that a large number of people can place them to hold back water from flooding the homes. Some floods come fast, some gradually and timing is essential. The town and village should work together to get the optimum number of people to help. In 1972 our homes were flooded to a depth of 2 feet. Since then it was up to our back door once, and several times up to half of our back yards. Many times just over the bank of the creek. A plan should be written and placed in operation. The spring flooding will be coming in a month. Please send us a plan that is written so that we have something we can rely on. Thank you.

420. I want to see farm lands, open fields and trees! I do not want to see houses crammed together one after another. This is farm country and open land and it should stay that way. Please do not make this area we love turn into another Henrietta or Greece!! We live in a century home and I want to keep all of our historical landmark areas. Visitors say the village of Honeoye Falls reminds them of New England – keep it that way.

421. Keep it rural while preserving our historical buildings and maintaining our quaint New England village style.

422. Natural gas lines and water lines should be extended along the rts 64 and 65 corridor.

423. Natural gas lines extended. Water lines.

424. Do not overload Town of Mendon (Hamlet) with business – we have just about enough! Preserve land – discourage developers.

425. I would love to see a new library – perhaps combined with a senior center and work-out gym facility – I'm very impressed with Perinton's facility. I have lived in the city, Irondequoit, Webster and Pittsford and I like Mendon best – there is a great sense of tranquility here – much natural beauty as you travel in the town – low traffic volumes. Please no wal-mart or K-mart or the like!

426. Keep sewers out of Mendon or we will look like Pittsford sprawl. Limit the density of any proposed new development. If any evidence of "Pittsford sprawl" is needed take a look at the development off West Bloomfield Road north of I90.

427. #5. I love East Aurora's "cable car" (without a cable) transportation system. It's like a cool bus system that could run a route at peak times of day. #1. We love Mendon & fell in love with it because it wasn't Fairport, Henn, or Penfield which is sprawling. I read with great satisfaction the board gives new developers hoops and barrels to go through for trying to develop this wonderful community into something hideous. Keep it tough to overdevelop. #7 – I don't feel we need to "groom" all land donated into parks, tennis courts, etc. Sometimes beauty can be found in simple pleasure. It's cost effective and labor free. One more note, since you're asking. One of the many "wishes" I hear in the community is for an indoor skating rink or a duplex movie house (small/indep) if you are considering recreational ideas or developers.

428. There are too many houses and developments springing up.

429. I think it is very important to maintain the rural nature of Mendon, with commercial growth in limited areas around the hamlet and village. I would be very disappointed with housing and commercial development similar to Pittsford for supersized homes packed together, or Henrietta for urban sprawl and strip malls. OTHER -- I am very pleased to be able to participate in this survey, and am happy to live in the town! It would be nice to ride my mountain bike in Mendon Ponds Park.

430. I am very pleased with the quality/quantity of growth and development in the Town of Mendon. The quality of our town would be greatly diminished if massive housing developments would be allowed such as in the town of Pittsford or commercial/industrial developments such as in the town of Victor. It would be nice to have a recreation center such as in Perinton with activities available for the entire family through the Pathways program at the high school etc. are pretty good. I would like to see some paths at Mendon Ponds Park open to mountain bikes. I can understand that some people unfamiliar with mountain bike riding may be concerned with this, but in other parks open to mt bikes all activities have been shown to coexist peacefully. Our family truly believes that the Town of Mendon is a great place to live! Thank you for letting us participate in this survey!

431. Dangerous intersections: 1) Taylor Rd and W Bloomfield. 2) Amann Rd and Boughton Rd.

432. If possible I would like to see the area of Mendon Ponds Park swim beach be recreated. That's if the water is suitable to swim in again! Complete with lifeguards and concession stands!

433. We need sr. housing for retired members in the hamlet as well as the village. We need a recreation dir. fulltime in the village and town to help booth our youth and sr. citizens. The Mo. Co. gives money to recreation programs in Henrietta as well as other towns. We need to check this out. A recreation can coordinate all play areas for youth as well as for senior citizens and we can get our community center going.

434. The need for affordable senior citizen housing (single family type).

435. No more new houses, especially in tracts! A growth in housing will change the character of our community. We moved here (into an existing house) for this character and quality. Please don't compromise these 2 assets by allowing more new houses. We do not want to become another insipid suburb!

436. No more new housing. None!

437. I would like the library to stay where it is, as it is very convenient. They could build on where the parking lot is and move the parking back as there is plenty of room and it goes way back.

438. Afraid of growth that would make this area another overpopulated Pittsford.

439. I believe strongly lot size (minimum) must be increased. Would certainly hate to see Mendon become another nightmare like Pittsford.

440. What attracted us to this area 30 years ago was the open spaces and strong agricultural influence. Sadly, we have witnessed this area evolve into a "mini Pittsford." Please don't allow that to happen to our wonderful community!

441. Honeoye Falls and Mendon need to preserve the rural/agricultural atmosphere that is part of the history of the area. More attention needs to be paid to preserving sensitive environmental features and our natural wildlife – including coyotes! People need to be encouraged (developers too!) to have larger land parcels around their homes – this can be accomplished by making minimum zoning of 5+ acres, i.e. increase 1 acre areas to 5 or more acres and current 5 acre zoning to 10 ac. minimums. More designated wetlands and conservation districts. Tax incentives for not developing would be a start...work with Mendon Foundation to get more restricted land. Until guidelines are written install a moratorium on building and development.

442. More water – 1 mile a year – 1 water dist. Improve ambulance service – more recreation fields.

443. Water for entire town – Better ambulance service.

444. Water – 1 mile per year. Make up one water district. Sewers. More recreation for all sports. Improve ambulance service.

445. I was born in Honeoye Falls and I have always been interested in the township as it has grown and changed. I do not like what I see presently happening to the town of Mendon landholders. Their rights are being taken away by a handful of people, people not even elected by the voters. Our reputation in regards to building and development as it is viewed by engineers, builders, architects, agencies and companies is not one to be proud of. How fortunate we are to have the most beautiful county parks in our town with its many trails. It seems like far too much emphasis is being placed on the development of trail systems all over the township. In the end only a handful of our population will be making use of them. Money and energy can be better spent on other developments and needs n our community that would reach and serve more of our citizens.

446. Do not encourage business to move out of the center of the village or there will be many empty buildings and for sale signs + no businesses. Parking in village is limited and not dealt with in this paper.

447. Mendon is horse country – it is beautiful. However, I'm very concerned about speed limits and lack of pedestrian friendly spaces along roads. On my road (Pond) many bike riders, joggers, dog walkers and horses – even an occasional horse and buggy – go by – GREAT! But there is a 50 mph speed that slows (supposedly) to 40 – it is dangerous. One idea as a solution: on weekends post a 30 mph speed since we're near park. The weekend is the high use time. One more big concern – poor integration of houses in developments with the landscape and one another. By that I mean the houses look as if they were dropped there. In addition one pet peeve: brick or stone front houses – just fronts. Can't we require a house to present a unified façade – front, back and sides? Some towns do. There is a million dollar home at the end of my road (long for sale) with a brick front and a cheap looking plaster or stucco side. Thanks for the survey. Keep us country – don't let us become Pittsford. God bless your work.