

Future Concerns

What do you think are the three (3) most serious issues facing Canaan in the next 5-25 years?

2nd class mindset-We can be more	was good enough for me; a reachable vision	don't tell me what I can/can't do- zoning protection
Adding more services pd w property taxes than homeowners can handle	wanting to be a small town w city mentality	balance - provide necessary services w/out growing out of our small-town status
Aging population	lower property values	loss of farm land
Aging population	Protecting lakes and streams	Road maintenance
Aging population	Schools	Drug use
aging population in non-seasonal areas	protecting streams and lakes	preventing rape of land such as at Little Goose Pond outflow bridge - North side.
Attracting and keeping downtown businesses that will thrive.		
Attracting business	Blight on route 4	Paving Goose Pond Road.
balancing cost of responsible gov't with cost of owning home	total reliance on real estate taxes to fund education	
better schools	more business	Underfunded middle and high schools make Canaan I appealing for potential residents who place a high value on education
Brain drain	Aging population	cost of education
business developement	stable selectment	
canaan police department is too large and too costly. we do not need 4-5 cruisers and 24 hour coverage. cut the police department and save some tax \$		
clean up some properties		
Condition of the high school	decline in home values	lack of local services (medical, etc)
Conservation	Preservation of Rural Life	Community education
Controlled growth	Scaled down + re-thought school improvement	Better transportation
Declining population	Declining school facilities	Limited retail opportunities

Declining school enrollment	Unrestricted development	Tax increase resulting from the high school renovation.
development	zoning	schools
economy	quality local jobs	infrastructure
Educated professionals with children will not want to move here and one that are here will want to leave	Brain drain	Lack of amenities to attract new residents
Education	Growth	Preservation
Education	Education	Education
education	education	education
education	recreation	high quality development
Education for children	sprall in village	loss of open spaces
Elderly people being able to afford to keep their home	Young people needing affordable homes.	
Encourage zoning to discourage trashy properties	enforce zoning	eliminate trashy properties
encouraging businesses to come to town		
environment	education	sustainable development
failing schools	increasing criminal population	no industry
Get a grocery store near town	Clearing of the many ugly sites	
global warming, unaccredited high school	rise in gas prices	lack of community & working together
	all elderly needing surplus services	
Greying of town--no new families		no new development
Growth	Taxes	Schools
Growth	Schools	Communication
Growth - development such as a grocery store is needed	School system improvement	Balancing conservation and growth
growth & population	property taxes	Mascoma High School
Growth in population	Property taxes	Mascoma High School
Having zoning adopted	Having zoning adopted	Having zoning adopted
high property taxes		
High property taxes	Too closely mixed business and residential	Vacant/abandoned homes

HIGH PROPERTY TAXES

High School
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High school needs renovation
high school needs updating

High school renovation
High taxes
high taxes
High unemployment
Higher taxes
human relationships

If our community does not support taking care of our schools we will lose families
Ill-considered development, like what 's occurred in West Lebanon
Improve school facilites thereby encouraging growth and expanded tax base
improving the high school and then other schools
Improving the schools
Inadequacy of middle/high schools
Increase in property and school taxes
Increased school taxes

increases in property taxes
jobs

TOO MUCH REGULATION

Road repair
Taxes
Need to clean up the town - Autoware.
back roads that are deteriorating

Families moving in/staying in Canaan
High taxes

State mandated spending
Increased spending
access to food market
New families won't be encouraged to move to our community leaving a heavier burden on those left here.

Paying for the school system

increasing senior population with more needed services
Keeping taxes reasonable!

Town government

The town wasting money
uncontrolled growth
possibility of overbuilding or commercial infiltration
taxes

WIND TURBINES RUINING VIEWS & PROP. VALUES

Zoning
Roads
Not having a clinic (which gave out free birth control).

side walks need repairs
Lack of business to help with taxes & move tax base more to business and away from home owners.
High taxes

Cuts in state contributions
Government intervention
overall town maintenance

decreasing overall population
Control the race track usage
Lack of desirable businesses in town

loss of fields and woods

weather such as flooding

keeping our schools competitive with other districts.	more programs for the elderly	more programs to keep our children busy, active, supervised
lack of a good zoning plan		
lack of downtown development due to polluting	noisy racetrack	High taxes due to burden of taxes on property owners
Lack of employment	Lack of employment	Lack of employment
lack of zoning	over development	updating sewer system
lack of zoning		
Lack of zoning	Poor schools - whether real or perceived	Declining downtown
Lack of zoning / building codes makes it ripe for exploitation	Failure to attract more high-income people to stabilize tax base	Failure to attract business because it's ugly
Lack of zoning, which leads to	Over development	Free staters, libertarians, and tea party members getting power
Limiting growth in natural pristine areas	Updating town center so as to encourage shops to open here	Working on a zoning plan to improve the appearance of the town, we have trash heaps everywhere!!
Looking like West Lebanon	loosing the history of small town feel	major subdivisions
loss of agricultural land	too much noise=racetracks	
Low house sales and prices	A better image	Business growth
Mascoma High School		
medical costs	increased property taxes	need for sales or income tax
	Learning to do more with less, which probably means relying on more volunteer help from the community.	
Money		Protecting our rural land.
Need New High School	Water Quality	Tax rate
Need to renovate high school		
New business		
New school	Increase number of businesses in town	Increase overall recreation offerings for youth and adults
New Taxes for the schools on fixed income cannot afford	If Taxes getr much higher Canaan will be a ghost town	Tax all junk cars/trucks that are unregistered insured or inspected (more then 2)
no business	low income families	student age children

No new school people will move out of the area.

nothing for teens to do; when I was a kid every public school had rec friday nights; they played music, the girls danced, ping pong, basketball, pool table. shuffle board, Parent & custodian there. Parents took turns

out of control school budget
over growth
Over regulation

over taxation
overpopulation
oversight of safe building construction

Paying for school buildings, salaries, and health benefits

Poor roads
poor schools
population
population growth
population growth
population growth

Population increase along with expanded services

poverty
preserving natural beauty and resources
private roads
property tax

Coast a lot more to ship students to other school.

over bearing school board
high taxes
Lack of buisness
planning board sticking their noses where they don't belong

transportation
The aging population
Lack of school investment
need zoning
school
property taxes
school budgets
road maintenance

Residential housing increase

unregulated, no-zoning growth

schools
roads

New school motivation for people to move to area.

finding funds to maitain aging town buildings

Failing schools

high school upgrades
Class warfare-- Socio economic difference
poor internet in most areas

not willing to improve school system
decaying infrastruacter
attracting businesses

Crime prevention
the racetrack--too noisy all spring, summer & fall; pollution, increased traffic, people from out of town who don't pay property tax here

clutter along route 4

Property Tax Rate	Access to public lands	
Property Taxes	Road Conditions	Logging
Property taxes	Paying for the decaying schools	Attracting revenue
property taxes	town management	
Property taxes	Water/sewer rates	Get more people to recycle
Property taxes		
Property taxes		
Property Taxes are too high	Schools	Local Business (not enough of)
Property Taxes going up.		
property taxes need relief	lack of zoning	crime
	Attracting good and decent	The lack of support for school
Property Taxes too high and will	people to live and make their	improvement and increases
force people out	home in Canaan	salaries for the teachers
		Water quality for humans and
Protect agricultural lands.	School system needs boost.	wildlife.
	providing employment	
	opportunities within the	
providing for the elderly	town for townspeople and	maintaining services to the
	graduates	community
Quality and condition of schools	Education	Rt 4 width and condition
Quality education	Affordable home ownership	Preservation of natural resources
quality of development		
		tension between different social
quality of schools	access to services	classes
Quality of schools	population growth	traffic
Quality of the schools	Land/forest preservation	Tax burden
		Clean up of the "eye-sore" messes
Renovation of school Dire	Attention to Social Services	along Rte 4
renovation of the high school	growing the tax base	loss of state income
	finding renewable energy	maintaining schools up to
responsible growth	sources	standards
Restricting access to the land.		
Stop allowing Class VI to		
become private roads, paths,		
and trails. Everyone should		
have access not just the David		
Robys and Ben Killhams of the		
world.	Trailer Parks	Crime; property theft
rising taxes	leash law for pets	

Road Maintenance	Schools Maintenance	Schools Education program
roads	lower taxes	
Roads	School	Leadership
Roads	Property taxes	Downtown / ugly clutter.
roads		
Route 4 traffic	Water and waste water plant size	School needs to be updated or property values will decrease.
Rt 4 commuter traffic		
Rules, Laws & regulations that limit or restrict people from trying to live their lives.		
School	School	School
School	Roads	Growth
school	roads	tax burden
school		
school	graying of population	health insurance
	care for elderly & health services	road maintainance
school		
school		
School accreditation	increasing the tax base	controlling taxes
School building	Road condition	
school expansion		
School finance	Lake quality	Poverty
school improvements	increased taxes	development along route 4
School improvements	Scenic (messes in peoples' yards)	Taxes
		no educated families wanting to move in here because of the school system and junky look of Canaan
school system	zoning	
School system sucking the life out of taxpayers		people unable to pay there taxes do to tax increases
school tax rate increase	teachers pay increase	the possiblity of zoning
School taxes	Route 4	
School Taxes for a terrible product	Improving Dirt Roads	Attracting undesirable citizens
school upgrade		
schools	infrastructure	

Schools	planning development, or zoning. To zone or not to zone.	Attract a population. We need something to attract and keep a population in town.
schools		
Schools	Taxes	lack of community
schools	business	population
Schools	Roads	
Schools	Lack of zoning	NOISE
schools	growth	
Schools	Taxes	Lack of business
schools	zoning or quality growth	conservation
		town services not meeting growth (such as fire/safety vs # of people)
schools	road maintenance (including roads & bridges)	
schools		
schools	schools	no zoning
Schools	Schools	Schools
		making the village a more attractive place for consumers and businesses
schools - pass that bond issue	preserving and utilizing our natural areas	
schools need upgrade	more recycling, water protection	energy production
schools since renovation didn't pass - that seriously affects property values, etc	lack of sewers in areas for commercial development	poor state of roads - large number unpaved
Spotty internet service (For people working from home & business development)	School system	Small tax base
	overdevelopment and loss of nature/wild areas	lack of sense of community
state of high school building, etc		taxes
taxes	taxes	
Taxes	New high school	Water and sewer rates
taxes	lack of busines	lack of green energy
taxes	need mor business	high school
Taxes	Taxes	Taxes
taxes	uncontrolled development	
Taxes	Roads	Junk
taxes	schools want more buildings	

taxes	road conditions	Future of school
TAXES	OVER REGULATION	
taxes	growth	schools
taxes-bus./homes growth	roads	school
Teaches	Schools	Roads
The condition of the present High School	Recreational oppurtunities for young people	Growth that is harmonious with the environment
	nothing to make people proud of their property or their town	fuel prices just to get groceries is a 15 mile one way trip
the economy		
The poor state of our school decreases property values. Strong schools build strong communties and attracts people to move here and live here.	Poor road conditions and lack of businesses.	Lack of recreational opportunities for youth and adults.
	The terrible looking Auto Ware property right in the middle of down town	
The public use of the town beach		a weak master plan
the school		
The school system X3		
	Zoning not allowing us to use our property the way we want.	
Too many rules		
Too much growth	Lack of planning for growth	Loss of community feel
Town growth		
Town needs to catch up with the 21st century. You will not have progress if someone doesn't start to move.	Good planning of the structure and placement of changes.	Lage population of elderly. Plan for the new generations to come.
unregulated sprawl and construction due to no zoning	quality of education	roads
		Increasing costs to maintain roads and buildings
Unrestricted commercial growth	Unrestricted residential growth	
Unwillingness to education, refusal to renovate and enlarge Mascom High which is needed.	Focus on growth instead of catering to dead end, ignorant townies who refuse to change	Give kids hope, something to do so my don't become lost like my parents
	Building inspections need to be done; enforce building code	
Upgrading schools		Expansion of public safety

water quality	too many police officers	wasteful spending
water quality	school quality	bridge repair
We need a modern up-to-date motel	We need to get rid of unsightly junk cars, junkkkk appliances and trash in door yards along route 4	
we need zoning	raceway has to go	trailers need to be banned
welfare growth	rental growth	fixed income growth
wells instead of reservoir	zoning	zoning
Zoning	Schools	Attracting good business growth
		Encouraging development with guidelines and enforcing rules and laws that are already existing.
Zoning	Enforcing safe building and development practices.	
Zoning	Schools	property taxes
		Too many ill-thought out ways to spend money
Zoning	Paying too much for schools	
Zoning		
zoning and poor planning	housing	large number of approved but empty lots
zoning, condition of "JUNK YARDS", "APLIANCE CEMETARIES"	Typar siding is visual eyesore that discourages newcomers, hurts property values.	