



WELCOME!
Community
"Bucket List"
Meeting

Agenda

Welcome and
Introductions

June Community
Survey Results

Importance of Getting
the Community
Together

Breakout Sessions

Summing It All Up

What's Next in the
Town Plan Process?



2017 Survey of West Fairlee Residents and Property Owners

Survey Responses and Comments Posted on the West
Fairlee Website

<http://www.westfairleevt.com/>

Click on **Commissions and Committees**
and then **Planning Commission**



Metrics

- 46% have lived here less than 20 years
- 19% are under the age of 50
- 15% are in their 50's
- 58% are age 60 or above
- 13% have children < age 18 residing at home
- 33% are retired



Question 48 - Over the next 8 years what will be the most critical issues facing West Fairlee?

Topic	Number of Comments
Taxes	19
Community identity/involvement	8
Aging population	6
Technological infrastructure/Internet/cell phone coverage	5



Question 49 - How would you like to see West Fairlee change over the next 8 years?

Topic	Number of Comments
Be more community minded	12
More responsible local business/more open to business	9
Clean-up messy/abandoned property	7
Retain quaint Vermont life/rural character	7



Importance of Getting Community Together



Breakout Sessions



Conclusion

- Taxes – Struggle between Needs and Desires, Legal Requirements
- Costs - Everything worth having, has a cost - dollars, effort, sweat equity
- Budget - Fixed amount of money to spend; trade-offs necessary
- Community - Sense of Community isn't based on "things"; it's based on people
- Future - When you imagine the future, don't carry forward what exists now; imagine what it will be (e.g. climate change, electric cars, telecommuting)
- Results – “Make it Happen or Let it Happen” ? Get Involved !



Conclusion

JFK -“Ask not what your country can do for you; ask what you can do for your country”



“Ask not what the Selectboard or West Fairlee can do for you; Ask what you can do for West Fairlee (to make it a better place)”





THANK YOU!