

Questions and Post-It Note Responses

What surprises you about this data?

The number of seniors moving out and decrease in school kids

Population decrease

I was expecting a higher percentage of people working in Biomedical science and other technical areas

That the population is aging and we need to draw more younger families - should work to attract them

Beaver brook 4013 is about to ruin town - 750 more apartment residents

No mention of depleting resources - water, land

Need data about resources - water, agricultural land

The "tragedy of the commons" awaits our water supply

Expensive to live here, paying for schools

Thought there were more health care workers

Small number of young adults even though schools are top notch

Education level, population trends

Fewer residents are not greater than 30

Education level is so high, median income is larger than I thought, and number in poverty is a concern

What do you know that the numbers don't say?

There was a housing boom 20 years ago. All those children are now in college. Blanchard went from less than 300 to 700

It's actually "affordable" if you're looking for space from city suburbs

When "kids" move out, they don't tend to come back

Percentage of conservation land/per household

Very few sidewalks, biking areas

Need a town center! Walking very few good places

Many residents LOVE our rural feel. Save our stonewalls, preserve our rural heritage!

We love the city, but no street lights

Nice to have cleaner, cheaper, natural gas

No public transportation (Apart from COA van)

Missing a down town core, stores

High property taxes for young families

Seniors in age group greater than 75 moving IN!

People who come and stay value the town, its size, commitment to education

Building rate not mentioned

Very few amenities to encourage residents to spend time and money in Boxborough

Boxborough is not an easy town to walk anywhere

Easy access to highways while being a quiet place

List amenities, organizations, & destinations in and around Boxborough that enhance the quality of life here

Public Transportation

Open land!

Library, conservation land, HGRM, United Way

The number of helpful neighbor and volunteers (e.g. minutemen, COA, FCOA)
Restaurants and shops in Acton and Concord and Museums in Boston
Steele Farm
Town volunteers are an asset
Library, hiking, Steele Farm, easy access to major highways
Team Works in Acton and the Ski Facility in Carlisle
Library, community center, walking trails
Conservation land trails
Library is a major asset
Library, Steele Farm, Flerra Field
Nature trails, library
Hiking and skiing
Littleton train station, library, open land, highway
Trader Joe's and Debra's Natural Gormet
Minutemen, BC Trust
Acton conservation trail through time
Trails
Library, farmer's market, Fifer's Day
Community Town Center
495, schools, people, church, town land, good biking
We need a new cemetary/ burial plot
Library, community center
My church is in Littleton
Library, Steele Farm, places to hike, easy access to Boston
School
Library, school
Skiing, Boxborough minutemen, Harvard roads (biking)
Easy access to highway
Library, conservation areas, Acton tennis courts (let's get some here), newcomer's club
Schools
Conservation land
Library, school, farm and conservation land
Library, Cisco campus, Steele Farm, need places to walk
Library! Flerra!
A city center with "charm"
Acton and Boxborough libraries
More conservation land for wildlife and people
Nature trails
Places to run dogs
Library and conservation land/open space
Great trails - Well maintained
I love our conservation lands and the walks they provide, wildlife, etc.
Beautiful conservation areas

Great police department
Conservation land! Accessibility of governance
Love all the back roads and trails for hiking, walking, biking
Market Basket, Library, Ice rink

Share a story about a memorable encounter you had in town!

Old family friends I haven't seen in years
Love that we have organic apples and raspberries
Wish someone could have seen my face when I tried the pump at the community garden
Soccer games at Flerra Field
School band concerts
Running into fellow dog walkers on hiking trails
Tree lighting and carolling at the top of Hill Road
Librarian reading to children when they were young (with a beautiful Scottish accent)
Tour of Box. Museums its treasures by Mr. Whitcomb

Where should development happen, and what kind?

Needed: Park facilities and public transport
By I-495, 111
Comm./Ind. base.
By 495, Holiday Inn
None
495, Holiday Inn and Stow Road
Need a "Downtown"
No more commercial space needed
72 Stow Road
By I-495, 111 - restaurants and shopping
Would like to see affordable housing for police/fire community
Appreciate 55+ new options
Route 111
Bike Trails and right of way on roads
Restaurants, bike trails, community center, sidewalks
Don't need any significant development
Along 495
No to commercial! Cisco type ok along major routes
Developments like Applewood work well
Bar/restaurant would be nice, but sustainable?
Recreation - biking trails, cross country skiing, companies like Cisco
Local amenities for like supermarkets as a minimum
Explore area adjacent to 495
No past town center - good eateries, cafes
Would like a restaurant or two, taxi or transport, and retail stores
Develop near Holiday Inn where slots were proposed

Along 495, western part of town

Need to attract more business

Don't need development, we already have empty store fronts

Rural space at town center with little shops, cafes, groceries (Similar to Concord Center)

Need better/more stores that fit the town

Are there adequate options for housing, jobs, shopping, eating out, & socializing here?

No, no, no, no, and no

No

No socializing

Not enough places to eat and socialize

Housing and jobs - yes; shopping, eating, socializing - no

Need more shopping

No! Need restaurants

Yes

No!

Yes - Like it rural

No shopping, no restaurants with decent food, great folks at dump and library

Restaurants

Need more restaurants

I don't want another Acton nor Westford. Keep rural feeling.

Real 50% low income housing needed

Need more options for socializing and eating out

More restaurants

No to all, that's why I'm here

More places to eat and socialize

Not really, go to restaurants in Acton or Concord

No way there are enough places

Community building works well for senior activities

No!

House options for town employees

2 new shopping plazas within 10 miles - Westford and Hudson - We cannot compete

Shopping, eating, socializing needed

Yes! Maybe a new restaurant or two, but no chains

Develop Satellite University Campuses

Housing - yes, but need meeting place business, sit-in restaurants, pub, coffee shops

Adequate housing. A nice restaurant would be good. Tennis and basketball courts needed

Grocery Pharmacy?

No, but adequate housing