Response: 864 surveys were returned out of 1315 issued A return of 65.70%

Note:

Most results do not total 100% This is because respondents did not necessarily complete all questions or portions of the survey. Respondents have raised similar issues in different parts of the survey. Wherever possible, these responses have been consolidated

Question 1:

What do you think are Lyme's greatest assets?

Scenic Beauty	48.73%
Sense of community	43.06%
Quality schools	32.87%
Small population	32.29%
Personal/family safety	29.75%
Farms and forests	27.20%
Outdoor recreation opportunities	23.73%
Traditional village areas	22.11%
Community events	5.90%
Quality local government	2.78%
Cultural opportunities	1.62%
Employment opportunities	1.04%

Additional assets cited by respondents:	
Church(es)	0.58%
Close to Hanover/Dartmouth	0.58%
Freed to live as you want	0.35%
Post Pond (& Fireworks)	0.23%
Rural Atmosphere (also brooks, rivers, ponds)	0.23%
Close to good medical care	0.12%
Dark Skies	0.12%
Heritage	0.12%
Library & Post Office	0.12%
Ease of getting to all offices, stores & P.O.	0.12%
CT river frontage	0.12%
Volunteer emergency services	0.12%
Rich History	0.12%
All except: Employment Opportunities	0.12%
educationed population; more democracy	0.12%
People	0.12%
Taxpayers	0.12%
Few tourists!	0.12%
Life-long residents	0.12%
elderly people	0.12%
Nichol's Hardware	0.12%
History	0.12%
Privacy of personal home	0.12%

Question 2:

What do you think are the most important issues

Maintain Lyme's rural character	55.79%
Property taxes	54.40%
Development/Growth	52.43%
Housing for people of all incomes	42.48%
Internet access	17.82%
Schools	17.59%
Condition of roads & bridges	16.90%
Cell phone Coverage	15.86%
Police/fire protection	3.70%
Pollution	3.01%

Additional issues cited by respondents:

Public Transportation	0.23%
Senior Housing & Senior Center	0.23%
Vibrancy of Village & community center	0.23%
Affordable Housing	0.12%
Bike/jogging lanes on Rt. 10	0.12%
Community Involvement	0.12%
Discrimination towards white people	0.12%
Diversity of income	0.12%
Help local people stay in Lyme; keep things simple	0.12%
Lack of people intested in being selectmen	0.12%
Maintain large blocks of forest lands	0.12%
Municipal Offices & adequate police facilities	0.12%
No farms left!!	0.12%
Noise	0.12%
Not a single strata community	0.12%
Post Pond water level	0.12%
Smart Growth	0.12%
Too much regulation	0.12%
Traffic	0.12%

Question 3:

The Rate of Growth in Lyme in the past ten years has been?

Too slow	16.90%
About right	47.80%
Too rapid	18.75%
No opinion	9.72%
Did not respond	4.98%

Question 4:

Rate the quality of services in Lyme

	Excelle	Adequa te	Inadequ ate	Poor	Don't know/N o Opinion	Did not Respon d
Library	43.75%		4.05%	0.58%		4.05%
Conservation Areas	39.81%	40.63%	2.78%	0.81%	10.30%	5.67%
Town Govt/Clerk's office	31.13%	47.92%	8.10%	2.55%	6.60%	3.70%
Post Pond Recreation Area	34.14%	42.36%	6.02%	1.39%	11.00%	5.09%
Road Maintenance	26.04%	50.12%	11.57%	4.63%	3.94%	3.70%
Recycling	29.63%	45.02%	9.72%	5.21%	6.48%	3.94%
Police	22.57%	51.04%	7.64%	4.28%	10.07%	4.40%
Fire Department	36.81%	36.23%	2.20%	0.46%	20.14%	4.17%
Schools	36.69%	34.03%	3.70%	0.81%	20.83%	3.94%
Ambulance/Fast squad	42.13%	23.84%	1.85%	0.35%	25.58%	6.25%
Trash disposal	17.13%	42.94%	17.01%	9.84%	8.10%	4.86%
Childcare	8.68%	20.49%	6.37%	1.97%	55.56%	6.94%
Elderly services	3.70%	17.59%	11.69%	6.37%	55.09%	5.56%

Additional services cited by respondents:

Assistance to Elderly/Senior Housing			0.23%	
Childcare for 11-14yr		0.12%		
Emergency Management Plan	0.12%			
Green Garbage bags			0.12%	
Hazardous waste			0.12%	
Internet			0.12%	
Need high-speed internet			0.12%	
Need town manager!			0.12%	
No appropriate town hall		0.12%		
Politics of town		0.12%		
Public Transportation			0.12%	
Town Clerk	0.12%			
Zoning			0.46%	

Question 5(a):

Lyme should undertake major capital projects

	Strongly Agree	Agree	No Opinion	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Did not Respond	Project should be under-taken in next 10 years
New Town Office	21.06%	31.94%	20.95%	12.15%	8.33%	5.56%	32.29%
Library Addition/Expansion	7.75%	22.92%	27.55%	19.33%	13.66%	8.80%	13.54%
New Police Station	7.18%	21.53%	30.09%	20.83%	13.89%	6.48%	12.27%
New Transfer Station	7.29%	15.16%	28.94%	26.27%	14.70%	7.64%	10.76%
New Fire Ftation	5.56%	16.44%	34.49%	23.84%	12.04%	7.64%	9.26%
New Playing fields	6.13%	14.93%	37.04%	21.53%	12.85%	7.52%	8.10%
Additional projects cited by respondents: Walking/Bike trail to Post Pond	1.50%	0.12%	0.69%	0.23%	0.35%		0.23%
Communications Infrastructure	1.39%	0.1270	0.0070	0.2070	0.0070		0.69%
Roads & Bridges Work	0.46%						0.23%
Sidewalks (+ crosswalks) & buried power	0.46%						0.23%
Teen/community/senior center	0.46%						0.35%
Fencing/Renovation/Water controls at Post	0.35%						0.58%
Library in School	0.35%						0.46%
Dog Park	0.12%						0.12%
Expand conservation lands	0.12%						0.12%
Improve audio at public meetings	0.12%						0.12%
New hardware store	0.12%						
New P.O. accessible after 5:00	0.12%						
New parks, small ones in town center	0.12%						0.12%
New School Building	0.12%						0.12%
Pool	0.12%						
Singles' activities	0.12%						

Note:

Most respondents, even if indicating "Strongly Agree" or "Agree" did not select their highest priorities by circlling their

Question 6(a):

New residential growth should occur:

	Strongl y Agree	Agree	No Opinion	Disagre e	Strongl y Disagre e	Did not Respon d
Along existing subdivision roads	12.96%	39.35%	16.78%	6.83%	6.71%	17.36%
In or near existing villages	20.02%	32.06%	15.63%	7.41%	7.41%	17.48%
Mor housing development should not be	22.22%	20.37%	13.19%	19.33%	12.27%	12.62%
Clustered in new neighborhoods or villagea	12.27%	25.46%	17.94%	12.85%	14.24%	17.25%
Along new subdivision roads	4.63%	21.06%	20.83%	17.36%	15.39%	20.72%
In the Eastern part of Town	5.90%	17.94%	38.19%	8.45%	8.45%	20.83%
In the Western part of Town	3.82%	15.28%	37.73%	10.88%	11.69%	20.60%

Question 6(b):

Lyme should do more to encourage the development of housing for:

	Strongl y Agree	Agree	No Opinion	Disagre e	Strongl y Disagre e	Did not Respon d
Moderate income people	18.98%	40.28%	18.17%	5.21%	6.60%	10.76%
Elderly people	19.68%	33.80%	22.34%	6.94%	6.60%	10.65%
Single families	18.17%	33.22%	23.03%	6.37%	6.02%	13.19%
Low income people	16.67%	31.83%	20.60%	10.65%	9.61%	10.65%
Renters	6.37%	17.82%	29.86%	19.10%	11.11%	15.74%
High income people	2.55%	9.72%	23.73%	22.69%	26.39%	14.93%

Additional options cited by respondents:

Elder co-housing	0.35%
Lyme natives	0.35%
Maintain rural atmosphere/ farms	0.35%
Disabled	0.12%
Families with school-age children	0.12%
Habitat for Humanity	0.12%
Multiple family groups; clusters	0.12%
Town employees including teachers	0.12%

Question 6(c):

Lyme should encourage development of housing in:

	Yes	N _O	Don't know	Did not Respo nd
New rental apartment buildings	14.35%	58.91%	15.16%	11.57%
Conversion of existing large buildings	53.13%	20.25%	16.44%	10.19%
New condominiums or housing co-ops	22.34%	49.77%	15.63%	12.27%
Single family homes on small lots	49.07%	28.36%	13.43%	9.14%
Single family homes on large lots	39.93%	35.76%	13.54%	10.76%
New subdivisions should be required to provide	14.35%	58.91%	12.85%	11.57%

Question 7:

Should Lyme's zoning allow more areas for higher density housing (one or more If Yes, where?

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	Yes	No	Did not
			respond
	41 78%	47 80%	

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Around Lyme Common & Lyme	
Center ("Clusters")	9.49%
Route 10 South	0.69%
East	0.58%
Route 10 North	0.46%
West	0.46%
Forest Areas/Rural district	0.23%
Goose Pond Rd	0.23%
North-west	0.23%
South-west	0.23%
Along Paved Roads	0.12%
Along River	0.12%
New Village	0.12%
On Family-owned Property	0.12%

Question 8:

Lyme should do more to encourage commercial development for:

	Strongl y Agree	Agree	No Opinion	Disagre e	Strongl y Disagre e	Did not Respon d
Restaurants	16.90%	40.05%	13.89%	12.50%	9.14%	7.52%
Small scale high technology	12.27%	37.85%	18.52%	13.08%	9.61%	8.68%
Professional offices	12.85%	36.92%	15.39%	11.34%	10.07%	13.43%
Expansion of existing businesses	9.72%	36.00%	25.00%	11.57%	9.14%	8.56%
Dentists, hairstylists etc.	8.45%	31.25%	22.45%	15.63%	11.23%	11.00%
New retail	9.26%	30.79%	19.10%	19.10%	11.92%	9.84%
Commercial recreational facilities	7.18%	21.99%	23.61%	21.18%	15.86%	10.19%
Inns & Hotels	7.41%	18.63%	21.53%	26.74%	14.81%	10.88%

Additional developments cited by respondents:

Arts/Culture	0.58%	0.46%	1.50%	0.23%	1.27%
Hardware Store	0.12%				
Health & Fitness Center	0.12%				
NASCAR Race Track!	0.12%				

Question 9:

Should Lyme's zoning allow more areas If Yes, where? for new commercial development?

Yes	No	Did not
		Respond
33.45%	52.55%	14.00%

Along Route 10	6.83%
Lyme Common	4.51%
South of Town	2.08%
Anywhere	0.81%
Lyme Center	0.58%
West	0.46%
North of Town	0.35%
Rural or Outlying Areas	0.23%

Question 10:

Where do you work?

Hanover/Lebanon	30.90%
Retired/Not Employed	21.41%
Lyme - at home	19.10%
Lyme - in town	9.72%
White River Junction	3.01%
Randolph/Royalton	0.23%
St. Johnsbury area	0.23%
Plymouth area	0.12%
Other	9.38%
Did Not Respond:	5.56%

Question 11:

Where do you shop?

	Most	Some	Minor	None	Did not Respon d
West Lebanon/Lebanon	48.61%	33.80%	7.41%	1.27%	82.41%
Hanover/Norwich	33.91%	33.33%	12.15%	8.45%	67.25%
On-line On-line	7.75%	34.26%	17.71%	17.36%	42.01%
Lyme	3.13%	34.49%	37.50%	7.99%	37.62%
Bradford/Fairlee	2.31%	24.65%	32.87%	20.95%	26.97%
Thetford	4.05%	22.22%	29.98%	24.31%	26.27%
White River Junction	1.50%	11.34%	29.86%	34.38%	12.85%

Additional shopping locales cited by respondents:

Concord/Burlington	2.08%	0.46%	0.23%	0.69%
Catalogs/Mail Order		1.74%		
Littleton, Woodsville, St. Johnsbury		0.93%		
Out-of-State/Out of Country		0.93%		
Southern NH		0.69%		
Plymouth		0.58%		
Boston		0.46%		
Claremont		0.46%		
New York		0.35%		
Orford		0.35%		
Keene		0.12%		
North Conway		0.12%		

Question 12:

Should Lyme encourage or provide facilities for:

	Yes	o N	Don't Know	Did not Respon d
Senoir Center	63.66%	25.58%	0.35%	10.42%
Art studios/classes	48.03%	38.08%	0.35%	13.54%
Performing Arts	44.10%	42.36%	0.23%	13.31%

Questions 13(a) & (b):

What types of recreation do you enjoy in Lyme?

	At any time	Most Participate d
Walking/Running	74.88%	51.97%
Hiking	61.81%	42.59%
Cross-country skiing	48.15%	25.58%
Swimming	47.34%	20.49%
Road Biking	36.11%	16.67%
Fishing	24.54%	9.14%
Skating	23.84%	3.13%
Mountain Biking	22.22%	7.64%
Hunting	15.05%	8.45%
Organized team sports	10.53%	2.78%
Snowmobiling	9.49%	2.55%
Horseback Riding	8.91%	3.13%

Additional recreations cited by respondents: $\underline{\underline{\phi}}$

	At any time	Most Participate d
Downhill skiing/snowboarding	11.69%	7.18%
Snowshoeing	3.94%	2.55%
Tennis	3.59%	2.31%
Canoeing/Kayaking	3.13%	1.62%
Boating	1.39%	1.39%
Gardening	1.04%	0.69%
Birding/Wildlife watching	0.93%	0.69%
Sculling/Rowing	0.81%	0.35%
ATV	0.46%	0.12%
Photography	0.35%	0.35%
Golf	0.23%	0.23%
Relaxing	0.23%	0.12%
Ceramics	0.12%	
Mushrooming	0.12%	0.12%
Picnicing	0.12%	0.12%
Reading	0.12%	0.12%
Roller-blading	0.12%	
Senior Activities	0.12%	0.12%
Snow plowing	0.12%	0.12%

Question 13(c):

Have you encountered posting on land that you have used for recreation?

Yes	No	Don't	Did not
		know	respond
31.25%	48.26%	11.34%	9.14%

Question 13(d):

Lyme should add or improve the following recreational opportunities:

	Strongl y Agree	Agree	No Opinion	Disagre e	Strongl y Disagre e	Did not Respon d
Skating	5.79%	19.33%	34.61%	16.44%	6.13%	17.71%
Indoor Gym for team sports	3.36%	12.04%	32.06%	26.27%	13.89%	12.38%
Indoor gym for fitness equipment	8.22%	22.34%	23.61%	22.34%	12.62%	10.88%
Tennis	3.82%	16.20%	36.00%	23.96%	8.45%	11.57%
Basketball	3.24%	13.43%	40.39%	21.76%	8.33%	12.85%
Swimming pool	5.09%	11.00%	24.54%	29.05%	18.98%	11.34%
Picnic areas	7.64%	32.18%	26.62%	14.70%	6.48%	12.38%
Boat Access to river	11.81%	36.46%	23.26%	12.62%	7.06%	8.80%
Hiking Trails	11.81%	36.46%	23.61%	11.92%	4.86%	11.34%
Cross country skiing trails	10.07%	34.26%	26.50%	12.62%	5.32%	11.23%
Snowmobile Trails	4.17%	12.27%	32.06%	21.99%	16.90%	12.62%
Horseback Riding Trails	4.40%	18.17%	39.12%	17.13%	8.68%	12.50%

Additional options cited by respondents:

Additional options cited by respondents.					
Bike Paths	0.46%				
Bike Trails		0.12%		0.12%	
Lap Lane at Post Pond	0.12%				
Golf Course	0.12%				
Public Access to River for trails, boating	0.23%				
Support Skiway	0.46%				
Community Playground	0.12%				
Card parties enjoyed by older residents	0.12%				
Paddle Courts	0.12%				
Walking Trails / Nature Areas / Picnic Spots	0.12%	0.23%			
Parks		0.12%			
Toddler/baby swing at school		0.12%			
Shooting Range		0.12%			
Open School Gym to Public		0.12%			
Organized adult opportunities, team and other		0.12%			
ATV Trail	0.23%				

Question 14:

Lyme should add or improve the following recreational opportunities:

	Strongl y Agree	Agree	No Opinion	Disagre e	Strongl y Disagre e	Did not Respon d
Historic Sites and Structures	50.23%	34.03%	7.64%	1.97%	0.58%	5.56%
Natural Areas	50.69%	32.29%	6.94%	1.85%	0.69%	7.52%
Shores of streams and ponds	46.18%	34.95%	7.41%	2.66%	1.16%	7.64%
Wildlife habitat	46.18%	34.61%	7.64%	2.78%	1.39%	7.41%
Trails	40.86%	39.24%	8.91%	2.08%	0.93%	7.99%
Farmland	48.03%	31.94%	8.56%	4.28%	0.69%	6.48%
Access to public waters	41.67%	36.34%	11.23%	2.55%	1.50%	6.71%
Scenic views and vistas	43.06%	33.10%	10.53%	3.82%	1.97%	7.52%
Forested hillsides and ridgelines	41.78%	30.21%	12.04%	5.32%	2.55%	8.10%

Additional options cited by respondents:

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Air Quality (require 4 stroke ATV, snow				
machines)		0.12%		
Existing Businesses		0.12%		
Itself from Over-population		0.12%		
Landowners	0.12%			
Large forest tracts		0.12%		
Local/older people who can't afford to live in				
Lyme		0.23%		
Locals		0.12%		
Night Sky Darkness	0.12%			
Old Houses & Buildings		0.12%		
Operating Farms		0.12%		
Post Pond		0.12%		
Property Rights		0.12%		
River Banks		0.12%		
Rural character	0.12%			
Small town sense of community		0.12%		
Walkers/joggers		0.12%		
Watershed		0.12%		
Wildlife Corridors		0.12%		
Winding, dirt roads		0.12%		

Questions 15(a) & (b): I would support the protection of the lands I identified in Question 14 with An increase in my tax bill of: (a)

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	Strongly Agree	Agree	No Opinion	Disagre e	Strongly Disagre e	Did not Respon d
a total increase of \$10	35.76%	19.68%	5.56%	4.40%	11.00%	23.61%
A totaL increase of \$50	29.40%	22.57%	6.13%	9.72%	13.89%	18.29%
A totaL increase of more than \$50	19.68%	15.63%	10.65%	15.39%	20.49%	18.17%

a voluntary contributrion to the town's Conservation

(b)	Fund						
	Strongl y Agree	Agree	No Opinion	Disagre e	Strongl y Disagre e	Did not Respon d	
\$10 to \$50 annually	30.56%	21.99%	9.84%	5.56%	9.38%	23.61%	
\$50 to \$100 annually	17.71%	14.81%	13.89%	13.19%	12.62%	27.78%	
\$100 or more annually	14.70%	9.14%	15.05%	18.40%	16.90%	25.81%	

Question 16:

In Lyme, do you?

Own your home	82.75%
Own undeveloped land	20.37%
Rent your home	4.40%
Rent an appartment	3.24%
Own a condominium	2.08%
Own or rent a seasonal home/camp	1.97%
Lease land	0.69%

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Where do you live?

Question 18:

How long have you lived in Lyme?

34.03%
20.14%
19.68%
10.65%
6.83%
6.13%
2.43%

Shortest: less than Longest: 100 years

one year Average: 20 years

Average. 20 years

0 - 5 years	22.78%
5 -10 years	15.14%
10 - 20 years	23.28%
20 - 40 years	25.53%
more than 40 years	13.27%

Question 19(a):

Do you have internet access?

	Dial-up	High speed	No Access	Don't know	Did not Respond
ľ	55.56%	18.87%	14.81%	1.62%	9.03%

(b):

Do you want high-speed access?

Ye	s N	lo Don't
		know
56.259	% 16.329	% 0.12%

(c):

How much would you pay for high-speed?

Min: \$2 per month Average: \$39 per month Max: \$200 per month

Question 20:

How old are you?

Question 21:

Household Size

Under 20	0.13%
20 - 34	5.63%
35 - 54	40.30%
55 - 64	27.78%
65+	26.66%
Did not respond	7.63%

1	10.88%
2	46.88%
3	9.61%
4	17.13%
5	6.60%
6	1.04%
Greater	
than 6	0.46%

Question 22:

What is your educational level?

Elementary school	0.69%
Some high school	1.16%
High school degree/GED	11.46%
Some college	8.22%
College degree	27.89%
Post graduate	37.04%
Did not respond	13.54%

Question 23:

What sources of heating do you use?

	Primary	Secondary
Oil/Kerosene	58.22%	6.60%
Propane	21.30%	11.81%
Traditional Wood	12.38%	27.89%
Electricity	1.74%	6.37%
wood pellet	1.62%	2.55%
Solar		1.39%
Coal or Coke		0.12%

Additional sources cited by respondents:

FHM	0.12%	
Layered Clothes		0.12%
Wood Oil	0.12%	

Question 24

(a): Do you carpool?

Yes	No	Did not
		respond
12.27%	77.89%	9.84%

(b): Should the Town encourage more

Yes	No	Did not
		respond
64.24%	18.87%	16.90%

(c): How?

Additional parking created at Route 10 & Goose Pond Road.		
Advance Transit*		
Bike Storage area in town? Commute by bike between work & Lyme - Drive to		
Free garbage bag roll per month in exchange for carpool signings		
High School Bus*		
Need more for the elderly who can't afford a car.		
Park & Ride - Provide larger lot		
scheduled van, not a large bus*		
Sidewalks and crosswalks in downtown; bike lanes		
Tax break/Gas Discount		
Taxi		
The town should certify drivers who would be willing to pick up hitchhikers and		
Train		
Use Listserv/Web Page/Internet/published Directory/Other Publicity		
Volunteers		
Work at home		

Note:

An indeterminate, but significant, number of respondents suggested either Advance Transit or high school bus as potential solutions to carpooling

Question 25:

do you live on a dirt road?

Yes	No	Did not
		respond
48.73%	45.72%	5.56%