Warrensburg Economic Development Committee 2021 EDC Survey Summary

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Warrensburg Economic Development Committee

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Methodology

The survey was developed by the members of the Warrensburg Economic Development Committee in an effort to solicit guidance from Town citizens on the prioritization on future committee activities. A copy of the hard survey is included as **Attachment A**. The survey was available electronically on jotform.com. A link to the electronic survey was published on the Town of Warrensburg website, and was shared on Facebook by the Warrensburg Chamber of Commerce, the Warrensburg Beautification Committee, the Warrensburg Historical Society, and the members of the EDC. Paper copies of the survey were made available at the Town Hall, the Warrensburg Library, and most of the churches in town. One copy of the survey was sent to each of the bill recipients for the Warrensburg water and sewer district as part of the Town newsletter. The Town of Warrensburg newspaper of record, the Adirondack Sun Sentinel, published a notice stating where copies of the survey could be obtained. During the survey period (September 15th through October 31st), 174 electronic responses were obtained. Paper responses were returned to the Warrensburg Town Hall. A total of 52 paper responses were received. The paper responses were also inputted into jotform.com by EDC members so that all data was in a single location.

Data Quality

Percentage of the Response – Once the duplicate responses were removed, there were a total of 163 survey responses overall. An additional 17 electronic responses were received after the October 31st deadline and were included for a total response of 180 survey responses. The 2019 U.S. Census 5-year estimates estimated that there were approximately 2,556 people in the Town of Warrensburg at or above the age of 16 years old. Therefore, 180 responses represents a 7% response rate. This is somewhat low, but comparable to the 352 responses observed from the 2007 community survey completed for the 2012 Warrensburg Comprehensive Plan.

Representativeness of the Response – Based on the 2019 U.S. Census 5 – year estimates, approximately 37.6% of Warrensburg residents 16 and over are retired. Of the 180 responses, 56 respondents, or approximately 31% indicated that they were retired. Further, approximately 86% of the respondents claim to live in Warrensburg year-round.

<u>Results</u>

The survey results are summarized graphically in **Attachment B**. The final survey question allowed for the respondent to write additional comments. All comments that were offered have been aggregated and included as **Attachment C**.

Attachment A Blank Survey Form

Name (Optional)					
Address (Optional)					
Email (Optional)		Phone (Optional)			
1. Do you live in Warrensburg year-round? YES NO		2. Is this your primary residence? YES NO			
3. If no, where is your primar	y residence located?	4. What is your employment status?			
5. Do you work in Warrensbu YES NO TELECOMMUTE	g? 6. What is your area of employment?				
 7. The population of Warrensburg is approx. 4,000 people. What is the maximum population that you would like to see living in Warrensburg? Up to 5,000 people Up to 7,000 people Up to 10,000 people +10,000 people 					
most important): Schools Housing affordability Family ties Safe community Recreational opportu	unities estyle, or scenic beauty oportunity side of Warrensburg	ourg? Please rank in order of ir	nportance (with 1 being the		
 9. What types of training/education opportunities would someone in your household be likely to utilize? Small business finance/administration SUNY Adk/BOCES Satellite campus Office computer programs (Excel/Word) Construction certifications (OSHA/CDL/LEED) Maintenance and repair (vehicles/appliances/properties) Bartending/Food preparation First Aid Skilled trades (Carpentry, Plumbing, etc.) Recreational courses (art, candle making, gardening, music etc.) Other 					
10. What types of busine	sses should we work to recruit	for Warrensburg please check	< all that apply:		
 Cannabis Dispensaries Big Box Retail (Ex. Walmart) Small Specialty Shops (gift shop, local products) Large Specialty Shops (Cabela's) 	 Chain Restaurant (Olive Garden) Fine Dining Local Casual Dining Fast food Brewery / Distillery 	 Real Estate Developers Construction Hospitality (Hotels / Motels) Rec Tourism 	 Finance (Banks, Insurance co.) Transportation (Uber, Taxi, Bus Services) Other please specify: 		

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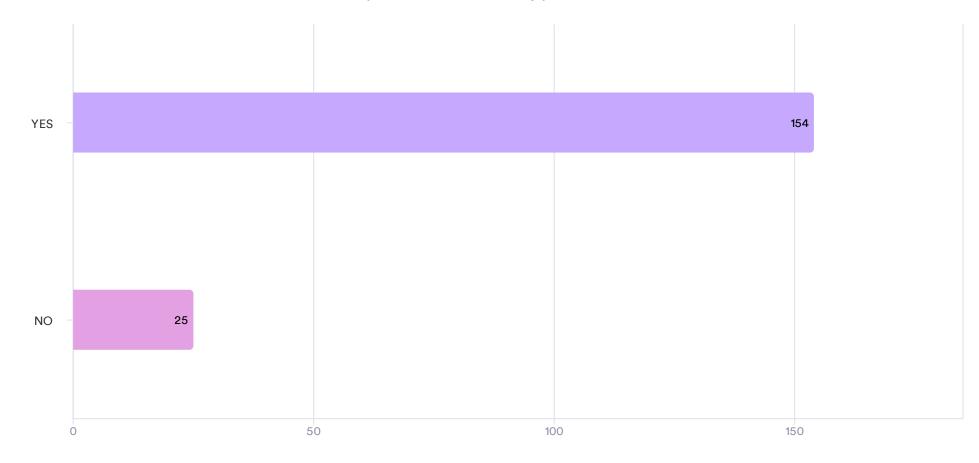
11. Please indicate your level of support for the following goals.

	Strongly	Somewhat	Neutral	Somewhat	Strongly
	Support	Support		Oppose	Oppose
Actively recruiting business prospects					
Helping retain and expand existing businesses					
Actively attracting professional firms / individuals that can					
work remotely					
Providing resources such as an Enterprise Fund to grow local					
small businesses					
Provide entrepreneurship training and assistance					
More local job opportunities.					
A more diversified tax base, less reliance on tourism and					
residential property taxes					
Development of vacant commercial / industrial sites					
Additional industrial/manufacturing					
Development of alternative energy projects – solar, wind					
Additional Downtown Parking					
Water and sewer projects					
Electric vehicle charging stations					
Enhancing Internet speeds and connections					
Expanding Cell Service					
More Senior housing					
More Single-family housing					
More Multi-family housing (apartments, duplexes)					
Vacation / Rental Properties					
Address growing traffic issues					
More entertainments (all ages)					
More program and services /activities for kids					
More programs and services for services for seniors					
Preservation of historic buildings, structure, and landmarks					
Establishing standards for traditional / historic aesthetics in					
the downtown area					
Additional community Beautification projects					
More parks, public open space, and recreation					

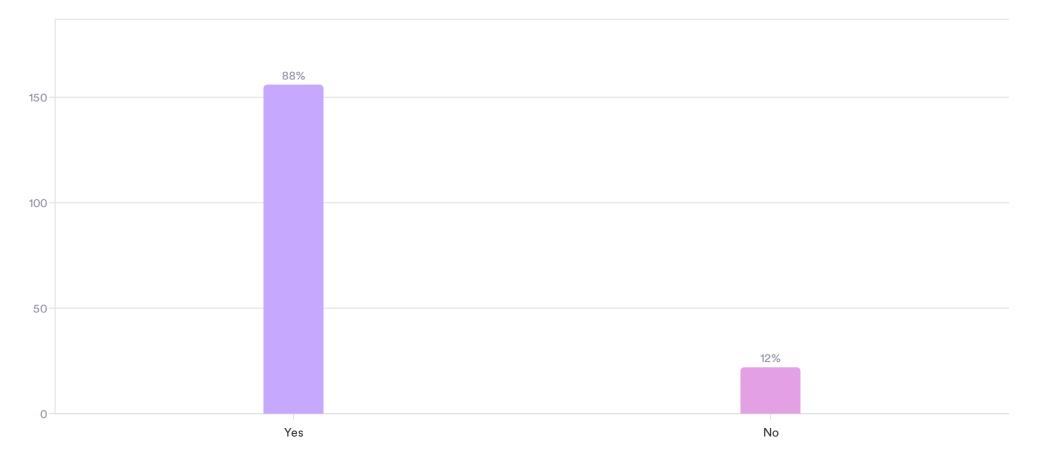
12. What is your vision for Warrensburg 10 years from now? (Maximum of 200 words)

Attachment B Graphical Survey Results

Do you live in Warrensburg year-round

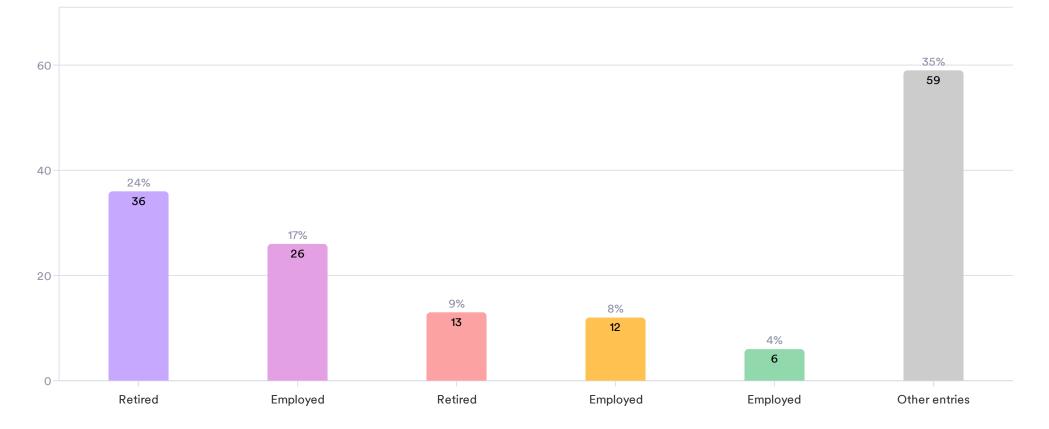


Is this your primary residence?



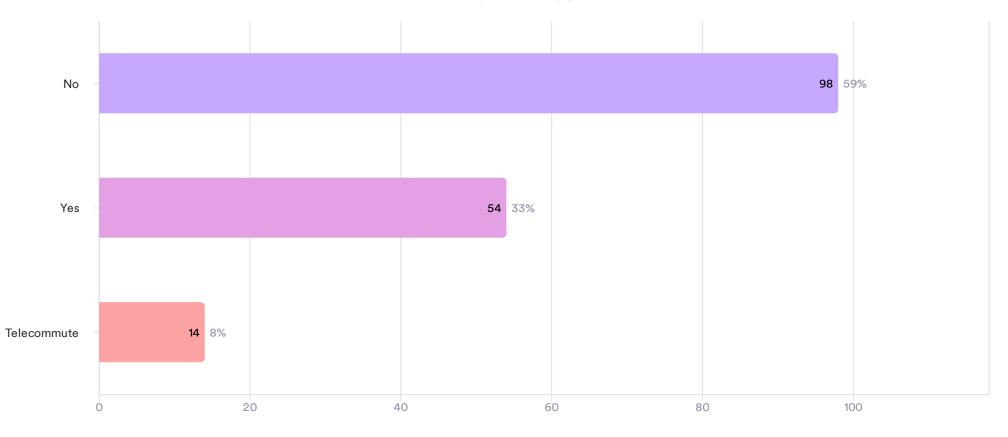
What is your employment status?

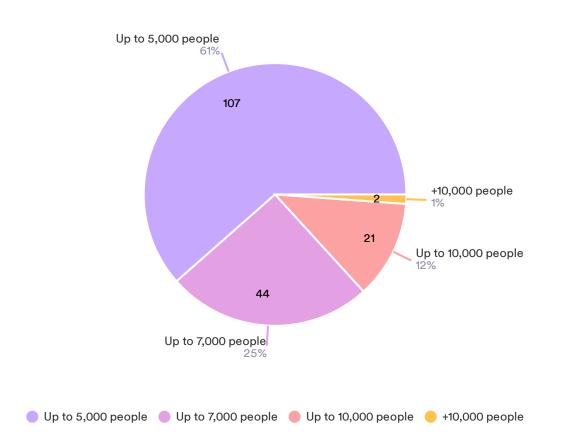
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Do you work in Warrensburg?

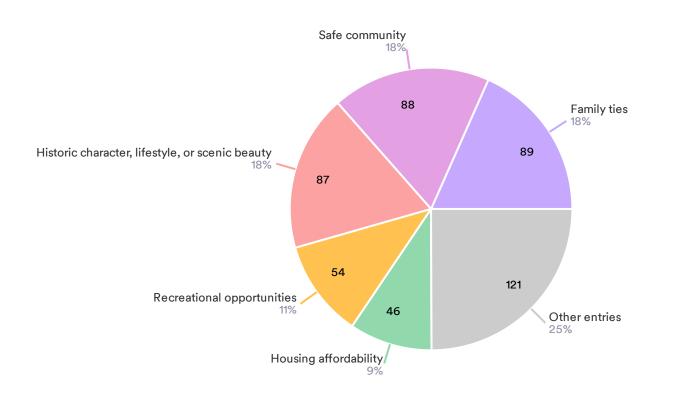
166 Responses- 14 Empty





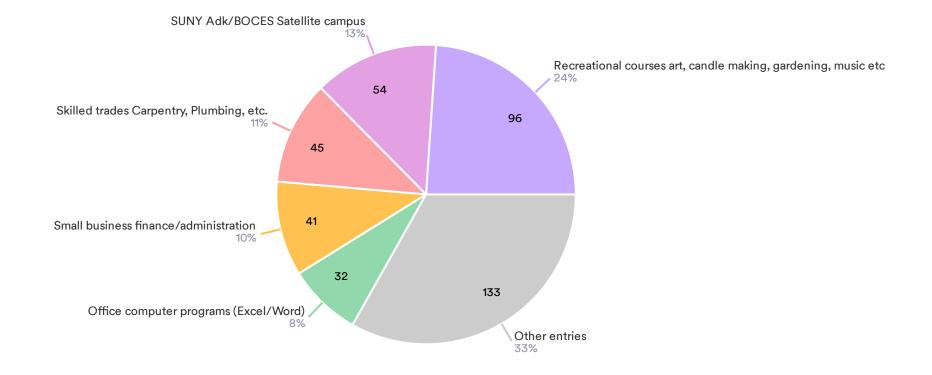
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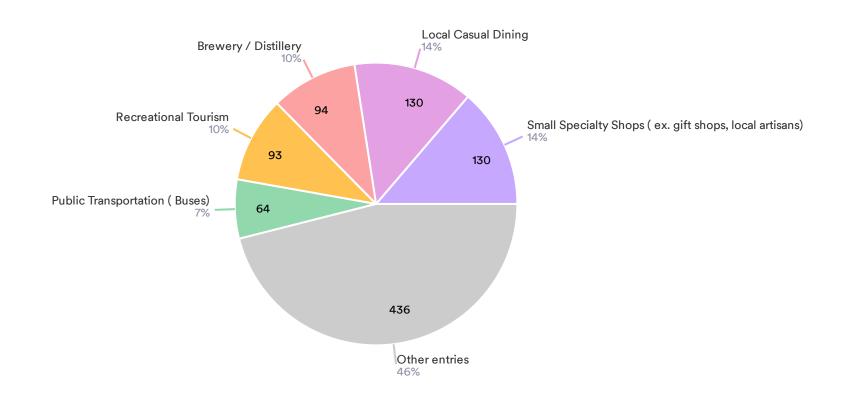
174 Responses- 9 Empty



What are the top 3 reasons you chose to live in Warrensburg? 485 Responses

What types of training/education opportunities would someone in your household be likely to utilize? Please Check all that apply



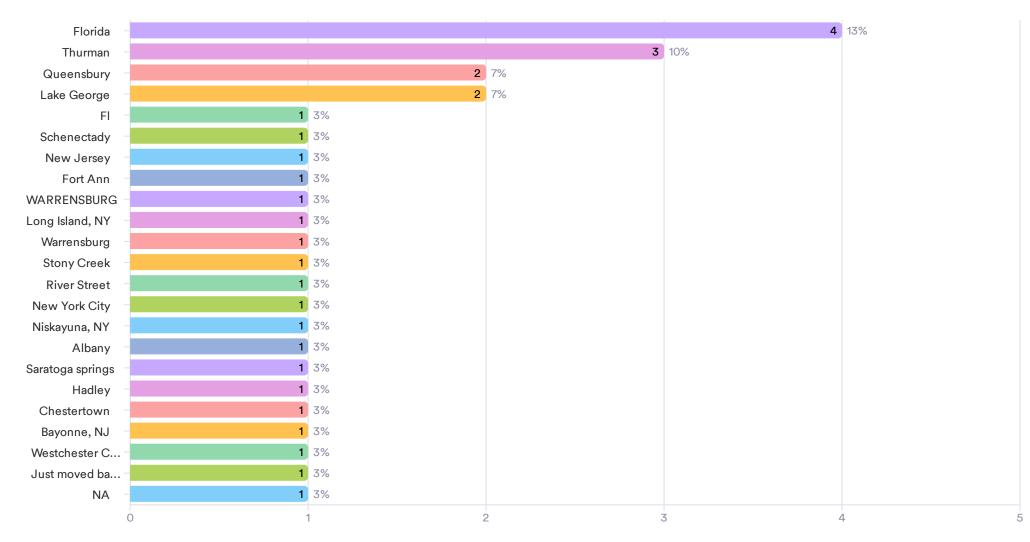


What types of businesses should we work to recruit for Warrensburg please check all that apply:

947 Responses

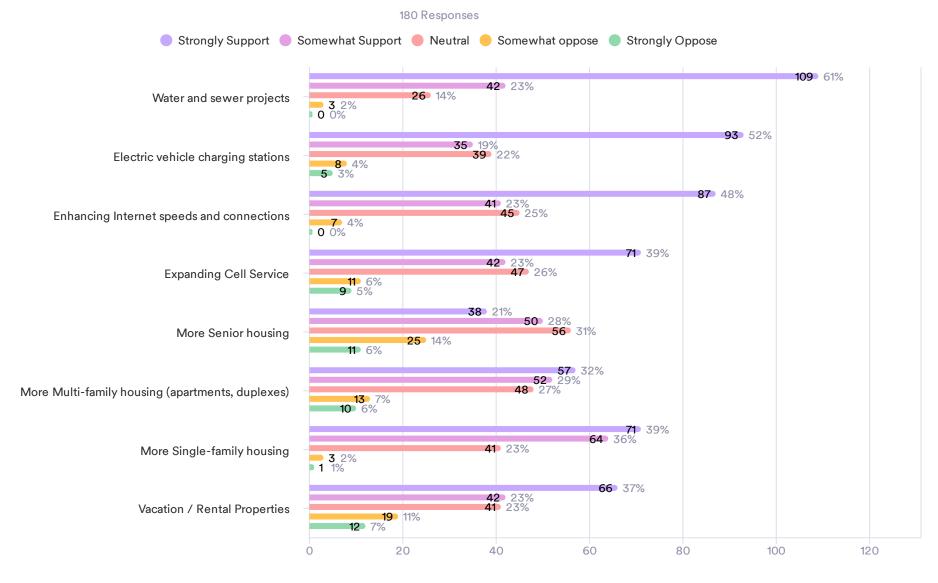
If no, where is your primary residence located

30 Responses- 150 Empty

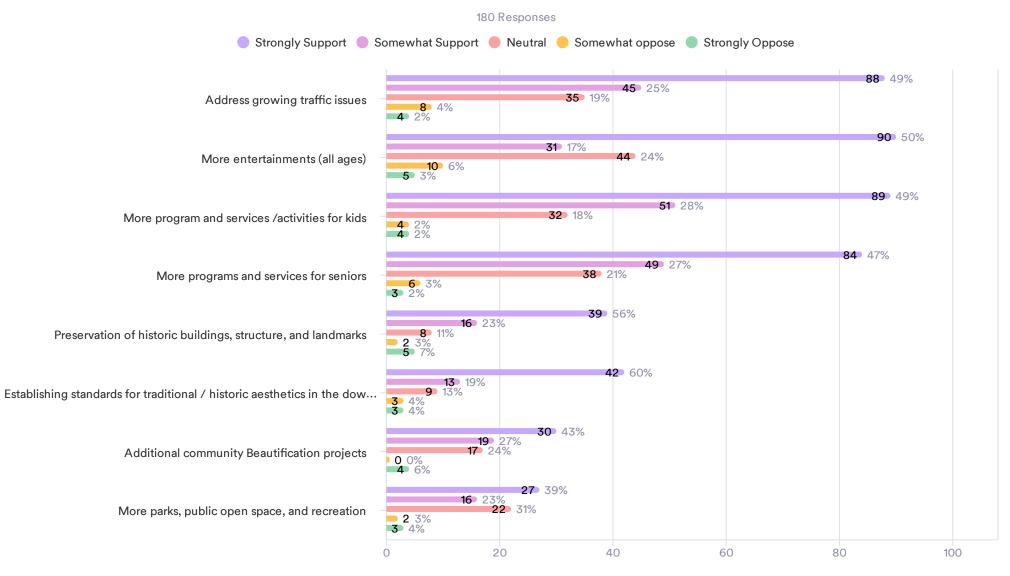


180 Responses Strongly Support Support Support Neutral Support Strongly Suppose 94 52% 47 26% 27 15% Actively recruiting business prospects **8** 4% 139 77% 28 16% €0% 6% Helping retain and expand existing businesses 67 37% **42** 23% Actively attracting professional firms / individuals that can work re... 60 33% 5 3% **31** 17% 43 24% 102 57% Providing resources such as an Enterprise Fund to grow local small ... ¹ 3^{1%}2% 81 45% 44 48 27% Provide entrepreneurship training and assistance 34*2*% 126 70% **22** 12% 18% More local job opportunities. 8 8% 95 53% 40² 22% A more diversified tax base, less reliance on tourism and residential... 030% **57**,32% 40 22%51 Development of vacant commercial/industrial sites 12 7% 11% **39** 22% **52** 29% 60 33% Additional industrial/manufacturing **22** 12% 7 4% **41** 23% 29% **64** 36% Development of alternative energy projects - solar, wind **6** 3% **17** 9% 41 23% 269 Additional Downtown Parking **6** 3%¹⁶ 9% 70 39% 0 50 100 150

More Develop . Please indicate your level of support for the following goals.



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Attachment C Comments Offered by Respondents

more business on main street to stop traffic from driving thru town1

A variety of new and existing businesses, while protecting and enhancing Warrensburg's historic buildings, districts, and community feel. Encourage use and renovation of buildings (especially those with historic significance), and keep Main Street from looking like a suburban "any town USA." Thank you.1

Affordable taxes so people can live & work here in a thriving community1

A Cabelas would be a perfect fit. I would like to see Warrensburg always look like a true ADK destination. The dispensary would be extremely profitable. The lounge is not necessary, just the dispensary. Our seniors need affordable living. Our teens need activities. Maybe a YMCA of the north country.1

Sustainable and growing community1

More focus and assistance for year round tax payers would be nice. Instead of focusing solely on tourism why not promote living here year round.1

More activities for children and teens. Giving our seniors affordable housing. Making Warrensburg A year round destination. There is nothing here now to attract visitors. I worked at Adirondack Rustic Interiors when they were open, and they did a ton of business year round! People came from north and south to make purchases. The dispensary is #1. So much money will come from it. It looks like any other business. It would be nice to have dispensary customers eat and shop in this beautiful town. Not like LG more like Lake Placid. Not everyone skis that goes to Placid. It's the atmosphere that attracts people.1

Not run by big business. More mom n pop shops1

more professional businesses, jobs Nice restaurants Preserve historic buildings or replace with similar architecture Increased recreation. Mountain bike & cross country ski trails on Hackensack, and along the Schroon and Hudson Rivers1

Develvopment of Warrensburg as a Gate Way to Adirondacks. The other major entries to the Adirondacks, (Lake Placid & Old Forge) have outfitters that enable and encourage tourists to use their area. We need a major outfitter (LL Bean, Cabelas, etc) which in turn would develop smaller businesses (eateries, craft shops, etc.).1

I would like to see our town become more diverse by attracting people and businesses from the arts, music, education, wealth, tourism, culinary, and entertainment sectors. We should also work to promote volunteerism and community involvement for local residents who were not born here. I hope we will not allow a cannabis dispensary! Money isn't everything, and something like that could cause damage to our town and youth.

Our property and school taxes are atrocious, residents don't want to work, and the town is full of section 8 housing. Warrensburg has great potential to add additional business opportunities that will revitalize the town, create jobs, and help create business tax revenue. Unfortunately red tape, new regulations and potential historical district zoning will deter future investments.1

1. All empty stores on Main St to be used again for businesses-keeping the same charm already there! 2. Snowmobile trails in/around town to connect southern & northern Warren Co & so those tourists come to Warrensburg. 3. Continued work on town water. 4. More apartments for families & seniors. 5. The town to look & be inviting to people living here, staying here (tourists), and the people driving thru town to want to stop & enjoy (by spending their money here for goods &/or services) all year round!1

More useful businesses to raise taxes brought in and remove or renovate dilapidated buildings. Too many Main Street buildings are in horrible condition.1

I grew up in Warrensburg and then left for 35 years, only to return five years ago. I was disappointed to see the downtown area already losing it's historic charm. Many houses appear dilapidated, especially along Hudson Ave. Other than the health center (architectural sore thumb)not much else has changed along Main St. In 10 more years I would like to see money for home repairs made available to residents who need it (grants and loans dependent on income?). I'd like to see what's left of the historical nature of the town preserved. I'd like to see business expansion along Rt 9, where the old North Gateway is. THAT is a great place to build your Dollar General, or whatever.1

Hoping for more jobs, more business's, need to grow1

I hold with limited municipal function. Encouragement and vision with oversight for quality of life issues and the ability to encourage compatible development that will not negatively impact existing investments as much as possible.1

Warrensburg has thriving businesses and empty storefronts failed businesses find the type of businesses that succeeds so it's a vital downtown knocked down ugly building across from Walgreens next to bandstand it is an eyesore or renovated into a good looking business.1

I'd like to see the rental units on main Street be cleaned up celebrate the town's anniversary with a festival showcasing students artwork, band, local businesses. Restrict short-term housing rentals that cause disturbances and threat to quiet lifestyles.

The town with greater reliability and utilities electric water expanded sewer room taking and advantage of the it's location as a gate to the Adirondacks all short-term vacation rentals should be banned or tightly regulated they destroy the safe peaceful environment that Warrensburg should be.1

The town of less traffic congestion small quality shops honest government no closed or decisions a town with more car lots community health program for those who can't afford to paint repair rundown properties1

A community that still wants to live in and proud to be a part of it close to everything a community not just a place to live.1

My vision for this town is from now to still see the tradition in historic value still in place and not a town that lets the chain stores move in and take over historic properties to tear down historic buildings and replace it with a Dollar general between a church and the VFW is a disgrace to this town I am against a Dollar general from coming to town but location is key and so far the location is wrong.1

I wouldn't mind seeing a clothing shop and additional shops for tourists, but I really don't want the town to grow too much. The US is full of people that live in urban sprawl, but want to live here. Let's not make our town into another sea of box stores and chain restaurants.1

It would be nice to see the empty buildings on Main Street be used.1

An active, welcoming community which will attract and retain community members. Having an internet infrastructure in place (in town & in the rural parts of Warrensburg) which will support needs for remote learning, working remotely and business internet requirements!1

Need more recreational opportunities for kids. Used to have bowling, pool, theater - now nothing.1 Peace & Quiet1

Continue to be a caring community and safety is also important. Better planning for our seniors.1 Quite happy and satisfied with the town Glad to live here

Our architectural heritage should be properly maintained. Most of the beauty is in old wood structures, expensive to maintain. The town should help by subsidizing to a reasonable extent.1

Echo Lake refreshment stand?? We are both retired.1

Bed/Breakfast town taking pride in services for families and seniors: community oriented. Keep it local including "The People" small enough to stay intimate. (Let Queensbury keep growing.) Help the "Ma/Pa" shops stay in business and lots of family activities.1

Happy with the town now, like slow pace - low crime.1

It is totally becoming a city and not our little town, don't like it at all. We are or were country. A little while back a doggie Park, where we could walk our dogs was brought up. But I have never seen and sign of it or heard anymore about it. It is so needed in our town - It would be well worth our grant. Also I believe when somebody Purchases a Historical place They shouldn't be told what they can or cannot so with it. The paid for it. Thanks1

Keep it "home town" without political motivation!1

A quiet, quaint friendly family town1

Updated!1

Would like to see more small business in the downtown area to bring more tourism to the area.1 A destination for high quality businesses and residential homes.1

Hoping to still be able to b alive w/further thoughts of still having good goverment. Kevin & his staff are very helpful.1

More young families in our town and more services for them. Please focus on making out town water supply more drinkable. It is strange to live in this beautiful landscape and have to purchase water for drinking. Please do everything possible to keep Small Tales Daycare open & operational. 45 families + 12 staff depend upon its operation. There is a "Daycare Desert" between Qusbry & Plattsburgh. We cannot attract young families to our town without adequate daycare.

I would like to see a ore pedestrian friendly town, bike trails, walking trails, etc. More small shops and eateries on Main Street, breweries and an outdoor shop (Cabela's or something similar) on the outskirts of town. The Rec field used as a year round spot for our youth - more winter activities.1

Thriving businesses with the Small Home Town feel. No \$ General - Too many in area & would take Fam \$ & Drug Store & Small Groc out of business.1

Hopefully our quaint little Town will remain quaint & historical (Entry to The Beautiful Adirondacks; if it should grow and it will, let's do this on and in the outling areas!)1

liked the Town of Warrensburg newsletter1

Going forward with present Admin. cleaning up junk properties. Passing a town law supporting the 2nd Amendment to keep and bear arms. Having a special day (holiday) supporting our police, emergency personnel. Maybe a big BBQ.1

Warrensburg has a small town charm that would be nice to maintain. however find it hard to find help with my property and in home repairs. also it would be nice to have a stronger tax base maybe light industry to offer residents tax relief. that might necessities more single family housing which might affect school population more home health aides would be helpful to those needing their service.1

A historic Rural Community providing the goods and services all residents require for a comfortable daily life.1

A community that is unique and retains its small town feel, additionally charming and historical relevance, encourage diverse, small business and community needs. Try to avoid future big box stores, chains, so Warrensburg does not become another "miracle mile" of suburban "everywhere"1

I wish to have the historic character of our town preserved, while having businesses encouraged to reuse existing building for needed services. I hope that our Town government will support these efforts. I also hope that the issue of housing for young families and aging adults will be addressed. I would like to see more people investing in our community who can work remotely and have a better quality of life without sacrificing income potential. And, I would like to see more local job creation that would support a higher income level, and therefore more money would be spent in our community by those who live here year round, and not just vacation or are retired with a seasonal home.1

Improve Expand opportunities for employment. Better housing for area residents 9 affordable for various income Levels.

No Chain Restaurants or stores1

Expand Tax base with technology based business offering jobs!1

More stores/food options! A brewery! Still keeping the historical parts of town!1

A healthy, self sufficient, small town, with employment opportunities for locals1

Maintenance and up keep of the current buildings, fixing up run down ones, sprucing up the side streets not just Main St. continued support of area local businesses.1

To maintain a small community vibe while providing visitors and residents a variety of recreational, educational, and social activities and programs that promote engage and nourish people of all ages. And behind that vibe is safety, access to health care, and work opportunities.1

I have grown up in this town. It's truly sad that all of the older buildings are now vacant and in disrepair. They are beautiful buildings and need some love and attention. Box stores and large chain stores shouldn't be here they arent the solution nor what will draw more people to our town. Small businesses local artisans that's what would be so amazing. Personally I would love to see some of the older things done like when I was in school for instance. We used to be able to responsibly paint on business windows for the holiday. What a great tradition that would be to bring back. I'm sure there would be enough parents to come with their younger children to help as well as the kids in high school. Willing business would be awesome!! I would absolutely be willing to help with something for our kids. Garage Sale Weekend... Ugh! Where to begin. Something that started out as GARAGE sales is now a huge mess. I don't see why the Smoke Easters Jamboree couldn't be done that weekend and let some of the vendor booths share the field with our town. Like a flea market type set up. The rec field is a huge beautiful wide open space. The last major thing is internet. Holy cow those of us that dont live directly in town and are no more than 3 miles from the center of town need to have something anything at this point as far as internet besides having to use a cell phone MAYBE if you get service. Between internet and the lack of cell service it would truly be something great to have!!! Thanks you guys for reading!! Sharon 1

More family and children activities more dining selections.

I'd like to see more specialty shops instead of big box stores. More sole proprietors and less big chain stores. Better parking everywhere in town, especially main street businesses. More affordable store frontage available for small start up businesses. More focus on local talents and resources. More businesses featuring arts crafts and gifts made by locals to compete with all the China made products sold in Lake George. People will travel hundreds of miles and pay high prices for something they can't get at a big box store which brings more outside money into our town, just ask any local artist or craftsman. Promote family friendly businesses while not allowing new businesses that want to carry vulgar merchandise or cannabis. Take care of the little things and the big things will take care of themselves.1

I have lived in Warrensburg for 32 years. My vision for Warrensburg is a community that values and preserves our historic buildings, structures and landmarks as well as our parks and open spaces. I would like our town to support our current businesses and recruit local small businesses. I would like our town leaders to seek input from and listen to Warrensburg citizens. I support more beautification projects which enhance our town and improve the quality of life for our residents. I would like to see the walkability of Warrensburg maintained and improved. Being able to walk for errands and exercise has health, economic and environmental benefits.1

A little bit more of everything that makes Warrensburg a wonderful place to live, without losing its friendly hometown charm.1

Preserve and restore historic low income housing and beautification of existing dwellings. Maintain moratoriums on corporate and chain businesses. Create additional community amenities.1

Growth in numbers for both businesses and bodies. I would really like to hope in 10 years there will be more for kids to do. Parents are absent more now and kids have nothing to do with idle hands. We need to offer more.1

A town with a strong sense of community that is carbon neutral and a leader in addressing climate crisis issues.1

Well I'll only be here 2 more years. Counting down the days to leave. This town is a mess. No long term plan, no vision. We rely too heavily on tourism and do little for the year round residents. The schools are actually very good but enrollment continues to fall because families don't want to live here with high taxes and few services and it's becoming a seasonal tourist and rental community. I just pray I can sell my house in two years otherwise I'll become a landlord I guess. The poverty in this town is so sad, generational poverty at its worst. It reminds me of a West Virginia coal town it's so bad. I wanted a small quiet and safe town to raise my family when I moved here 15 yrs ago but it's gone down hill so fast. There's no sense of culture or community. No pride in our town. Maybe I'll visit in 20 years and be surprised by the change, I hope so.

Bedroom community for Glens Falls/Saratoga/Albany with sufficient amenities for

shopping/dining/lodging to support a growing community.1

For it to always be the beautiful old town with a history.1

Keep the historical image1

What I would not like to see is it built up with chain stores and restaurants. Warrensburg is beautiful and more local small businesses would be nice. If anything a community office space with private offices so people can work remotely would be nice.1

Less poverty, a nicer Main Street.1

To remain the great town it is without adding the "box" stores1

Remain a small town. Encourage more touristy small business. Encourage our residents to use and

support small business. Keep taxes affordable. Encourage our children to choose their hometown for a lifetime. Keep our town beautiful.1

Have the character, tourism and appearance of Woodstock VT1

Town beautification and recreation for locals with nicer shopping areas to serve community and bring outsiders to feed into local economy1

Growth .. expanded tax base .1

Preserve and revitalize historical district. Less abandoned buildings. Support for small local businesses, not chains and big box stores. More electric vehicles and transit options (bus, rideshares). Attract and welcome more racially diverse families.

Our town is lacking senior housing & middle class rentals. We are the gateway to The Adirondacks and yet we have no hotels or sporting good retail shops. I would like to see more shops and no more car dealers ! I would love to see by National Grid beautiful blossoming trees that were taken away when we built the grand HHHN. Dollar General could be built as you're leaving Warrensburg at the north end on the outskirts just like Chestertown. Would love to see the bands back at our newly renovated bandstand with several food trucks like Horicon . The rec field would be great if you fix toboggan run open the beautiful bathrooms only used once a year for the Smokeeaters. I think the farmers market should be relocated to Main Street for more visibility fir all traffic passing through ... maybe you could turn the White Manor lot into green space & have farmers market there. Or close Water street on Fridays & make use of the Grand HHHN park in the back & have by the river . I would love to see our town flourish like Ballston Spa....1

Warrensburg is a great town for retirees and seniors. Many needed services are already in place. More rentals for families and seniors are needed. I feel there is too many vacation rentals. It is difficult to find available housing for young families wanting to leave in Warrensburg.1

Expanded businesses and shopping in town. We should have more restaurants, more shops, more opportunities for residents to meet needs in Warrensburg. Greater economic and social diversity. Better sense of community. Commitment to our local community with an appreciation of and openness to the greater communities and global opportunities around us. Growth in our schools and therefor our programs (academic, sports and non sports) would expand for children too. Traditions and celebrations in our community (i.e. parades, picnics, Spirit events, etc...). Warrensburg as a town where the residents love to live here and non-residents love to visit our beautiful community.1

That I'll still be in business and town continues to embrace its position as Gateway of the Adirondacks. Maybe a Schermerhorn apartment complex and/or senior facility. Beautification north of the bridge so the first view visitors have is not a trailer park and car wash and National Grid.1

I hope Warrensburg stays the small charming town as it is today.1

Community is thriving economically, taxes are still reasonable and environmental issues are addressed as #1 priority.1

Charming historical destination for all who can appreciate its rich history and safe, family-friendly community for people of all ages. Also, thank you so much for repairing Green Mansions Road last month! Safe and beautiful, and the workers impressed me by being on the job as I drove to work at 6:50 am, accomplishing the entire job in a record amount of time by working closely with neighboring town trucks enlisted to assist them.

The ability to capture more of the tourism dollors that are passing through town. River front park creation/restoration. More small buisnesses on main st, public parking, better traffic flow.1

Keep as small town as possible we don't need box stores in this town we don't need another glens falls1

A small tight knit community, that is willing to grow but not faster than the resources available. Tourism is great, but that's it- tourism. Our family has ties to Warrensburg since the 1800s and we plan on keep that.1

Busy commercial main street with a hotel, brewery and retail stores paying taxes on high valued and assessed businesses to lower residential school taxes.1

I would love to move back to Warrensburg, but the reality is that it's just a commuter town with a lot of traffic on the summer. There is no single attraction that brings people in to Warrensburg which keeps them in Warrensburg. The police force and court operations are the main reason I won't come back to this town. For such a peaceful place, I've never been so harassed by people in a place of power over me. Despicable, un-American policing for profit just breeds the same generational garbage that warrensburg is known for. This town is nothing special. Yall have a lot of work to do1

Filled storefronts, safe passage for pedestrians and bicyclists, active school and library with programs for the community centering around these two places, clean, safe and places to stay/live.1

I'd like to see warrensburg more culturally diverse. I'd like to see more people walking the streets being drawn in by arts and creative festivals.1

A community renaissance equal to that which has taken place in Saratoga Springs and Glens Falls. Where there is vision and planning, there is a way! Attract investors! Preserve, renovate and repurpose existing historic structures, while building new ones that enhance the historic character of the town!1

A big roundabout to fix traffic at the weird intersection

Revitalize main street and businesses. Empty storefronts and dilapidated "historic" buildings are not inviting for either new business or a place to raise a family. Right now it looks like a town in trouble economically. Main Street is the window to Warrensburg. If it's inviting to stop, people will want to see what else it has to offer. This historic building debate going on has its limits. The historic buildings that have been maintained are beautiful, but the dilapidated ones are just eyesores and do nothing for the economy or the "beauty" of Warrensburg. Quite frankly they are a turn off. I hear about "funding" to revitalize these buildings but this "funding" is not enough to restore these homes completely. So if the current owner is not willing or can't financially bring it back to its glory, I don't agree with telling them they "can't" demolish "their" property. I'd rather see an empty parcel than an eyesore of a building. If the current owners of what is deemed "historic" property would like to have their property on a historic map they can. You have several beautiful historic buildings on one side of the street and then you look over and there is that monstrosity of a building that no one complained about called HHHN! That building does not aesthetically fit. I am not in favor of big box stores but some of the smaller chains both retail and dining might help with the economy, jobs, and tax base. Warrensburg has to move forward and think about what the future generations are interested in, in terms of jobs, businesses, and raising families. Otherwise Warrensburg will continue to be just a nondescript town that you drive through. I'd like to see Warrensburg be a town that visitors would like to stop and enjoy, a place that future generations want to live and raise their families. History is important but not at the cost of Main Street looking like an abandoned, run down town. There has to be a balance and we are far from there1

Maintain the quaint and historical environment

Stop trying to tell people what they can and cant do with their "historic" property. If they want to participate that should be their choice, not forced on them. All of these vacant and dilapidated buildings are not helping the town economically, some are eyesores. I am hearing "funding is available" but whose going to pay for the what funding doesn't cover? If these "historic" buildings are so lucrative where are the investors? I am not for big box stores but a few smaller chain businesses could compliment the community and bring jobs to the town plus help with the tax base. Let the town planning and zoning boards do their jobs and enforce the codes set forth. Right now Main St Warrensburg is turning into a "Ghost town". Businesses have closed and buildings vacant. You can't blame the Pandemic either. This has been happening for years! Warrensburg needs to balance moving forward and preserving its assets. not be stuck in the past! Its not working! In my 30+ years I have lived and run a business in Warrensburg I never once had a vacationer asked about the "historic" buildings. I don't even remember anyone asking if there was a museum in town. This town needs to balance its "History" and "Economic" future and look at what the generations coming up want and need moving forward or this town will be known as the Town That Time Forgot, a Ghost Town!1

If the moratorium passes I'd say Warrensburg will be a ghost Town in 10 years. This is the most insane Idea I ever heard Maybe a law against adult entertainment1

More businesses More populated Restoring dilapidated buildings1

A small time Adirondack community. A wonderful area to have kids grow up and especially enjoy our outdoor activities. It would be nice to see small businesses developed and expanded in Warrensburg-kayak or canoe companies, maybe a local brewery, furniture made from Adirondack forests, expanded parks and hiking trails. Warrensburg has been special to many of us who graduated from WCS, went away for college and returned to work locally for over 35 years and then continue to live in Warrensburg upon retiring.1

To see this small town flourishing with small businesses, more safe outlets for children and teens to enjoy that are also positive, such as a skate park, ice rink during the long Winters, mountain coaster possibly at Hickory hill, mini golf and more for locals and to attract tourists.1

Vibrant small town1

More up to date and modern, more school spirt.

As you travel into Warrensburg via exit 23, the Main Street should be used for attractive commercial businesses (eateries, shops etc), perhaps a chain restaurant near McDonalds to attract people off the highway. The car wash, mobile home park, national grid should not be the first appearance in the town. Prime riverfront and Main Street property should be used for places people would want to visit and stop to explore/ spend money. Additional parking would help businesses grow on Main Street. As you travel north there could be room for industry or manufacturing outside of the town to create local jobs. Reliable high speed internet in all areas would allow more people to purchase homes in the area and telecommute. Family and kid friendly activities would attract more families into the region- currently there is very little targeted towards this population. The bottom line is that if we don't attract families and industry/jobs into our area, the tax base will continue to drop, taxes will continue to rise making it increasingly difficult to grow the community. Historical preservation, parks, recreational opportunities etc are certainly nice and attractive but these are not going to help the most critical issues facing our town and others in the Adirondack Park to develop, grow and thrive moving forward. Unlike other towns in the Park, Warrensburg has the best chance to grow given it's location off I87 and traffic traveling to Rte 28 and points beyond. Health care and other necessities are also already here and easily accessible unlike other communities. However, we need employment opportunities in order for people to be able to live here year round.1

To see a community that keeps the historical aspect of the town. Preserving what is here. Entertainment and recreation geared towards younger generations.1

I envision this town being a destination instead of a place to drive through on your way to other towns. There needs to be more to offer than stores to buy food and particularly meat. Jobs need to be created so that young folks can remain here employed.1

Greater local farming and community.1

In 10 years I hope that Warrensburg is similar to what attracted me to live here in the first place. I hope that it remains affordable, beautiful, and close knit. I hope that businesses and restaurants stay here, can afford to do so and that locals continue frequenting them and enjoying them. I hope that the small town feel remains and the events that the town has that we look forward to every week, seasonally and every year do also. I want more things to do here every weekend so I get to know my community and continue appreciating it. I hope that organizations learn to work together for the betterment of the town. I hope that rules are finally put into place so that neighbors don't have to despise each other because the town hasn't any day and nighttime sound/ noise ordinances, pet/livestock nuisance laws or the like. I want people to remember what it is to be a good community member and neighbor. I hope that our students leave educated and make the community better, participating in its events and growth as they go through their schooling. I hope that they have pride in being a part of this community like I do. I hope that Warrensburg remains exactly the place I fell in love with when I bought my home.

To have remained a small community with the current and new mom and pop shops. More affordable housing/apartments. More activities for children and teens with an increase for those with special needs.1

I would like to see more things for kids to do (YMCA), casual chain restaurant, box stores. Crosswalk lights that work. Better safety at Elementary school parking lot, updating Elementary school (roof leaks in ALOT of rooms). Safer walking, biking areas on Main Street. Town sewer up Horicon Ave. Better sidewalks and crosswalks by high school.1

I hope that Warrensburg can attract more people to the town so the businesses can survive during the winter.1

Maintain the charm but become more diverse ,expand and develop small business . Need more public parking1

A thriving community with retail and entertainment venues so that residents can buy clothing, household goods and other necessities, go bowling and see movies in town. Affordable housing and public transportation so that people can live here.1

Wholesomeness Opportunities1

Improved infrastructure, a mix of small business and chain businesses (not necessarily eateries or box stores), more internet/wi-fi access, improvement of the school district facilities (NEW Elementary School), and a localized mass transit system (maybe expanding into Lake George/Queensbury/Glens Falls).1

Dog park. Skate board park. "Downtown" feel with local food and businesses.1

Increase industrial business to add more good paying jobs and decrease the tax burden on homeowners. More boutique type shops to make Warrensburg a more interesting place to visit and shop1

Put in place above goals.

I would like to see some of the rundown buildings revitalized/rebuilt - specifically the large yellow building on the river, by the hospital. Rebuilding that would make a great country store/market for local food and beverage providers. No big box stores or chain restaurants. We should be preserving the historical buildings, supporting small businesses and their growth.1

Still smaller and quaint with locals running small businesses that bring them joy, that can benefit from local and tourist business. This could become an artist and artist destination because of the surrounding nature. To have quality businesses with quality products, not easily accessible elsewhere. To have people proud to live in Warrensburg, instead of feeling trapped.1

Warrensburg is a wonderful community of real families. We just need a bit more definition as to who "WE" Want to be. How we want our community. Were so close to being a thriving sustainable community. If we could just stop sabotaging each other and start going in the same direction. We want to be a "traditional looking" community, with all the modern amenities. Businesses and services that support the four season community making it an easy place to live and attract a steady flow of tourists with events and businesses that appeal to the casual traveler.