

Preliminary Synopsis of Survey Results

This summer, the Funny River Advisory Planning Commission distributed a survey so that we could get a feel for what issues were important to the community. We received responses from 18.8% of the 1500 post cards that were distributed. A summary of the responses are provided below:

Ages of Respondents:

38% - Over 65 years old
44% - Between 51-65 years old
12% - Between 41-50 years old
7% - Between 18-40 years old

Residency

26% - More than 20 years
22% - Between 11 & 20 years
18% - Between 6 & 10 years
18% - One and 5 years

100% of the responses were from homeowners.

63% of the responses were from zip code 99669.

67% of the respondents did not want building codes in Funny River.

96% of the respondents supported full control of their property.

Zoning Changes:

Respondents indicated that Sand and Gravel pits were the most in need of an increase in zoning restrictions and Residential Zoning was the least in need of an increase in zoning restrictions. Commercial Zoning and Private Airstrips fell in the middle.

The listed concerns are ranked, based on responses in order from highest to lowest below:

- 1 Protect lakes, streams, and wetlands
- 2 Concern with crime in the community
- 3 Preserve open space, forests and agricultural lands
- 4 Improve traffic flow on FRR
- 5 Development of a bridge between Sterling and Funny River
- 6 Development of boat launch
- 7 Communal cleanup of property-assist neighbors if requested
- 8 Increase security at transfer station
- 9 Post Office
- 10 Increase recreational opportunities -hiking areas, ski tracks, etc.
- 11 Develop community directory of services
- 12 Promote local renewable energy
- 13 Separate pedestrian walkway parallel to FRR
- 14 Provide bike lanes and "share the road" signs
- 15 Purchase open land for community use
- 16 Recreation & exercise facilities
- 17 Promote regional public transportation, public bus or shuttle
- 18 Public library with regular hours

The FRAPC will be discussing the survey data and putting together a draft community plan to help us move forward as our community grows.