

Town of Bolton  
Planning Commission  
3045 Theodore Roosevelt Highway  
Waterbury, VT 05676

**✱ Win a Bolton Valley Resort Powder Pass! ✱**

*Just fill out and send in the enclosed*

**2011 Bolton Community Survey**

The Bolton Town Plan expires in June 2012. The Planning Commission is now working on a new plan to guide Bolton's growth and development over the next 10 to 20 years. The plan can be used to identify needed improvements to community facilities and services, to update the town's zoning and subdivision regulations, and to determine if new development meets community goals and objectives.

***The Planning Commission is working on the new town plan and would like your feedback on the enclosed survey—to help us identify plan goals, priorities and objectives that are truly representative of the community. The Bolton Valley Resort has generously donated a youth and adult Power Pass for the winners of a town raffle, to be selected from survey respondents.***

***So please take a few minutes to fill out and mail or return the survey to Bolton Town Office or the Smilie School by Monday, November 28th.*** Also feel free to provide additional written comments. Copies of the survey for others in your household are available at the Bolton Town Office or from the town web site: [www.boltonvt.com](http://www.boltonvt.com). To reply anonymously, please clip and enclose the following entry form separately with your completed survey, to include in the raffle. ***The identity of all survey respondents will remain strictly confidential. Only summary results – and the winners of the survey raffle – will be publicly announced.*** The Planning Commission will hold one or more community forums in the coming months, and a draft plan will be circulated for public review next spring.

**Thanks for your time and help!**



**2011 Bolton Community Survey  
– Bolton Valley Resort Powder Pass Raffle –**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

## 2011 Bolton Community Survey

**1. What do you appreciate most about living in Bolton? (Check Top 5)**

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|--|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sense of Community    | <input type="checkbox"/> Outdoor recreation           | <input type="checkbox"/> Personal and family safety  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rural Character       | <input type="checkbox"/> Natural environment          | <input type="checkbox"/> Home, property              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family ties           | <input type="checkbox"/> Working at home              | <input type="checkbox"/> Affordability               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Privacy, peace, quiet | <input type="checkbox"/> Scenic beauty                | <input type="checkbox"/> Available services          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> School                | <input type="checkbox"/> Community events             | <input type="checkbox"/> Bolton Valley Resort        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Neighbors             | <input type="checkbox"/> Location in relation to work | <input type="checkbox"/> State land (parks, forests) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____           | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____                 |

**2. What are the five most critical issues facing Bolton over the next 10 years? (Check Top 5)**

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|--|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Development pressure      | <input type="checkbox"/> School consolidation        | <input type="checkbox"/> Flooding, natural hazards     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Success of ski area       | <input type="checkbox"/> Energy, fuel shortages      | <input type="checkbox"/> Crime                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Changing climate, weather | <input type="checkbox"/> Day care                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental degradation     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cost of living            | <input type="checkbox"/> Senior housing              | <input type="checkbox"/> Public access to land, trails |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aging population          | <input type="checkbox"/> Affordable housing          | <input type="checkbox"/> Road improvements             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Property taxes            | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation alternatives | <input type="checkbox"/> Local food supply             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Access to goods, services | <input type="checkbox"/> Traffic, speeding           | <input type="checkbox"/> Access to jobs                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____               | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____                   |

**3. Please rate the following facilities and services:**

	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	No Opinion
a. Town office (facility)					
b. Town administration					
c. Development regulation					
d. Health regulation					
e. Town planning					
f. Town highways					
g. State highways					
h. Winter road maintenance					
i. Summer road maintenance					
j. Fire protection					
k. Emergency medical services					
l. Emergency/disaster response					
m. Police protection (state police)					
n. Phone service					
o. Internet/broadband service					
p. Outdoor recreation facilities					
q. Indoor recreation facilities					
r. Child care services					
s. Senior services, programs					
t. Smilie School (facility)					
u. Educational services					
v. Community events, programs					
w. Trash, recycling services					
x. Electrical utility service					
y. Fuel services (e.g., heating, propane)					

4. Are there additional facilities or services the town should plan for over the next 10 to 20 years?  
List: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
5. Do you support school district consolidation? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Not Sure \_\_\_  
Why? \_\_\_\_\_
6. If the Smilie school student population were to drop below 40 students, would you support school closure? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Not sure \_\_\_  
If Smilie School were to be closed, should the town plan for its use as a community facility?  
Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Not sure \_\_\_
7. Should the town install and maintain a local park-and-ride facility? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Not Sure \_\_\_  
If so, where do you suggest? \_\_\_\_\_
8. Should the town develop a 20-year village plan (Route 2) – for higher density commercial and residential development, community facilities, and supporting infrastructure (e.g., sidewalks, water, wastewater)? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Not sure \_\_\_
9. Do you support additional land acquisition and conservation projects in Bolton  
By nonprofits (e.g., Green Mountain Club, VT-CRAG, VT Land Trust)? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Not Sure \_\_\_  
By the State? (e.g., state forests, parks, wildlife management areas)? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Not Sure \_\_\_  
If not, why? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
10. Should the town consider purchasing the Preston-LaFreniere Farm property – one of two properties in town that are listed on the National Register of Historic Places – which is scheduled for sale by the state? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Not Sure \_\_\_  
If so, do you have some ideas for its use by the community? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
11. Should the town continue to maintain its Conservation Fund to help finance local conservation projects? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Not sure \_\_\_\_\_.  
If yes, how should the fund be used? Please indicate a priority level for each type of project:

	High	Moderate	Low	Not for this
Natural resource protection (e.g., natural communities, critical wildlife habitat)				
Scenic resource protection (e.g., scenic views)				
Land conservation (e.g., farm, forest land)				
Historic preservation (historic sites, structures)				
Resource inventory, mapping studies				
Public land acquisition (parks, rec areas)				
Outdoor recreation (access, trail easements)				
Multiple values (must address more than one type)				
Infrastructure projects (e.g., trail improvements, signs)				
Other: _____				
Other: _____				



15. The Town of Bolton was incorporated in 1763 – how should Bolton celebrate its 250th birthday in 2013? \_\_\_\_\_

Where do you live in Bolton?

Bolton Valley                       Bolton Village (Route 2)  
 West Bolton                         Fernwood Manor  
 South Bolton (Duxbury Rd)       Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you live in Bolton: Full-time?  Part-time?

How many years have you lived in Bolton? \_\_\_\_\_

How many people live in your household?    1  2  3  4  5+

How many people are aged 18 or younger?    1  2  3  4+

How many people are aged 65 or older?        1  2  3+

How many people currently work full-time?    1  2  3+

How many people currently work part-time?    1  2  3+

Where do you work?

Home  Bolton  Waterbury  Richmond  Williston  Burlington Area  Montpelier   
Other \_\_\_\_\_

How many miles is your average commute from home to work (one-way)? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you carpool? Yes  No

Do you use public transportation? Yes  No


Do you bike to work? Yes  No

Where do you do most of your shopping?

Bolton  Waterbury  Richmond  Williston  Burlington Area  On-line   
Other \_\_\_\_\_

What is your primary source of home heating?

Heating Oil  Propane  Wood  Passive Solar  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

 Fold here, tape and mail (or drop off at the Bolton Town Office of Smilie Scjool)

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Place  
Stamp  
Here

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